

ROUNDABOUT

JUNE 2023

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

After 20 years service, David Williams has decided to retire as clerk later on this year.

Applications are invited for the post, which is for 8 hours per week and some flexibility is required. Salary is according to experience and qualifications. You will need to be computer literate in Excel and Word. The position is home based and a designated Parish Council laptop with appropriate software is provided together with a filing cabinet.

The post also includes that of Honorary Clerk to the Trustees of Great Tey Village Hall.

Duties will include:

Attendance at regular monthly Parish Council Meetings, and interim meetings if required.

Producing Agendas in consultation with the Chairman, and Minutes of the Meetings

Monitoring Actions/Decisions of the Parish Council and advising the Council on its statutory duties and regulatory requirements.

Dealing with correspondence and emails

Assisting in the formation and review of Council policies

Liaison with other agencies and contractors regarding maintenance of parish council and trustee owned property.

Day-to-day financial management, preparation of the yearly budget and the end of year accounts to Audit level, submission of VAT returns

Whilst the Council would welcome an experienced Clerk, for the right candidate training and mentoring will be available.

If you would like an informal discussion on the role please telephone the present clerk David Williams on 01787 224895.

Please submit your letter of application accompanied by a CV by email to the clerk at greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd June 2023.



BOTTLE STALL FOR CHURCH FETE

Having asked everyone for chocolate for the Coronation Weekend, I am now relying on the generosity of the wonderful Villagers of Great Tey to help again by donating bottles please. This time it is for Bottle Stall at the annual Church Fete on Saturday 15th July 2023.

This stall is always a very popular event at the Fete because everyone, children and adults, can have a go and win. Sometimes you can win on one ticket, or you can lose on lots of tickets, that is the excitement and fun of the Bottle Stall.

Donations can be any full, in date, bottle of say champagne or Coca Cola, bleach or brandy, shampoo or Sharaz and anything else, all will be very welcome! Any sort of bottle big, small or in between can be left in the box outside my house - The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road (next door to the Village Hall).

Unfortunately we will only have 6 weeks to collect as many bottles as possible, so please help as as much as you can so everyone can have a really great time.

Many thanks, as always.

Norma Tregoning

OPEN GARDEN JUNE 2023

Bucklers Farmhouse Garden will be open to the public on Sunday June 13th from 1.30 – 4.30pm. In aid of the NGS – 'the Yellow Book'. This supports medical charities including Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses. Cream Teas and cakes will be served 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 13th June 2023 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th May 2023
4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere
5. To consider Co-option of Parish Councillor to fill the Vacancy
6. Presentation regarding Community Energy Project

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.

7. Report from Essex County Councillor
8. Report from Colchester City Councillor
9. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
10. Planning Matters

(a) Applications received

231153 Land off Newbarn Road – Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval of 212646 – erection of 30 dwellings and 1 ha of public open space, and access from Newbarn Road

(b) Applications approved by Colchester City Council

230731 5 East Gores Road- proposed single storey rear extension- approved subject to 3 conditions and 1 informative.

(c) Any other planning matters

11. Financial Matters (a) Cheques for payment

102044 D Williams- clerk salary £5543.16 less PAYE £217.20 £325.96

102045 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £217.20

102046 Mrs R Stone - notice board annual rental £10.00

102047 Groundwork UK – repayment of grant for neighbourhood plan £ 5,393.50

(b) To receive the financial report

(c) To consider future donation payments to Great & Little Tey PCC

(d) Any other financial matters

12. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground

(a) To receive an update regarding the extension and refurbishment of the play area

(b) To consider any management matters

13. Maintenance Contractor - To receive a report on outstanding jobs

14. Village Hall - To consider any management matters

15. Coronation Plaque – to consider the purchase and installation of a plaque to mark the coronation

16. Highways - To consider any management matters

17. Old Playing Field - To consider any management matters

18. Allotments - To consider any management matters

19. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere

20. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting 11th April 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

GREAT TEY WI

After our AGM last month, where not only did we elect a new full committee but we also managed to enrol two new members. This means that we can carry on for at least another year, and hopefully longer, and with a programme of different and interesting talks we can maybe enrol a few more ladies to join us long term!

Our talk last month was about Marbles, which turned out to be more unusual and interesting than most of us expected. This month we have a talk by Peter Jones on “Twinkle Twinkle little Star”, the nursery rhyme, which has its originals in Colchester (would you believe!). The WI meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and this month it is on Tuesday 5th June.

All ladies are welcome to join us.

