

# ROUNDABOUT

MARCH 2024

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

## EDITORIAL

Already two months into the new year – how time flies when you’re having fun!

It has been fun producing this paper for the past twenty years, but there comes a time when perhaps a new approach is required. With print costs constantly rising, coupled with the possibility that our major sponsor no longer has the funds available to keep us afloat, plus trying to find people to take over vacant delivery rounds, together with our dedicated distributor possibly giving up the task this year, all makes me wonder about the future of the paper.

It is already uploaded each month to the village website, could this be a way forward. *Ed.*

## HERITAGE SIGNPOST – Junction of The Street and Coggeshall Road – **HELP NEEDED**

Your help is needed in trying to track down the missing pieces of the Heritage signpost at the bottom of the Street on the junction with the Coggeshall Road. This signpost, made of cast iron and manufactured in the 1920’s by Stanton’s of Derby, is one of only a very small number of heritage signposts remaining in the Colchester area. In fact, it is designated



as a “monument” on the Colchester Heritage website – number MC5560.

The sign originally had 3 arms signposting Coggeshall, Colchester and Earls Colne with a decorative circular section finial on the top reading “Essex County Council”. The circular section has been missing from the signpost for over a year and sadly, in the last month, the arm signposting Colchester has also disappeared possibly after being damaged. Despite a search of the undergrowth and fields in the surrounding area the pieces have not been found.

The Parish council are really keen to retain this heritage monument so, if you have any information as to the whereabouts of the missing pieces, please let us know either by email at [Greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:Greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com) or drop us a note into the post box at the Village Hall.

It would be such a shame to lose this historical asset and find that it is replaced with a modern wooden alternative.

*Your Parish Council*

## Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea

Why not treat Mum/Grandma to an old fashioned, festive teatime treat!

Sunday 10th March  
In  
The Village Hall

3.00 – 5.00pm  
A cream tea with  
sandwiches,  
home made cake and  
flowers for Mum



Adult ticket £15 children under 10 £7.50  
Booking form from Ann on 07543635460  
or Christine on 01206 210872  
(or through your door!)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Next parish council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please note that parishioners are more than welcome to attend this meeting. Look out for the agenda which will be posted on our Facebook page and both the notice boards outside the Village Hall and The Chase approximately 4 days in advance of the meeting.

### Save the date – Great Tey Annual Litter pick

Can you please spare some time to join the Parish Council in the annual Great Tey litter pick which will take place on Saturday 23rd March. Meeting at 10am at the Village Hall.

Volunteers will be provided with hi vis vests and all the necessary litter picking equipment including bags which will be collected when you finish. A great opportunity to get together with friends, family, and neighbours to do your bit to help preserve our environment and maintain pride in our lovely village

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## GREAT TEY WI

Last month's talk on conservation at Colchester Zoo was very interesting and informative, considering most of us thought Zoos were places where animals lived in cages and enclosures. There is so much more that we never realised, or thought of, and also how important conservation is for not only the Zoo, but animals in general.

This month's talk is "something completely different" because we have Ruth Leigh who is a writer and author, as well as an interesting speaker.

So any budding authors, or come to that any ladies, who would like to come along to hear Ruth's talk are very welcome. We meet on Tuesday 5th March, 2024 (first Tuesday of the month) in Great Tey Village Hall, with a starting time of 7.30pm.

ALL WELCOME! *Great Tey WI Committee Member*

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## VILLAGE WEEKEND 2024 - UPDATE

A reminder of dates for your calendar:

**Sunday 9th June** - Family Picnic & Cricket 2-4pm, Harold Fairs Playing Field. *Due to Father's Day on 16th June, we've moved the Cricket match date.*

**Friday 14th June - 7-11pm** – Quiz Night, Village Hall, book your place through [gt.tey.com@gmail.com](mailto:gt.tey.com@gmail.com)

**Saturday 15th June** - Fayre 12-4pm, Old Playing Field. Helpers welcome, including First Aiders for Saturday 15th June. Please get in touch at the email above.

## NEWS FROM GREAT TEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Colchester City Council is currently consulting on the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Great Tey. The Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan sets out the planning framework about how Great Tey residents and businesses would like the parish to develop up to the year 2033.

