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News and views from Great Bardfield and Little Bardfield



Bardfield Church by Erin Jones



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Above: Solitary Bee on Blackthorn by Barry Jones

Editorial

The village is waking up, coming back to life, like Mole in the Wind in the Willows, emerging from hibernation to discover that Spring has arrived. Things are getting going again, we can have our hair cut and join with friends in the pub gardens for a drink and a chat. Some can go back to work; others, like the teachers at our school, health workers and carers, never stopped. Village groups are starting to plan meetings and events, Sundays reverberate to the sound of motorbikes once more and there's a surge of letters and articles for the *Bardfield Times*. In this issue Michael Hitchcock rejoices in his Covid jab, Village People features potter Flora Olney and the Page Turners space has been filled by local author Catherine Emmett with a selection of children's books that explore environmental issues. This month's cover is a combined production by our brilliant layout editor Joe Jones and her family who have been out and about with their cameras. It's good to look at familiar places from different perspectives and I love Erin's dramatic photograph of the church. Erin is studying art at GCSE and brings her talent as a photographer into the course. Sad to see that, not content with hanging bags of dog faeces from the trees and hedgerows, some people have decided to decorate them with discarded face-masks. Why?

A note through the letter box from a property developer asking for my views on a proposal for 56 new houses prompted me to reflect on the development of our village over time. The earliest recorded history of Great Bardfield was in 1086 when, following the Norman conquest, the former Anglo-Saxon settlement of Bardefelda was described in the Domesday Book as having a population of fifty workers (these would probably be specialised men such as millers, swineherds, women were not counted), sixty teams of oxen, two mills, five horses, forty-one cattle, one hundred and seven swine and two hundred sheep. Over the next three hundred years the village began to take on the shape we would recognise today with some houses, Gobions (1390), for example, dating from that period. Subsequent additions have been relatively small with the village growing organically around its original footprint. There are likely to be some difficult choices to be made about what our village will look like in the future. Perhaps it's time to consider what gives Great Bardfield its unique identity. What do we value about our village? What would we be sad to lose? Whatever our views it's important that we express them to the appropriate authorities.

Janet Dyson, Editor

Dieter

It hardly seems possible that it was 20 years ago since we drove through Great Bardfield looking for somewhere to retire. Grays showed us around the house that is now ours and Dieter and I were instantly hooked.

Sadly, Dieter died suddenly over the Easter weekend, aged 79 – due to heart problems that we knew nothing about.

Whilst he will be greatly missed, our two daughters and I wanted to say how much he genuinely enjoyed those 20 years here. After living in Little Baddow, near Chelmsford, for 25 years, he always said he found it so much friendlier here! Also, we had no shops in walking distance there, so the Co-op was immediately appreciated. Little did we realise how much more it would be valued during Covid times. He was always commenting on every member of the staff being so helpful and he was so delighted when the consortium came up with the lottery win.

There were many places that he enjoyed: the Blue Egg, Between the Lines, etc. not forgetting enjoying Peter and Fiona's daily eggs.

He was glad to be one of the congregation in the church and it means a lot to the family that his ashes will remain here in the churchyard.

Finally, the *Bardfield Times* was always welcome in the house – not only catching up with what was happening in the village but a great source for finding out who could help out with various jobs needed in the house. We really welcomed the sense of community, our lovely neighbours and the friends we have met here.

Thank you Great Bardfield.

Wenda Fleischmann, Katja and Daniela



Dear Editor,

I was just reading the piece in the *BT* on Motorbikes. I was handed my copy as I was working in the front garden this morning. Is it was handed to me as a police car with siren sounding coming into the village. He then tried to stop a speeding Motobike going the opposite way. The police car made a partial block in the road. Instead of stopping the biker accelerated around the police car, almost going over my neighbours' lawn. The police made a quick turn and went after the biker. I very much doubt he had any chance of catching the maniac. As you say in your piece, he was probably out of this area so probably avoiding a lock down fine.

Sadly, I don't think this problem will go away. Many beautiful country areas suffer from the blight of Motobikes. I am not a fan of these piece and tranquility busting machines and I understand that Motobike magazines actually grade roads around the country. I was informed the road from Dunmow to Great Bardfield was very high on the list. I was also told that these roads have speed records listed on the internet. I have noticed from some of the speeds that go past the house. The favourite time to "go for the record" is Sunday evenings when the road is generally quieter to Dunmow. I estimate that on occasions bikes are achieving probably 80 mph in the 30 limit. It's quite frightening.

These are the exceptions of course. Many do respect the village. However, as always, it's the few that are the real problem. Anti social morons who remove their silencers and disregard the safety of others and themselves. So what can the authorities do about this? Signs and speed indication I am afraid does very little. Most reasonable people respect the speed limits and would brake if they realise that they're going a bit too fast. On quiet Sundays I don't need to look up the road to see if the police are present. It's pretty obvious by the low noise levels. The word goes around the bikes digital media groups very quickly. They either stay away or go very slowly. Conversely when they are not present the "all clear" message is circulated.

In my opinion the only way this problem can be addressed is to make these "race circuits" less attractive.

- Average Speed detection along stretches of the "race circuits"
- Incognito police presence with speed cameras for increased convictions so that the word gets around
- Regular police checks on sound emissions

There are probably other ways I haven't thought of.

Rob Webber. Dunmow Road

Dear Fellow BT Readers,

Having received notification of the proposed further development in Braintree Road I was reminded of, what I now presume to be idle gossip, a conversation I had during the consultation period of the first development Deer Park View.

I had understood that one of the conditions of the development was to be the provision of a wonderful new Pavilion on the playing fields. I have recently had a dog staying and have therefore walked to the playing fields frequently, I am horrified at the parlous state of the pavilion and feel sure that visitors for any event must be appalled by the inadequate facilities Great Bardfield has to offer. I know that many villagers make valiant attempts at ongoing repairs but as I was always told as a child "You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear"

I urge anyone with any say in this planning application to insist on a new pavilion being part of the deal, I am sure we all want to encourage people to use the playing fields and participate in team sports so lets give them the support of a decent building.

I am sure it would be used for activities such as Pilates and Yoga were it to include a large enough hall, thus making it financially profitable.

Yours Expectantly

Jenny Wright, Bridge End

Editor: I'm sure the Parish Council will give us an update on progress of the Pavilion Project next month.

