

ROUNDABOUT

MAY 2023

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

Sincere thanks to the members of the Great Tey Footpath Walking Group and William and Caroline Sunnucks for their very generous donations to the print fund.

As you can see on this page there are a number of exciting events planned to celebrate the King's coronation. Many people have been organising these events to get the village together on this special occasion, so please make an effort to support them. *Ed*

Great Tey Annual
CRICKET
MATCH
★★★★★
The Harold Fairs Playing Field
MONDAY 8th MAY
AT 2PM
ADULT MATCH PLAYERS
AGE 13 OR OVER
For more details contact
Sam Collins 01206 211248
Mike Holliday 01206 210709
Peter Wakeling 01206 211887

JAM/HONEY JARS

Thank you so much for all the jars you have left for me. I have already re-used lots of them, so please keep them coming. I am most grateful. The Fete is coming up and Pop Teas.

We need lots of jam!

GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The Coronation Weekend is very important for the Community Swimming Pool as all the events taking place will be beneficial to the project.

Many thanks to Terry and Natalie for allowing the Community Swimming Fund to have the proceeds of the Raffle at the Coronation Party at the Pub on Saturday 6th May. First prize is £50.00, second prize is £35.00 and third prize is £15.00. Tickets to the event £7.00 per adult - children go free, and are available from the Pub or other Swimming Fund Members.

Sunday is the Big Coronation (bring your own) Lunch, where we will have a big long table that everyone can sit down and eat together. Then afterwards there is fun, games and things to do for everyone to enjoy, finishing up with our Chocolate Raffle.

Come and join us to celebrate the New King at 12 noon on Sunday 7th May at the Harold Fairs Recreation Ground.

Monday afternoon at 2.00pm is the annual cricket match between the Gentlemen and Players, so come and support your team!

All these events are helping to raise funds for the Swimming pool, but we are also pleased to accept donations towards the fund and recently we received a generous donation of £60.00 from the Bellringers. Thank you all so much, it is greatly appreciated.

Fingers crossed the weather is good for that weekend because I think it will be one to remember, and hopefully enjoy.

Volunteers are needed to help with the individual events on the Coronation Lunch Day. Plus we would love more people to get involved with Swimming Pool Committee as it progresses to a reality. Everyone interested in helping please contact a committee member. THANK YOU.

Great Tey Swimming Pool Committee.



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 Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm, followed by a Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.35pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Election of Chairman
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Election of Vice Chairman
4. Election of Committees
5. Any Other Business

Close of Meeting

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Declaration of Interests
 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th April 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 City 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
102037 BHIB Ltd – renewal of parish council policy £ 1,030.70
102038 D Williams- clerk salary £543.16 less PAYE £217.20 £325.96
102032 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £217.20

(b) To consider the renewal of the parish council insurance policy

(c) To receive the financial report

(d) To receive an update on future donation payments to Great & Little Tey PCC

(e) To consider completion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

(f) To consider approval of the Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023

(g) 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
16. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere
17. 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

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED TELECOMS MAST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL

The parish council recently received details of this planning application, and has submitted strong objections following the parish council meeting on 11th April. We are now investigating other options.

Although the date for comments has passed, parishioners may still be able to have their say on the Colchester City Council Planning page under application 230699.

We detail below an artist's impression of what the mast is going to look like.

Parish Council



VILLAGE HALL SALE

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 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.

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

We've had some great walks lately with quite a few more to come, so the Spring weather is really encouraging us all to get out & about.

Sunday March 26th 2023

11 walkers joined us for this awayday walk around Thaxted. Although it was very wet to begin with, the rain soon cleared up and allowed us all to just enjoy the history and beauty of this characterful village and it's surroundings. The magnificent roast lunch in The Star PH afterwards also helped too!!



Sunday April 02nd 2023 - This day was to be our annual 'Lambing Walk' to Bacons Farm, Chappel, but regrettably we were just too early as the lambs had still not arrived yet. We'll make sure next year we'll plan it a little later. However, 10 walkers enjoyed the 4.5 mile circular ramble anyway!

Sunday April 16th 2023 - An amazing 19 walkers joined us for this fantastic awayday walk to East Mersea. We started in Cudmore Grove Country Park by following the seawall along the Colne estuary, then turning inland near to the East Mersea Oyster Sheds and heading for the North Sea coastal path via Coopers Beach Holiday Park, and back to Cudmore Grove. It was a beautiful Spring day with a very comfortable temperature making the walk even more enjoyable. Of course lunch was still to come, but The Dog & Pheasant did us all proud once again.