Before the Neighbourhood Plan can proceed to examination, Colchester City Council is required to consult on the final version of the document (Submission) to satisfy Part 5 Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan Submission documents listed below accord with Part 5 Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:

- Map showing the Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan Area
- Proposed Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan
- Great Tey Design Codes
- Basic Conditions Statement
- Consultation Statement
- Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report
- Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report

These are available to view at - <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/great-tey/>

More information on the background to the Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan and further supporting documents are available on the Great Tey Parish Council website.

The consultation will run between 12 February 2024 and 25 March 2024. Please note the consultation will close at 5pm on 25 March 2024; all responses must be received by then. Comments can be made online via Colchester City Council's consultation portal – <https://colchester.oc2.uk/>

(Please refer to the Help Guide for instructions and FAQ's prepared by the Council)

Alternatively, please send your completed response form with your comments to: [planning.policy@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@colchester.gov.uk)

Please note all representations will be published on our consultation portal in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations. For further information about how your data is processed, go to: [www.colchester.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/privacy)

[www.colchester.gov.uk/privacy-policy/local-development-plan-privacy-notice/](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/privacy-policy/local-development-plan-privacy-notice/)

If you require a hard copy of the documents and/or require details of how to post your comments, please call Colchester City Council on 01206 508779.

Any representations may include a request to be notified of the Local Planning Authority decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012; in relation to the Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan.

Examination of Great Tey Neighbourhood Plan

Following the completion of the consultation all responses received will be sent directly to the appointed Independent Neighbourhood Plan Examiner who will determine whether the Plan satisfies the Basic Conditions. If the Neighbourhood Plan passes the Examination, it can then progress to the Referendum stage.

More details regarding the Examination will be available soon.

## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

**Sunday 18 February 2024** - Our 'Snowdrop Walk' last month was really well supported by 12 willing walkers who braved the wet, challenging weather and were rewarded with a welcome burst of warming sunshine which made the search so much easier. However, many wayward clumps of Snowdrops were desperately trying to survive the rain and wind which preceded our walk. Some regrettably, were even under water where the sodden land was trying to devour them, but still they fought back trying to survive. There were even some additional clumps of daffodils and crocuses all trying to compete for our attention along the back Coggeshall Road between Braziers, Bucklers and Gull's Farm.



**Saturday 09 March 2024** - This is notice of our AGM and Social Evening which is to be held at 7.30pm courtesy of John Carr at Malt House Stables, The Street, Great Tey. If you plan to come along, would you let one of the two contacts listed below know as soon as possible please?

**Sunday 07 April 2024** - Afternoon local 'Lambing Walk' 3-4 miles, meet Great Tey Village Hall car park at 3pm.

**Sunday 28 April 2024** - Awayday walk to Orford and River Alde, Suffolk, 4-5 miles, cars leave Great Tey Village Hall car park at 9.30am.

**Sunday 26 May 2024** - Morning local walk to Aldham Ford Street, coffee/tea/cake en-route, meet 10am 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)

## OPERATION MINCEMEAT

If anyone is interested in seeing the comedy/musical OPERATION MINCEMEAT I still have a few tickets left - plus you also get a FREE ice cream included in the price.

The show is on Tuesday 17th September, 2024 for a 3pm matinee performance and the cost is £50.00 per person for ticket and coach. Pick up is outside the Village Hall.

Apparently it has had more 5\* reviews than any show in the West End and has been extended 7 times, so it might be quite good!

Anyone interested in going please contact me on 07712250458. Thank you.

*Norma Tregoning.*

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## EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players.

The February 2024 turn-out was better this month and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. As always a big thank you to all our Helpers. Barry continues to have our best wishes.

The March 2024 Bingo session will take place on Thursday, 14th March 2024 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm at the Village Hall. Remember the more people that attend the greater the rewards!

We look forward to seeing you all. You may be the lucky one to 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 has a thriving Scout Group with young people from the ages of 6-14 years comprising 14 Beavers, 19 Cubs and 14 Scouts meeting on a

weekly basis during school term times. They learn many life skills ranging from cooking to disability awareness, whilst enjoying regular experiences such as overnight camping, Burns night with Highland Games and a visit to the Essex Air Ambulance helicopter.

It is only possible to offer this amazing opportunity to local youngsters due to the unpaid volunteers who arrange and run the evenings and events. The current section leaders and volunteers who are well known to many in the area are Melvin Tarman, AJ Watson, Mike Ashworth, Jo Copman, Katy Collier and Dave Wheal and on behalf of the Group children and parents I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their time and commitment.