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

For the first time in the memory of any of our Parish Councillors or Clerk we were advised by the National Association of Local Councils that it would be unlawful to hold our regular monthly Parish Council meeting, planned for 14th April, as this date fell within the period of mourning for the Duke of Edinburgh. The business of the Council and any decisions could not take place at this time. A new date for the meeting could not be set, and the meeting 'called' until after the period of mourning, and as due notice must be given of the date, agenda etc, the earliest we could meet was 23rd April. As the *Bardfield Times* will have gone to print by that date, there is no formal Parish Council report in this edition. The May edition will cover items discussed both at our postponed April meeting and also our May meeting which is our Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday 5th May.

Housing Development, Braintree Road

Residents will have received information about a proposed new development of 56 houses on the Braintree Road, adjacent to Deer Park View. Hopefully, you will have made your comments to the developer's agent, as requested, as the cut-off date for this initial consultation was 25th April.

Please note that this was the first step and there will be other opportunities to respond, as a formal planning application has not yet been submitted to Braintree District Council. The decision on planning matters will be made by BDC, and residents are encouraged to respond at that time.

The Parish Council ask that you keep us informed of your thoughts, whether positive or negative, via the Parish Clerk, clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk or 810111, as we will also be representing the village in our own response to this consultation. It is important, however, for individuals to have their say too.

Reminder - Local Elections, 6th May

On 6th May, elections will take place for Essex County Council and for the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. The Town Hall is to be our polling station as usual and Covid restrictions will need to be followed.

Parish Annual Report

Many thanks to Jenny Rooney and Kate Fox for their work in organising and editing the Parish Council's Annual Report (the Covid edition). This is available from the Community Information Point (open Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 – 12), Between The Lines Bookshop and the Post Office. The Report is also available to view on the GBPC website.

Parish Council Meetings

Our next meeting is our AGM and will be held on 5th May at 7pm. The meeting is open to the public, so please 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. An invitation and link to the meeting will be sent to you.

It is likely that this will be the last meeting where we are permitted to attend remotely. Our June meeting could be the first where we meet in person, though we are waiting for final confirmation that the special arrangements for meetings during Covid, will expire as planned in mid-May.

Carolynne Ruffle, Chair

Little Bardfield Parish Council Report

Annual Parish Report

The Annual Parish report has been distributed to every household within the parish. A copy of the report together with the District Councillor and County Councillor reports are available on the Little Bardfield Website www.littlebardfieldparish.org.uk.

Defibrillators

The two defibrillators have now been installed. The first is in Little Bardfield adjacent Rose Cottage at the entrance to the Cricket Club CM7 4TS. For those of you, using the what3words app, the three words to locate the defibrillator is 'berate.rockets.outsmart'. The second defibrillator is in Hawkspur Green on the barn next to Mill House CM7 4SH. To locate the defibrillator using the what3words app 'presented.prompts.overnight'.

Highways

Many of the potholes within the parish have been reported to the Highways Team at ECC and have been repaired. Works have also been carried out to repair the road at Styles, Lt Bardfield. Anyone wishing to report highway repair works can do so by accessing the on-line form on the ECC website or contact the Parish Council.

The Vehicle Activated Sign at the entrance to the village is currently out of action. In a bid to slow down the traffic passing through the village, the existing sign will be replaced with a new sign.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy. If anyone is interested to joining the Parish Council and would like more information as to what is involved in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact with the Chair (Andrew Davies davies@farmline.com) or Parish Clerk, Liz Williamson littlebardfieldparishclerk@gmail.com

Planning Applications

UTT/21/0953/HHF, The Eagle House, Little Bardfield Road: Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension, internal alterations, and remodelling. The Parish Council raised no objection.

Liz Williamson, Parish Clerk

BARDFIELD BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The baby and toddler group will be starting up during September in the Town Hall in our usual slot of Wednesday morning from 10 to 12. Everyone is welcome with their little ones to this friendly group where we have lots of toys and equipment to keep all the children busy. There is a singing session each week and we provide a healthy snack and drinks for the children, and tea and coffee and biscuits for the Mums (and Dads). There is a nominal charge of £2.50 per child plus £1 extra per additional child, which contributes to the running costs for the group.

The group has been going for many years providing the opportunity for parents, in particular new parents, to meet up and for the children to play and socialise.

We hope to meet up in the playground, at the Playing Fields, a few times during the summer, weather permitting. These meetings are free and parents can bring their own snacks.

More information will be posted on the Facebook page (**Bardfield Baby and Toddler Group**). In the meantime anyone is welcome to contact me on **01371-810049** or by email at **annettalister@gmail.com**

We are looking forward to seeing you all, particularly new Mums and Dads to the area, and getting the group up and running again after such a long time.

Anita Lister

Town Hall Reopens for Bookings

Assuming the lockdown restrictions are removed as planned, we will be able to open the Town Hall for group and private hire, though in a restricted way, from the 17th May. A lower capacity will apply and the numbers permitted in the Hall will depend on how the hall is to be used by the hirer. Social distancing rules and mask wearing still apply.

The first use of the Town Hall this year will be as Polling Station as a polling station on 6th May for local elections.

Hopefully as we progress through the summer, we will be able to use the Hall more freely and individuals, clubs and societies will be confident in booking and starting up again. All enquiries and bookings please via Sarah, on 01371 811302 or by email at sarah.hymas@yahoo.com.

The Bardfield Boules Competition will start in May and will take place in the front of the Town Hall, so please feel free to stay and watch a game (from a safe distance) if you see one in progress.

The AGM of the Town Hall Management Committee is on Thursday 20th May, at 7.30pm, and hopefully can be held in the Town Hall, our first face-to-face meeting since February 2020.

**Carolynne Ruffle, Chair
Great Bardfield Town Hall**



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

**FINCHINGFIELD
Community Library**



We are pleased to announce
that our Library will

RE-OPEN

On
Saturday
8th May 2021

10-30 - 12.30
&
2.00 - 4.00

*We shall be open on
Saturdays ONLY until
further notice.*

Looking forward to welcoming you
back!

Contact: Linda Turner - 01371 810542

THE OLD DAYS with Michael

I expect by now you have all received your Jobs?

I am lucky to have received 2!

I wonder if, like me you thought how wonderful the centre was organised resulting in us getting in and out in no time, with everyone so cheerful!

