



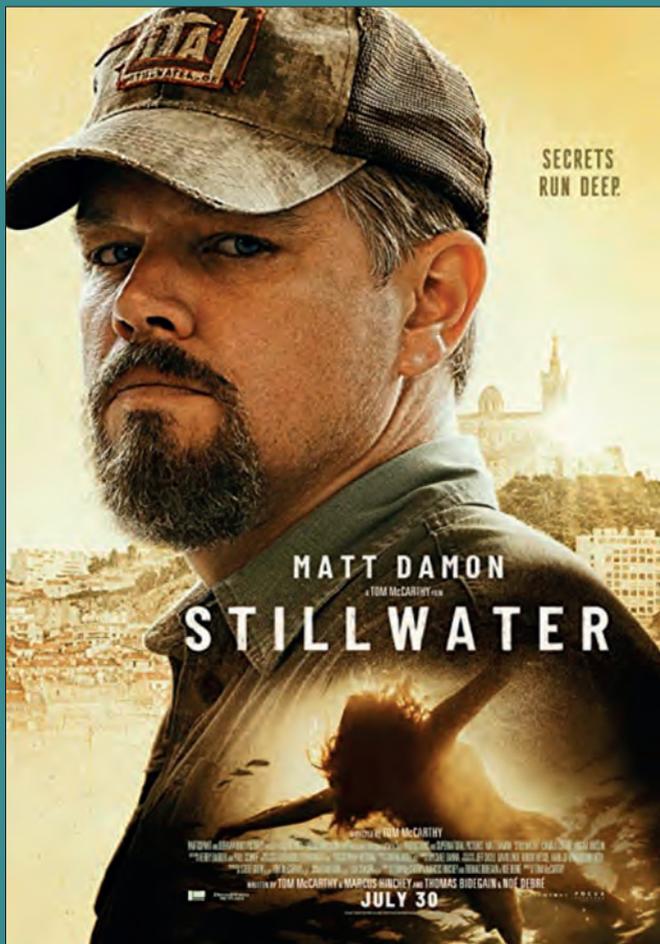
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**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Great Bardfield Town Hall**

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# Bardfield Times



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**Front cover:** Alice and Jemima from Great Bardfield Primary School tree planting in the village churchyard

**Above:** Sunset by Erin Jones

## Editorial

Spring is in the air and the world seems to be coming back to life. For the first time in two years your *Bardfield Times* is full of reports of events and notices of planned events, starting with an invitation to share pancakes in St Mary's Church after the service on Shrove Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, see page 9. We can also look forward to the Horticultural Society's fabulous Spring Show on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the return of the Bardfield Art Show in May. Gardeners, flower arrangers, cooks and artists it's time to start preparing your exhibits. We're also looking forward to the return of the Bardfield Players. It is hoped to re-open the Cottage Museum during the summer months. Volunteers are needed to staff the Museum; let us know if you can spare some time. Thanks to all those village committees who have worked hard to keep things going over the last two years.

Plans are also afoot for celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. New bunting has been purchased, patriotically coloured plants ordered, parties planned and a 50s Dance in the Town Hall – just like the old days. If you are planning an event there is some funding available from the Parish Council, see page 13. If you have memories, photographs or souvenirs from past Royal celebrations in Great Bardfield please get in touch in good time for our June edition.

It's excellent that the primary school children were able to be involved in the wonderful tree planting scheme in the lower part of the churchyard. They helped to plant 60 native trees, a great contribution to a greener world. Thanks to Julia and Andrew Collins for organising this. You can read the full story on page 16.

Don't forget to visit Braintree Museum to see the delightful exhibition *The Art of Friendship* which explores the creativity of Bardfield Artists Denise Hoyle and Marianne Straub, in the 1950s-1970s, through collage and textile design. Items from our Bawden Room collection have been loaned for this exhibition. It's open Tuesdays to Saturdays 10.00am-4pm until July.

By the time you read this, all being well, I will have a new hip. Being very restricted for many months has made me realise something that, of course, I knew already: how very kind and helpful people are. We are very fortunate to live in such a caring community. Thank you to everyone for your kindness. Rumour has it that I will dance again!

**Janet Dyson**  
**Editor**

## Time to get walking again!

**A**t this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?



Walking in Essex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Essex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

**John Harris**

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[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

## Dear Editor,

Yet again the ladies of GB came up trumps over Christmas and I would like to record my thanks for my great Christmas day dinner, organised this year again by Brenda Poston of Bucks House. As last year a first class meal, thank you again, also my wonderful Christmas Hamper organised by Joanne Magro-Boorman on behalf of, I believe the after school club?

Many thanks again it filled some spaces in my cupboards.

**Phil Clarke**

## Dear Editor,

After 2 years forced break the Bardfield Art Show will be back this year and at an earlier date on the Bank Holiday weekend of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. You will see posters in the village soon and further details in the *BT* Town Hall report.

As part of the organising committee I wanted to encourage any new residents who have not seen the show before and indeed anybody in the village to consider putting work into the show. This goes towards continuing the art history of the village and is an enjoyable event. We might not be Grayson's Art Club but it gives the chance to see any lockdown work on public view and it is a tremendous feeling to see your work hanging, especially if it sells.

Regards

**Peter Keynton**

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)

**At: 10:30am 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**In the Quaker Meeting House,  
Great Bardfield**

**This year it is from England,  
Wales & Northern Ireland.**

**Theme:** *'I know the plans I have  
for you.'*



## Great Bardfield Parish Council report

### Update on River Pant Footbridge

The Parish Council does not yet have the dates for the replacement of the footbridge though we are told it should happen in March. Following some queries from residents we can confirm that (i) the bridge will be closed only during working hours and that pedestrians will be aided across the main bridge at these times, with manually operated STOP/GO signs, and (ii) we have been advised that the bridge will be replaced using Ekki wood, an extremely hard and durable material.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council have heard from some groups/individuals in the village regarding potential plans for celebratory events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. If you wish to apply for some Parish Council funding for your event, please see the separate item in this magazine. Applications as soon as possible please. We also have plans for more permanent tributes that will mark this event for many years to come.