Unfortunately due to changed work circumstances Mike is having to stand back at Easter from being Cub Section Leader. Consequently to continue to provide the extensive range of activities for all ages to enjoy the Group needs new volunteers, particularly for a successor to Mike as Cub leader.

The leaders are supported by other volunteers for fundraising, financial management and administration with the whole group being very sociable and fun to be part of. In addition the National Scout Organisation provide excellent training and information, much of which is online.

**'Try to leave this world a little better than you found it...'**  
Robert Baden-Powell



**Want to make a difference?**  
We are currently looking for new volunteers to join our Cub team. Volunteering with us is flexible, rewarding, and a whole load of fun! What are you waiting for? Get in touch!

For more information, please email [melvin1930@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:melvin1930@hotmail.co.uk)

#SkillsForLife



I very much hope that this request for new volunteers will appeal to you and please do contact Melvin as indicated in the above poster or speak to any leader to find out more.

Many thanks, Ian Ellis *Chair Great Tey Scout Group*

## GREAT TEY BELL RINGERS

Next time you're listening to the bells, give some thought to how they got up that tower in the first place.

Six of our bells are over 200 years old, with the oldest bell (No 7) dating back to 1627. No lorries or cranes then, so how did they do it?

The answer for our oldest bells, is that they made them on site. A large hole was dug in the church grounds and a clay mould was made in the shape of the bell. The mould was made in two parts and finished off with fine sand, before the parts were clamped together. Ingots of bell metal, which is a type of bronze, were melted in a furnace and poured into the mould to cast the bell. Sounds simple? Well, it wasn't.

Imagine how much charcoal you would need to melt 3/4 ton of bronze in a clay oven that you have built yourself, in the open air. That assumes you have



access to high quality copper and tin, of course.

Even today, casting metal is dangerous and complex, but somehow, in 1627, Miles Graye of Colchester managed it successfully. He then had to clean up the rough casting using hammer and chisel (no power tools back then) and tune the bell by chipping off small fragments, bit at a time.

To get the bell up the tower, they had to remove the louvres in the belfry and hoist it up there with ropes, block and tackle, using only muscle power.

All that effort, just to create a bell for the good people of Great Tey.

Nearly 400 years later, that bell rings twice a week, as good as the day it was first made.

Makes you think, doesn't it?

*Old Tugger*

## WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE

With one more league session left, Hot Shots have a slender lead so there is all to play for. This will be followed by the singles tournament on 15th March to end winter bowls.

### WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE – 02/02//2024

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
Hot Shots	48	29	2	17	234	184	89
The Ringers	48	26	6	16	188	196	84
Balderdash & Piffle	48	25	3	20	227	181	78
Youth Club	48	24	3	21	196	205	75
Gun `n Roses	48	23	1	24	209	192	70
Poles Apart	48	21	5	22	187	192	68
Chequers	48	8	2	38	123	237	26

We are pleased to announce that Great Tey Pre-School has received an 'outstanding' rating in all areas in our latest Ofsted inspection. The committee run pre-school is set up in Great Tey Village Hall and runs every day during term time, providing Early Years care for children attending a variety of local schools.



The pre-school's Deputy Manager, Letitia Mather, also runs a baby and toddler group every Wednesday during term time. The Ofsted report is available to read on the Ofsted website, or click on the link on our website, [www.greatteypreschool.co.uk](http://www.greatteypreschool.co.uk)

We are now taking application forms for September 24 and beyond. Please get in touch either by emailing [greatteypreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:greatteypreschool@hotmail.com) or call us on 07856574976.

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH in Great Tey

This is an opportunity for residents to help increase road safety in our village. A visible presence helps encourage drivers to slow down and monitor their speed.