All this got me thinking to a slightly similar situation long ago, and I've never really ever given this much thought what a colossal thing had to be faced when everyone in the country had to be issued with a gas mask. This at a time when there were no cars or telephones. All children had to be included together with bags into which babes in arms could be dropped.

They got things going in the village. Everyone received a visit from a senior male citizen who called twice. Once to measure up and secondly to deliver your gas mask and make sure it fitted comfortably.

All that happened before the war started but I'm not sure of the date.

After war was declared everyone was required to make sure their gas mask was always with them.

The gas masks were in cardboard boxes with string attached to assist their transport. Imagine the scene with everyone walking around with their gas masks (Those cardboard boxes!).

I had just started at Braintree High School and already had enough to carry with a satchel full of books for homework, packed lunch etc, and sometimes gym kit, so I remember the cardboard box wasn't all that welcome to join me on the bus.

It wasn't long before those boxes started to show signs of wear and people started making other arrangements. My uncle, the saddler, did a professional job with odd bits of upholstery and similar, which took the whole box and also had a proper shoulder strap.

Well, the war went on and thankfully no gas-bombs were dropped and it was "all quiet on the Western front".

Plus people became a bit blasé, and those gas masks gradually disappeared off the streets and were left at home.

A lot later they got referred to as things of the past! People decided that the event they were made for was not going to take place.

SO Don't worry you will soon be dumping your face-masks in the dust-bin!!

Good luck.

Michael Hitchcock

From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

My dear friends,

I had very much hoped that Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, would have lived to celebrate his hundredth birthday on 10th June. Sadly, this was not to be. Although we all knew that His Royal Highness had spent a month in hospital, the news of his death at Windsor on 9th April 2021 still came as a great shock.

We marked Prince Philip's passing by tolling a bell ninety-nine times in St Mary's and St Katharine's churches, once for each year of his life. Special prayers were offered for Prince Philip, the Queen and the Royal Family in St Mary's on the Sunday after his death and we held a Requiem in St Katharine's on the following Monday.

As is so often the case, only after someone has died do we discover all sorts of interesting things about them. Prince Philip was no exception, and in recent days parishioners in Great and Little Bardfield have been sharing with me their memories of the Prince – usually of things he said to break the ice and of the interest he took in people, especially young people undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Queen has said that Prince Philip's death leaves a 'void' in her life. We remember Her Majesty in our prayers and offer our sincere sympathy and condolences.

Our service for Holy Week and Easter had to be greatly simplified this year because of Covid-19, but in some ways they were all the more eloquent as a result. There were large congregations on Easter Eve and Easter Day. I am most grateful to everyone who cleaned and prepared our churches for our services and to all who decorated them so beautifully with flowers.

Lastly, I am absolutely delighted to tell you that our Lent collection raised the splendid sum of £1,200 for St John Eye Hospital, Jerusalem. This is a Christian foundation run by the Order of St John, which treats Christian, Muslim and Jewish patients, irrespective of faith, ethnicity, or ability to pay. This wonderful sum will pay for someone to have an eye operation to restore their sight: what a wonderful way for us to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your generosity and support, which is greatly appreciated by the Order of St John and the staff of St John Eye Hospital.

With my love, prayers and blessing,

Father Robert

Page Turners

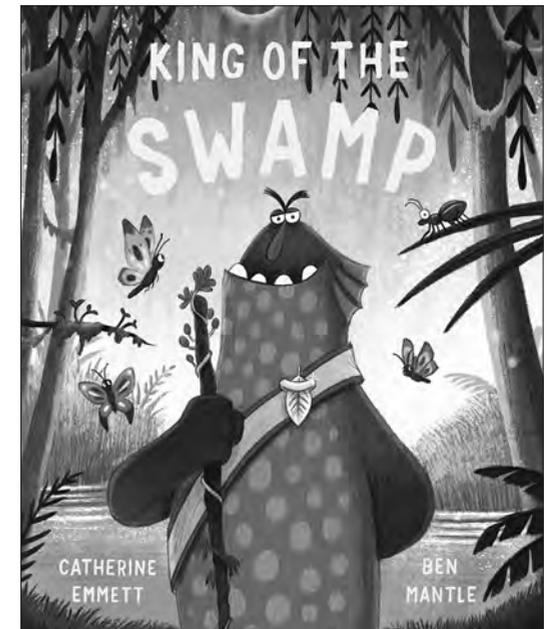
Thanks to local author Catherine Emmett for this month's Page Turners which highlights some children's books that focus on environmental issues. Catherine spent 14 years working long hours as a City Trader. One day, after giving a career talk to some school girls and telling them to do something they really love, she decided to follow her own advice. She quit her job, packed up her young boys and left the City behind. She moved to Finchingfield to focus on looking after her three boys and developing her writing. In 2020 her first book 'King of the Swamp' was published by Simon & Schuster and became a Waterstones' Bestseller. Her second book 'The Pet' is out 13th May, it is illustrated by the award-winning David Tazzyman and published by Macmillan, **(Editor)**.

April 22nd is Earth Day and it feels like protecting our planet, and the creatures that live upon it, has never been more important. As forests are cut down, species disappear and an ever-increasing number of houses are built, it is vital to teach young children about the importance of protecting the world around them. What better way than with some beautiful picture books? I've put together a list of lovely books that focus on the environment and protecting our most precious resources...

King of the Swamp by Catherine Emmett and Ben Mantle

McDarkly lives quietly in his rather smelly swamp growing his orchids. Until one day, his peace is interrupted by an arrogant king who wants to concrete over the swamp and make it into a roller skate park. McDarkly fears that his orchids will be lost – but the King's daughter gives McDarkly 10 days to prove that there is beauty in his dark and stinky home.

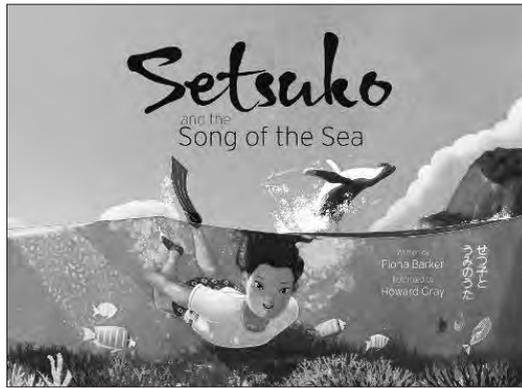
This story features a lovable swamp monster and teaches young children the importance of protecting the natural world, by



showing that beauty can sometimes be found in the stinkiest of places.