### Tree Works on The Walk

Do not be concerned if you notice that trees are being felled at The Walk (a historic public right of way) along its boundary with the playing fields. This is a hedgerow management project sponsored by the Parish Council to remove dead, dying and overgrown trees (mainly elms) and tidy up this boundary. This will initiate some natural regrowth. Replanting will take place at a later date.

### Planning Applications & Tree Works

**Tree Works at Mumfords, Braintree Road:** no objections.

**Sgt Bendlowes Cottage, Brook Street:** erection of a cart lodge for car parking: no objections provided the Historic Building Officer is satisfied with the location and materials, and that neighbours' comments are taken into consideration.

**Paul's Farm, Little Bardfield:** erection of a range of industrial units. This site is in Uttlesford District but close enough to the boundary with Great Bardfield parish for the council to consider and respond to this application. The PC objected on the basis of over-industrialisation of a rural location, its proximity to a listed building and historic public right of way. Concerns were also raised about increase in traffic movements, particularly by large vehicles, onto the narrow lane (Bell Lane) and impact on the junction to High Street.

**Black Gables Enforcement Notice:** no update, awaiting a date for the appeal hearing.

**57 Homes at Deer Park View:** we await a date for the Planning Committee meeting at Braintree District Council at which this application will be determined.

### Highways/Parking

We continue to remind Essex Highways about replacing the white lines on Brook Street, on both sides of the road near the Co-op, which should limit parking at these locations. The Parish Council asked for these to be reinstated over a year ago and have taken this up with our District and County Councillors. Please be considerate and do not park across the access points, as local residents need access to their properties.

### Proposed Prisons (MOD Wethersfield)

Great Bardfield Parish Council continue to be represented on the Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee (WASC) and attend meetings of this Committee to determine the potential impacts of these proposed developments, to consider alternative uses of this land, and how the local community can respond and object to any formal planning application once this has been submitted by the Ministry of Justice to Braintree District Council.

### Parish Assembly, 28<sup>th</sup> April

Advance notice that our Parish Assembly is due to take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. This is a public meeting, our annual presentation of Parish Council work to the community and where we present our annual report, as do a number of other village clubs and societies. All residents are welcome to attend. This will be our first face-to-face meeting for two years, thanks to Covid- restrictions. We hope to see you there. Wearing of face masks will be requested. We have invited a speaker from the Essex Air Ambulance to tell us about their vital work and fundraising activities.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7.00pm, at St Mary's Church. This venue provides space for a social-distanced meeting on our usual Wednesday evening. We thank the Church for providing this space.

The meeting is open to the public and as we continue to operate in a Covid-safe and socially distanced way, we ask that you contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting if you wish to attend, on 810111 or by email at [clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk).

**Carolynne Ruffle**  
Chairperson

## Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

**B**y the time you receive this, we will have enjoyed the talk at the end of February by Alan Gray and you will be inspired to visit the garden at East Ruston Old Vicarage.

Our **Spring Show** will be held on **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Town Hall.

We love to welcome new and regular exhibitors and visitors to our shows. It is a great family friendly activity to get involved in. Classes for so many different skills and plenty of children's classes too. This year you can decorate a hard boiled egg, make a crown, or collect ten items in a matchbox! Also other classes to choose from.

The domestic section includes baking, marmalade making and many other classes. During lockdown did you find a new skill or did you spend time enjoying cooking for family and friends? Did you take up a new handicraft or flower arranging? I expect you all put more plants into the garden, so please consider entering into classes of your choice.

Need a schedule - ring 810524? If you have any questions contact a member of our committee or pick up a schedule from various outlets in the village.

### Entries to the classes is free.

Your entries should be registered before 10.15am and be staged by 10.30am as judging starts at 11am.

**The show will open to visitors at 2.30pm until 4.30pm.**

**Admission 50p - members and children free.**

There will be a tombola and raffle and plant and produce stall

Tea and cakes will be served at the Bell

Presentation of the trophies will be at 4.30pm

The raffle draw will be before presentation of the trophies.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

Here is one of the recipes to try out in advance.

### Lemon drizzle cake (class 35)

175 gm (6 oz) self-raising flour	2 medium eggs
1 level teaspoon baking powder	3 tablespoons milk
175 gm (6 oz) caster sugar	Grated rind of 1 lemon
100 gm (4 oz) soft margarine	

### Drizzle:

100 gm (4 oz) caster sugar                      Juice of 1 lemon

- Grease and line a 2 lb loaf tin. Heat the oven to 170°C (Fan 160°C), 350°F, Gas mark 4.
- Measure all the ingredients into a large bowl and beat well for 2 minutes until well blended. Put the mixture into the prepared tin. Level the surface and bake for 50 minutes - 1 hour.
- Mix the lemon juice and sugar together in a small bowl to make the drizzle. When cooled slightly remove the cake from the tin and place on wire rack over a tray (to catch drips of the topping). Spoon the drizzle mixture over the cake while still warm.

### Future events

#### Garden Visit

There will be a private garden visit planned to Little Easton gardens in April or May.

#### Coach Trip

A coach trip to Hyde Hall is being organised for Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### A date to put in your diary

To celebrate the extra special holiday weekend this year we are planning a **ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA**. This will be held on **Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm** in the Town Hall. You wouldn't want to miss it!

