

# ROUND ABOUT

SEPTEMBER 2023

GREAT  
TEY

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NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

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## EDITORIAL

There is a lot happening in the village this month, something for everyone young and old and in between.

As you will see below and on the enclosed flyer, there is an Open Village/Treasure Hunt planned for the 24th of the month.

To start the month off there is The Fete, originally set for July but postponed due to bad weather. This is always a fun event with plenty of stalls and activities for all the family.

We end the month with the Harvest Supper, an application slip for tickets is on the back page.

Many people put in a load of effort to arrange them and your support makes it all worth it, while providing much needed funds for the planned new swimming pool.

Please note the deadline date for October copy is on page 5 this month. *Ed.*

## SEWING CLUB

The Sewing Club met up for the first time for several months and what an interesting time we had. A generous donation of quilting materials from Mrs Caroline Richer was the centre of attention. Several of the ladies took home different pieces of material to try their hand at variations on quilting, and Sarah Knight showed us her skills to perfection a few days later, with a child's quilt made of different tractors pictures.

This is a friendly group of ladies interested in, but not necessarily expert in, sewing and you are very welcome to join us.

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 3pm – 4.30pm in the Village Hall. Each session cost £10.00 per person and after the hall hire is deducted the rest of the money is for the Swimming Pool Fund.

*Norma Tregoning*



You are cordially invited to join the Great Tey Open Village/Treasure Hunt on Sunday 24th September 2023 from 10am – 4pm. Entry is £5 per house

Name:

Telephone No:

Email Address:

Cut out and post this form to The Old Vicarage (next door to Village Hall) or email: [fundraisingatgteycommunitypool@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingatgteycommunitypool@gmail.com) by 17th September 2023

Participation in this event is at your own risk

## 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 12th September 2023 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th August 2023
4. Action points from previous minutes if not dealt with elsewhere Public Open Forum – when members of the public may ask questions or make a statement about the parish council or other matters of local concern (15 minutes max)
5. Ward and County Councillors to address the members (if present)
6. Neighbourhood Plan – To receive an update from the committee
7. Planning Matters
  - (a) Applications received – none at present
  - (b) Applications approved by Colchester City Council – none at present
  - (c) Any other planning matters
8. Financial Matters
  - (a) Cheques for payment  
102068 A Warnes- salary £520.66 less PAYE £104.20 £416.46  
102069 D Williams- salary £5543.16 - PAYE £217.20 £325.96  
102070 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk2 £321.40
  - (b) To receive the financial report
  - (c) Any other financial matters
9. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground - To consider any management matters
10. Maintenance Contractor - To receive a report on outstanding jobs
11. Village Hall - To consider any management matters
12. Highways - To consider any management matters
13. Old Playing Field - To consider any management matters
14. Allotments - a) To consider any increase in allotment plots rental; b) To consider any management matters
15. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere
16. Other Business for Discussion

Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm  
Close of meeting

Signed:- *Adele Warnes* 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](mailto:greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com), or view at [www.greattey.com](http://www.greattey.com)

**FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES TRUST**

**RIDE + STRIDE**

SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023  
9am – 5pm

RIDE or STRIDE and raise funds for your church. Fun for all the family. Please join us!

See website for details

[www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride) charity number 236033

St Barnabas Church, Great Tey and St James the Less, Little Tey

# THE FETE

Walcotts Hall Garden\*

2.00pm Saturday 2nd September

Home made teas

Stalls, including cakes, produce and plants, jewellery

Sideshow including bottle stall

Swimming (lifeguard in attendance)

Archery demonstration and a chance to have a go

New for this year – a games area for the young (at heart!)

Entrance £1, children free



\*By kind permission of Simon and Nicki

## **GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL**

After the disappointment of having to cancel our "Music in the Garden" event because of bad weather, we are hoping things will go our way this time!

On Sunday 24th September between 10am and 4pm, we hope lots of you will join in with our Open Village Jumble/Treasure Trail. The idea, if you chose to join, is for each household to display their "wares" in their front garden, and people will have a map of the houses taking part so they can wander round looking, and hopefully buying, what is on display!