Sunday May 21st 2023 - Morning local walk to Aldham Ford Street, 4-5 miles with coffee/tea stop enroute at Mill Race Nursery. Meet 10am in 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*

GREAT TEY SEWING GROUP

Due to the fact that there are two Bank Holiday Mondays in this month, it was decided that we would cancel May's meeting and so the next session will be Monday 5th June.

Hopefully there will be more interesting projects on the go. Anyone is welcome to join us, so please come along 3.00 - 4.30pm on the first Monday of the Month.

Norma Tregoning.

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Well it's a busy month ahead - apart from the usual 2 Bank holidays there's the grand occasion of the Coronation! I have vague memories of the last one, but I won't say how old I was at the time! Let's hope the weather will be kind to King Charles and all those involved in the preparations- they must be SO complicated! As with everyone I know, I don't have an invitation... so I shall be watching from home!



None of the holidays will interfere with the club meetings luckily, so we will go ahead with them. They will be on Wednesday 10th & 24th May with 3 lunch dates this time, on the 3rd, 17th & 31st. If you would like any info on the club do call Andrea on 01206 803541.

EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players. We had an excellent turnout for our Easter April 2023 session with some children attending, which was lovely. Some valuable prizes were won and once again a big 'thank you' to all our Helpers.

Our next session will be held on Thursday, 11th May 2023 between 2.00 pm 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 £2 and Bingo cards £1 for 6 games.

Tell your friends its a great afternoon. Bingo is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Beryl Brewer



GREAT TEY WI

We had a good turn out for Russell Cottis's talk on how to operate the Defibrillator, which was extremely useful - fingers crossed we do not have to put it into practise!

This month it is our AGM, where we have to choose our President, Treasurer and Secretary. Hopefully we get the positions allocated because our membership is on the rise and we have some interesting talks and outings planned for the rest of the year

Which bring us to this month speaker, Ann Bartleet, who is going to talk about her hobby - Marbles.

You never know what is in store in a talk as unusual as this, so come along find out. We meet in the Village hall on the first Tuesday of each month and this month it is on Tuesday 2nd May, with a start time of 7.30pm. See you there.

Great Tey WI Committee

FLORAL DISPLAY AND PLANT SALE WITH TEA & CAKE FOR £1

Colchester & District Fuchsia Society will be holding another Floral display with plants for sale and providing tea and coffee with cake at ridiculous price of £1. Many fuchsia nurseries have lost their plants, especially in the north of the country due to the severe weather before Christmas, but that has not stopped us, We are continuing to have meetings and we hope that you will come along and see our event on Thursday evening June 8th.

Our display will not just be of fuchsias but will feature other flowers to provide a colourful evening and we expect to have a variety of plants for sale at reasonable prices. This will give you a great opportunity to stock up your garden with flowers and vegetables. Our meetings and this display are held at the Tollgate Hall, within the Stanway Community Centre, Villa Road, Stanway, CO3 0RH. If you require more information, contact the Secretary, Colin, on 07952298140, or see us on Facebook under our name or Colchester Fuchsia's.

HOUSEHOLD DROP OFF SERVICE (ATTENDED FREIGHTER SERVICE)

Colchester City Council advise that the freighter will not be at Great Tey in 2023. The Parish Council are seeking further clarification about this.

The nearest attended freighter is at:

Aldham (Hardings Close) 10am – 10:45am
13 May and 12 August

They will take away:

- Small loads from domestic properties – use this service to dispose of bulky items not normally collected with household waste

They will not take:

- items that can be recycled

No upholstered seating (i.e. no sofas, arm chairs etc) - book a special collection

Large loads, fridges, freezers or other electrical goods – but you can book a special collection

Hazardous waste such as asbestos, batteries, liquids or gas bottles – Find more information on how to throw these away.

business waste – these can be arranged through our business waste collections

Garden waste

For further information contact Colchester City Council, Neighbourhood Department. 01206 282620

GREAT TEY BELL RINGERS

The month of May promises to be an important one for the bell ringers at St. Barnabas. There is a national campaign called Ring for the King which is designed to raise awareness of



our craft to the wider public, but you can be assured that our wonderful bells will be sounding out across the village for the coronation and for church services.

We are lucky at Great Tey because we have a thriving band of ringers, the majority of whom were taught to ring in our tower, whilst we also enjoy good support from the church and the local community.

