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# Bardfield Times

News and views from Great Bardfield and Little Bardfield



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**Front cover:** Littlebury - Howe Wood

**Above:** Flooded beaver dams by Archie Ruggles-Brise (See page 4)

## Editorial

*It is one of those rare times when a village community gets tested.*

**F**or the first time since childhood I am classed as a vulnerable person. How heartening then, in my new vulnerability, to receive eight calls from villagers offering help with shopping and messages. (No-one has offered to re-write this sodding editorial, though.) It's a great feeling.

New means of communication help, of course. With a mobile or a laptop you're in touch with the world. No more walking miles and knocking on people's doors. (Except of course for our wonderful team of BT deliverers.)

I rang round local businesses and institutions on the day before the government's suggestion that we all bunker down and abandon the pubs and cafes. The whole of the fuss about the Coronavirus then seemed a little removed from reality...a TV event about other places and people. Until you thought what it would be like if a few in the village tested positive and were taken ill. We're a small, tight community; didn't we see that poor chap in the Co-op the other day? Wasn't whatshername in the Bell with our party last Friday? Poor so-and-so is a member of our choir...

So what are village businesses doing to adapt? Knead Food at the Blue Egg is offering a drive-through service and delivery. Tables have been spaced inside and out. Staff have made extra efforts to clean the furniture and fittings thoroughly with alcohol-based sanitiser, and there is a bottle of the stuff at the till for customers. Bread is still to be baked.

Cole's have reduced the number of seats to give people more space and are offering takeaway and delivery.

At the Nurture Barn, business is as usual. There is plenty of anti - bac on the counters, Mel tells me, and the staff are always extra-fastidious over washing the props and playthings. Again, a takeaway delivery service is in the offing.

At the Bell, Sharon tells us: 'Currently there are no cases of Covid-19 within our local area, but we are keeping a very close eye on Govt guidelines, and will of course follow instructions to the letter.' And if it gets worse? 'Should we be forced to close, we will still do our best to serve the community by offering takeaway & delivery services to those unable to leave their homes.'

The bookshop will stay open for reduced hours. "We are also planning a safe order and delivery service. Email orders to booksbetweenthelines@gmail.com or by phone 01371 810087 between 10 & 2 pm."

Businesses in Bardfield, as everywhere, will suffer. If you can, give them support.

Kate Fox has been spotted lurking around the village removing notices

from the boards. Almost all regular societies feel they should cancel their monthly meetings. One piece of splendid news, though: Mme Boules says: "It seems so sad to have pages full of cancellations, and boules games take place outside, so we've decided to go ahead with the tournament. Even if we only get a few entries, at least it's something for those who may be able to get out for a bit of relaxation. Competitors can stay at least 2m apart."

As indeed has my boule and the piglet in previous competitions.

Good luck to you all, from us all.

### **David (The vulnerable one). March 19<sup>th</sup>**

*P.S Arrangements are being made with Freshwell Health Centre to have a collection point for prescriptions in Great Bardfield and hopefully with the help of volunteers and 'good neighbours' we can deliver to those who are housebound and less mobile.*

**Kate Fox**

### **Dear BT,**

It may interest readers to know that due to the Covid 19 threat, I'm unlikely to be making house visits to provide technical support. Due to the nature of the work I do, it's very difficult to fully disinfect computer and bits of kit - keyboards, touch screens, phones and printers for example. It would be very easy for me to spread the virus should I visit a property with it, touch a keyboard and then pass it on to another home. Whilst I'd be cleaning my hands thoroughly and regularly and wear gloves, I don't think it's worth the risk - especially considering the age group of most of my local customers.

Having said that, I will still judge each need for technical support on its own merits and consider any risk at the time. In some cases I may be able to offer remote assistance using computer to computer connections.

So for the time being I will be sitting at my own computer continuing to work in the Virtual Environment, delivering training sessions and supporting virtual conferencing, too. At least that part of my work can continue.

Another thought: many villagers might be asked to work from home these next months. If we are needed, my colleagues and I can help with setting up various solutions as well as offering guidance in transferring face to face training and conferencing skills to the virtual way effectively.