For those taking part they can display anything from craft work, clothes, toys, tools, books, furniture, paintings, vintage cars (Photo opportunities) to name a few of the things that could be on display. Participating house do so at their own risk, but if interested please email: [fundraisingatgteycommunitypool@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingatgteycommunitypool@gmail.com) to get on the list and join in the fun. There is a form on the front page of this paper to fill in if you are interested in joining in and the deadline for returning this has been extended to 17th September 2023.

Along with the map of the houses there will be a red route plus a list of cryptic clues to questions you have to answer to win a prize.

There will also be tea/Coffee and cakes (all donations of cakes gratefully received) on sale in the Old Vicarage Back Garden, whereas the maps and treasure route will be on sale in the Front Garden, rather than the Village Hall.

Hopefully it should be a FUN DAY out for all the family, but because there will be lots of people walking around the Village at the same time, everyone will have to be extra careful and young children must be accompanied by an adult. Should the weather spoil our day again, we have an alternative date of Sunday 8th October, but fingers crossed all goes well this time..

The money raised will go towards the swimming pool fund, so please come and join us and help to build our very own pool.

We have also received another generous donation of £60.00 towards our fund from a member of the public, for which we are extremely grateful.

*Great Tey Community Fund Raising  
Committee Member*



## **GREAT TEY WI**

Last month's outing was enjoyed by several of our members when we went to see Beth Chatto's Gardens. Fortunately the weather was good and we all had a great time wandering around the World famous garden.

This month we are back in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm to hear about what happens to all your waste once it is picked up from the kerb outside your house.

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of each month and any lady, young or old, is very welcome to come along and join us

*Great Tey WI Committee Member*

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## **FOOTPATH CLEARANCE**

A huge thank you to Carol Hill and Beverly Taylor for clearing the weeds along the path from Greenfield to Windmills.

They said so many residents were complaining about it, they decided to set to task.

I had spoken to the Parish Council about it and when Colchester Council come to treat weeds in the road I have asked them to treat the path, but they say they can't do footpaths!.

When I had a gardener in the spring, he cleared some away, it was such an eyesore!

So well done ladies!

*Gill Blakes*

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## **CLERK TO PARISH COUNCIL**

We are pleased to announce that Adele Warnes has been appointed as Clerk to the Parish Council in succession to David Williams who has retired after 20 years service. We would like to thank David for his commitment over this long period of time.

Adele can be contacted by the same email at [greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com), or by telephone at 0771 3791871.

*Parish Council*

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## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE IN KOREA

I'm happy to report that Matthew and I are back safely from our Jamboree adventure in Korea. We both had an incredible time, and, although our trip didn't turn out to be quite as expected, we made amazing memories, had awesome experiences and saw all the sights of Korea. We met so many amazing Scouts from all over the world, and traded badges, scarfs, even uniforms with them; I am now the proud owner of a German Explorer shirt! We ate amazing foods such as dumplings, noodle dishes and even octopus and scorpion, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



So what went wrong? The brief explanation is that there were 4 main reasons: lack of sanitation, insufficient medical facilities, lack of food for people with dietary requirements and bad management of the heat. Because of these, the UK Contingent came to the jamboree a day late to give the staff on site longer to fix these problems, and then left 8 days early when these issues were not solved. The UK Contingent leaving meant that there was less pressure on the toilets and medical facilities for the countries that stayed there, and so the problems could start to be resolved. In the end, due to a typhoon that was sweeping through the country, every Scout on site was evacuated and the jamboree effectively cancelled.

Even so, the Jamboree was still a success in my eyes. We spent the remainder of our time in a hotel in Seoul, the capital city, and got to see even more of Korea than we expected. The Korean Scout Association organised masses of day trips, concerts and visits to make sure everyone still had a great time and we still got to see all the international Scouts around the city and at the closing ceremony – a big K-pop concert – which had been relocated to the world cup stadium in Seoul.

In summary, we had the time of our lives. Thank you to everyone that supported us in our journey to fundraise for this trip, we couldn't have done it without everyone who chipped in to help us out.

Rose and Matthew Collier

## ESSEX EXPEDITION TO JERSEY

Hello everyone! I'm Freddie Brooks, from Legacy Monday Explorer Scouts.

Between 28th of July and 6th August 2023 I attended the Scout Expedition in Jersey, however I needed to fundraise £850 to attend this trip. Due to the generosity of Gre at Tey Village, charities, and fund-raising events, I was able to reach this goal, allowing me to expand my horizons and spend 9 nights away in somewhere new and exciting.

