

ROUND ABOUT

APRIL 2024

GREAT TEY

NEWS, VIEWS AND EVENTS IN & AROUND GT TEY

EDITORIAL

A little short on news this month, which accounts for some items being a bit spaced out. Let us hope there will be a little more to read next month.

There many things to look forward to – the Village Weekend, the Church Fete, concerts to appeal to all musical tastes and various events at the Barn and The Chequers. *Ed.*



BOTTLE STALL FOR VILLAGE FETE

At the beginning of April I will be putting a box outside my house, The Old Vicarage, Chappel Road (next door to the Village Hall), for everyone to please donate bottles for the Bottle Stall at the Fete.

For new comers to the village, the idea is dependent upon the generosity of people in the village to donate full bottles of anything – champagne, cleaning fluid, brandy, bleach, perfume, pop, gin, shampoo. Anything and everything in a bottle that will add to the fun for both adults and children to try to win at the Fete in June.

The box will be outside my house right up to the day of the Fete, so please be as generous as you like and make it another really good and fun event.

Thank you so much, *Norma Tregoning*

Kelvedon Singers

Welcome Spring with Uplifting Music

Conducted by *Chris Phelps*

Accompanied by
David Mitchell

Mozart

Laudate Dominum

Purcell

Joyful anthems

Haydn

Te Deum and Missa Brevis

JS Bach

Jesu Meine Freude - Jesu, my Joy

Saturday 20th April

6.30 pm

**St Andrew's Church,
Earls Colne CO6 2RG**

£15 incl. wine in interval

Tickets from Sarah Phillips 01376 561719
Sarahphillips365@outlook.com

Donation to St Andrew's church

www.kelvedonsingers.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There is no Parish Council news this month.

The agenda for Council meetings is available to be seen on the village notice boards.

Next parish council meeting

The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday in every month at 7.30pm. The Clerk, Adele Warnes, is contactable on 01787 224895 or **greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com**

THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Just to say first - those of you who look in the Village Directory might have noticed our entry states "bowls only". Not sure where that came from, but it's not really true.

Members know already that we have several games available for members not wishing to bowl, from Scrabble to cribbage, cards and chess! And as our name implies, we're a Friendship club which means feel free to come and meet/make friends...

I'm saying this really for any potential new members who don't yet know us and might be put off!

Our meetings are on alternative Wednesday afternoons and the dates for April are the 8th & 22nd. New members are always welcome - if you are interested please come and see us.

For more info do call Andrea on 01206 803541.



GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

At last month's AGM we had a good turnout of members. The existing officers were all re-elected for another term (Peter Wakeling - Chairman, Jane Pearson - Secretary, Gill Blakes - Treasurer) which was followed by a very pleasant social evening which included a finger buffet. Our thanks go to John Carr for hosting the event, and to all those who attended and who brought an array of food & drink making the evening even more enjoyable.

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

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



VILLAGE WEEKEND(S) 2024

A reminder of dates for your calendar:

Sunday 9th June - Harold Fairs Playing Field
Community Picnic - 12 noon

Followed by Cricket Match at 2pm

Friday 14th June - 7-11pm - Quiz Night
Village Hall 7pm Bring your own snacks and Nibbles. Booking via email on gt.tey.com@gmail.com

Saturday 15th June - THE BIG EVENT
Traditional Fete with a Farming Theme. The Old Playing Field, 12 noon until 4pm.

GREAT TEY WI

Last month we had a different and interesting talk on how to become a novelist. So you never know there could be a Great Tey Booker Prize Winner just beyond the horizon!!

This month we have an even more different and interesting talk. This time it will be about Burlesques, the true meaning, the styles and hopefully a demonstration. Not to worry Ladies, no volunteers needed but hopefully we will all be more enlightened!!

Great Tey WI Committee Member

SCOUT GROUP SPRING QUIZ

26th April 2024

We are delighted to confirm that our traditional Spring quiz will be held on Friday 26th April in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Popular quizmaster Bryan will again be putting us through our paces. Teams can be of up to 8 people but if you are alone or a couple and want to come and have fun we can find you a table to join. The entry cost is £5 per player payable on the night. Please bring your own food and drinks.