Setsuko and the Sea by Fiona Barker and Howard Grey

Setsuko loves the sea. She swims its shallows. She dives its depths. But she worries that others have lost their love of the ocean. One day she meets a whale who gifts Setsuko a song which she sings to remind people of the beauty of the ocean. This is a story of an unlikely friendship - of a young girl and a whale united by their love of the sea.



Howard Grey is a marine biologist and Fiona Barker is a passionate advocate for reducing plastic waste, who spends weekends plogging her local area to remove dangerous plastic waste – their book is a love song to the natural world.

Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees by Catherine Jacob and Lucy Fleming

Betsy loves bugs and on her sixth birthday she receives a special gift – a magic magnifying glass that allows her to speak to her fuzzy, sometimes slimy, friends. When Betsy hears from her terrified bee friends that her next-door neighbour, Stan, is going to concrete over his garden, she's determined to show him this would destroy the bees' home. With a little help from her insect friends, Betsy teaches Stan how important bees are to us.

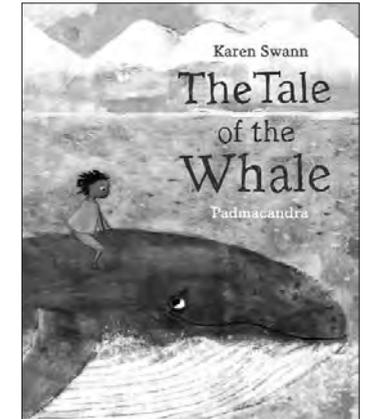


Betsy Buglove Saves the

Bees is a story about kindness, both to humans and to living creatures, the importance of bees, community and above all, making a difference.

The Tale of the Whale by Karen Swann and Padmacandra

The Tale of the Whale is an absolute delight with its gorgeous illustrations and heartfelt story, which is told in the most beautiful lyrical rhyme. This is a wonderful tale of a friendship between a child and a whale, which takes you on a breathtaking voyage of discovery through the sea, ending with the empowering message that we all have the power to save our oceans. This book invites us to consider our responsibilities towards the environment and makes a direct plea to end plastic pollution.

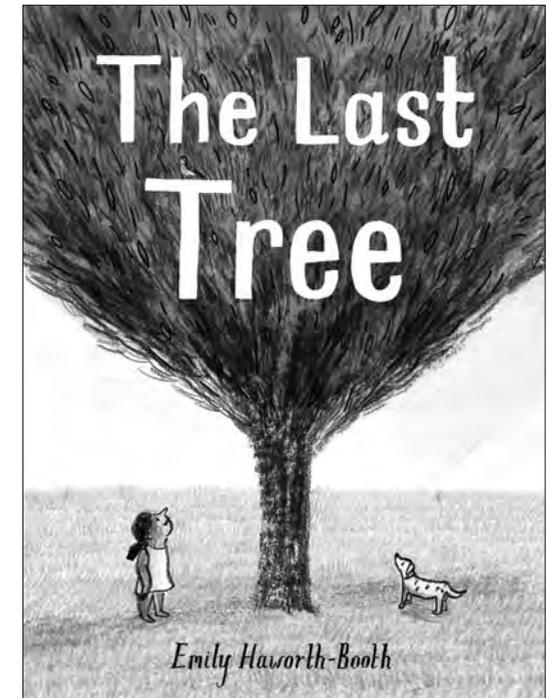


The Last Tree by Emily Haworth-Booth

This is a lovely modern-day fable about a group of friends seeking a place to call home, but desert is too hot, the valley is too wet and the mountain is too windy.

Then they find the forest. It's perfect. The leaves shelter them the sun and rain, and a gentle breeze winds through the branches. But the people soon want to build shelters. The shelters become houses, and the houses get bigger. As they cut down the trees, the forest becomes thinner, until there is just one last tree standing...

This is a really beautiful parable for our times.



Village People – Flora Olney

Flora was born in a convent hospital in Surrey, the second of four girls. Her family home included twelve acres of land, so she grew up “in amongst fields,” as she puts it. “We ran pretty wild,” she says. “We were very lucky.” Her parents were relaxed and easy-going. Her mother loved art and her father was constantly bringing plants into the house – not necessarily flowers, but anything which had an



interesting shape or some form of natural beauty. So she was surrounded by art and nature, which shaped her interests even at an early age.

Summer and Easter holidays were spent with their maternal grandmother in Rougham, Norfolk. The North family had been in Norfolk for 650 years, and included such notable characters as one of King Henry VIII’s officials (who probably pocketed some un-official windfalls during the dissolution of the monasteries), an aeronautical engineer who designed an early transatlantic aircraft, and Prime Minister Lord Frederick North. Flora’s grandmother was also a colourful character – an artist who studied at the Slade, a cordon bleu trained chef, a skilled seamstress who made all her own clothes, and a passionate advocate of mental healthcare who ran a hostel for people with schizophrenia at a time in history when they were considered lost causes (the Pamela North wing of Kings Lynn hospital is named after her). Flora has memories of all the girls squeezing into her grandmother’s mini and bouncing along the bumpy road to Brancaster beach, where they caught shrimps which were later peeled and cooked for dinner.

With so much art around her in her childhood, it’s not surprising that Flora grew up with a deep interest in art of all kinds. When she was ten, a friend of her mother’s offered to teach her pottery. She remembers that she’d get off the school bus at the end of the day looking forward to her pottery lesson. The first thing she ever made – a fish – shows an instinctive talent.

Flora wasn’t keen on school and was considered a bit of a daydreamer; when exam time came “I did better than they thought I would,” she says. She wanted to study Art History at university. “My mother thought that wasn’t a proper degree,” she laughs, so she selected History and Landscape Archaeology, which was apparently more acceptable. This coincided with a period of archaeological excavation at the Sutton Hoo site in Suffolk, and Flora applied as a volunteer at the site. She travelled to the site by herself, and joined a group of students from York University on the dig (this was before all the tourist facilities were installed – as Flora says, “it was just the mounds.”) They were just beginning to find the ghostly impressions of ancient humans – the shadows left behind after the main substance had been dissolved by the acidity of the soils.