Bell ringing is an engaging activity, with many levels of complexity ranging from simply ringing the bells in sequence (we call that rounds) to the more difficult change ringing, where the bells sound in a pre-determined pattern (method) that changes in sequence. These methods all have different names, like Grandsire, Bob Doubles and St. Simon and have to be learned by rote. Then you have to remember where your place is, whilst watching what your fellow ringers are doing and controlling your half ton bell situated 30ft above your head. Phew!

Because, unlike musical instruments, you can't practice ringing bells at home, in can take a good while to learn to ring the more complicated methods. Fortunately there are good learning resources available and one of these is a three day intensive training course run in Essex. This year it was in April and five ringers from Great Tey attended and learned skills which will allow us to try more complex patterns.

Like all hobbies, we have a gentle turnover in our ranks and always welcome people interested in learning to ring. Younger people somehow seem able to learn much more quickly than us grizzled veterans and it's a great thing to be able to walk into a bell tower anywhere in the country and have a ring.

Our practice night is Tuesday, starting at 7 and ending up in the Chequers after 9pm. We also have a " silent" practice on Saturday mornings at 9.30.

You'd be very welcome to come along and see what we do.

Old Tugger

R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Answers on next page

FIT FOR A KING

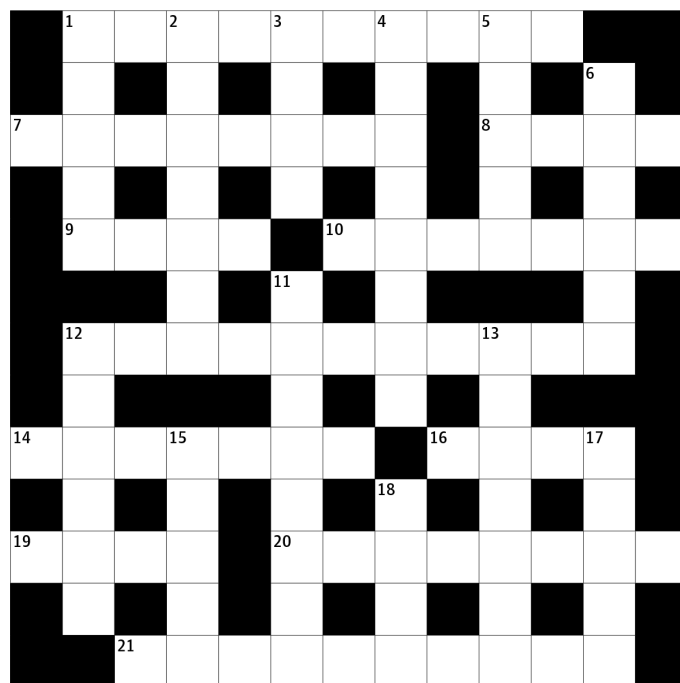
The Kings Arms at Broad Green, on the A120 near Coggeshall, has been given a new lease of life thanks to a full refurbishment by the owners William and Caroline Sunnucks.

The team has worked tirelessly to completely refresh the image of this beautiful pub, now also a restaurant and hotel with seven smart new bedrooms, each with views over the open countryside and 1.5 acres of meadow behind suitable for occasional events. It offers the perfect overnight stay for friends, working professionals, wedding guests and holiday makers looking to explore the local attractions.

Manager, Keirsten Chamberlain, has been part of the Kings Arms for 24 years and project managed the refurbishment and Duncan Percy, previously a chef at Buckingham Palace, has been brought on board as head chef, creating delicious dishes both for lunch and evening.

The Kings Arms is open every day from 10am, lunch is served 12.00 noon Wednesday through Sunday and dinner service is from 5.30pm every night except Sunday. A warm welcome awaits you.

Enquiries to Keirsten Chamberlain: 01376 562374, email: kingsarmsinfo@yahoo.com or website: thekingsarmsbroadgreen.co.uk



Across

1. Stout staff used by mountain climbers (10)
7. Thorny shrub with red blossoms, native to Japan (8)
8. Something used in baking and roasting (4)
9. Hoofed grazer (4)
10. Area that includes China, Mongolia, Korea, Japan and most of Siberia (3,4)
12. Vicissitudes (3,3,5)
14. Praise (7)
16. Spike — insult (4)
19. Injure and leave permanently disfigured (4)
20. Bighead (8)
21. Living side by side (2-8)