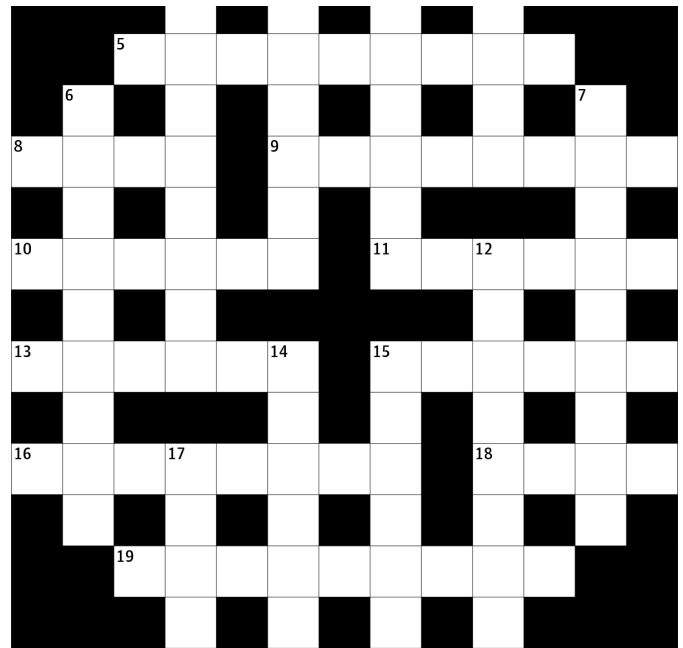


We are a small group of dedicated volunteers and we need more people to join us. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month during the day, please contact Jane at [ejpartridge27@gmail.com](mailto:ejpartridge27@gmail.com).

Training and hi-viz jacket provided.

## R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Answers on next page



### Across

- Performer's way in (5,4)
- (Old) custom (4)
- A Fellini? (anag) — it's at at your fingertips! (4,4)
- Calms (6)
- Fat from suet — two all (anag) (6)
- Moved back and forth (6)
- Groupings of similar things (6)
- Definitely not for public consumption! (8)
- Frost on things in the open (4)
- Inform — educate (9)

### Down

- Works of art often put on a pedestal (8)
- They act for others (6)
- Something's got one hooked (6)
- One of four on a horse, say (4)
- Fan base (9)
- Diagram showing room layout (5,4)
- Sound of being tickled (8)
- City on the Liffey (6)
- Place providing pre-school childcare (6)
- Cooked and ready to eat (4)

## **GARDENING NOTES** March 2024

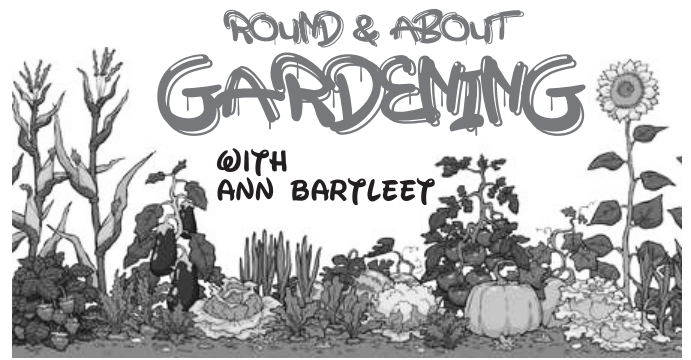
### **Spring and other things**

Well done those who came and planted another 2,000 snowdrops along the Street on Saturday. They will join those which have been flowering bravely opposite the entrance to Greenfield Drive. Some of the planters were a little down-hearted because it appeared that those planted the year before last on the bank, had not to have fared so well. Things don't always go according to plan. In this case, the season after planting was probably very dry, which snowdrops don't like very much. The bank may have been cut a little bit too soon after planting. Maybe we didn't plant them quite deep enough. The good news is that some will have survived and next year we can go back and plant some more. In the end we will get there!

This reminds me that snowdrops don't mind a bit of dampness. I have some close to the horsed pond here at Bucklers which are regularly flooded these days and still pop up each spring. If you want to spread any clumps that you may have, now is the time to do it. Lift a clump carefully and tease it apart and re-plant about 5 or 6 bulbs at a time. You will have a good show in no time.

Talking of spring tasks, I wanted to have a word about dahlias. As I was walking round the garden centre the other day, I couldn't help noticing that there were literally dozens of packets of dahlias in all sorts of colours, shapes and sizes. It reminded me of just how much times change. When I was young, even quite modest houses in villages, had reasonable sized gardens, not the pocket-sized plots new houses have now. Every garden, as well as being full of vegetables would, inevitably, have a row of splendid, large dahlias. These would be religiously dug up in autumn and dried off, 'dusted with sulphur' according to Percy Thower's instructions and stored until spring when they would be planted back in the garden in May. Most of those dahlias would have been swapped or acquired from neighbours and friends. Garden Centres didn't exist. Then fashion changed and no one wanted them anyway!