The victors will take possession of the much sought after Scout Quiz Team Trophy and winner prizes. There will also be wooden spoon awards and a raffle and "heads and tails" to add to the excitement. Please bring cash to join in all the fun.

This is a very important fund raising event for our village Scout Group in which all 3 Group sections (Scouts, Cubs and Beavers) provide life enhancing experiences for youngsters from 6-14 years old.

Your support would be much appreciated and the quiz provides a great opportunity to have an enjoyable evening whilst helping to raise funds to enable young people to benefit from a wide range of exciting activities.

Please contact Sian Longman on our email fundraising.greatteyscoutgroup@gmail.com to book a table. If you are unable to attend but would like to support in another way such as donating a raffle prize please let Sian know.

Many thanks

The Scouts.

SEWING CLUB

Last month we had two new ladies come along to join our group, which is great as it means we can help more ladies (men are very welcome too) to expand their sewing skills to expand their wardrobe, or revitalize their house with curtains or cushions.

It is a very friendly group, and newcomers are very welcome. We meet on the first Monday of the month (although the first Monday in April is a Bank Holiday, so we will meet on Monday 8th April) from 3 - 4pm in the Village Hall. The cost is £10.00 per session. Look forward to seeing you and your sewing there.

Norma Tregoning.



EYES DOWN - BINGO

Hi Bingo Players.

The March 2024 turnout was very high and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. As always a big thank you to all our Helpers. It was good to welcome Barry back.



The April 2024 Bingo session will take place on Thursday, 11th April 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 BELL RINGERS

One of the things about ringing bells is that you are often operating very old machinery, in ancient buildings. At Great Tey, our oldest bell is 397 years old, and sits in a Victorian oak frame within a Norman tower. So it's not surprising if we have to maintain and repair the equipment from time to time.



Our No 4 bell, a mere youngster cast in 1797, has a wooden wheel that has reached the end of its working life and needs replacing. Whilst we were planning this, we also decided to improve the way the bell ropes fall by installing a guide frame within the bell tower. This will make our bells more predictable to ring, especially for less experienced ringers, who can find the long ropes a bit daunting at first.

In order to do this we have to seek permission from the Diocese, as the church owners, as well as from

the various groups that have an interest in the structure, from bat experts to listed building advisors.

The good news is that permission has been granted and we are now raising the funds to have the work done, hopefully in October this year. We are aiming to raise £10,000 and have already made a good start with several generous donations and the prospect of some grant funding.

To help with this, Terry and Natalie have agreed to hold a fundraising event at the Chequers on Saturday 25th May, with music provided by local band From the Edge. Please help support us by buying tickets and coming along, for what will be a typically Great Tey pub event and all in aid of a good cause. Sunshine and warmth has been ordered.

Tickets are available from The Chequers. Of course, if you want to donate to our cause anyway, there is a collection jar on the bar in the Chequers, or you can contact us via Facebook, where our page is called Great Tey Ringers.

Old Tugger

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE

The winter bowls season has come to an end. It was down to the last evening as to who would win it and this proved to be The Ringers who played consistently well throughout. Congratulations to Mick Stone and his team. The singles competition was won by Matthew Brown beating Mike Evans in the final. Alec Brooks was victorious in the plate competition beating Peter Wakeling.

It has been an enjoyable few months of friendly competition which I believe all those participated enjoyed.

Besides the players, all those who helped in setting-up and putting away the equipment, taking the money and the catering are also thanked. Your input help make each evening enjoyable and a success.

The Friendship/Bowls Club are also thanked for the loan of their equipment which is very much appreciated.