On one occasion, right at the end of the day, a couple of tourists turned up wanting to see the site. The usual tour guide had gone home, and young, shy Flora was asked if she could show them around. By the time she reached them, to her dismay, two people had become twenty-five. She took a deep breath and started the tour – and whenever she wasn’t sure what to say, “I just made it up!” she admits with a chuckle.

After University she decided that it would be interesting to work at the Victoria & Albert museum. There was a vacancy for an “object cleaner.” At the interview, she remembers, she was asked how she would go about cleaning a Ming vase. Her reply? “Very, very carefully.” She got the job.

The V&A, of course, also offers a series of lectures and other functions, and Flora soon found herself responsible for organising these – a role she very much enjoyed. Still not quite in the perfect occupation, though, she decided to get involved with the publishing industry. Her grandmother paid for a typing course, and she secured a job as Assistant Children’s Editor at Hodder and Stoughton. At first it was a bit of a disaster – her dyslexia resulted in numerous spelling mistakes, and in the days before word processing, a letter would have to be re-typed (along with carbon copies) each time. At one point, the Editor, brandishing a letter full of errors, told her, “I ought to fire you – but I can’t because you’re so d—n enthusiastic!”

The solution, in the end, was for Flora to move to the publicity side of things, and she started work as Press Officer at Simon & Schuster. “I realised I wasn’t going to be any good at the editorial side of things,” she chuckles – but “Being a Press Officer was fantastic!” In many cases she would work directly with the authors to plan the publicity for their books. A highlight was the opportunity to work with Roald Dahl’s wife Felicity to promote their “Revoltin’ Recipes”

children's cookbook. This involved, among other adventures, making an appearance on Blue Peter, and in the end she was awarded the "Publishers' Publicity Circle Award" for the best campaign of 1996.

Meanwhile, a few years earlier, a university friend was driving to the South of France to meet her boyfriend for a holiday. Not wanting to make the journey alone, she invited Flora along at the last minute. Flora accepted – she knew there were going to be others there, so she wouldn't be the odd one out. As it turned out, one of the others was the boyfriend's brother, Simon Olney – and he and Flora rather hit it off. When they got back from France, it didn't take them long to decide they wanted to be together; and they are still together thirty-two years later.

At the time, Simon, a computer expert, was working at GEC so their home in London was convenient for both his work and Flora's – but two years into their marriage, daughter Josie arrived, and they started to think about living somewhere less urban and crowded. On exploratory weekend drives into the countryside, they discovered Finchingfield and had a look for properties in the area. That's how they found Great Bardfield.

At first they put in an offer on Devon Cottage on the Dunmow Road, but their offer wasn't accepted, so they looked around a little more. When they saw North House, on Bridge Street, Flora, a descendant of the North family, knew it was meant to be. Right next to the old chapel building, it was once the undertaker's house. "We thought we might be here for a few years and move on," says Flora – but, like so many who have discovered Bardfield, 25 years later, Josie has grown up and is living and working in London, but Flora and Simon are still here.

Several years ago Flora noticed that a pottery class was taking place in Thaxted. Remembering her childhood pottery lessons, she enrolled – and took to it "like a duck to water." She went on to achieve a City and Guilds Diploma in Ceramic Design.

An outbuilding behind the house which had once been the workshop where the coffins were made (a gate allowed them to be taken through to the chapel



next door) became her studio, and Flora Olney Ceramics was set in motion. Her creations are bright and cheerful – "playful" is how she describes her style – and always include her "signature feature" – a heart. At first she sold them from galleries – locally in Cambridge and Lavenham, but also in Norfolk – but last year, when the galleries had to close because of Covid restrictions, "I realised I would have to get a website." Despite Flora's instinctive reluctance to blow her own trumpet, this was actually a bit of a no-brainer, as Simon is a website designer – you can see the result at floraolney.co.uk.

Since she began presenting her creations on the internet, she has seen a steady growth in interest – and sales! Her one-of-a-kind country cottages are very popular, as are her whimsical dogs and cats – she also makes dishes, bowls, vases, ceramic jewellery, and hand printed greeting cards. Perhaps the inspiration for her cat characters comes in part from two new additions to the family – rescue kittens Maude and Claude, who provide endless entertainment even though the more valuable household items – her most treasured possession is a vase made by Bardfield artist Charlotte Bawden and given to Flora by Angela Howard – have to be stored out of the danger zone until the kittens grow up a bit.

The kittens' antics are the perfect antidote to the intensity of life as a potter. "It's concentrated work – very tiring," says Flora, "There's never enough time." But it's clear that she loves her work. She and Simon also find inspiration at the Bardfield Quaker Meeting, which they began attending about five years ago. "When you sit in that room, the stillness totally rejuvenates you." Meanwhile, though, Flora has begun to get commissions for specific items of pottery – a 50th birthday present, a cottage with particular features – and our socially-distanced garden chat must come to an end. "I've got bowls waiting!" she explains with a smile.

floraolney.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/FloraOlneyCeramics>

Instagram: @floraolney

Simon's website design page: electricwebsites.co.uk

Anna Bass



GREENFINGERS

Maintenance in May

For those in a hurry here are this month's tasks.

1. Pot grown bulbs, whether indoor or out, are not so spectacular but worth planting in the garden.
2. Spray roses with a fungicide, give them a drenching of water and mulch heavily to reduce black spot. Spray with Mr Tom's organic feed once a fortnight until mid September.
3. Already cut off Hellebore flowers as their seedlings tend to be wishy washy colours, but you may leave them if more plants are desired, perhaps a yellow one may cross breed and produce a desirable plant?
4. Summer hasn't begun but it is time to sow foxgloves/wallflowers/stocks, all those biennials to flower in May 2022.
5. Shrubs that are finishing flowering e.g. forsythia and ribes (that's flowering currant to you and me) may have their long branches cut lower and old woody ones cut to the base. Then snip off dead flowers that remain, it stimulates new growth to bear next year's flowers.
6. Plant your sweet peas in enriched soil and stand those plants acquired for the summer spectacle outside. They can be in situ later in the month, waiting because of the chance of hard frost, of which April had many.