**Still Urgently required—New Treasurer**  
**If you or if you know anyone who would be interested in taking on the Treasurer's role for us please contact Linda Prior.**

**For any information about the Society please contact Linda Prior 811641**

## From the Vicarage...

This year, the beginning of March almost exactly coincides with the beginning of Lent, with Shrove Tuesday falling on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and Lent beginning the following day on Ash Wednesday. Lent always seems to get a bad press – people associate it with giving things up, not having flowers in church, and the general impression is that it's all about making oneself feel gloomy. And yet, when we look at the world around us, gloom is (weather permitting!) far from what we see as March heralds the beginnings of Spring. The word which comes more immediately to mind is 'growth', and this is also a truer description of what Lent is really all about: it is the season in which we concentrate particularly on growing spiritually.

Of course, it is a familiar fact that 'growing' is not always a comfortable process. The business of journeying from childhood to adulthood involves making a fair few mistakes and wrong turnings, and often includes a number of regrets. Along the way though are times of blessing and happiness, and even those mistakes of the past become things which teach us how to live a more contented and fulfilled life. Spiritual growth has its struggles too, and the more challenging traditions of Lent are those which help us to face up to those areas where we need to change, or allow ourselves to be changed.

One of the things we hope that our churches do is to provide a place where that change can begin to happen for all of us. Over the course of this Lent, we will be providing lots of extra opportunities, as both individuals and groups, to start a new season of spiritual growth. There is a discussion group following themes from the film *'The King's Speech'*, which aims at helping us each find our own voice with which to talk about our spiritual life. There is another group which will look at the lives of saints who have helped bring new people to faith, and shone a light in their lives. And we are fortunate that almost all of our churches are open all day every day, so that individuals can go in and spend some time in God's transformative presence – each church will have some material there to help you begin your journey of prayer if you wish to make use of it.

I hope that, this Springtime, and this Lent, you may all see the growth in the natural world around reflected in your own lives, and that this will lead to a year in which the fruits of happiness flow from it. Wishing you every blessing,

**Rev'd/Fr Alex**

## SHROVE TUESDAY

1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022



**Please come and join us in St. Mary's Church,  
Great Bardfield**

**We are making and eating pancakes immediately after our  
9.30 am Eucharist Service.**

**It would be lovely to share this special time with you.**

**If you are unable to join us for the Service do come along  
from 10.30 am**

**We Look forward to seeing you.**

## Services for March 2022

in the Pant Valley Churches

### Sunday Services

#### Sunday 6 March – First Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Shalford

9.30am Sunday Café – Cornish Hall End

Theme: Rev'd Alex on 'Questions you always wanted to ask about God but never dared ask!'

10.30am All Age Eucharist – Finchingfield

4pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

#### Sunday 13 March – Second Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Shalford

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Cornish Hall End

10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

11am All Age Morning Worship – Wethersfield

4pm Sung Evensong – Shalford

#### Sunday 20 March – Third Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield

9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield

4pm Words and Music for Lent – Cornish Hall End

#### Sunday 27 March – Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield

9.30am Mothering Sunday Service – Shalford

10.30am Sung Eucharist for Mothering Sunday – Great Bardfield

10.30am Mothering Sunday Service – Finchingfield

11am All Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday – Wethersfield

### Regular Services and Events during the week

#### Monday

8.30am Morning Prayer – Finchingfield

10.30am Lent Group: Sent with the Saints – Finchingfield

An informal celebration of the Eucharist followed by refreshments and a meditation on the life of a missionary saint

#### Tuesday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield

7pm Lent Group: Finding a Voice – Wethersfield Pavilion

A course based on the film 'The King's Speech', with extracts from the film, discussion, and refreshments

#### Thursday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Wethersfield

10am Prayer Group (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)

Coffee Morning (2nd & 4th weeks) – Shalford

10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

#### Friday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Shalford

### Special Events and Services

#### Tuesday 1 March (Shrove Tuesday)

9.30am Said Eucharist – Great Bardfield, followed by...

10.30am Pancakes (*all welcome, whether you can be at the service or not!*)

#### Wednesday 2 March (Ash Wednesday)

10am Eucharist with imposition of ashes – Shalford

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes – Great Bardfield

#### Wednesday 16 March

3pm St Patrick's Day Tea – Shalford Village Hall (organised by FOSTAC, Friends of St Andrew's Church, in support of church repair funds)

#### Thursday 17 March

10am Coffee Morning – Cornish Hall End

#### Saturday 19 March (St Joseph)

9.15 Said Eucharist – Wethersfield

10am Children's Church – Wethersfield

11am Coffee Morning – Wethersfield

#### Friday 25 March (The Annunciation)

7.30pm Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

## Town Hall Happenings

Things are beginning to pick up and the Town Hall is getting busier. Most of our regular users are back and we are looking forward to a busy Spring and Summer.

As previously advised Great Bardfield Town Hall has teamed up with Great Bardfield Co-op to open a 'Community Fridge'. The Co-op will give the Town Hall any food which can no longer be sold in the shop but which is still good to eat. The Community Fridge is now open on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 am at The Town Hall. It is available to all and the food is free of charge.

Our Quiz Night is on 19<sup>th</sup> March and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on that night. Booking is essential (see separate advert).

Other dates for your diary are Art Show 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Bardfield Players 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**John Maidman**  
**Chair**  
**Great Bardfield Town Hall**



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

Great Bardfield Tuesday Club

## My Farming History



A talk by Mac Beanland

Tuesday March 8th at 2.30

Great Bardfield Town Hall

Non-members of the Tuesday Club are very welcome

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2022



Do you and your friends want to organise an event?

Are any village clubs or societies planning anything to celebrate the Jubilee?

Do you remember street parties held for the Silver Jubilee in 1977 or the Golden Jubilee in 2002?

This could be an opportunity for the village to come together in celebration after a difficult two years.