Good luck, everyone,

**Paul Boon**

**paul@teccentric.co.uk**

**07514 459147**

## **Hi Everyone,**

It cannot have escaped anyone's notice that something quite unprecedented is affecting all our lives. We are all having to act upon the advice we are receiving, so, in line with current government recommendations we are suspending the GB Cinema Club for the coming months. Such a shame - we know we'll all miss these lively sociable evenings and we had some really good films lined up. But in the present circumstances this is what we must do. We will of course be honouring all of our loyal Members' subscriptions.

Let's hope 'normal' life will resume eventually. In the meantime, take care and thanks for understanding.

All good wishes

**The GB Cinema Club Team**

## **House Prices**

Janice Macleod at Gray's estate agency has things of interest to tell us. The business is still open but has been badly affected by the crisis. "We had twenty or so viewings lined up for local properties, but all of them have been cancelled. The virus has had a big effect on prices, too. When buyers are unsure of their futures, they don't wish to risk a big undertaking. The market was already dipping. We reckon house prices have dropped by 10% since last summer. In the village, this hasn't been helped by the new development, which dropped its original prices considerably. We will have to wait a year or more to assess if there is to be any improvement."

Other recent trends have emerged, too. "Period properties were always the most desirable, but recently we've seen customers more likely to want new build. Younger house-buyers, probably moving from modern houses and flats, are used to all mod cons, and that's what they are looking for."

It's not that she disapproves of new houses in and outside the village. "If every village had a manageable number of new homes, the housing crisis would be ameliorated. And it brings new blood into the community and shores up local businesses.

"What does worry me," she adds, "is the lack of affordable homes. Mortgages are at an all-time low, but the deposit remains at 10%. The cheapest of these properties is on at £250k. A deposit of £25k for a young couple? It would take a lot of saving up!"

## Waterlogged

*Councillor Simon Walsh wades through a problem that could sink us all.*

It can't have escaped many that February was the wettest on record. Around here we got away fairly lightly. Although some roads flooded and many fields remain water-logged, very few homes in this area suffered any flooding. Clearly our thoughts are with those up and down the country who were less fortunate, and will no doubt take many weeks and months to get back to normal.

So, what was driving these exceptionally wet (and warm) winters? Meteorologists explain it is to do with the Jet Stream, powerful high-altitude winds that effectively steer weather to our shores. Coupled with a warming ocean, a lot more rain is generated and carried in our direction.

Public awareness about global warming is probably as high as it has ever been, with activists such as Greta Thunberg and broadcaster David Attenborough elevating this in the public's consciousness. I have seen receding glaciers in Iceland where only tall ice columns remain where a glacier front once stood.

The evidence of climate change has been literally stacking up in the polar ice sheets. At a recent presentation by the British Antarctic Survey's Chief Scientist, I learnt that ice core samples going back hundreds of years contain distinctive annual layers, allowing dates to be attributed to the gas molecules trapped within. Evidence from these really do show a dramatic increase in atmospheric greenhouse gases following the industrial revolution, and it's been increasing ever since.

With global warming, greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are trapping more of the sun's energy, this getting locked into the oceans which are ultimately our weather engines. These are creating more frequent and more extreme storm events here; and in other places such as Australia, long term and very hot droughts.

How are we coping locally with these changes? Mitigation and adaptation are the preferred methods of responding to this. Essex County Council has already started to plant 375,000 trees over the next five years to help capture carbon.

To reduce the effects of extreme rain, more flood defences are being created, and increasingly now, we are working with nature, for example renaturing uplands by planting trees.

And locally, I have been involved in projects which involve building woody dams, which temporarily slow the flow of water, protecting properties

downstream. One project in Thaxted used timber harvested from a nearby wood and moved into place using a Suffolk Punch. Using a horse minimises the impact on the environment and keeps a rare breed gainfully employed!