Read on for more ideas and suggestions:

Nature came up trumps with the appearance of golden grass with the spires of blue from my camassias. The grass *Millium effusum*, Bowles Golden Grass, seeded from elsewhere and is divine with the bulbs, a dream of complementary colours without the gardener's intervention. One to be replicated with more 18 inch tall flower spikes from these bulbs, leading me to write of Nature and the 'must have' fashion, but this time very worthwhile. Prince Charles in 1977 highlighted the loss of meadowland; new ones have been funded over the decades and have led to wild flower seeds and plug plants being in garden centres, to TV and magazines urging us to a space in the garden for nature's bounty of wild flowers. See the thriving oxlip meadow in our



village. In my vegetable patch 3 cowslips were planted a few years ago, just at the edge not to interfere with the crops. Now there are more than 20. Make room on your site for wild flowers no matter how small the area. Not going for the big fellows such as the opium poppies and cow parsleys, lovely though they are, but dainty herb Robert, pale blue geranium pratenses, the odd buttercup. Small space? Sprinkle cornflowers and cornfield red poppies.

To be really successful poor soil is needed so skim off a patch of lawn and scrape away the rich soil to leave impoverished earth. If you are patient wait for nature to bring in desirables. My area will be sown with a seed mix in September and the grass, which will reappear, cut twice in August and December. Oh, to have harebells and orchids.

Happy gardening. 🌱

Great Bardfield Historical Society

On March 14th 2020 we held our AGM with an excellent talk by Clare Willetts, Collection and Exhibition Curator at Braintree Museum, on the Women of the Crittall Family. Although we did not realise it at the time this was to be our last meeting for many months. The programme of talks and visits we had organised for the coming year did not take place. The Museum, Bawden Room and Cage remained closed. However, at the time of writing it seems likely that some of our speakers are willing to give their talks, starting in October in the Town Hall, and we are planning to send out a programme as soon as dates have been confirmed. It is unlikely that the Museum will open as the required distancing is not possible and many of our volunteers are vulnerable. However, it may be possible for the Museum and Bawden Room to be opened up for visitors by appointment. There have been some extremely interesting local history articles published in the *Bardfield Times* during Lockdown – great to see people doing research and sharing their memories. Our publications have continued to sell through the book shop so we have had a small income but the group visits to the village which have boosted our income in recent years have not been able to take place, however, bookings have started to come in for groups to visit in 2022! Let's hope that by the autumn our usual activities will be underway – look out for announcements in the *BT* and on the Community Facebook.

Janet Dyson, Chair.

Anna Bass: Music in lockdown: one year on

As I write this, it's just over a year since we played our last "live" gig, at a folk and have strated to write the story of the house combined with my own experience of living here. Times about how musicians, both local and otherwise, were coping during lockdown. At that point I think I was still hoping that our band, Two Coats Colder, was at least going to play its "farewell gig" in Bury St Edmunds in December, but – spoiler alert – it didn't happen, and that last gig we played in March 2020 turned out to be our farewell gig whether we realised it at the time or not.



Anna's living room studio

How on earth would we have managed without our computers over the past year? There are so many creative ways we've found to get together and collectively enjoy and make music. Several folk clubs have

developed an online presence in one way or another. The Haverfolk folk club, which is based in Romford, has been holding regular "singarounds" every Wednesday via Zoom – anyone who wants to attend logs in with their computer; everyone can see and hear each other, and they take it in turns to sing two or three songs. Other folk clubs, like Wivenhoe folk club, present a mixture of live performances and pre-recorded videos, or guest nights where, after a few "floor spots" from members, there is a longer live set by a pre-booked, featured artist – all made possible by the magic of the internet.

Two clubs in Hampshire where we've often played have come together under the banner "Folk O'clock" to present regular folk events, including a mixed live/video event twice a month and a daily breakfast show at 8am which is a collage of videos from club members, former guests (which means we've featured from time to time) and more commercial videos from youtube. It's been a wonderful way to start the day, and the fellow who had the idea actually kept it going for a full 365 days! It was a low-key social event – you could join in the text chat or just listen – but it became an important part of our day and in many ways it made us feel even more connected than we were in our pre-lockdown lives.

Our lovely local Great Bardfield Folk Club has not been one of those clubs which has established an online presence. When we first entered lockdown, neither Ray nor I had had any experience of Zoom or any of the other online meeting platforms, and we didn't in any case expect the hazardous situation to persist as long as it has done. We have gradually learned about it, mainly from the standpoint of performers – we did try a Zoom performance fairly early on but were not happy with the sound quality, so for a long time we stuck to making song videos, some of which appeared on the Bardfield Online facebook page. However, as time went on, we learned a bit more, discovered that if we sang into microphones rather than straight into a phone, and captured the sound via a digital interface (which, from my point of view, is a little red magic box with dials), the strange robotic effect went away, and we sounded mostly like ourselves again.

Fellow folkies have been instrumental in helping us to put together the right equipment so that we could perform adequately in "real time," and this is a story which has been repeated all over the music world. We're all learning how to do things we would never have imagined we

would need to know about! In particular, local musicians Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer, based in Cressing, have been exceptionally helpful. Their response to the complete disappearance of live gigs was to put together a “virtual tour” in the lead-up to Christmas, in which they hosted a series of Zoom concerts, with paid admission, with different combinations of songs, stories and carols. They have spent a lot of time perfecting their Zoom sound, and they even have one person, at each concert, who is responsible for checking that they are sounding good. We had the great pleasure of acting as their “sound engineers” for several concerts, and were actually able to access their sound desk – from here in Great Bardfield, 12 miles away – by means of another piece of technical wizardry called TeamViewer, which allows you to control someone else’s computer remotely.



Vicki and Jonny lockdown gig setting

Vicki and Jonny were also responsible for one of the musical highlights of our year – a Burns Night concert in which all the people watching from within their homes were asked to bring in a haggis - or something representing a haggis (“you can use a crème egg if you want to!”) – into the room while Vicki played the pipes. It ended with a

dance, especially choreographed for singles or couples, and with our Zoom screen in “gallery view” we could see everyone dancing in their living rooms.

Another highlight was a performance by one of our favourite folksingers, Karine Polwart, hosted by an organisation called “Live to your Living Room.” Karine is fairly high profile but I think that even the organisers were surprised at the response – it was almost exhilarating, in these days of isolation, to find ourselves part of an audience of over nine hundred households.