Great Tey WI Committee Member

COLNE VALLEY COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT – IN GREAT TEY

Essex County Council’s Climate Commission has created a Climate Focus Area (CFA) in Essex, the catchment area identified is the Colne and the Blackwater, including Great Tey.

The initiative is to encourage community renewable energy schemes to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, cut energy bills and get to net zero in a shorter time. The project is called South-East New Energy (SENE) and is being part-funded by the European regional development fund and led by the University of East London. It is being delivered by Essex and Kent County Councils as well as a range of specialist organisations.

The SENE project helps local communities to work together to identify opportunities to generate their own cheaper renewable energy. The project provides a solar energy survey, which identifies the best places for Solar panel installation, followed by a feasibility study.

Householders and businesses in the CFA will have a range of options of 1. Buy a solar array on your roof/land, 2. Buy a solar array on a ‘Pay as you use’ contract, (once paid for the system becomes yours), 3. Buy cheaper electricity from your local community.

To find out more about the project and energy studies in the area, a special public meeting will take place at Great Tey Village Hall on 4th July at 7:30pm.

Cherry McKean MBE

Jill Bruce WI climate ambassador

Jane Taylor white Colne chair parish council

GING GANG GOOLIE

A packed house saw 10 teams compete for the Great Tey Scout Quiz Trophy on Friday 28th April.

Thanks again to Bryan Patmore for posing a range of stimulating questions, with the heat of the competition shown by the fact that the top 6 teams were only separated by 6 points. The narrow winners were Team Panda (No Grey Areas) led by Michelle Biggins, with some claims that they were assisted by young Jessica and their giant Panda mascot!

The best team name was awarded to Marian Hamer's Ging Gang Goolies whilst John Perfect's Charlie's Angels and Boss secured the wooden spoon.

There was a brilliant atmosphere in the hall and entry fees, Heads & Tails and a raffle raised £400 for the village Scout Group. As the Group is run entirely by unpaid volunteers every penny will go towards activities for our young people and help ensure that we continue to have a vibrant Great Tey Scout Group with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts always happy to accept new members. Thanks to Jo Ashworth for organising and to everyone of you that supported the event and made it such an enjoyable and successful evening.

We look forward to seeing you at our next one.

1st Great Tey Scouts Group



VILLAGE CRICKET HAS IT ALL!

Spring arrived just in time for the first village cricket game of the year, which formed part of our Coronation weekend. And what a game it was. It had it all. Some brilliant play, a raucous crowd, a batter impalement, a bit of needle between the teams and a super close finish.

Outside of the action we had an excellent wicket, beautifully prepared by Simon and his team. The cricket tea and cakes were on point, with huge thanks going to the Lucocks and the pool project fundraising team. Our umpires, John Carr and John Brown, were stoic and fair handed as ever, and The Chequers provided some much needed post-match sustenance.



On the pitch The Chequers (Players) won the toss and elected to field. The Gentlemen made slow but steady progress with newcomer JJ making 13 and Peter Wakeling an attractive 8. The star of the show though was Freddie M with a cultured 25 not out. On the bowling side Paul King took two excellent wickets and, when Simon Mann bowled out his neighbor Neil Spicer, the Gentlemen's innings came to a close on 76 – 6 after 20 overs.

The Chequers have won the previous three cricket matches and must have been feeling confident as they strode out to bat. An average winning score on this pitch is 110 runs and so The Gentlemen's 76 looked like a below par score. Indeed it looked like the game was going to be over very quickly when Henry Dow struck three boundaries in quick succession including an enormous six. But when Henry departed on 21, his wicket was quickly followed by three more and the result was once more in the balance.

Some great bowling by Andrew Hubbard (2 for 4) put The Chequers in further trouble, meaning they needed 16 to win off 3 overs with just two wickets left. At this point all three results were still possible and the crowd were on the edge of their seats. Batters Nick Elvin and Tristan were not fazed though and a mixture of big shots and quick singles guided The Chequers to the win with just 7 balls remaining. Well played everyone!

The Chequers (Players) now have a two-match lead in the series, having won the last four games.

EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players.

A very good attendance at the May 2023 session. There were lovely cakes donated from the Coronation picnic and again thank you to all our wonderful and cheerful Helpers. Always much appreciated

Our next session will be held on Thursday 8th June 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 it's a great afternoon. Bingo is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.



