

ANYONE FOR CRICKET!!

The annual village cricket match will be held on Monday o8th May 2023 on The Harold Fairs Playing Field at 2pm. Players aged 13 or over are welcome to play in the adult matches. All equipment is provided and hopefully a half decent crease too, so if you fancy a game on a very memorable weekend, then please contact any of the following:- Sam Collins 01206 211248, Mike Holliday 01206 210709, or Peter Wakeling 01206 211887. There will be hot/cold refreshments available during the match.

GREAT TEY ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The Parish Council are arranging the Annual Litter Pick for Saturday 15th April.

Please meet at the Village Hall at 9.15am.

Bags and pickers will be provided but please bring gloves.

VILLAGE HALL SALE

9.00am-1.00pm
at Great Tey Village Hall
INDOOR SUMMER SHOPPING EVENT,
CRAFTS, PERFUMES, BODYSHOP,
PERSONALISED ITEMS, MATOPAS GIN,
CRYSTALS, CAKES, REFRESHMENTS AND
MUCH MORE.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Due to the closeness of Easter and the Coronation weekend the committee have decided to amalgamate the two holidays events and have a "Picnic and Fun Day" on Sunday 7th May on the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground (the Park).

We will start at 12 noon with a "BRING YOUR OWN SIT DOWN LUNCH", where everyone, young, old, middle age, friends, neighbours can all sit down together to celebrate the new King.

After lunch there will lots of games for everyone to enjoy, plus we will have our special HUMPTY DUMPTY CORONATION RAFFLE, where there will be lots of "chocolate treats to be won.

As with last year each house will receive a sheet with bricks printed on the back. Each brick can be bought for 50p and with your name and phone number on each brick, plus the money, they can then be post through the door of The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road (next door to the Village Hall). Again as last year when everyone generously donated Easter Eggs, this year it can be anything chocolate - biscuits, chocolate bars, Easter Eggs, boxes of chocolate. Please lets make it a great Coronation Raffle to remember!

There will be a box outside The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road, right up until Sunday 7th May, 2023.

Many many thanks to everyone for helping to make it a fantastic day.

Great Tey Community Swimming Pool Committee

GARDEN OPEN

Bucklers Farmhouse garden is open on Sunday April 30th from 1.30pm to 4.30pm in aid of the National Gardens Scheme supporting medical charities. Teas will be available in aid of Great and Little Tey Churches.

DRAFT AGENDA GT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Summons and Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Chappel Road, Great Tey on 11th April 2023 at 7.30 pm.

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declaration of Interests
- Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14th March 2023
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere

Public Questions and Statements – when members of the public may ask questions or make a statement about the parish council or other matters of local concern.

- 5. Report from Essex County Councillor
- 6. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor
- 7. Neighbourhood Plan To receive an update from the committee
- 8. Planning Matters
- (a) Applications received -None at present
- (b) Applications approved by Colchester City Council None at present
- (c) Any other planning matters
- 9. Financial Matters (a) Cheques for payment
 102030 M2Print Limited Neighbourhood plan costs £ 55.00
 102031 D Williams- clerk salary £543.16 less PAYE £217.20 £325.96
 102032 HM Revenue & Customs PAYE for clerk £217.20
- (b) To receive the financial report
- (c) Any other financial matters
- 10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground
- (a) To receive an update regarding the extension and refurbishment of the play area
- (b) To consider any management matters
- 11. Maintenance Contractor To receive a report on outstanding jobs
- 12. Village Hall To consider any management matters
- 13. Highways To consider any management matters
- 14. Old Playing Field To consider any management matters
- 15. Allotments To consider any management matters
- Annual Parish Meeting to consider agenda and any arrangements
- 17. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere
- 18. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm

Close of meeting

Signed:- D K Williams Clerk to the Parish Council.

Approved minutes of previous parish council meetings may be inspected by arrangement with the Clerk – telephone: 01787 224895, email: greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com, or view at www.greattey.com

GREAT TEY WI

Although last month's talk, interesting as it was, was not what we would have expected to bring in as many ladies as actually came, but thank you all for joining us, you are very welcome and hopefully more ladies will follow your lead in the future.