While on Jersey, I had the opportunity to take part in activities I had not experienced before and bond with new people along the way. The activities included; paddleboarding, ariel trekking, surfing, cooking, pioneering, land yachting, abseiling, boat tour, insightful military museum tour, coastering and shopping and exploring in the historic capital St Helier.

Beside from the astounding escapades and events, the time on Jersey was incredible! We were camping on the western side just beside to gigantic, vast St Ouens beach with roaring winds and spectacular views. It was the winds in fact that cut our camp short as 80mph gusts of wind rolled in. We staked and cast ropes to literally strap down our mess and kitchen tents while we moved into the Scout Hut to sleep. We were based in the hut for the rest of the stay with our new found friends – Northern Irish Adventure Scouts from 29th Belfast! They are such a cheery lot and meeting new people was always a pleasure – we've exchanged uniform, games and food – we will definably stay in contact with them for hopefully years to come.

However, due to the roaring winds our ferry trip to the French port of St Malo was cancelled and our bikeride fell through. Our tireless leaders worked their socks off to allow the best experience for their young people (and they smashed it!). Just one instance was a sunset hike up to one of the three dams in Jersey; we trekked across the fields and quaint roads to arrive at views I won't ever forget! Then on the way back we walked along the sea wall in the twilight – with sea spray lashing up to walls and the night silence broken only by the almighty ocean.

Overall, looking back I am so incredibly thrilled that I was granted this opportunity. Thank you to everyone who has supported me along the way, none of this is possible without you. I am without doubt looking forward to seeing my fellow Scouts again at the reunion camp this winter. Thank you again!

## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

August was another busy month for the group with two local Sunday walks. The first (Sunday 13th) coincided with the last day St Barnabas Church, Great Tey, served delicious cream teas in the churchyard, so we decided upon a shorter walk around the village first, then around 20 hungry/thirsty walkers descended on the church for the treats available. Thank you to all the volunteers for such a wonderful spread. Then on Sunday 20th we did a longer circular walk of around 5 miles to Chalkney Wood & back. It was a beautiful day as the landscape was everchanging across the field paths whilst our local farmers were extra busy harvesting all the crops. Equally, Chalkney Wood was heavily laden with summer growth making the criss-cross paths narrower and slightly more challenging in places. But the peacefulness and serenity within the wood makes it a very special place at this time of year.



Unfortunately, there are no planned walks for September, but our next group walk will be on **Sunday 1st October** when we will be driving the short distance to Chappel & Wakes Colne Railway Station, and commencing a 5-mile circular walk to Fordham return via marked footpaths. Cars leave Great Tey Village Hall car park at 2.15pm, or meet at Chappel & Wakes Colne Railway Station car park at 2.30pm.

For more information about any of our guided walks, then please contact one of the following:-

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887  
email: [peteanddil@hotmail.com](mailto:peteanddil@hotmail.com)

Jane Pearson, 01206 210855  
email: [drjanepearson@gmail.com](mailto:drjanepearson@gmail.com)

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

**Wednesday 20th September 2023**

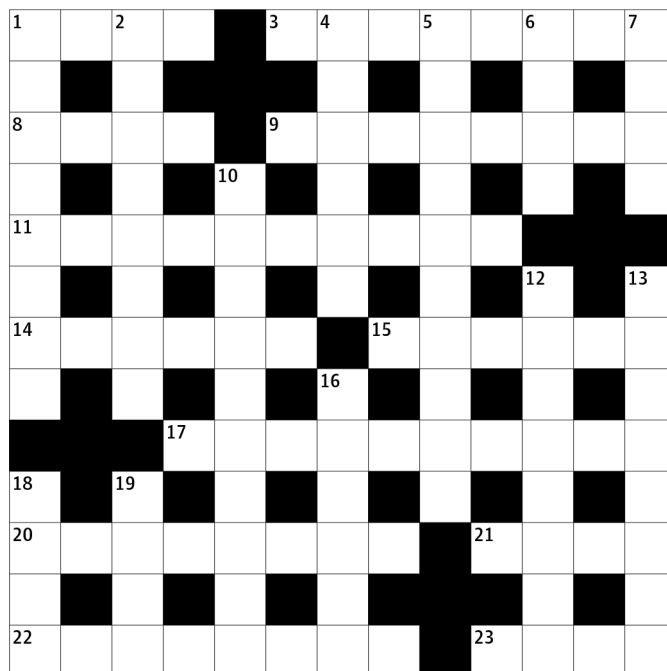
**PLEASE** send all copy **BEFORE** noon on this day to the editor, David Edwards at