How different now. They are back in fashion and available everywhere. Climate change means that many of us leave our dahlias in the



ground over winter - I do. An extra covering of bark or straw or compost is usually enough to keep them safe. However, if you do lift them, now is the time to put them in a pot with any sort of compost – multi purpose or John Innes. Water them well and this will give them a head start when you plant them out in a couple of months. If you really want to be ahead of the game and save yourself some money, you can take cuttings as the plants begin to grow. Look on line for instructions as to how to do this. Monty Don has shown us on several occasions. Certainly worth a go.

One other thing struck me as I walked round the garden centre. The breeders of the plants we buy every year, seem to produce them with bigger and bigger, brighter and brighter flowers. Primulas and primroses, pansies and hellebores, seem to me less attractive when they are positively luminous and almost deformed by being so large. However gems can be found – I found an unnamed subtle pink hellebore with small pointed petals – charming, so keep your eyes peeled!

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## **THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB**

Well here we are just round the corner from Easter already - where does the time go?!

We've had the AGM, which was quite well attended, and now we're looking forward to our first outing. It will very likely be a visit to a garden centre for tea and cakes, hopefully not too long away.

Our dates for March are Wednesday 13th and 27th, with lunch at the pub on the 6th and 20th.

As usual, for any more info about the club please contact Andrea on 01206 803541



# CHURCH NEWS February 2024

## Easter is early this year

It will be with us at the end of March and we look forward to welcoming everyone to join us with lots of singing, spring flowers and maybe an egg!

**Mothering Sunday 10th March**, we will be celebrating with flowers for Mums and Grandmas.

Please note elsewhere that we are having a **Mothering Sunday Tea** in the village Hall in the afternoon of the 10th March.

## Compline

Each Wednesday during Lent, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, there will be a service of Compline at 7.30 in Little Tey church. This will be a quiet contemplative time, leading up to Easter.

## Services during March

**3rd March** 10.00 am Wakes Colne - Morning Worship  
10.00 am Little Tey - Benefice Communion

### 10th March Mothering Sunday

10.00am Great Tey - Morning Worship

**17th March** 10.00 am Great Tey - Morning Worship

### 24th March Palm Sunday

10.00 am Wakes Colne - Benefice Communion

6.30 pm Little Tey - Evensong

### 28th March Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Great Tey – Benefice Communion or special service

### 29th March Good Friday

10.00 am Chappel -Devotional Service

### 31st March Easter Day

10.00 am Great Tey -Benefice Communion

6.30 pm - Little Tey - Holy Communion

## 'Maundy' - What does it mean?

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

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

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

## 'Good Friday' – Why Good?

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

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

based on this obsolete sense of "good" include "the good book" for the Bible.

## EGGS!

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

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

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

**So, enjoy those eggs and join us to celebrate the day on Sunday the 31st of March at 10am in Great Tey church and 6.30 at Little Tey Church and there may even be an egg on the way out, albeit a very small one!**



directed by Ian Ray

**Joseph Jongen      John Rutter**

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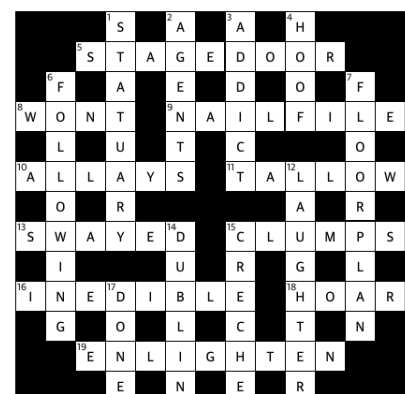
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Friday – Bar: 12pm – 3pm & 5pm – 11:30pm Food: 12pm – 2:30pm & 6pm – 8:30pm

Saturday – Bar: 12pm – 11:30pm Food 12.00pm – 2:30pm & 6.00pm – 8:30pm

Sunday – Bar: 12.00pm – 8.00pm Food 12.00pm – 3:30pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10th March, Mothering Sunday – Taking bookings

17th March, Sunday 7pm– Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team).

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

23rd March, Saturday – Fish Themed menu (pre-order menu available on our  
Facebook page and from the bar)

31st March, Easter Sunday – Taking bookings

Tel: 01206 210814

20th April, Sunday 7pm– Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Please confirm/cancel your  
team because we have limited space, and the evening is very popular.

27th April, Saturday – food themed evening TBC

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

**Thank you for your custom and continued support.**

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