

# ROUNDABOUT

OCTOBER 2023

## GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

### EDITORIAL

It appears that some of our regular contributors are either on holiday or have just returned from their holidays, leaving the paper rather short on news this month, thus making it difficult to fill each page in our normal eight page paper. In taking it down to four pages I have had to reduce font size and leave out the normal pictorial image depicting that organisation. I hope this will not upset anyone and next month will be back to normal. *Ed.*

### 1st GREAT TEY BROWNIES

So far this year the girls have enjoyed a sleepover in the castle. An exclusive showing of The little Mermaid at the cinema and we have had a water fun evening where everyone got very wet! All the time gaining lots of badges for various activities. This term we are looking at making change in our environment. We have a joint sleepover with the rainbows and we are looking forward to the panto in Clacton at Christmas with more badges of course!

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](mailto:greatteybrowniesrainbows@yahoo.com).

We look forward to hearing from you

### VILLAGE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Previous requests for entries for the planned update of the Village Directory have not met with a great response.

The Directory is distributed with an issue of this newspaper to all our readers. Along with details of local clubs and organisations it includes a section for trusted tradespeople to let you all know where to find a builder/plumber/electrician, etc., who has been recommended by a fellow villager for their good work and reasonable pricing.

Therefore if you have a tradesperson who has carried out good works for you and you are prepared to share their contact details so others looking for a particular trade could benefit, knowing their work is to a high standard, please let me know at [edwardsdj44@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsdj44@gmail.com) and they will be included in the directory.



### THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/BOWLS CLUB

Well looks like summer has decided to finally end- it's blowing a gale today, and rain's not too far away by the look of it. Oh well we had a bit longer with the sun than we expected! Due to circumstances we won't be arranging a coach-type outing this year, but another visit to the garden centre for "tea and cakes" is being sorted for a date in October. I'm sure it will be as enjoyable as usual.

Our meetings for October will be on Wed. 11th & 25th, with lunch at the pub on the 4th & 18th. If you should be interested in the club and it's "doings" please contact Andrea on 01206 803541.



## GREAT TEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

By the time you read this our latest fund raiser will be over, and we also had a good day at the Church Fete raising money for the Pool with our "Guess how much in the Jar of Money". Many thanks to Penny Rutterford who donated her collected coins - 1p/2p/5p/10p/20p - for the Fund. The amount in the jar was £31.04 and the winner was teenager Lara French, who guessed £30.05. Whether it was shared with Grandad, Humph French, who paid the fee we do not know!!!!



Fingers crossed we had good weather, and a good turnout for the fundraiser "The Great Tey Village Jumble Trail and Quiz", which was on Sunday 24th September. This is something that we have not tried before, but nothing ventured nothing gained, so hopefully everyone who exhibited their "wares" and everyone who took part in going round the trail and quiz enjoy themselves, and the Swimming Pool fund benefited too.

Although getting very close to actually seeing all the paper work completed, we still have to wait for other people to do their bit - and they do not rush themselves!

This project has been a long time coming but the benefits, to everyone who takes advantage of the pool, will be worth the wait. We do appreciate everyone who takes part in, or helps in organising events for the swimming pool so making it all worth while.

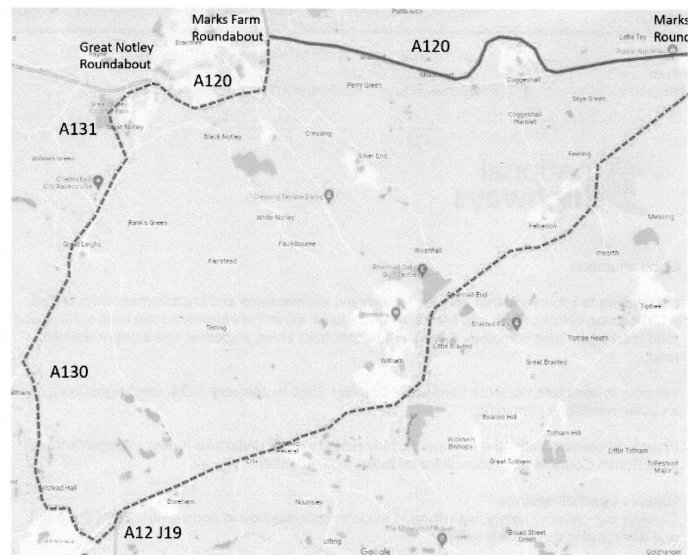
*Great Tey Community Fund Raising Committee*