**[edwardsdj44@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsdj44@gmail.com)**

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## R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Answers on next page



Across

- Ado (4)
- Overshadowed (8)
- Rove (4)
- Series of military operations (8)
- Meal in tray (anag) — relating to nourishment (10)
- Lugubrious (6)
- Bedlam (anag) (6)
- Pizza topped with mozzarella, tomato and basil (10)
- Hostile — unfavourable (8)
- Hindu spring festival in honour of Krishna (4)
- Coiled fossil shell — met Naomi (anag) (8)
- Fingered — matted material (4)

Down

- Personal guns (8)
- Man of La Mancha, say (8)
- Talkative (6)
- Simultaneously (2,8)
- Peel (4)
- All over (4)
- Jane Austen novel (10)
- It will eat anything (8)
- Impractical person (8)
- Horrified (6)
- \_\_\_ Simone, US singer, d. 2003 (4)
- Resistant to pressure (4)

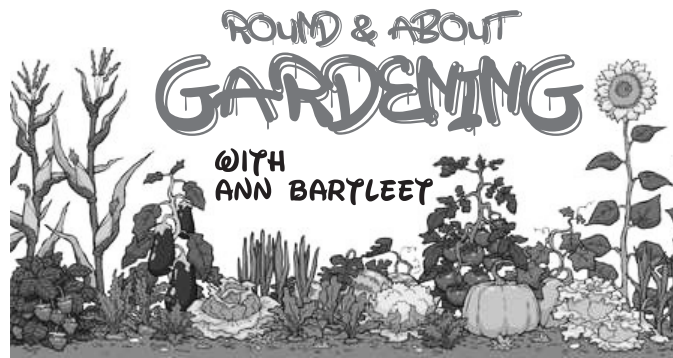
## GARDENING NOTES Sept 2023

### Plants, I shouldn't grow, but do Phlox (Paniculata)

When we first arrived at Bucklers, one of the plants I was given and was delighted to have, was phlox. I had spotted them in my father in law's traditional herbaceous border – a riot of white, pink and mauve. Some quite dark, some pale and some two-tone. They were back of the border plants growing to a metre tall and flowering nicely from August into September. Funnily enough my newly planted phlox hardly grew more than 18 inches, sulked and wilted in the summer sun.

Time to consult the books! Phlox comes from a Greek word for flame. This seems odd to me as they are not flame coloured nor flame shaped, nor are they native to the Mediterranean! They are actually native to North America, from the West Coast from New York south. Having ascertained that, I looked at the conditions they like and found out what had gone wrong. They like a rich soil, not too heavy, moist and with lots of organic matter in them. In this part of the world that means lots of watering as well. Well, of course, I had none of the right conditions for them. Unimproved heavy clay soil that hadn't had any organic matter added for at least 30 years and in an area that gets about the same amount of rain as Cyprus, was not going to suit them.

So, I reluctantly gave up growing phlox for 30 years or so. During that time the soil was worked on. Many loads of yellow clay had been removed, loads of muck and organic matter applied and the owner, by now, had the time to water all summer. Now I have a traditional herbaceous border and, in most years, have tall phlox growing in it. I shouldn't, because to be successful, I have to water the border vigorously all summer. However, things don't always go my way even now. Last winter I had a garden full of pheasants and partridge. They decided that newly sprouting phlox were quite delicious and kept eating them down to the stump. I vainly hoped that this early 'Chelsea chop' wouldn't do them any harm. Too late in the season I acquired cages to protect them. They have survived, but that is about all you can say – small amounts of stunted flowers, is as good as it gets!



Oh well, there is always another year! Next year I will protect them earlier and hope that the shooting fraternity takes out every one of the interlopers. Well, perhaps not every one, but enough, so that they do not need to raid my larder!

## EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players. Another excellent turnout for our August session. A really enjoyable afternoon with a large attendance. Big prizes were won! As always a big thank you to all our helpers. Always much appreciated by all.