In nearby Finchingfield, beavers have been introduced by inspirational farmer Archie Ruggles-Brice. They have been there a year and have significantly changed the landscape within their compound. The dams they have built and canals dug have



*Photo by Archie Ruggles-Brice of flooded beaver dams on his Finchingfield farm*

changed a wet willow woodland into an extensive wetland. Their engineering activities have already slowed the movement of water downstream.

I can see parallels in this approach with the present Coronavirus situation. The Government is asking us to mitigate and adapt our behaviour to cope with this particular crisis, something many of us have not experienced before.

They are asking us to "flatten the curve", to help delay and moderate the impact of the disease, (which is what we are trying to achieve through our flood prevention measures, by slowing the water flow - thereby reducing the extent of flooding.)

This will mean some changes to our usual activities, such as attending the well supported Town Hall Quiz (and congratulations to David Yates for setting such a challenging quiz). However, I do hope the Horticultural Society's Spring Show will still go ahead, although my daffodils probably won't appear, having bloomed early thanks to the mild winter!

I know our community will step up and respond appropriately, and I am sure we will all look out for each other as this situation develops. Our local councils have well-rehearsed plans in place to ensure their key services will continue to be provided.

One particular consequence of the impact of the virus, with more people working from home, travel restrictions in place, airlines cancelling flights and industry slowing down, is that greenhouse gas emissions are reducing. Every cloud..., as they say!

Stay safe and keep well.

**Simon Walsh**

## Great Bardfield Parish Council report

We hope you are all well and coping with the current, difficult situation. Please think of your neighbours and ask them if they need any help, or ask if you need some support yourself. A volunteer group is currently being established to help our more vulnerable or elderly neighbours with shopping, prescription collection and other support. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help. If you have access to Facebook more up-to-date information will be available on the Bardfield Community Page.

Bear in mind that it is a rapidly changing situation, so look out for updates from central and local government for the latest advice on how to stay healthy or what do if you become unwell.

### Can you help us find our Community Assets?

The Localism Act of 2011 asks the District Council to maintain a list of buildings and land in our area which are considered to be of community value. Communities can nominate land and buildings to be added to this list. Other villages have nominated pubs, shops, playing fields and village halls. These places should further the social well-being or social interests of the local community. The listed places can be bought by the community if and when the owner sells them. It is not a guarantee that the place will become managed by the community, but it gives an opportunity within a 6-month period for the community to raise funds to buy the asset as described below:

*If a community interest group expresses an interest in bidding, then a ban on any sale (other than to the community) is in place for 6 months. This 6-month period is to allow the community time to develop a proposal and raise finance to bid for the asset.*

*The ban serves only to give a window of time for groups to prepare to bid alongside other potential buyers. Any sale takes place under normal market conditions and the owner is under no obligation to sell to the community group. Equally, community groups which have registered an interest to bid are under no obligation to purchase.*

So, there are obvious assets in our village, but we may not have thought of them all, please let us know what you think. If you would like to suggest any assets, please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk)

### Recent Planning Applications

Responses and comments made by the Parish Council, residents and other consultees can be viewed in full on Braintree District Council's

Planning Portal at [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)

**The High Barn and Office, 27 The Bardfield Centre** – conversion of Grade 2\* listed barn and office to residential dwellings and a single new build adjacent. Some concerns were raised with regard to the protection of the historic structure of the barn, particularly with regard to new internal structures, the insertion of rooflights, the impact on its historic setting and also the plans for energy efficiency of the Barn. However, no objections if the plans are approved by the Historic Buildings Officer and Historic England.

### Tree Works in the Conservation Area

No objections to proposed tree works at 36 Durham Close

### Village Spring Clean

We were planning this to happen during April but have decided to postpone until later in the year, a Summer or Autumn Clean perhaps.

### Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings and Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Council are receiving advice from the Essex and National Associations of Local Councils regarding Parish and Annual meetings which of course can be cancelled with reasonable notice. By law, once a Parish Council meeting is called and members summoned it has to be held, and the current EALC advice is for the Clerk to attend with at least 1 member to open the meeting, record the names of Councillors present and then close the meeting. This may of course happen.