Beryl Brewer

GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

Sunday 21st May 2023 – Eight walkers joined us for this popular annual morning walk to Aldham Ford Street via the Colne Valley with a coffee stop at Mill Race Nursery. Our leader



this time was Jane Pearson (thank you Jane) The day was a perfect spring morning for enjoying the fresh, green fauna around us and fortunately the footpaths are still fairly easily negotiated compared with how they will be during the summer once the usual growth has taken place.

Saturday 24th June 2023 – The group is 40 years old this month and to celebrate this pretty incredible anniversary we have organised a boat trip on the River Stour from Sudbury to 'The Henny Swan' for a special lunch, and a return boat trip back to Sudbury. Whilst there are only a couple of places left on the boat, there is room in the restaurant for a few more so please book your place as soon as possible.

Sunday 2nd July 2023 – This is 'Jane's Surprise' away-day walk to the Kersey, Suffolk area lead by Jane Pearson. As it's title suggests, there are a few surprises along the way, so at this stage we can't explain too much, but if you would like to join us, then we meet at Great Tey Village Hall car park at 9.30am. However, if you would like a lift or car share, then please contact one of the following, or for more information about any of our guided walks:-

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887
email: peteanddil@hotmail.com

Jane Pearson, 01206 210855
email: drjanepearson@gmail.com

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/BOWLS CLUB

At last it looks as though Spring might have arrived so, apart from enjoying bowls, our thoughts are turning to a garden centre visit for tea, cakes and plants.



Before then our regular meetings in June are on Wednesdays 7th and 21st with lunch at the Chequers on the 14th and 28th. For any information on the club call Andrea on 01206 803541.

Marion, Club Secretary

1ST GREAT TEY BROWNIES

Our long-running Brownie unit in Great Tey is in danger of shutting down without new members joining. We are looking for girls who are aged 7 to 10 years old to join us and become part of this amazing organisation. By joining our Brownies unit, girls will get the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun. Our Brownies unit has been an important part of the community for over fifty years, and we want to continue this tradition for many more years to come. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this amazing community. Sign up today and become a Brownie!



If you would like to join then please register via the Girlguiding website picking Great Tey as your unit or for more information email us on greatteybrowniesrainbows@yahoo.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

WILLS MONTH 2023

You can make a real difference while planning for the future. Simply make or amend your Will this June or July as part of St Helena's Wills Month and help local people facing incurable illness and bereavement in your local community.

St Helena is working in partnership with local solicitors **St Helena** who are waiving their usual Will writing fees, in return for a donation to St Helena Hospice. There is no set fee, but instead suggested donation amounts of £150 for a single Will and £175 for a joint Will.

Having a Will is really important, whatever your age or circumstances. Making a Will can allow you to ensure your affairs are in order; final wishes are met; your loved ones are looked after in the future; and to support the charities close to your heart.

Did you know gifts in Wills currently provide the funds for us to care for 1 in every 5 people we support?

Your support can help create a community where everyone is able to live and die well, with care, compassion and dignity, because everyone deserves that right.

For more information or to sign up please visit our website at www.sthelena.org.uk/will23

PROPERTY COLUMN

What is this telling us?

Last month's column was entitled 'now is the time' which followed 'spring into spring' So, was there a 'spring' in the market? Is this the time? What is playing out in the UK Residential Property market? how will this impact buyers & sellers?

Well as always, we can look at two things, Data and feedback from the coalface.

Market Data is widely available from lots of sources. The UK land registry shows the average property price rose February 2022 to February 2023 by approx. + 5.4% (this varies regionally). There are subsequent falls in the following months. We know that the market has been affected by various economic factors and this is reflected in predictions for price falls which vary from single digits to over 12%. This view is slightly dependent on what organization is reporting perhaps. But we know the trend is down in number of properties available and buyers looking. Rightmove says properties took an average of 57 days to sell in February against 32 in May last year.

So, who is moving? There will always be motivated buyers and sellers. The key currently is to be reflective of what the market is telling us. That upper quartile of motivated buyers, with finance in place keen to move has shrunk, to attract them to your sale there must be a well-researched asking price that creates real interest and a desire to buy.

Working closely with your agent has become ever more important if you are selling, analyzing live market data on your listing, and adjusting the marketing if needed, being innovative and using all tools available to attract the widest audience.

Confidence will return and mortgage rates will continue to improve, timeframes for this differ dependent on who you listen too. The housing market often carries a time lag between when old news prevails where in fact there has been the start of a recovery. Once again keeping close to what the market is telling us will put you in a better position, buying or selling.

Best presentation as I have said before is even more important now. I have as an example recently worked with a client who has gone through some remedial works and improvements before listing. The property now looks its absolute best for the marketing photos to create the most impact, along with a competitive asking price.