Down

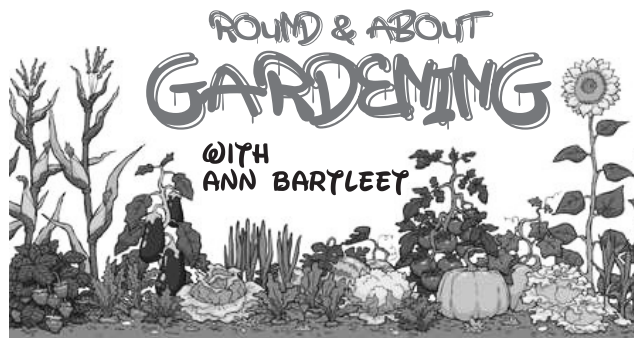
1. Grant (5)
2. Mastery (7)
3. Hammered spike (4)
4. Holder of leaves for a brew (3,5)
5. Selected one thing rather than another (5)
6. In opposition to (6)
11. Holder of powdered tobacco (8)
12. Transfer data from one computer to another (6)
13. Quarrel bitterly (7)
15. J's coded lover? (5)
17. Explode (5)
18. Raised platform (4)

GARDENING NOTES May 2023

What to do after a difficult winter

Now spring is here, how are you getting on sorting out the garden after this tricky winter? I suspect, like me, you will have gaps in the garden. This could be the moment to experiment with some different annuals to fill those gaps.

The gardening books all tell us that now is the moment to sew annuals directly into the soil. I do that with a few annuals but I confess I am not the most successful direct sower. Part of the trouble is that, in an effort to cut down watering this year, I have top dressed some borders with bark. Bark does not make the best of seed sowing medium! I can manage some of the most robust, like calendulas - marigolds. These have large seeds and grow very easily. Have a look at the seeds in the garden centres as there are some really pretty new cultivars, some very pale lemon, some with tinges of pink or bronze. Some annuals grow quickly and easily from sowings in a seed tray even this late in the season. I wouldn't be without cininthe. Wonderful glaucous leaves and purply green flowers. Don't forget that cosmos comes in lots of different cultivars. Some are frilly, some double, in different heights and shades of pink and red and white. The good thing about them is that they germinate in the blink of an eye!



If seeds aren't your thing, have a look round the garden centres for plug plants or small pots of less usual annuals. This year I am growing Angelonia in my knot garden. This has small snapdragon like flowers in shades of pink, purple and white. It is said to flower all summer – we shall see. In the past I have grown Coleus Canina, sometimes called 'Scaredy Cat'. It has fleshy leaves and there is a variegated variety. If you handle the plant it has an unpleasant smell which is said to put cats off, I don't know if it works but it is a pleasant addition to the border.

Finally I spotted a trailing succulent tender perennial with glossy green and creamy white leaves. Sold as a good doer for pots, I thought I would give it a go. It is called variegated Aptenia Cordifolia. I will report back later in the summer. See what you can find and let's hope there isn't another draught this year or we will be watering every day again!

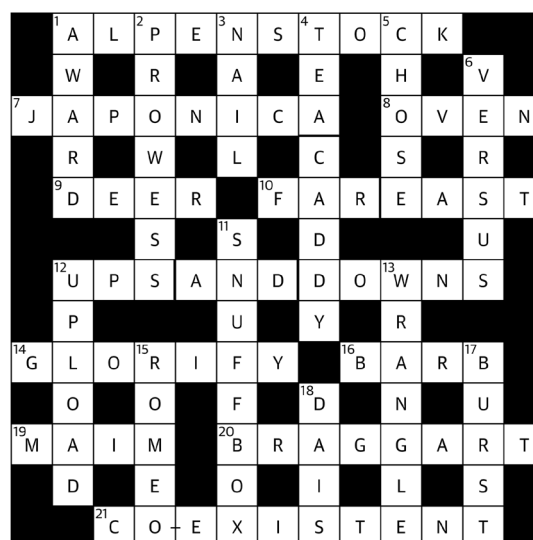
**Sunday, 21 May, 2.30pm at
Little Tey Church**

*A talk by Peter Jones about the
Taylor sisters of Stockwell St,
Colchester who composed
'Twinkle, twinkle, little star'.*

*This will be followed by
refreshments and donations will be
welcomed.*

CROSSWORD

Solutions



NOW IS THE TIME

In the past weeks articles I have covered a lot of content around the current residential housing market and how to approach if you are buying or selling. I have talked about the importance of market data and what it's telling us and how we should always be aware and prepare properly before making a move.

So now is the time to do what? Well spring is traditionally the time that activity will start to pick up in the sales and letting markets. The spring timeframe should allow you to be moving in the summer months and provide time to settle in before darker nights are upon us. We are perhaps invigorated in the spring to move forward with our plans and make life changes.