The Parish Council are willing to contribute some funding to an inclusive village event. So please contact us with your ideas and plans and we will make a decision about some funding to contribute to your event.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 810111 or by email at [clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk)

## Carpet Bowls Report

I am hoping that readers of this magazine don't skip this article as soon as they see the title! Please just read through it as we need you to help us out.

We have never been a large club but this Covid outbreak has hit us hard. We have not had any die of the virus but those that had underlying health problems have deteriorated greatly over the last two years. We have lost 5 due to this. There were also those that enjoyed the sport but have realised that after 2 years of not going out they can't be bothered again. So far, only seven of our existing members have expressed an interest in continuing. Obviously, we cannot continue with numbers like that.

Lynda and I started this club over 30 years ago and we would hate for this club, previously very active in all Essex and Charitable events, to die. We are desperate to try to attract a few more regular players.

I hope you saw the article from the English Association explaining about our sport in a previous issue of the magazine.

So, I am appealing to the residents of the parish to come along and see what it is all about. Especially those residents in the new homes and those new to the village.

As I have previously explained, this is not a sport for old fuddy duddies (although I am often called one), just look at the competitors in the world bowls championships you see on TV, and it is a sport for all. Secondly, despite the name 'carpet' it is not the toy game that you play in your lounge. The bowls are 10cm in diameter and the carpet is 10 metres by 2 metres. Carpet Bowls is a proper skilful sport open to all, the young and not so young, the able and less able bodied, we even let male and female compete together. Finally, it is cheap as the club provides the bowls etc; it prides itself on its friendly nature and is as competitive as you wish to make it.

When my wife and I first formed the club, our children were school age. We would take them along to the club nights and they would do their homework at a table on the stage and also join in. After a while our daughter got quite good at it and helped us out once or twice in matches! We made sure that we left early so they were ready for school the next day. As the Town Hall now has wi-fi then laptops and tablets come into play now – less excuse for the youngsters.

Don't be afraid that you won't be good enough, we all have to start somewhere and learn. Currently we have no intention in resuming league

activities so we will just continue in our normal friendly evening roll-ups, assuming we do get those extra members.

**PLEASE HELP** - If you wish to come along, please contact us on the numbers below. Bardfield Carpet Bowls Club has its club night every Wednesday in the Town Hall. The evening starts at around 7.30 and finishes around 10:00. We are really flexible with regard to the time you spend with us during an evening, leave when you want. It is best to call first, please leave name and number if we don't answer, thanks.

**Contact: Lynda or Clifford Richardson**

**01371 810782**

**07977 403122**

**07582 540524**

### Tuesday Club

We heard a very good talk this month given by Eve Regelous on 'The History of Harrods'. Eve had many anecdotes to relate of the time she worked there and, as one would expect, tales of various interesting and famous people who came to shop at this prestigious store.

Next month, on the **8<sup>th</sup> March**, we are pleased to welcome Mac Beanland to speak to us again. His talk is entitled "My Farming History" and we know from his previous visits that it will be well worth listening to. Further ahead, in April, we have a presentation by Irene Barnett which she calls "Goat in a Soap" - no, I've no idea either!!

We hope to see lots of you there. New members are always welcome.

**Any enquiries should be addressed to Adrienne Poulson on 01371 811401**

**Helen Drummond**

## Tree planting

The Leprechaun and Phoenix classes of the Primary School made a big difference to the churchyard and the village by planting sixty native trees on 10 February. The pupils arrived in the afternoon and went into the church to discuss the parts of a tree and how you need to plant it; the benefits of tree planting to the environment; and, the types of trees that they were going to plant. The pupils were very knowledgeable and were really keen on the project.



They were able to choose which trees they planted, which were all small and medium sized native trees – field maple; silver birch; hazel; hawthorn; spindle; holly; crab apple; wild cherry; bird cherry, and rowan mountain ash. The trees, tree guards and stakes were provided by the Essex Forest Initiative who are aiming to plant 50,000 trees across the County this winter. The tree guards are new biodegradable protectors made from heavy duty cardboard and this meant that the children could write their names on the guards so that they could show their families which trees they had planted, and watch them over the years as they grow.

The children worked in pairs and the trees were planted very speedily and carefully, and then each one was watered and mulched after the guards were put on.

We are really grateful to everyone who was involved – from the Diocese of Chelmsford agreeing the plan, to the Essex Forest Initiative, to all the villagers and members of the church congregation who lent tools and helped on the day – but mostly the staff and pupils of the Primary School who did all the planting so well. The trees should look wonderful as they grow.

**Julia and Andrew Collins**

## GREAT BARDFIELD TOWN HALL

# qu?z

SATURDAY MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>

7pm for 7.30 start

LICENSED BAR

TEAMS OF 8

£80 PER TABLE, INCLUDING SUPPER,

PAYABLE IN ADVANCE BY

BACS, CHEQUE OR CASH

To book and for bank account details please contact:

Patricia on [mrspwalsh@aol.com](mailto:mrspwalsh@aol.com) or 07971 627407

Please let us know of any dietary requirements

## Village People

### Anna Bass talks to Theresa Banovic

*Theresa Banovic was born in Ongar and has fond memories of a childhood which involved a lot of time spent outdoors and in nature. Her uncle managed a farm in Fyfield and provided an opportunity to learn about the natural world at an early age, and she has always felt close to nature. So perhaps it isn't surprising that, when she discovered, almost by accident, a natural system of improving health and wellness, she gravitated towards it and thus found the pattern of her life. I'll let her tell the story:*

**H**ow did I get into Yoga? Well when I was 18, my boyfriend at the time took me home to meet his parents. When I walked into their lounge, his mother was doing a headstand! "I'm just finishing my yoga practise" she said. From that moment on I was intrigued and had to find out more about yoga. That was 42 years ago! So I began attending various classes with enthusiasm and enquiry, in and around Ongar and Brentwood. My mother often came along too.