Finally, a word about new builds. Developers have targets in any market, they are keen to maintain momentum, there are deals available now that may disappear as the market moves forward.

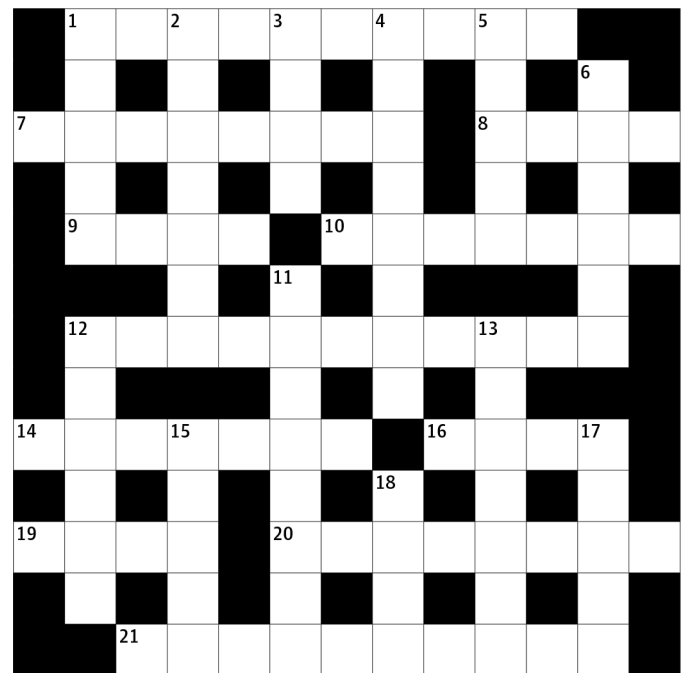
Please remember my thoughts here are just that, always do your own and considered research before making decisions about property.

Mark Quinn

Kelle Williams

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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)

CHURCH NEWS June 2023

Services during June

11th June 10.00 am – Benefice Communion – Little Tey

18th June 10.00 am - Morning Worship – Great Tey

25th June 10.00 am – Benefice Holy Communion - Chappel
6.30 pm - Evensong – Little Tey

Heritage Day - Sunday June 25th – 2.30pm

How old is Great Tey Church? – Older than we all thought – how can we tell?

Did you know it used to be larger than it is now? Come and see how archaeologists can find out how much bigger

Did you know that there have been finds in Great Tey from the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman times. Come and see some of them and talk to the archaeologist

Maps, photographs and other documents to illustrate something of the history of Great Tey will be on display

If you have ever wanted to know more about the history of the church and the village of Great Tey, this is your chance! Did you know that the church used to be twice the size it is now

before the nave was demolished in 1831? We have engaged an archaeologist to see if he can use 'ground resistance' equipment to peg out the original building's shape.

While he is doing that, a member of the Colchester Archaeology Group will present information and objects to handle from the variety of digs that have been done at

Great Tey in the past fifty years covering. You can learn about the style of the architecture of the building and some of the clues to it's age both inside and out.

Assemble at the church, families welcome. There will be no charge.

Tea and cakes will be available for sale

Coming up in July/August:

July 9th Celebration of all whose ashes lie in the Garden of Remembrance

July 15th Fete

July 30th Pop Up Teas in the Churchyard

August 6th Pop Up Teas in the Churchyard

August 13th Pop Up Teas in the Churchyard

GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL FUND RAISING



The Fund Raising Committee would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped to make the Coronation weekend such a success for the Swimming Pool Fund, and where we made a Fantastic total of £1,686.93 over the three days.

THANK YOU to Terry and Natalie for letting us have the proceeds from the Jar on the Bar, the Raffle and the Tickets for the Coronation Day Party at the Pub. THANK YOU also to Richard Pugh and his band that provided the entertainment, and even though it was very wet, THANK YOU to everyone that braved the rain and bought raffle tickets on the day.

THANK YOU to Ross Barron, and his trailer, and all the people who helped set up the tables, chairs and games for our fantastic Coronation Lunch. It was so lovely to get so many people from the Village coming together on a beautiful day, THANK YOU to everyone who came and who contributed on the day to the raffle and stalls etc.

THANK YOU to Christine Lucock, who provided teas/coffee and cakes for the Lunch and for the Cricket on Monday, and THANK YOU to everyone who donated cakes for the event.

THANK YOU to everyone, It was a wonderful coming together of a really caring Village and it was very much enjoyed by those who participated and very much appreciated by the Pool Committee.