This month's talk is actually a fully open meeting for the WHOLE VILLAGE because we have Russel Cottis (ex Villager and health and safety specialist) explaining how to use the defibrillator, which is situated on the front outside wall of the Village Hall.

The talk will involve a demonstration on how to use the equipment as well as telling us how to recognise the signs of a heart attack and also the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest.

We meet in the Village Hall on the 1st Tuesday of the month and this month we will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th April with a starting time of 7.30pm.

Everyone is very welcome to join us, and you never know what you learn at this meeting could one day save someone's life!

Great Tey WI Committee

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE

The season has come to an end. Balderdash & Piffle played consistently excellent bowls and were worthy winners of the 'coveted' trophy. They won it last year but were known as Tey Thunder. Congratulations to Nick Hamer, Frank Britt & Graham Ellis.

The final night was the knock out competition. The singles final was a husband wife affair won by Mick Hutton who managed to overcome Glenys. Mike Hird won the Plate final beating Bob Flack.

It was an enjoyable season of bowls enjoyed by all who played. There was a good mix of ages from youngsters to the mature and those in between.

Once again, a big thanks to the Friendship/Bowls club for the use of their equipment.

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE - April 2023

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Bowlderdash & Piffle	48	35	5	8	272	139	110
The Ringers	48	28	3	17	231	191	87
Poles Apart	48	23	3	22	203	193	72
Hot Shots	48	21	7	20	213	189	70
Youth Club	48	21	3	24	196	199	66
Guns 'n Roses	48	16	4	28	156	219	52
Chequers	48	10	5	33	143	279	35

EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players

We had a very good turnout for our March 2023 session. Once again a big 'thank you' to all our Helpers.

Our next session will be held on Thursday, 14th April 2023 between 2.00pm and 4.00 pm at the Village Hall. We look forward to



seeing you all. You may win a cash prize or the raffle. Cup of tea and cake \pounds_2 and Bingo cards \pounds_1 for 6 games.

Bingo is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Beryl Brewer

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

At time of going to press, we had not completed the March awayday walk to Thaxted on 26th, but will report on that in next month's R&A. However, the AGM and social evening on March 11th at the home of Dilys & Peter Wakeling, in the village was really well supported with 24 members present.



Many walks and events were planned for the forthcoming year (our 40th year) Peter Wakeling - Chairman, Jane Pearson - Secretary, Gill Blakes - Treasurer, were all voted en-bloc to continue with their sterling work. This was followed by a superb table buffet thanks to everyone contributing with a plate or two together with some fine wine.

Sunday O2nd April 2023 - Afternoon local 'Lambing Walk' 3-4 miles, everyone welcome, but walk will be along public footpaths, so not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs - sorry!! Meet 3pm Great Tey Village Hall car park.

Sunday 16th April 2023 - Awayday walk around East Mersea, 4-5 miles, meet 9.30am Great Tey Village Hall car park.

Sunday 21st May 2023 - Coming up, local morning walk to Aldham Ford Street, coffee/tea perhaps en-route, meet 10am Great Tey Village Hall car park.

For further information about any of our guided walks, please contact the following:-

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887, email: peteanddil@hotmail.com Jane Pearson, 01206 210855, email: drjanepearson@gmail.com



Can't say the weather seems terribly Spring-like - they say it's mild for the time of year, but I don't know - still



seems chilly to me! But they said on tv that now we've passed the equinox we'll get an extra half an hour of daylight a week - can't be bad! and the clocks "spring" forward very soon, so we can properly say goodbye (for the time being...) to long dark evenings. Hooray!

The club still continues to meet on alternate Wed. afternoons, whatever the season! and if you'd like to join us, you'd be made very welcome. Our meetings for april will be on the 12th and 26th, with lunch proposed onthe 5th and 19th.

For more info please contact Andrea on 01206 803541.