I was married at 21 and we moved every three years with my husband's job, but wherever I lived, I managed

to regularly attend yoga classes and workshops. I was also lucky enough to meet a wonderful variety of teachers, furthering my knowledge so that I became more and more passionate about health, well-being and healing. I knew yoga was benefitting my life, and I continued with my yoga practice throughout my pregnancy.



My marriage lasted eleven years, and after we separated, I decided to move from Great Missenden closer to my parents in Ongar. Saffron Walden and Finchingfield had always been places I had been fond of in my teens, so I decided to base myself in Saffron Walden as there was good schooling for my daughter. We lived there for sixteen years and during that time I decided to further my yoga knowledge so I could help others. I completed a three-year teaching training with British Wheel of Yoga.

I really bonded with two of the other students and we promised ourselves a trip to India after we qualified. So we booked our dream holiday for January 2005 with two weeks of Ashtanga Yoga in the package! But on Boxing Day 2004 a tsunami ravaged the shorelines around the Indian Ocean, and we were due to travel only a week later. Decisions had to be made. Two of us decided to go and one stayed behind.

Our teacher in India assured us that the coastline of Southern India had barely been affected in terms of physical destruction – although there was definitely a big impact on the hearts of the people. It did feel a bit like going into the unknown – but we had an amazing, even life-changing experience (who doesn't fall in love with India!?).

My first teaching position, in 2005, was at the Friends' School, Saffron Walden, offering yoga and relaxation in after-school classes for 11 – 16-year-olds. A year later my teacher Myra in Saffron Walden was changing her career path and suggested I take over her classes at the Friends' Meeting House. So I did. It was a real privilege – and a big learning curve!

Wanting to move out of the town centre, I jumped at an opportunity to purchase a property with a friend and open a holistic centre. It was a disaster – my business partner walked out just before opening, leaving me with massive debts and a huge property to maintain, while my daughter wanted to take her A-levels at a different school and try living with her father. I was left to struggle on, opening my yoga studio on a tight budget and eventually letting out the other part of the building (which had been planned as a therapy centre).

*While living in Saffron Walden, Theresa had discovered the surrounding villages, including Great Bardfield, which stood out because of the music venue High Barn, where she often attended concerts. Eventually she sold the building in Thaxted, which was too much to manage by herself, and in 2007 she found a house with a beautiful garden which led down to a*

stream, and moved to Great Bardfield, although she continued to offer classes in the Guildhall in Thaxted and other venues, eventually bringing them to Bardfield Town Hall and Bawden Rooms. During this time her daughter qualified as a Vinyasa Yoga teacher and they began holding yoga retreats in the UK and in Portugal and France. Indeed there is a family inclination towards physical wellness activity - her father was a Physical Training instructor in the army and her mother continued attending yoga classes until she was 80! So how was life in Great Bardfield?

After a rocky start, my life settled nicely in Great Bardfield. Plenty to keep me occupied, with a house that needed updating and a rather large garden to tend. As a nature-loving person who was a little reclusive, I decided to get a dog. I think many of you know my little Lucas Terrier, Ted – the little dog with the big character! He is almost 15 now but still he nudges his way onto my yoga mat when I'm doing my own practice. He's has been paralysed twice, each time the vet suggesting he be put down ... but I was determined to give him a chance to heal and complete cage rest, homeopathy, gentle massage, and chiropractic help from the late Francis Holt have kept him going.

Several years ago I returned to India, where I studied Ayurvedic massage, and I went on to complete my training in Ayurvedic Yoga Massage in the UK. My dream was to have my own studio again, to share my knowledge of health, wellbeing and healing. I sold my classic car to pay for the creation of a garden sanctuary. The building was completed just before Covid struck, so it was a while before I could offer classes in it, and indoor face-to-face classes have been limited but we have enjoyed many creative garden classes during the warmer weather. However, most of my yoga offerings continue to be online.

Also, for the past two years I have facilitated a Red Tent Circle held outside around the fire pit in my garden. This is a supportive space for women to share, connect, grow and gain strength from being together, and learning from one another.

*With her yoga classes becoming established, Theresa was enjoying life in the village. She loved the gentle landscapes and enjoyed long walks with friends, or pursuing her other hobbies – nature photography, vegetable gardening and all things food related, from growing, preparing to eating.*

*One day she was talking to some close neighbours about her birthday,*

*which is near the Summer Solstice, and they hatched a plan to have a small music festival in her garden to celebrate. They signed up local duo "On The Edge" to perform, and invited a small group of friends to enjoy the day. It was such a success that they decided to do it again – and "Bardfest" was born! It continued for several years, with more musicians and more people each time. Space was set aside for tents so that people could camp at the festival. Theresa says, 'We would decorate my garden like a mini festival and people would bring their own food and drink.' In its fifth and final year, there were 120 guests and a full lineup of performers, including Bardfield's own choir, HeartSong. Theresa has been a member of HeartSong for several years, and also enjoys meeting with several friends in a local craft group. She and Ted are part of the Bardfield community. But now she is looking forward to another change. She says:*

For some time I've felt a pull to be closer to my daughter, so with some sadness I'm preparing to leave Great Bardfield and spend some time in Gloucestershire, where she lives. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all who have supported, and continue to support my journey, and for me to have helped many on their yoga and wellness journey too, it's been really special to share with you. As my online classes will continue, it will feel as though some of you are coming with me!