We are trying to arrange other events that will bring us all together again in the next few months, which will not only benefit the Pool Fund but bring a goodwill feeling to the community.

Great Tey Community Swimming Pool Fund Raising

GARDENING NOTES June 2023

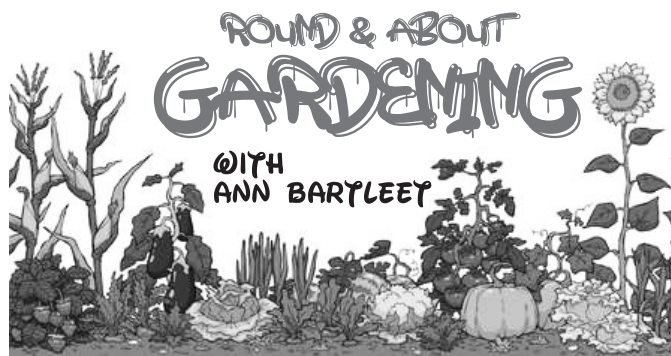
'Mind the Gap'! – How are we going to fill it?

Getting over a difficult spring – the death of lots of tulips

I have had a rather depressing week. I would normally be lifting my tulips from formal bedding areas and pots and putting them outside the gate for anyone who would like them. Then I would be starting to fill the gaps left once they have gone. I have indeed been lifting the tulips, but most of them have had to be carried off to the bonfire, I have only been able to put a few healthy bulbs outside. The reason is Tulip Fire. This is a fungal disease caused by the very difficult winter – cold, wet, snow and ice. The symptoms are blotched blooms, distorted foliage, premature dying off, of flowers and leaves. The bad news is that one shouldn't put tulips back in the same place for 3 years because the disease remains in the soil for that long. The good news is that the disease only affects tulips, not other plants. Of course, if you are planting in pots you can replace the compost and away you go again next autumn. I am already thinking what I will do next year – more pots of tulips, more wallflowers and forget-me-nots in flowerbeds. There are always new opportunities.

Potentillas

As we think about how we can fill gaps left by shrubs that were killed by the



frost, don't forget about shrubby potentillas. They are front to middle of the border plants. They are trouble free, flower all summer, producing a succession of small flowers in shades of white, yellow, orange or pink. They like a sunny well drained spot and once established are draught resistant. I had a pretty, grey leafed, pale yellow potentilla for over 30 years. The variety was Vilmoriniana. It was a delight, flowering it's head off for over 30 years before dying of old age! It was one of the larger varieties, capable of growing to about 1.5 metres. Primrose Beauty is a similar smaller shrub. Have a look round your favourite garden centre. You will find lots of choice. Abbotswood is a good white variety and Daydawn, a pretty apricot one. One thing to remember, the red sorts are prone to fading in bright sunshine. A spot where they are a little shaded in midday will help.

I have just had a 'sweety at the checkout' moment and acquired a new variety called 'Double Punch Peach'. It is a pretty shade of pale orange/apricot. We will see how it does.

SEWING CLUB

After a short break last month, hopefully everyone will be keen to get together again in the Village Hall on Monday 5th June, from 3pm - 4.30pm. This is a small group of ladies, but anyone can join, who are keen to learn more dressmaking skills. Hopefully we will have lots of new projects for everyone and lots of finished projects in a few weeks time too!

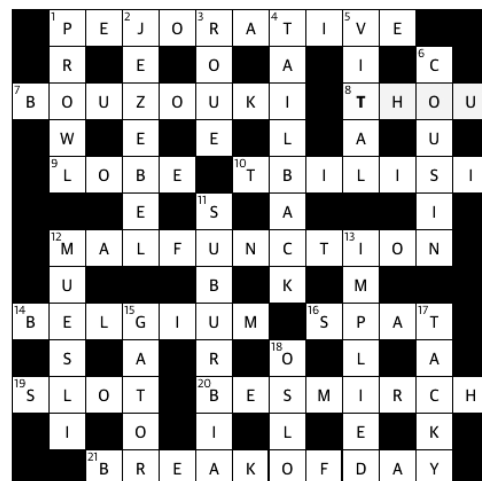
There is a £10.00 charge for the session, which after paying for the hall rental the balance will be donated to the Swimming Pool Fund.

Looking forward to getting together again with everyone, originals and newcomers.

Norma Tregoning

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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 & 6.00pm – 8:30pm)

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

(food served Wednesday to Sunday)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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.

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

18th August, Friday – Colchester Morris Men Dance at 8pm

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.

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