Walk Pier to Pier for St Helena Hospice this May

St Helena Hospice's popular sponsored walk is returning on Sunday 14th



May 2022 and the local charity is urging people to sign up to help ensure more patients and families facing incurable illness and bereavement can receive the support they desperately need.

The family-friendly event is a favourite amongst local people, supporters of the hospice, and local businesses, attracting hundreds of people year on year.

The scenic walk starts from either Clacton or Walton Pier and participants can choose to walk the 7 miles between the two piers or challenge themselves to make the return journey – 14 miles in all! Many people walk to remember their loved ones, while others take part in groups, with their work colleagues, or simply just to support their local hospice.

Lisa Chenery, St Helena Hospice fundraiser, said: "We are so excited to launch everyone's favourite event, Pier to Pier! Last year over 500 people joined us on the beautiful Essex coast to walk for their local hospice and this year we hope to see even more.

"Our services are more in demand than ever as the local NHS faces extreme pressures and turns to us for support. Without the support of our incredible local community, we cannot continue to provide vital and essential care to the growing number of patients and families who desperately need it. So please sign up to Pier to Pier and raise as much as you can to help ensure St Helena Hospice can continue to be here for those who needs us at the most difficult time of their lives."

Registration is just £5 for adults and children over 5, with under 5's and furry friends walking for free. Sign up now at www.sthelena.org.uk/piertopier.

St Helena Hospice's Pier to Pier walk has kindly been sponsored by Pickering Electronics Ltd.

GREAT TEY PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND RAISING

A big thank you to all those who shop in Tesco in Braintree, or have made a special trip there, to put a blue token (or 5!) into our collection box to put us in with a chance of receiving a grant to help pay for new books for the school library. The collection is due to end on 31st March, so most likely after you receive this copy of R&A, but if you do visit one of the Braintree stores that weekend, please do double check as they may keep the collection boxes out for the weekend. We will keep you updated as to how we get on!

Did you know that just outside the school gates we have a textiles recycling bin? This is located just next to the gates to the staff car park. It is outside the gates, so can be accessed even when the school is closed. This is a simple way for us to raise funds for the school and the whole community can benefit as it a local, convenient and environmentally friendly way to get rid of pre loved clothing and household fabric. Here is a full list of what is and is not accepted.

A date for your diaries, Friday 19th May from 3.15pm to 4.45pm we will be holding our summer fair and the whole village is invited! More details will follow next month. As always, thank you to all for supporting our village school, and we hope to see you at our Summer Fair.

Friends of Great Tey Primary

GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Things are really beginning to come together regarding our Community Swimming Pool in as much as the Heads of Terms have been agreed by the Committee and have been forwarded to the solicitors of the



Diocese. Where, hopefully quite quickly, it will be signed off and then spades can go into the ground and the clearing of the trees can begin to take place during the summer holidays.

Volunteers will be needed now we are getting closer to this project coming to fruition. We will need Volunteers, not only for the manual work clearing the site, but also in helping us to apply to the many organisations offering grants to get our pool finished. A few hours a week would be a great help and as King Charles is also asking people to volunteer it would be wonderful to get everyone involved in getting our pool ready, because it is for everyone to use after all.

We have been trying to involve the Village in our fund raising and we always have a good response. In fact we had a donation of £5.00 from a five year boy's money box, who lives in the Village who wants the swimming pool built. We were delighted with this donation, and we sent him a thank you letter to show our appreciation, but he need not be the only person to donate towards the project. Anyone can give a donation at any time - after all the money will be for your benefit as well as everyone else in the Village too.



GREAT TEY HEDGEHOGS

Spring has arrived our spiky friends are awake !!!

We are extremely lucky in our village to have several hedgehogs who come and visit our gardens enjoying the delicious titbits they find, helping the gardeners keep the population of slugs and bugs down and benefiting from extra hedgehog food and water supplementing their diets helping them to maintain their body weight before hibernating in the winter.

Residents who have provided hedgehog houses and feeding stations in their gardens are very lucky to be able to enjoy these elusive visitors.