**Editor:** Good wishes to Theresa as she embarks on this new chapter in her life

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## Nature Notes the Reindeer

The moose is by far the largest member of the deer species with the stags weighing in at one ton. They can be found throughout northern Europe, North America, Canada, and most of the Scandinavian regions. They are solitary animals and only get together for mating at rutting time which takes place in September. The males known as bulls have large antlers which can measure up to three feet across and as with a lot of animals the males will fight for the privilege of mating with the females using their antlers as weapons. When rutting is over the bulls shed their antlers and grow new ones the following spring. Even though they are large lumbering animals they can run when they need to and can reach speeds of up to 35 miles per hour. They are also good swimmers and can hold their breath under water for 30 seconds. The females known as cows don't have antlers, they give birth to their calves in the spring, usually a single or twin but triplets are not uncommon, the calves stay with their mothers until they are a year old then go off to live a solitary life. Moose are herbivores but because they are large lumbering animals find it awkward grazing grass on the ground so prefer eating leaves and small tree branches. Their favourite food comes from native willow, aspen, and balsam fir trees. They also like standing in water, feeding on aquatic plants and water weeds.



I attended a talk on the moose and we were shown a film of a large bull moose eating apples and leaves from an apple tree in someone's garden where there was a robot mower cutting the grass. The mower went straight up to the moose and the moose just lifted one front foot up the mower it kept coming so the moose just stood with all its weight on the one foot, crushed the mower and carried on eating as though nothing had happened. The problem is they tend to be like that with traffic on the roads. In Norway there are lots of moose warning signs

on the roads. There are an estimated 40-50,000 moose in Norway and Sweden, Hunting moose in Norway is allowed under strict licence. Between the end of September and the beginning of December, only large bulls can be shot. They must be five pointers, that means they must have at least five points on their antlers which shows they are more than five years old. 1000 licenses are issued each year and there



is a waiting list. The antlers are kept for trophies but the venison is the main prize, by restricting culling to 1000 the population remains stable and sustainable. Moose kept from calves have been domesticated in the past and used as draft animals very successfully, not only are they very powerful animals but seem inexhaustible, Norway has several wildlife parks and zoos and they all have tame moose which enjoy petting and being fed carrots but people are warned never to approach a wild moose. Predators include brown and grizzly bears and wolves. The moose are very clever they run until they tire the predator then turn and fight with antlers stamping with front feet and kicking with hind legs. They can easily kill a wolf with a single kick and a tired bear often gives up after a good kicking. Moose are very capable of living in very cold conditions with temperatures down to minus 40 degrees. They have very thick coats and each hair is hollow with air trapped inside to form an insulated layer. They have very large cloven feet which helps them for both walking on snow and swimming.

Last month I covered Reindeer which I am pleased to say was very well received it's so nice to get some feedback. Since I wrote that article, I have been fortunate enough to spend two weeks on a cruise in the Norwegian Fjords and learned more about the Sami people and their reindeer. I am not wishing to become boring but there is one thing I would really like to pass on from the lecture I attended, because I

think it is both fascinating and worth knowing. It's a well-known fact the Sami are a very old race of nomadic people who have followed and lived off their reindeer for many generations. Recently a university set up a study to look into their way of life; health and diet. They are slim, extremely fit and healthy and their diet consists entirely of reindeer meat and milk. They only drink water which has been boiled with a lump of meat floating in it. I was privileged to try a sample but I must say I have had better drinks! The study proved that a diet of reindeer meat plus reindeer milk contains every single vitamin mineral and element that the human body needs to thrive, very little fat and an excess of iron. I think we need to eat more venison. Local farms are overrun with Fallow Deer and venison is available to purchase from several local butchers.

### Mac Beanland

#### THE GREAT BARDFIELD ART SHOW

We're pleased to announce that The Great Bardfield Art Show in aid of the Town Hall will be back again in 2022.

The show will be held over the Early May Bank Holiday on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.**

Great Bardfield has a rich art heritage and we wish to continue celebrating this by providing the current artists of Great Bardfield and beyond with a setting for displaying their work. There will be refreshments available in the Town Hall.

If you are interested in showing any of your work please contact us for an entry form or collect a paper copy from *Between the Lines* bookshop in Great Bardfield.

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The 2022 AGM will be held on  
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## Judith Maitland 1939 - 2021

Judith was born in 1939 at Great Bardfield in Essex. She was the only child to parents Alfred Smith of Great Bardfield and Iris Suckling of Finchingfield, local families with connections to Great Bardfield and Finchingfield for hundreds of years. Some older Bardfield residents may recall the commercial premises that the families ran that would have been central to village life.

Judith was the great granddaughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith, who acquired the Bardfield Brewery from John Messent circa 1855 and went about extensively developing the business premises of the brewery and maltings. Situated in the centre of Great Bardfield, the buildings of the Bardfield Brewery were a prominent feature of the village. In the 1860s Judith's grandfather, Edward Smith, was sent to a London brewery for practical experience, and returned to assist his father in building the new Steam Brewery, to replace the old one. The advance in technology would have resulted in improved quality beer at lower prices, which must have popular with the Bardfield residents (although perhaps not the other local brewers!).

As well as malting and brewing beer, the Smiths also owned a number of licensed premises including the Crown Inn, in Crown Street, which was later the private residence of Bardfield artist George Chapman; and the Gate (also known as The Gate Hangs High) in Bridge Street, which had a distinctive blue gate sign with the following rhyme: This gate hangs high and hinders none refresh and pay and travel on

Edward Smith carried on the Bardfield Brewery following his parents death, until he retired from business in 1897. After some 40 years in the brewery trade, the brewery premises, residence and tied houses were sold to Hawkes & Co of Bishops Stortford Brewery. The Bardfield Brewery then passed to the Benskins Brewery when Hawkes & Co was sold in 1898. By 1900 the Bardfield Brewery was no longer operating as a brewery. The office was subsequently used as a branch of Barclay's Bank until it closed in the late 1980s. The building is now known as Bank House. The brewery buildings and yard were used by a



local building firm and has since become residential dwellings.