## A120 ROADWORKS

National Highways are planning to carry out maintenance and improvement work on the A120 between Marks Farm and Marks Tey. The work will include improving the road surface and road markings. Once complete drivers will benefit from safer, smoother and a better defined road.

The work is scheduled from early October to January 2024 and will be weeknights only weather conditions permitting. Work will not be completed during the Christmas period from 19th December to 2nd January.

To carry out the work safely it is necessary to close both eastbound and westbound of the A120. Traffic will be diverted as detailed in the map of the diversion below along which also includes a link to more detailed information.



### How to find out more

If you would like to know more about the work, please visit our dedicated website here - <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/>

If you would like more information, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or by email at [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk). For information on local highway work in your area visit: [www.one.network](http://www.one.network) or contact [planned.highwaysengland@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planned.highwaysengland@suffolk.gov.uk)

## EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players. Another excellent turnout for our September 2023 session. A really enjoyable afternoon with a large attendance. As always a big thank you to all our helpers. Always much appreciated by all.

This month's Bingo session will take place on Thursday, 12th October 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*

## ESSEX HIGHWAYS

Did you know that Essex Highways have an online reporting tool where you can report and track any maintenance issues relating to roads and pavements, lights, signals and signs, flooding, drainage and manhole covers, trees, hedges and weeds, travel or traffic issues, public rights of way and bridges, subways and culverts.

It is called "Tell us and Track it" and can be found at Tell us - Essex County Council ([essexhighways.org](http://essexhighways.org)). There is also an interactive map which will enable you to see the defects reported in the local area and their current status

*Parish Council*

## SEWING CLUB

Last month we welcomed a new member to our group, Toni Pateman, who has just moved into the Village. We were shown Sarah Knight's amazing quilting, and her fantastic new sewing machine, and then Toni showed us her beautiful quilting too - there is a lot a hidden talent in this village!

Alison Deal started another project, which hopefully we will see completed this month and we also cut up some material to make more shopping bags for the Food Bank, they were delighted with our previous efforts but always need more.

We are a small but friendly group of mixed sewing abilities and sewing preferences, so please feel free to come along and join us. We meet on the first Monday of the month from 3pm until 4.30pm. It is £10.00 per person per session, and after the hall hire is paid all the money goes to the swimming pool fund.

This month we meet on Monday 2nd October in the Village Hall, hope to see you there.

*Norma Tregoning*

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## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

Whilst we have continued to meet up each Wednesday morning throughout September for our usual local walk, it wasn't possible to organise a group weekend walk last month, but we do start October off with a bang - see below

**Sunday 1st October** - Afternoon circular walk from Chappel & Wakes Colne Railway Station to Fordham, returning along marked footpaths, distance approx 5 miles. Cars leave Great Tey Village Hall car park at 2.15pm, or meet at Chappel & Wakes Colne Railway Station car park at 2.30pm.

**Sunday 15th October** - Afternoon local walk, 4-5 miles, meet 3pm Great Tey Village Hall car park.

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)

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

## Wednesday 25th October 2023

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

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

## GREAT TEY WI

Last month we had a talk on what happens to our kerb-side waste, although a lot of the time was taken up on where are our clear bags - but problem solved and we all have them now.

This month's talk in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd October is by Jane Pearson on the Decline and Fall of Marks Hall. Known nowadays for its gardens it once had an impressive house in the grounds, so come along and find out where it all went wrong. Ladies of all ages are very welcome and we meet in the first Tuesday of each month.