We in Holliland Croft are proud to say that in 2022 we had one litter of 5 babies early in the spring and spotted a totally black little one towards the end of the summer ... we had approximately 6 visitors most nights caught on various cameras.

Unfortunately we witnessed several hedgehogs that had come to a tragic end on our roads through the village, not just the main road but on the estate and side lanes This is a plea to all residents and people driving in the village and surrounding area to please take more care, these illusive visitors are an endangered species .

Please check your gardens prior to doing any mowing/lighting fires etc they may be tucked up hibernating or in the summer months just taking a nap!!

"Last year a hedgehog was discovered in a local charity shop having hidden in a bag left out overnight and delivered to the shop the next day."

Just be aware you may not see them but they are about in our village ... evidence of their visit twill be a visiting card ... black excrement /deposits ...on pathways etc.

Many Thanks from

"Holliland Hedgehog Gang"

HEDGEHOGS

Hedgehogs have a rather rounded body covered in short, dark, yellow-tipped spines, and a short tail. The face and undersides are covered in coarse hair. They are widespread throughout mainland Britain.

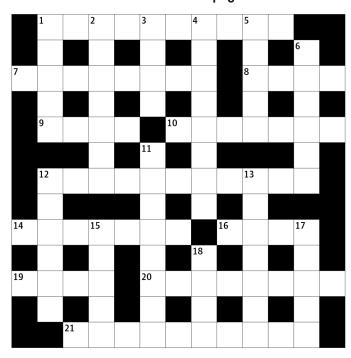
In the summer they spend most of the day sheltering in a nest of leaves, moss and grass. They come out at night and can be heard snuffling and grunting as they forage for food. In the autumn they find a sheltered spot, often under a hedgerow, to hibernate.

Although their eyesight is poor, they have good hearing and a well-developed sense of smell. Hedgehogs are good runners, proficient climbers and can even swim.

If attacked they roll into a tight ball so only their spines are exposed. Many hedgehogs are killed unintentionally by humans: on the road, with lawnmowers, strimmers and garden chemicals, and in bonfires.

R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Answers on next page



Across

- 1. Expressing disapproval (10)
- 7. Greek form of mandolin (8)
- 8. You 1,000 (abbr) (4)
- 9. Rounded projection, part of a larger structure (4)
- 10. Georgia's capital (7)
- 12. Failure to work(11)
- 14. Founder member of the European Economic Community(7)
- 16. Brief falling out (4)
- 19. Hole (for a coin?) (4)
- 20. Smear slander (8)
- 21. Dawn (5,2,3)

Down

- 1. Loiter with no apparent aim (5)
- 2. Shameless scheming woman (7)
- 3. Debauched elderly man (4)
- 4. Long traffic queue (8)
- 5. Absolutely essential (5)
- 6. US icon (anag) indirect relation (6)
- 11. Residential district on a city's outskirts (8)
- 12. Breakfast food, originally developed by a Swiss doctor for his patients (6)
- 13. Tacit (7)
- 15. Amphibious reptile (abbr) (5)
- 17. Cheap and nasty (5)
- 18. European capital (4)

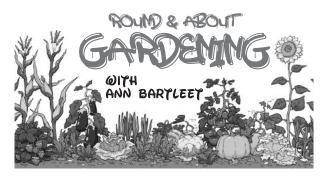
GARDENING NOTES March 2023 Lilies

Now is a good time to think about acquiring lilies for the garden. Lilies are great because they flower after the main flush of spring flowers and after the time when the roses are at their very best. Early on in my gardening career I had quite a lot of trouble with lilies. I planted them in borders and they failed to flower or even to come up. I put them in pots and the mice ate them! Nowadays things go better. This is partly because I pay better attention to what the lilies actually like and partly because there are more varieties to choose from that will grow in my soil that's cold and wet in winter, hot and concrete in summer.

The first thing to remember is that many lilies only like acid soil. The description on the packet is often 'this likes humous rich, moist but well drained soil' If you read that, smell a rat! None of those lilies are going to do well in my garden and probably not in yours either! However, they may very well make good pot plants – more of that below.