Earlier this year, Ray and I decided that we had learned enough about Zoom to attempt a two-song spot on the Folk O’clock Thursday night show. This was a trial run for a longer guest spot at the very same folk club we’d last played “in person” a year before – the Sail Loft at Horndon on the Hill. They have of course now moved online but it was lovely to catch up with all our old Sail Loft friends via computer wizardry; and they seemed to enjoy it, so we can’t have sounded too awful.

At the time of writing, our lockdown rules have eased a little – we’re allowed to see small numbers of people from other households if we meet them out of doors. This is obviously a long way from allowing for a proper face-to-face gig. We’re taking a cautious view. We’ve been asked if we are still able to perform at a festival which is scheduled for August, and we’ve asked, reluctantly, to be moved to next year instead. The folk club is not planning to open again for a good while. But we, and many of our friends and fellow folkies, have now had our first injection. Time will tell how much better it makes things, for music and for life in general, but it can’t hurt.

Wivenhoe folk club, Folk O’clock and the Sail Loft folk clubs are all easy to find on facebook and anyone can attend their online events. Live to your Living Room <https://livetoyourlivingroom.com> is still presenting excellent concerts, and Patreon <https://www.patreon.com> allows you to sponsor non-mainstream performers (don’t forget, they still have to find ways of making a living.) You can also still watch all the various “Folk on Foot” online festivals that have been put together to raise money for musicians affected by the restrictions, and (if you would like to) donate to the cause, at <https://www.folkonfoot.com/festival>

Anna Bass

Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

As this is being written in the middle of April, we have had some very cold nights. It has been sad to see the magnolias which were in full glorious bloom for at least two days turning brown. Also lots of daffs and tulips in the garden all beginning to cry out for rain. Many of you will have sown seeds of vegetables, salads and flowers to enjoy in the coming months. But you may need to be careful to keep tender seedlings indoors until the risks of frosts have gone (usually the end of May).

In a normal year, in this edition of the *BT* we would be giving a report of our wonderful Spring Show together with the trophy winners! However, not to be.

But many of you who take your walks along Mill Road may have seen what would have been some of the lovely exhibits arranged in pots in the garden of Peter Morris.



Some of us may have also grown a range of new varieties of daffodils and tulips, hopefully to cut for the Show. We cut our own anyway and just enjoyed them in vases in the house over a number of weeks, extending their life by putting the vases outside in the cool overnight. Other

members may have just enjoyed them in their gardens but indoors the scent was heavenly.

By the time you read this, we will have had our garden visit to Ulting Wick—we had a good response and the trip will be reported in the next *BT*.

As we are slowly coming out of lockdown, we hope to be able to go ahead with the **Summer Show on Saturday, August 7th** in the Town Hall. And now is the time to think about what you are going to enter. There are lots of classes in which you can exhibit, whether it be floral art, cakes and jams, or handicrafts. There is something for everyone – and don't forget the children's classes.

Especially for the children this year we will have the **Bardfield Horticultural Society Summer Show Sunflower Challenge**.

It is hard not to smile when you see a sunflower—they are so cheerful. Their heads usually towering over the rest of the garden. They are great for pollinators, birds will eat their ripened seeds and inevitably drop some for ground-loving animals too.

The sunflower seeds are easy to sow and grow.

Collect everything you need (seeds, pots, compost, labels and instructions) from Linda Prior a.s.a.p. Phone 07969184845.

Bring along your sunflower growing efforts in the pot to the Town Hall on August 7th before 10am, and brighten up our show bench.

Your flower will be on display and judged to find a prize winner.

Good Luck.

For any information about the Society please contact Linda Prior 811641



Nature Notes

Like a good many people I am really looking forward to spring, it has been a long winter, lockdown has been dreadful for most people although I must admit I have managed to enjoy life. Most of my life I have been used to working on my own and since my late wife went into a home some twelve years ago most evenings have been spent just with my dogs so little has changed, but I have missed my special friend, other friends and family especially family gatherings and meals together. The one thing which has meant a lot more to me in recent times are my little feathered friends who visit the bird table each day. This part of my family seems to be changing all the time; whilst some of them remain constant other seem to come and go like the starlings, they are always here when they have young to feed but then disappear. They are back early this year I think they may be last year's young ones returned ready to start breeding themselves. My resident feathered family consist of blue tits, great tits, Mr Robin, a pair of blackbirds, a pair of doves, and a flock of long tailed tits, although the latter do seem to come and go as they please. I do have a few less-welcome visitors in the shape of wood pigeons and during the last couple of weeks the rooks who are nesting across the road. During the last few weeks I have had a few new visitors: a couple of pied wagtails, a chaffinch, a gold finch, and a wren. I also have some new residents in the form of house sparrows, two pairs who have nested in two of my nest boxes. It's so nice to see them as I had not seen sparrows for a long time. It's a strange thing, I am so pleased to see them yet it's not so many years ago there were so many they were considered a pest.

Over the last decade we have witnessed great changes in the population of many bird species some upwards and many downwards and in many cases it is the upward trend of one which has caused the downward trend in another. A shining example of this in the dramatic increase in the population of magpies and jays. Magpies in particular used to be a rare sight, so much so that it was an old custom to say 'Good morning Mister Magpie' when you saw one, but these days it's not unusual to see a small flock of them squabbling over the carcass a rabbit or some other carrion. But what really sickens me is to see the trails of eggshells which they leave as they raid countless numbers of nests of ground nesting birds and other birds' nests. Last spring this was very noticeable on my morning walks. The magpies take the eggs from a nest and eat the contents of the egg on a clear bit of ground so that they don't lose any of it in undergrowth. In my

opinion for what it is worth magpies and jays are one of the major factors in the reduction of small bird numbers; all the small bird species which have seen the biggest decline are the ones which build nests which are easy prey for egg thieves. The species which have bucked the trend and increased in numbers are the ones like blue tits, great tits, and long tailed tits all of which nest in inaccessible places such as inside cast iron water pumps, small holes in walls and most noticeable, nest boxes with the right size holes which are too small for predators to enter. Most people who put up a nest box are pleased to see that they are quickly rewarded by one of the tit family moving in. I made some a few years ago with entrance holes which are a little bit too big in diameter; blue tits have used them in the past but I am pleased to see I have sparrows nesting in two of them this year. When I was a boy living in Nottingham all the houses in the suburbs had small gardens all of which had neatly trimmed hedges, usually hawthorn or privet, and you could guarantee each hedge would have a bird's nest in it, mostly hedge sparrows, blackbirds, or even house sparrows. Most houses had sparrows nesting in the eaves. Sadly, these days the hedges and gardens have gone so that people can park their cars in front of their houses and the eaves are all sealed up so that birds can't nest in them.