The September 2023 Bingo session will take place on the 14th September 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*

## CROSSWORD Solutions

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# CHURCH NEWS September 2023

Lots of good things coming up in the autumn, hope to see you there!

## Services during September

<b>3rd September</b>	10.00 am Morning Worship Wakes Colne
	10.00 am Family Service Little Tey
<b>10th September</b>	10.00 am Benefice Communion Great Tey
<b>17th September</b>	10.00 am Morning Worship Great Tey
<b>24th September</b>	10.00 am Benefice Communion Wakes Colne
	6.30 pm Harvest Evensong Little Tey

## Events

### THE FETE (see poster below)

*New this year*      **Punch and Judy**  
**Garden Games**

### All the usual attractions including Archery

The Group who are making this possible use the techniques that won us Agincourt – have a go yourselves!

FOR THE FIRST TIME  
**PUNCH & JUDY**  
WITH AMAZING  
ADDRIAN

AT THE  
**FETE**

**Saturday 2nd September, 2pm**  
At  
**Walcotts Hall**  
The show at 2.15pm and 3.00pm  
Entertaining with balloons and the like in between  
£1 per child (adults free)  
Lots of traditional fun!

Stalls include plants, cakes, bric a brac. Lots of traditional games, including bottle stall, bowling, ping pong challenge.

## RIDE AND STRIDE— helping look after the fabric of our historic churches

### September 9th 2023

Lots of you came to our heritage day to learn a bit more about the history of our church building and the village. There are 600+ Anglican parish churches plus many of other denominations, all of whose parishioners work hard to keep the fabric of their churches in good order in the face of ever increasing building costs. Many of them are equally important historic structures.

Friends of Essex Churches gives grants to any church of any denomination to help parishes look after their buildings.

Once a year it organises **Ride and Stride, a sponsored walk or cycle ride** to raise funds to support The Friends.

**Why not join in?** You can raise money to support grants to any Essex church who needs help and you can nominate a church of your choice (St Barnabas Great Tey?!) to receive a proportion of the sponsorship money you raise.

This could be a good way to prize those idle teenagers out of bed on a Saturday morning!

**Please see the information elsewhere in R and A for details of how to join in.**

## A MUSICAL AFTERNOON IN LITTLE TEY CHURCH

### Sunday 10th September at 3pm

This year Lynne Creay is coming to entertain us with music for the harp.

Tickets £8 As usual this includes a delicious home-made tea. Available from Celia Dodd (celiajdodd@gmail.com)

## HARVEST SUPPER

### This year we are holding it on Saturday 30th September.

Application form for tickets is on the back page. It is always a very jolly occasion with music and an excellent supper. It takes place in a traditional Essex Barn at Bucklers Farmhouse.

## POP UP TEAS

Thank you very much to everyone who came and enjoyed a cream tea and cake in the churchyard this year. The weather was, sometimes, a little challenging, but that didn't put off the residents of Great Tey!

Thank you too to all those who worked very hard to help us raise a splendid £1,350 for church funds. We had more than 25 helpers in all, what a team!

We hope we will see you all again next year!

# 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 £16.50

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

17th September, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team).

Please confirm/cancel your team because we have limited space, and the evening is popular.

23rd September, Saturday – Meat Feast - 6pm to 8:30pm– pre-order set menu available now on our Facebook page  
or either for collection or by email.

We are closed from 5:30pm Wednesday 4th October until Tuesday 10th October 5pm when we re-open.

15th October, Sunday – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm/cancel your team because we  
have limited space, and the evening is popular.

28th October, Saturday – Mediterranean Food Night – 6pm to 8:30pm– pre-order set menu available during  
September on our Facebook page or either for collection or by email.

4th November, Saturday – Not firework night again

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.

## Harvest Supper

The Barn, Bucklers Farmhouse  
on Saturday, September 30th  
@ 7.00pm Tickets £15

The barn\* is part of an atmospheric group of old farm  
buildings. We are hoping to have some live music.

\*There will be some heat, but it is a barn! So please  
dress appropriately.



Name.....

Tel.No.....

Email address  
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I would like .....tickets

(cheque payable to Great & Little Tey PCC,  
please deliver to Malthouse Stables, The Street.

Enquiries phone 07543735469

(please let us know if you are coming with others so  
that we can book you places together)