*Great Tey WI Committee Member*

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## CHURCH NEWS October 2023

### Church Services

**1st October** - 10am Harvest Festival Chapel

**8 October** - 10am Benefice Communion Little Tey

**15 October** - 10am Harvest Festival Great Tey

**22nd October** - 10am Benefice Chappel  
6.30pm - Evensong Little Tey

**29 October** - 10am Said Communion Little Tey

### The Fete

Thank you very much to everyone who helped make it such a success! An especial thank you to all the tent putter-uppers, the tea ladies, stall holders and the cake bakers. Well done car parking scouts. The traffic management was a bit challenging to say the least!

Thank you too to the raffle organisers and those who sponsored raffle prizes. They will get a special mention next month. The Fete wouldn't be the same without the bottle stall. Bravo Norma!

### Harvest Festivals

Happening this month.

### Decorating with pumpkins

We would love to have lots of pumpkins to decorate Great Tey Church. So do bring some along or leave them in the porch.

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## BOTTLE STALL

This is just a small note to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who donated bottles for the Bottle Stall at the Church Fete on Saturday 2nd September.

It always amazes me how generous people are in this Village, and how lucky we are to live in such a lovely community. Once again we sold out and managed to raise over £300.00 for Church Funds, which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone.

## GARDENING NOTES October 2023

I have been puzzling over a new sort of challenge in recent weeks. That is not to say that there isn't lots to do in my own garden. After all the funny weather we have had, some things are looking stressed from too much water and some from not enough and the whole garden looks a bit tatty! If yours does too, don't despair, you are not alone!

No, this is a different problem. One of my sons has just acquired a house with a minute 'garden' well actually an open space about 4metres x 4 metres. It is paved and surrounded by quite high walls and his family has ambitions to turn it into a green, lovely, space.

On top of everything else, apart from one small corner, it gets almost no sun. The family aren't there all the time nor are they passionate gardeners. What to goodness is the answer?

Artificial grass and plastic green plants? I hope we can do better than that.

The first thing to do is to invest in a simple watering system, otherwise everything will die! The next thing is think about pots. It is always better, in these circumstances to go for a small number of large pots rather than lots of small ones - more impact, easier to keep watered. Find pots you like in a range of large sizes, but don't buy them until you have bought your plants. Then you can have the right size for the plants you have bought.

Then the fun starts! There is one sunny spot, so what about *Trachelospermum*? It's a climber, it's tough and it's scented, it's evergreen, what's not to like? If the walls are painted, better to grow on a bit of trellis. After that look up shrubs that are tough and don't mind shade and I would suggest, most should be evergreen. Bare branches are a bit dreary in winter. It is a good idea to have one small tree/large bush. My son is keen to have a Japanese maple, not evergreen but pretty all the rest of the year. A camellia is a good choice, it likes pot life, and you can give it the soil it likes. Go for the variety *sasanqua* as the flowers drop rather than go brown. If there is shady spot and you water them enough, the large flowered hydrangeas are great. there is a pretty one called *Limelight* and another *Vanilla Fraise*. Bay trees are very unfussy you can trim them or leave them as natural bush. What about bamboo? They are airy, rustle in the wind and can't spread if in a pot.

These are just a few ideas to be going on with. You may not have the extreme conditions my son has, but all the above could apply to a small north facing terrace, owned by someone who wants green impact without too much maintenance!

Ann Bartleet

## 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 – 12pm – 3pm      5:30pm – 10:30pm

Friday – 12pm – 3pm      5pm – 11:30pm

Saturday – 12pm – 11:30pm (food 12pm – 2:30pm & 6pm – 8:30pm)

Sunday – 12pm – 8pm (food 12pm – 3:30pm)

(Food served Wednesday to Sunday)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

22nd October, Sunday 7pm – 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 – No Bonfire Night

16th November, Thursday – Pie & Mash Night – 6pm to 8:30pm – eat in OR takeaway.

25th November, Saturday – Fish Night – 6pm to 8:30pm – pre-order set menu available during October on our Facebook page or; either to collect or by email.

26th November, Sunday 7pm – Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm/cancel your team because we have limited space, and the evening is popular.

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