WINTER BOWLS LEAGUE TABLE - 01/03/2024

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points
The Ringers	54	30	6	18	217	215	96
Hot Shots	54	30	3	21	256	209	93
Balderdash & Piffle	54	28	3	23	245	205	87
Youth Club	54	28	3	23	222	227	87
Gun 'n Roses	54	26	1	27	232	219	79
Poles Apart	54	24	6	24	212	216	78
Chequers	54	10	4	40	145	261	34

SPRING INTO SPRING 24

Well what about the Spring 2024 property market, how is it shaping up? Let's first of all look at the economy, at the time of writing my column base (BOE) interest rates have remained unchanged, monthly GDP has fallen slightly and inflation has risen slightly, but hoped to fall back in the coming months. So how has this effected the UK residential property market?

Nationally the number of sales agreed in the first six weeks of 2024 was 16% higher than the same period last year (Rightmove). There were 50,459 mortgage approvals in December, the highest level in six months and 25.6% above the same time last year (Bank of England). There are 7% more listings coming to the market over last year and a 7% increase in buyers looking (Rightmove). The average price of a property rose 0.7% in January 24 (Nationwide BS). Remember there are always regional variations. (Source Data loft).

So the indicators are that there is some movement in the market as confidence begins to return with a more stable outlook. I have talked about stability in previous columns, this is so key for confidence.

So whilst there is more optimism in the market place there is still the need to approach the market with the right presentation, exposed to the whole market at the right price to attract buyers who are still cautious.

What else could affect the sale price? Well with Spring is around the corner with seven-spot ladybirds, daffodils and snowdrops emerging across the country. Naturally, our attention is turning to gardening and planning what to do with our outdoor space. Research by The Motley Fool found that adding a quality garden room is a good way to add value to a property, by an average of 5%. Most garden rooms can be built with full insulation, double glazing, electrical and internet connections for all year round use, and all without the need for planning permission. Recent Land Registry data shows the average price paid for a house in the UK is £312,415 and adding a garden room could potentially boost this by up to £15,600. With installations often costing around £10,000, it provides a fast return on investment and instantly makes the property more desirable. With the median garden size across Great Britain of 188 square metres, a large garden room of only 16 square metres would add a valuable new room to your property whilst leaving plenty of space for an enjoyable garden. Source: #DataLoft, The Motley Fool, Land Registry Nov 2023 to Jan 2024, ONS.

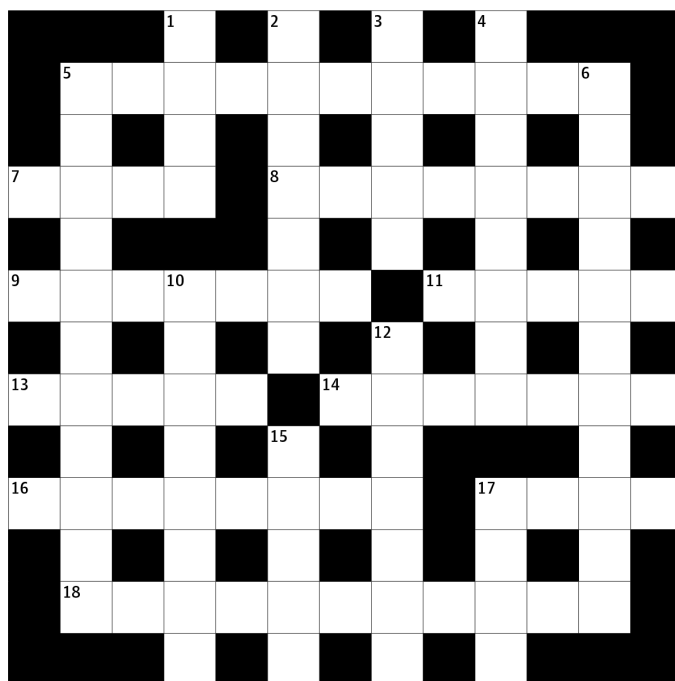
Social media & property portals should be used to market your property in a professional and eye catching format to create a real buzz when you list, this coupled with the right price entry price point should drive interest and the best final sale price.

Please remember my thoughts here are just that, always do your own and considered research before buying or selling property.