Regarding our Annual Meeting (planned or 30<sup>th</sup> April) the National Association are working on how such meetings can be held outside of the meeting legal framework. This means that we are likely to postpone this meeting, but will give more information nearer the time: on Facebook, noticeboards and by email, where we can.

**Carolynne Ruffle**

**Chair**

**Any resident of Great Bardfield who needs some help and is housebound or self-isolating, may contact a parish councilor (phone numbers in the back of the BT). We will arrange for one of the many volunteers who have offered help to contact them.**

## What's in a name?

**W**hy on earth is the new housing development called Deer Park View? And why is Castle Shot called that when there's not a castle in sight?

With many new residents arriving in Great Bardfield we thought a little insight into the origin of the names given to new housing developments might help. So, let's take a whistle-stop tour of the village, beginning with Deer Park View, on the Braintree Road.

As early as 1240 'the great park was enclosed' and Henry III's huntsman was instructed to kill and salt venison, and send it to Westminster. The park can still be traced by field boundaries on large scale OS maps and included Park Gate, Bluegate Hall, Great Lodge, Little Lodge and Park Hall. There are accounts of royal hunting parties in the park during the reign of Edward I when Elizabeth de Burgh had her court at Bardfield Hall.

Next door, the Castle Shot development, finished in 2015, takes its name from the field on which it was built but the origin of the name remain a mystery. We are very lucky to have parish maps showing all the old names of the fields.

As for the strangely-named Alienor Avenue, it was named after the wife of Sergeant William Bendlowes (1507-1584), Sergeant-at-Law to Elizabeth 1, who lived at Place House, Dunmow Road. A distinguished lawyer and confidante of the Queen, Bendlowes' patronage of the village included establishing a chantry at St Mary's, endowing a grammar school (on the site of the memorial green) and supporting the poor through almsgiving. The tomb, with a beautiful brass, is in St Mary's. It is after him that the Bendlowes Road estate, completed after WWII, was named.

Mill Close, built in the 1960s, needs little explanation as it is off Mill Lane which leads up to Gibraltar Mill and down, via a private road, to the Water Mill – both now private houses but with interesting histories.

Heading to Northampton Meadow, Crown Street which leads into Bridge Street was named after the Crown Public House, which itself was also known as the Saracens Head, one of seven pubs in the village of which only two remain. Crown Street was also known as North Street for a while, possibly after North Place (the one with the glorious wisteria). It's interesting to think that for centuries Bridge End was almost a separate community from the rest of the village with only a handful of dwellings between North House and the Bridge.

Northampton Meadow built in the 1980s was named after Northampton House, the site of a school run by Thomas Mace (who originated from

Brigstock, Northamptonshire).

Back to the centre of the village and another new small housing development, The Corniche, just before you reach The Bell. Why Corniche? For many years there was a garage called The Corniche on this site, run by P & A Wood, specialising in servicing and repairing Rolls Royce and other high-end cars. The Rolls Royce Corniche was named after the French word for a winding coastal road cut into the face of a cliff, most notably the Grande Corniche along the French riviera above Monaco. Before the Woods established their business the site was owned first by Porters, a coach-building company, and then various other transport-related businesses.



Bell Lane was originally known as Gobions Lane. Gobions, the lovely 14th century timbered building on the corner was briefly known as Durham House when Vincent and Peggy Swift lived there and the land behind was developed in the 1970s to make - you guessed it, Durham Close.

**Janet Dyson and Jenny Rooney**  
**Great Bardfield Historical Society**

## Town Hall happenings

The Annual Town Hall Quiz took place in early March, fully booked with 11 teams taking part. Thanks go to our question-setter David Yates, MC & questioner Iain Graham, scorers Kate Fox and Joe Jones, and those members of the Town Hall committee who set up the hall, prepared the mid-quiz supper, ran the bar and washed up afterwards, Thanks also to quizzers who stayed behind to help us put away chairs and table. The Quiz is one of our major fundraisers to help maintain our lovely Town Hall and provide a community space for all so thank you for your support.