Well that's all very well but is this spring going to be the same? I think you can say the same in the sense that there will still be underlying drivers motivating buyers and sellers, I need a bigger home, I need to downsize, I need to move to a new location with my job etc.....perhaps the biggest difference this spring will be that well used phrase 'uncertainty'....which is understandable with the economic and affordability back drop that continues.

So what do we do to feel less uncertain? Be certain that you have done all you can to maximize your position. By that I mean you are confident that you have explored the best and most effective way to sell your home with an effective and considered strategy for the market conditions, this will drive the best price. If you are seeking property keep ahead of the competition in areas where stock is reduced, I have talked about buyers agents before where you employ an agent to search on your behalf.

Property podcasts are abound currently providing advice on selling, portfolio investing and strategy, some riskier than others. We have all watched homes under the hammer and been amazed at some of the gains individuals have made in renting their purchase or flipping to sell on for a profit....but how does all that affect me and the spring market? My view is to pick out the solid headliners that we can see have a real trend and substance, the biggest of these probably being that property has proven to be an excellent long term investment albeit subject to its peaks & troughs often tracking the economy and interest rates.

So whatever you decide to do in this springs property market be aware, be considered, take good advice and you will be able to undertake an exciting and life-changing event with confidence and certainty.

Please remember my views here are just that, always do your own research to make the best and most informed decisions about property before buying or selling.

Mark Quinn

Keller Williams Plus

CHURCH NEWS April 2023

Services in May

7th May 10.00 am **Service to celebrate the Coronation** Led by PCC (Little Tey)

14th May 10.00 am - Benefice Holy Communion (Gt Tey)

18th May 7.30pm - **Ascension Day – special service led by PCC (Gt Tey)**

21st May 10.00am - Morning Worship - Led by PCC (Gt Tey)

28th May 10.00 am – **Pentecost** Benefice Holy Communion (Wakes Colne)

28th May 6.30 pm - **Evensong for Rogation** (Little Tey)

Rogation Sunday

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (the fifth Sunday after Easter Sunday) is traditionally known as "Rogation Sunday" in the Church of England's calendar.

Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and to pray for good harvests. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb rogare, meaning 'to ask'. Since mediaeval times there has been a tradition of "beating the bounds" of the parish on Rogation Sunday, praying for God's blessing upon the crops. It is still observed by some parishes to this day and in the past the congregations of Great and Little Tey have walked the boundaries, praying and hoping for God's help in the work of the parishes.

Calendar of Events Summer 2023

There is quite a lot happening this summer so we thought it might be helpful to give everyone a bit of warning so

Dates for your diary!

Planned Events 2023

May 21 **Table top sale**

church will have a stall at the Village hall

June 11 **Bucklers Garden Open**

1.30 – 4.30pm. Teas in aid of the churches

June 18 **Celebration of the lives** of all those whose ashes are buried in the Garden of Remembrance
3.00pm - more details next month

June 24 **Heritage Day** at St Barnabas Church

2.30pm – want to know more of the history of St Barnabas. Why is the tower so large? Who committed murder in the churchyard? What is a Sedilia? Tea will be available. Details next month

July 15 **Fete**

2pm at Walcotts Hall, lots of fun to be had, games ,archery, swimming and the famous bottle stall. Teas and stalls.

July 30 **Pop Up Teas**

Return of this popular event, more details in July's and A

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Aug 6 **Pop UP Teas**

Aug 13 **Pop UP Teas**

Sept 9th **Ride and Stride**

A sponsored bike ride in aid of a charity that helps all the historic Essex churches keep their buildings in good repair. A hare of the sponsorship comes directly to our churches.

Anyone interested please tel. 0754363546954

Sept 30 **Harvest Supper**

28 Oct **Pumpkin Day**

Games, carving, lunch in village hall

THE CHEQUERS

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)

Sunday – 12.00pm – 8.00pm (food 12.00pm – 3:30pm)

(food served Wednesday to Sunday)

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th May, Saturday – Live music for The King's Coronation Day (see below)

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.

18th June, Sunday – Father's Day – lunch booking is advisable.

24th June, Saturday – American themed evening menu – pre-order menu available from May

25th June, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm/cancel 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 3:30pm. Please see our Facebook page for any updates (see below) Tickets are £7 each (a portion of the cost goes towards the swimming pool fund).

Tel: 01206 210814

Facebook Page: The Chequers-Great Tey. The new page has a hyphen in between words. Please like our 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.

Please note copy deadline for the **June** issue will be:

Wednesday 24 May 2023

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