There are some excellent varieties that will grow in your garden. Lilium Regale, is a good example. It likes neutral or alkaline soil, will look good at the back of the border, has white with maroon markings and, best of all has a wonderful scent. A lily called Black Beauty is another good doer. It is pink and white with 'Turks cap' shaped flowers, that grow right up the stem, sometimes 20 or more blooms. It has black stems, hence the name.

Tree lilies have arrived in recent years. These are splendiferous! They are hybrids which seem to flourish in my clay soil. I have a wonderful yellow



one which has huge blooms and seems to get taller and taller with every year that passes. It grows to about 8 feet.

One of my favourite lilies is the Martagon. It is a native. It has small Turk's cap flowers in shades of pink and white. I have been struggling to grow it for years. I manage to have one of two stems each year. What I ought to do is to grow it in a pot because it is a lime hater. Motto – don't just go by the label from the garden centre, check on line or with your favourite gardening book, to make sure you are giving it the right treatment.

Pots are a good idea for all the lilies you want to grow, but for which you haven't got the right conditions. I sometimes grow (or buy!) lilies in a pot and sink them in the border for instant colour or I add them to the display of plants I have in pots on my terrace.

Two last tips. Lilies don't like sitting in wet cold soil, so always put some grit or sand at the bottom of their planting hole. That will help them and mean you have fewer failures. Do look out for lily beetle – death to lilies. Pick off the red beetles and squash or drown them. I do very little spraying in the garden, but I do spray against lily beetle. They are foreign interlopers, so I don't feel too bad doing it!

THE SEWING CLUB.

Although we are still small in numbers, the enthusiasm of our group grow each month as new projects are attempted and finished. It is lovely to see how everyone is enjoying themselves and improving with everything they do.

We meet on the first Monday of the month, with a 3pm start (4.3opm finish) and this month it will be on Monday 3rd April. Each session is £10.00 per person, which after deductions for hall hire all the money goes to the Community Swimming Pool Fund. Thank you to all the ladies that attend because we have just added another £120.00 to the swimming pool fund!

Unfortunately there will not be a session in May because the first Monday is the May Day Bank Holiday, and the second Monday is the Coronation Bank Holiday, but all being well we will be back at the beginning of June.

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CHURCH NEWS April 2023

Easter is coming!

Lent is nearly over and we are all looking forward to Easter. We hope to welcome everyone to our celebration on Easter Sunday – much singing of cheerful Easter hymns and maybe even an egg or two!

Services during April

Wednesday 5th April 7.30 Little Tey - Service of Compline Thursday 6th April 7.30pm Great Tey - Maundy Thursday - Benefice Communion

Friday 7th April 2pm Great Tey – **Devotional Service**

Sunday 9th April 10.00am Great Tey - **Easter Day** Benefice Communion

Sunday 23rd April 10.00am – Chappel – Benefice Communion Sunday 30th April 10.00am – Little Tey – Said Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

'Maundy' - What does it mean?

Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, but why 'Maundy'?

As is so often the case, the origin of the title is obscure. Some say it is derived from 'mandatum' the Latin for commandment referring to 'the commandment to love one another'.

Rather more likely is that Maundy is derived from the Old French mendier, and Old English maund, to beg. This refers to the habit of kings giving arms on this day to those who begged.

On this Maundy Thursday we will have a communion service in St Barnabas Great Tey at 7.30pm on the 6th April.

'Good Friday' - Why Good?

It seems odd to describe the day on which Christ was killed in the most unpleasant way as 'Good'.

Once again the title refers to a meaning of 'good' that we no longer use very often. In former times one of the meanings of good was in fact 'holy'. 'Good Friday' comes from the obsolete sense 'pious, holy' of the word "good". Less common examples of expressions based on this obsolete sense of "good" include "the good book" for the Bible.

We shall be thinking about the events of Good Friday at a service of contemplation with hymns and readings at 2pm on April 7th.