Excitement ahead – this month is the launch of the Town Hall Boules Competition, another fundraiser for the Town Hall and regular event - now in its 16th year. The competition will take place over the summer, starting in May (a sporting fixture that, we hope, won't be badly impacted by coronavirus – the crowds are not as big as at Wembley or Twickenham). Teams of 2, any age, welcome. Entries please by the end of April (see advert in this edition of the Bardfield Times). This is a sociable activity and a great way to meet other people from the village and beyond. If you are new to the village you are welcome to join in with this friendly competition. If you have lived here for ages and not been sure about having a go, please do.

Also, in this magazine, more information about another Town Hall event to look forward to - the Bardfield Arts & Crafts Exhibition – currently planned for the late May Bank Holiday weekend, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Stay healthy.

**Carolynne Ruffle, Town Hall Committee**



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

**The Bookshop is staying open for time being with limited hours (10 to 2pm daily) and we are planning a safe order and delivery service. Email orders to [booksbetweenthelines@gmail.com](mailto:booksbetweenthelines@gmail.com) or by phone 01371 810087 between 10 & 2pm.**

# GREAT BARDFIELD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

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**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
8.00pm at the Town Hall**

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**The Essex & Herts Air Ambulance**



**A presentation by Roger Smith**

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***Review of the year in Great Bardfield  
Reports from Village Organisations***

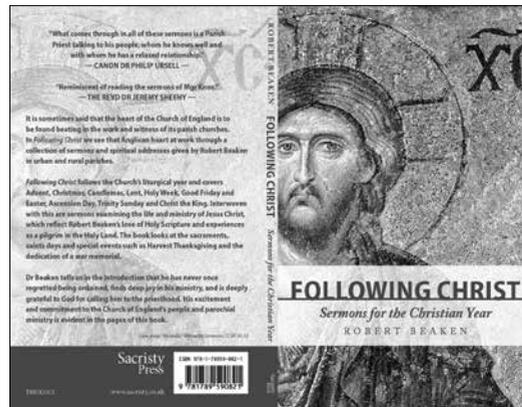
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**Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm.**

## From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

My dear friends,

To mark the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood last year, I put together a little collection of some of my sermons and spiritual addresses, which is published this month entitled *Following Christ, Sermons for the Christian Year* by Sacristy Press of Durham. Many of the sermons were preached in St Mary's and St Katharine's churches, and contain some references to Great and Little Bardfield. Canon Philip Ursell, formerly principal of Pusey House, Oxford, has kindly commented: 'What comes across in all of these sermons is a Parish Priest talking to his people, whom he knows well and with whom he has a relaxed relationship.' I hope, too, that my deep affection for my parishes and my parishioners will also come across in my words. There are more details on the publisher's website: [www.sacristy.co.uk](http://www.sacristy.co.uk)



Coronavirus has not left the Church of England unaffected. At the time of writing (mid-March), the Archbishop of Canterbury has suspended public worship for the time being, though churches will still be open for prayer and he has encouraged priests to continue privately to say Mattins and Evensong in church and to celebrate the Eucharist. Arrangements for Easter services will be announced when they are known.

During Lent and Eastertide this year we are once again holding a special collection in our churches in support of St John Eye Hospital, Jerusalem. The Eye Hospital is a Christian foundation, run by the Order of St John of Jerusalem, of which the Queen is the head. It treats Christians, Muslims and Jews, irrespective of their faith or their ability to pay. Every penny we can manage to give will make a huge difference to people leading very difficult lives in the land which Jesus knew. Please join me in giving up lots of things during Lent and putting the money saved each week in the orange collecting buckets

at the back of our churches. If you would rather give a cheque, please make it payable to 'Great Bardfield P.C.C.' and write 'Eye Hospital' on the reverse. The Eye Hospital staff are delighted and encouraged by the knowledge that the parishioners of Great and Little Bardfield are fundraising and praying for them. Thank you very much for all your wonderful help and support.