Edward Smith married local Emily Barnard and they had two children, Alfred and Vera Smith. After Edward's death Emily married widower and butcher Philip Bone, known at 'Pop' Bone to his stepchildren and later step granddaughter Judith. Judith's father, Alfred, trained as a butcher in Maldon and joined the family business "P Bone & Son", which was situated on the High Street between what was the old brewery and the Vine Inn.

Judith loved art and visiting galleries. She had a strong interest in the 'Bardfield Artists' and is featured in Edward Bawden's lithograph of the village school where she is standing at the front of the class having her knitting unpicked ('Life in an English Village' published by Penguin Books as part of the King Penguin series, 1949). The interior of Bone the Butchers is also featured in this book. Judith's father Alfred Smith can be seen, serving the customer, with assistant George Cornell at the sausage machine (with his back to the artist). It is worth noting that George Chapman's 1950 painting titled "Mr Bone, the Butcher of Great Bardfield" does not depict Philip Bone or Alfred Smith. Not only had Philip Bone died by the date of the painting but the figure shown has a much slighter build, dark hair and different facial features.

On Judith's maternal side of the family, the Fox Inn in Finchingfield was central. Three generations of the Choat family ran the Fox Inn from the 19th through to the 20th century, with Judith's grandfather George Suckling and grandmother Ida (nee Choat) being the last of the family to have the tenancy. The 1937 film "Around the Village Green" features the Fox Inn and some of Judith's family can be seen, including grandparents George and Ida Suckling, her mother Iris, Great Uncle Louis Suckling and Great Aunt Hilda Choat.

Judith shared vivid memories of the Fox Inn including strong smelling 'Bardfield Old Boar' sausages and a customer who used to swallow a live frog for a beer!

Returning to more recent times, Judith attended school at Great Bardfield village school followed by Braintree High school where she became Head Girl. On leaving school, she went to London University – Bedford College near Regents Park, where she studied French, Italian, German & Spanish.



Judith first met Stuart, her future husband, in July 1954 when Stuart was 15 and Judith was 14. Stuart was in the Scouts and the group had camped in the field next to her family home in Great Bardfield. They married on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1962 at St Mary's Church in Great Bardfield, the very same church that years later in 1994, they would return to, to witness their daughter Jill marry husband, Richard.

After initially travelling around the world together whilst Stuart was on ship in the Merchant Navy, they then settled in Saffron Walden, where "Madame Maitland" taught French at Dame Bradbury's in Saffron Walden, Essex from 1969 until 1997 when she retired. In 1987 the family returned to where Judith had grown up in Great Bardfield and lived there for many years until they moved to Framlingham in Suffolk.

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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The Society has now sold all 800 copies of its first hardback book *The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*. There will be no reprint, although we have open minds on the possibility of a second book.

Preparation of our first book took several years and was only possible because of the vast resource of what had already been written, in far more detail, about individual places, people and events. The Society holds more than 300 local books and pamphlets.

The Society's website [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk) has recently been updated to ensure, amongst

other things, that individual parish introductions include references to their share of available literature. A good number of local books are available, in person or online, from the four excellent outlets that each sold many copies of the Hundred Parishes book: Harts and the Tourist Information Centre in Saffron Walden, the TIC in Bishop's Stortford and Between The Lines bookshop in Great Bardfield.

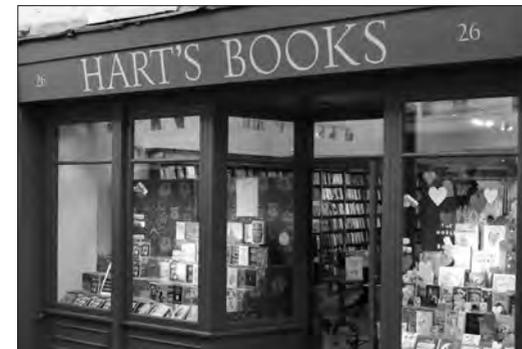


Selection of local books

A few parishes, as yet, have no book of their own, or perhaps just a pamphlet available in the church, whilst other places have extensive coverage. One of the Society's trustees, Peter Sanders, conducted research for 30 years before compiling a definitive history of Stansted Mountfitchet. Another easy-to-read classic, *Littlebury: a Parish History*,



*Between The Lines*, Great Bardfield



*Hart's Books*, Saffron Walden

was produced by a team of authors. I have recently been absorbed by a largely pictorial history of Swards End and by the 4th edition of *Around Cold Christmas*, not least because the latter has frequent references to my wife's distant relatives. Clavering's Jacqueline Cooper

always seems to be working on yet another book about Clavering or Saffron Walden. Several local history societies have generated books or booklets, or have work in progress. So rich is our local history that there is no shortage of reading material or potential subject matter.

**Ken McDonald**  
Secretary



*Tourist Information Centre*, Saffron Walden

## GREENFINGERS

**O**n another miserable rainy day when the roses should be pruned, a burst of enthusiasm for change came over Greenfingers. Dig up that euonymous, take out that has-been pink rambler, it is old and its support needs renewing. Replace with floribunda rose Koko Loko. fragrant and an unusual colour—milky chocolate fading to lavender. What joy to have a new start, mind buzzing with ideas. Perhaps surround with low grasses Carex testacea 'Prairie Fire' so there is a presence in winter. Perhaps add 2 obelisks painted in a dull mushroom pink and then clematis could climb up each end of the border. Roses are dead looking sticks for 5 months so a few flowers needed, geum Pink Petitcoats, perfect. Oh, and tulips to be planted in November 2022, Belle Epoque. So much to get excited about so put on your thinking cap and plan a new area on your plot.