Any smart new houses which are built these days either go for open plan gardens or if they do have hedges they seem to be laurel or leylandi both of which are sterile and don't house insects or birds' nests, so lack of habitat is another problem for our small garden birds. We can all help by providing nest boxes so it is important that we go for a variety of different styles and sizes to cater for a variety of birds. There is no need to go to fancy complicated grand designs the main thing is the size of hole for the entrance. The RSPB specify 25mm for blue, coal, and marsh tits, 28mm for great tits, tree sparrows, and pied flycatchers; 32mm for house sparrows, and nuthatches. Robins seem to prefer open fronted boxes which are well hidden behind vegetation or other obstacles.

Mac Beanland



CREAMER Fund – Chair’s report

March 2021

This has been an extraordinarily difficult year for us all. The CREAMER Trustees have not been able to meet in person since the AGM last March 2020. We will not be holding our AGM in March this year due to Covid restrictions. The Charity Commissioners do not require us to do so in these exceptional circumstances.

We think as a health based charity, we should not take any risks, and although we could hold the AGM via zoom, we would like to have as ‘normal’ a meeting as possible. We will hold the AGM as soon as we are able. We do think that we should provide annual reports from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The officers have been in regular contact via zoom and kept the Trustees informed via email and phone calls.

As always I would like to thank the Trustees for their support. We have to say ‘goodbye’ to John Richardson who has decided to stand down after being a strong presence for many years. He has been our ‘Mr Fix-it’. Jackie Jervis is also standing down due to personal circumstances. Jackie has been a huge help over the years, especially with the raffle, which she will continue to support when she can. Thank you both.

We have a very strong team of elected officers in post at the present time, supported by David Shedden, Anita Clapson and the staff at the surgery. Our Vice-Chair, Dr Andrew Hildrey, without whom there would be no CREAMER Fund, is a constant support. Sarah McCarthy is an excellent secretary and very proactive. Sarah is comfortable with modern technology and with vital help from her husband Rob, has moved us forward with a social media presence in the form of a Facebook page and an excellent website.

This leads me to Debbie Rogers our treasurer, who is another very busy member of the charity. Debbie has brought with her enthusiasm and new ideas. With the support of the Trustees she has explored several different avenues for the benefit of the CREAMER Fund.

Through Debbie, we have recruited two new Trustees, Annika Woodcock and Philippa Venner. We welcome them warmly and look



forward to working together.

Obviously this year has been totally disrupted and our fundraising has suffered enormously. Our Facebook and website presence, has raised our profile and offered a way for the community to make donations. In fact we have already received funds through the website, and been able to claim Gift Aid.

This year we have spent a total £33,347.04 on our commitments including Ultrasound and X-ray, Physiotherapy services and equipment maintenance. Raising funds to meet ongoing costs is a priority.

There are several ideas, which we have been working on for fundraising. These have not come fruition because of the virus. They are delayed, not abandoned.

Finally, at the last AGM, I gave notice that I would be stepping down as Chair in 2022. I have enjoyed being involved in the CREAMER Fund since its inception in 1993, and working with dedicated, enthusiastic Trustees.

The CREAMER Fund has always evolved to meet the needs of the time. I am sure a new Chairperson with fresh ideas is very important to meet the fundraising challenges ahead.

Chris Blewett
Chair



X-Ray

Great Bardfield Primary School



It was wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school at the beginning of March! One little boy excitedly told me that it felt that it was like Christmas! The children were really pleased to see their friends and be back in their classrooms. Many of them struggled more with this last Lockdown than the previous one in the summer term, last year. The cold dark days meant that it was harder to go outside and it seemed that on their return, the children relished the freedom of being able to run on the school field and have lots of space.

We embarked on a recovery programme for the four weeks up to the end of term to allow everyone to settle back in to school routines. We have been very focused on supporting the children with their emotional health and wellbeing and we structured our learning in such a way as to support the children with sharing their feelings; both what they were happy about and what they found tricky. Unanimously, the children felt that the best thing about being back in school was



being together with our friends. What they found most tricky was having to do "all" the writing again!

The children also loved having a Science Week at the end of term. They enjoyed taking part in lots of practical science investigations and as it was Easter, we carried out lots of experiments with eggs. We really value our traditions at school and one of these is a visit from the Easter Bunny on the final day of the spring term. Despite restrictions this year, the Easter Bunny still visited the school and gave all the children an Easter egg. We also had an Easter Hat competition to raise money for a charity that supports children with brain tumours. We had some 'eggcellent' entries!

We have lots to look forward to in the summer term and we hope to be able to have some of our regular summer term events such as Sports Day and a trip to the seaside. I look forward to sharing these with you.

Mrs Kerrell
Headteacher



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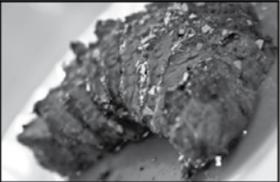
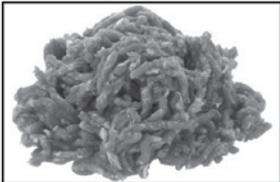
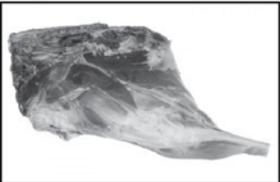
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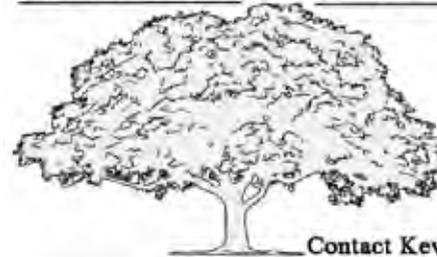


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HELP YOU

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BARDFIELD QUAKER MEETING HOUSE 

Brook Street, near the War Memorial

MEETING for WORSHIP SUNDAYS 10.30

*A Quaker meeting is based on silent contemplation and can be an oasis of quiet in a busy week.
Everyone is welcome to join with us.*

Afterwards a chance to chat over Tea or Coffee.

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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 12th 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

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