My name is Mark Quinn, I own my own Real Estate business powered by Keller Williams (the world's largest Real Estate Agency). I cover mainly Marks Tey, Great Tey, Coggeshall, Kelvedon and beyond in Essex & Suffolk. You can call me on 03301 335 795 or mark.quinn@kwuk.com

R&A QUICK CROSSWORD

Answers on next page



Across

5. Peripatetic (anag) — trigger (11)
7. Lump — oaf (4)
8. Impressive performer (5,3)
9. Very keen to do something (7)
11. Lacking originality (5)
13. Disdain (5)
14. Small scented bouquet — eg say no (anag) (7)
16. Succinct joke (3-5)
17. Invent (a new word, say) (4)
18. Use (11)

Down

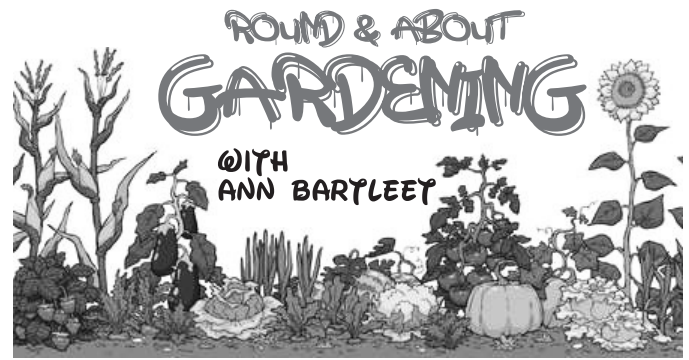
1. Give, but want back in due course (4)
2. Gene ____, US rockabilly pioneer, d. 1971. (7)
3. Urgently needed (5)
4. Sicken (8)
5. Educational institution in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, allowed new university status after 1992 (11)
6. Shocked expression? (11)
10. Extremely strict (8)
12. Crooked (7)
15. Stool pigeon — not us! (anag) (5)
17. Child's bed with wooden slatted sides (4)

GARDENING NOTES April 2024

Don't Forget!

One of my earliest childhood gardening memories is all about forget-me-nots. When I was very small, my parents had an elderly gardener called Mr Brunton (no Christian names then, of course). I remember him as being very strong and silent and a bit grumpy! Not much time for small children. However, he was an excellent gardener and one of those old school workers who appeared to work very slowly. But, in fact, he never stopped – no leaning on his spade – and was very methodical. The result was, he got lots done.

Back to the forget-me-nots. We are just about to enjoy these pretty little biennials and this reminds me of how Mr Brunton managed them. I remember being very surprised that this tidy, organised man, would leave the forget-me-nots to die where they were planted, strange, I thought. Then stranger still, he would take some of the dead plants and spread them about the borders. I finally plucked up courage to ask him why he did it. Well, of course, the answer was that he wanted to guarantee a good show the following year, so left the plants to drop their seed where he wanted flowers the following year.



It is too late to sow them from a packet to flower this year, but if you already have some in the garden, don't forget to allow them to self-seed. You can always thin them out or move the seedlings around when they are of a size where you can handle them. If you have to resort to starting from scratch, sow then later in the summer, in trays, ready to plant out by summer end and flower next spring.

Forget-me-nots are joyful late spring/early summer flowers and great to have true blue patches at the front of the border. I haven't had any at Bucklers for some years – to busy with the hoe, I suspect. However, help is at hand in the shape of garden centres where you will find blue ones as well as pink and white. I am about to plant some out in my garden and I will remember the trick with the 'dead plants'!

the
BARN

UPCOMING EVENTS

18TH APRIL	Elvis and Vegas Legends Tribute night
26TH APRIL	A Night at The Musicals Tribute night (Children welcome)
28TH APRIL	Sunday Jazz Afternoon
10TH MAY	Rod Stewart Tribute night
24TH MAY	Irie J Dinner and Soul Music night

www.thebarnbrasserie.co.uk 01206 212 345 emails@thebarnbrasserie.co.uk

CHURCH NEWS April 2024

Services during April

- Sunday 7th April** 10.00am Chapel Morning Worship
- Sunday 14th April** 10.00 am Little Tey Benefice Holy Communion
- Sunday 21st April** 10.00 am Great Tey Morning Worship
- Sunday 28th April** 10.00 am Wakes Colne Benefice Holy Communion
6.30 pm Little Tey Evensong

Mothering Sunday distribution of flowers in church and Afternoon Tea

It was good to see children and grandchildren join us in church on Mothering Sunday to give especial thanks to those who have looked after us in childhood and to collect flowers to give to them.