EGGS!

Why do we eat chocolate eggs at Easter? In times gone by, before the arrival of chocolate to our shores it was real eggs that we ate to celebrate Easter Sunday.

This custom of the Easter egg, according to many sources, can be traced to early Christians of Mesopotamia, and from there it spread into Eastern Europe and Siberia through the Orthodox Churches, and later into Europe through the Catholic and Protestant Churches. Other sources maintain that the custom arose in western Europe during the Middle Ages as a result of the fact that Western Christians were prohibited from eating eggs during Lent, but were allowed to eat them when Easter arrived.

Wherever the custom came from, the habit of colouring or painting eggs goes back millennia, long before Christ was born and Christians adopted the whole 'egg thing' as an excellent metaphor for 'rebirth' – the essence of the message of Easter Sunday.

So, enjoy those eggs and join us to celebrate the day on Sunday the 9th of April at 10am in Great Tey church and there may even be an egg on the way out, albeit a very small one!

GREAT TEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

As I write this at the end of March, we are looking forward to the Easter events coming up, including our Easter Community Worship in church and our Easter Egg Hunt after school. The children are hoping the wet weather will improve sufficiently to allow us to enjoy the field more than we have been able to do so far this term!

I am delighted to say that, this term, we have received a grant from the Great Tey Village Fund to buy a new Smartboard for Sparrows Class - this means that three of our four classes now have a brand new interactive Smartboard and we are very grateful to the Village Fund for their support. We have also received £1,500 from the Locality Fund for a large new gazebo to offer shade on the field and £750 from the Wakeham Trust for new library furniture and books - a sincere thank you to everyone involved in raising much-needed funds for the school.

Next term, we are very much looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation with a Street Party and dressing-up day. The children will be dressing up in red, white and blue and will be taking part in special activities to mark the event. As part of this, we are holding a special Coronation Competition – the children have been invited to write a poem about the sights and sounds of the Coronation, design a new flag for the new King or to design and build a special mode of transport fit for a King – we are looking forward to lots of wonderful entries!

Finally, last time I put a note in Round and About we succeeded in recruiting two excellent new Governors so I am now trying my luck again! If you are able to spare some time and would be interested in supporting our growing school, we have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a member of the local community. The Governors of the school meet twice a term in the evening to oversee the work of the school, and also visit the classrooms and speak to the children to see our work in progress. It is a hugely important role and one we value greatly – please contact either myself or the school office if you feel you might be able to offer your support. Email addresses are head@greattey.essex. sch.uk and admin@greattey.essex.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Lucy Overton

Headteacher and the staff and pupils of Great Tey Primary School



Weekday lunchtimes from 12pm - 2:00pm & Wednesday evenings from 6pm - 8:30pm we offer a set menu 2 Courses £13.95, 3 Courses £16.40

Monday – Closed all day Tuesday – 5:30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday/Thursday - 12.00pm - 3.00pm 5:30pm-10.30pm

Friday -12.00pm -3.00pm 5.00pm -11.30pm

Saturday - 12.00pm - 11.30pm (food 12.00pm - 2:30pm)

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(food served Wednesday to Sunday)

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th April, Sunday – Easter Sunday – lunch booking is advisable.

16th April, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm your team because we have limited space and the evening is popular.

29th April, Saturday - Fish themed evening menu - pre-order menu available mid-March.

6th May, Saturday - Live music for The King's Coronation Day

21st May, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm your team because we have limited space and the evening is popular.

CORONATION DAY @ The Chequers

6TH May, Saturday – Live Music performance by 'From The Edge' with BBQ available. Starting from 4pm.

information to follow in future editions of the R&A and our Facebook page (see below)

Tel: 01206 210814

Facebook Page: The Chequers-Great Tey. The new page has a hyphen in between words. Please like or page if you would like to keep up to date with what is happening. (The old page belongs to the previous tenant of The Chequers)

Instagram: The Chequers-Great Tey
the_chequers_great_tey
Email: thechequersgreattey@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you @ The Chequers.

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