### But back to the usual format: JOBS for March

1. Hurry and cut down to a bud 30cm from the base those vigorous late-flowering Clematis - not the May vigorous ones or you will have no flowers.
2. All border flowers should now be cleared of last year's leaves and stems, covered with compost so they look smart ,ready for new shoots to appear and certainly enhancing the sight of those lovely bulbs you have.
3. Not much sign of the tulips yet but get busy making more snowdrops by simply digging a clump up and replanting smaller bunches.
4. Prune all roses taking to the base the thick brown old stems making way for those younger greener stems to flourish .
5. Best till last! Hardy annuals can be sown now, shown as HA on the seed packet. Best sprinkled in compost-filled seed trays then lightly covered with more fine compost (sieve it for the right results) After a few weeks growing, rather than taking an individual seedling and planting in its own pot to develop further ready to plant out, say at the end of April, here is an easier way. Start off with a divided seed tray, called modules. Be sparing sowing the seed then, when the group of 4 or 5 are a sturdy 5cm high, simply plant them straight into the garden or ornamental pot. Give them a water and a little heap of fresh compost to give them ideal growing conditions.

Think about what you sow: the colour, the height and the fashion. For sale in May are Cosmos at £1 each - not worth it when it is easy to grow your own. Poppies spread naturally seeding themselves but you can be in charge if you sow them in trays. And what glorious colours are available! One to try is also the fashionable Orlaya, a lacy white low growing beauty.

Just thought, add some cornflowers or larkspur to red poppies with this white Orlaya and the gardener has the right scheme to celebrate the forthcoming JUBILEE. 🌻



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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Monday 7 March 2022

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**Location:** Freshwell Health Centre,  
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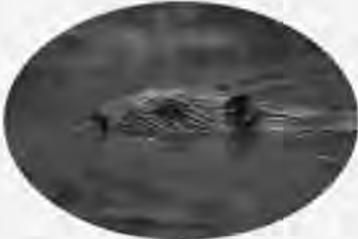
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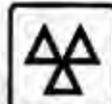
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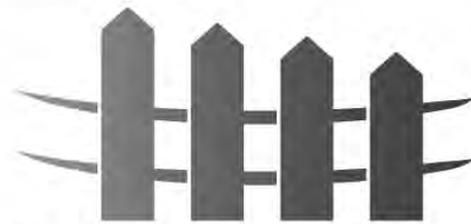
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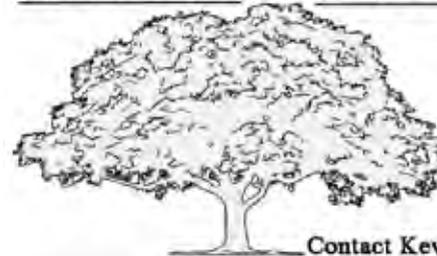
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- Students:**
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# HELP YOU

*Are you eligible for a financial grant?*

*The Great Bardfield Charities are here to assist YOU if you are a resident of Great Bardfield, or a group or organisation benefiting Great Bardfield Residents.*

*For more information please contact one of the Trustees:*

*Pat Coles (01371 810995), Brenda Poston (01371 810519),  
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**DO YOU NEED CHILCARE HELP  
BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL?**



Following Covid, our plan is to reopen our Clubs with the new term after Easter, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. We will be following Covid guidelines to make sure our Breakfast and Afternoon School Clubs are as safe as possible in our warm, safe building behind Great Bardfield Primary School. It has been a tough year as a Charity. The lack of grants available for Charities and the focus on Rates paid; (which we do not pay as a Charity) has meant we have suffered hard, plus our Insurance Co is refusing to pay the forced closure as Covid was not a listed reason.....

So, let us tell you some information about us and please note that children must be registered with us before any bookings can be taken. This is a quick process and will confidentially cover preferences, allergies and any medical info we need to know. All staff have First Aid and Safeguarding qualifications and our Managers are qualified in Early Years Foundation Stage.

Mary is the Manager of our Breakfast Club which is open 7.30-8.45am and we will drop them off at the top playground with their teacher. We offer a delicious Breakfast between 7.30-8am only (due to our ratios of qualified staff to children being affected when someone is needed to cook). This can be a hot cooked plate including; Sausage, Bacon, Eggs (scrambled, boiled or fried), Beans or Spaghetti or Hash Browns or Toast, Pancakes or Waffles. There is always cereal too and they will be asked on arrival what they prefer.

We cater for Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Pescatarian morning and afternoon.

Pat is the Manager of our After School Club and children can be picked up from their classrooms or from the School's Clubs and brought back to us. Tea is served at ours 4.15-4.30. Pick up, due to Covid is at the School Gate at 4,5 or 6 and pls make sure to be wearing a mask.

A Hot Tea is provided every day and alternatives are available, such as hot soup, salads, sandwiches or fruit. There is always a pudding after the meal and a snack when they arrive.

We have PlayStation, 'Monitored' Internet, X Box, Crafts, Board Games, a Football Table and Themed Days (see below) - everything is monitored to be age appropriate.

Here is an example of what we have running for kids to join in if they wish:

- Monday - Group Games/Board Games
- Tuesday - Crafts
- Wednesday - Story Times for Early Years
- Thursday - Art Club
- Friday - Film & Chill

There are limited spaces available so please book up block bookings, as soon as possible. Odd days/adhoc bookings are available and can only be made 1 week in advance and will depend on space being available. All bookings are payable and there are no monies returned.

We look forward to seeing you and making your child feel really at home.

Stay Safe Always and follow us on Facebook 'Great Bardfield After School Club' for updates.

Pat & The Team

Great Bardfield After School Club, Great Bardfield Primary School, CM7 4RN  
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## TOWN HALL DIARY

### March 2022

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Young @ heart dance fit	9.30am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carpet bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cinema Club	7.00pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Meeting	7.00pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Young @ heart dance fit	9.30am
	Tuesday Club	2.00pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Historical society	7.00pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Young @ heart dance fit	9.30am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Town hall Quiz	7.00pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Young @ heart dance fit	9.30am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	1.00pm
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society	2.30pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Young @heart dance fit	9.30am
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm

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