In the afternoon we had a good gathering of families giving a treat to mothers and grandmothers. Lots of delicious cake and sandwiches to say nothing of a cream tea and like the feeding of the five thousand, everyone went away with a box of left overs to enjoy during the week. The small hall looked very festive and pink! Our thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.

Concert Saturday April 20 in Earls Colne Church

Some of you came to the listen to the Kelvedon Singers in Great Tey Church at Christmas time. They are singing again in Earls Colne church, a very uplifting and cheery concert of music by Haydn, Mozart, Purcell and Bach. No item too long and all easy on the ear! 6.30pm on Saturday 22 April, tickets £15 to include a glass of wine.

Garden Open Sunday 28th April

Bucklers Farmhouse garden will be open in aid of the National Garden Scheme, from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. The highlight, we hope, will be lots of tulips! There will be teas served outside or in the barn, in aid of Great and Little Tey church funds.

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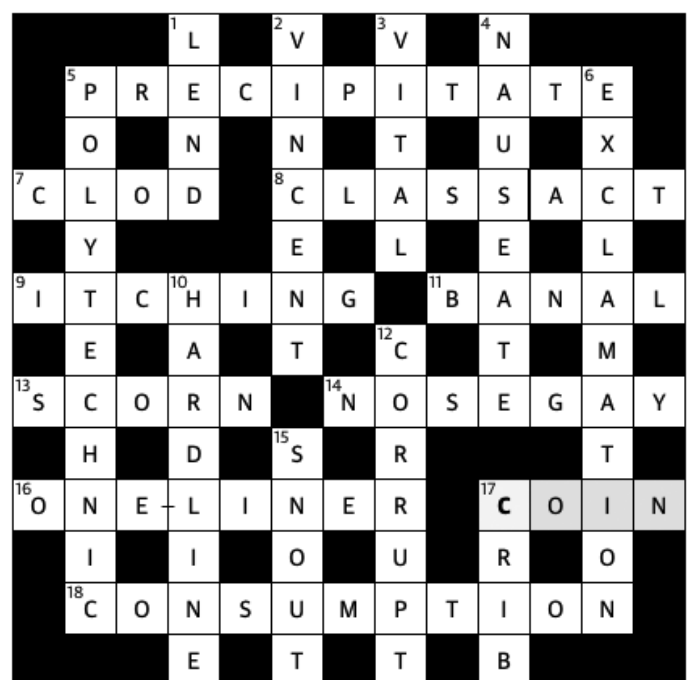


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Bar & Restaurant Opening Hours

SET MENU

2 Courses £14.50

3 Courses £16.50

(Available weekday lunchtimes from 12pm – 2:00pm)

(And Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 8:30pm)

(Food served Wednesday to Sunday)

Monday – Closed all day

Tuesday – 5:30pm - 10.30pm

Wednesday/Thursday – Bar: 12pm – 3pm & 5:30pm – 10:30pm Food: 12pm – 2:30pm & 6pm – 8:30pm

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

21st April, Sunday 7pm– Quiz Night – £3/person (max 6 people/team). Fully Booked.

Please let us know if your team won't be needing their table.

27th April, Saturday – Meat Feast Themed menu (pre-order menu available on our

Facebook page and from the bar)

19th May, 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.

25th May, Saturday - Live Music 4pm – 8pm and BBQ from 3:30pm. We will be hosting a fundraising event for the Great Tey Bell Ringers' who are raising money for restoration and rope guides.

Tickets £7 each in advance. Available from The Chequers.

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

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