### ANGLICAN SERVICES DURING APRIL 2020

**Sunday 5 April**, Palm Sunday

**8.45am** Holy Eucharist, St Katharine's

**10.30am** Procession of Palms and Family Eucharist, St Mary's

**Thursday 9 April**, Maundy Thursday

**8.00pm** Eucharist of the Last Supper, St Mary's

**Friday 10 April**, Good Friday

**2.00pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St Katharine's

**Saturday 11 April**, Easter Eve

**7.00pm** Blessing of the Fire & first Eucharist of the Resurrection (1662 Prayer Book) St Katharine's

**Sunday 12 April**, Easter Day

**10.30am** Family Easter Eucharist, St Mary's

**Sunday 19 April**, Easter 2

**8.45am** Holy Eucharist, St Katharine's

**10.30am** Family Eucharist and Sunday School, St Mary's

**12.15pm** Holy Baptism, St Mary's

**Sunday 26 April**, Easter 3

**10.30am** Holy Eucharist, St Mary's

**6.00pm** Holy Eucharist (1662 Prayer Book), St Katharine's

With my love, prayers and blessing,

**Father Robert**

## Annual Town Hall Quiz

A great night was had by all. A cheap bar, a packed house of 80-odd quizzers, good food delivered to the tables by the clearly knackered town hall committee, keen competition between several tables for the coveted first prize, a genially competent quizmaster and two agile women helpers sprinting round the hall to collect in the answer sheets. Best of all, the hum of muted debates and the cheers and laughter accompanying the reading out of the answers.

It was a tie for first place, with team captains Ian Ruffle and Martyn Holland (See pic above) facing off for the deciding question ("Which variety of wheat is used in the manufacture of traditional pasta?") Omnivore Ian leapt on that one.



### Question Setter's Report.

Impressive stuff, teams! Of the 78 questions, 21 were answered correctly by all teams. Only one was answered wrongly by all (The two Ryder Cup captains of 2018). Quizzers astounded the setter by answering such searching questions as the last two teams, alphabetically, ever to play in the Premiership (Wigan and Wolves) and not knowing Trump's middle name (He probably doesn't know it himself.) Can't wait for next year!

## GREENFINGERS

PINK! Tired of looking at Hyacinths-indoor and out, Daphne, Viburnum, winter cherry and the list goes on. All these are scented but pink! All performed wonderfully in this mild winter/spring but I will feel nauseus at the sight of more soft rose coloured flowers. Eradicated an excess of Hellebores—Yes those pink ones!

'What next?' you ask. Jotted in the diary an autumn note to plant some Cornus 'Midwinter Fire', the bulbs of Scilla for their intense blue and a glut of tulips that are anything but pink. Just longing for Ceonothus, Irises and Delphiniums with their smokey, cool colours.

Now let's start gardening by hoeing, fertilising and sowing seeds.



### APRIL ACTION

- Buddleija has been chopped to only 35cms so flowers are not skyscraper height.
  - Shear the winter jasmine as if the barber had given a no. 2.
  - Cut down the coloured stems of Cornus so the new growth will have good colour next winter. If you lack courage in being ruthless, just butcher half the stems.
  - Penstemons may now be cut to their base so they are not straggly and will flower better.
  - Time to divide the Asters. The RHS has renamed some asters, e.g. Symphyotrichum - what a mouthful to remember, so just call them Michaelmas daisies
  - Split and replant snowdrops 'cos more are wanted as they are white!
- Happy gardening. 🌱

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

One of the delights of a woodland walk on a sunny April day is the sweet scent wafting from the massed flowers of the English bluebell. One of our best-loved wildflowers, with half of the world's population found in the UK, it is typically associated with ancient woodlands but can also occur at the base of long-established hedgerows.



The narrow glossy leaves and flower spikes are produced from deeply rooted bulbs supported by specialised symbiotic fungi. The flowers are a deep violet-blue, but sometimes white or pink spikes occur. The flowers are narrow, tubular-bell shaped, with tips that curl backwards, and the pollen is cream-coloured. They are arranged on one side of a drooping stem. After pollination by honeybees and other insects many green capsules form which will hold large numbers of ripe black seeds. The seeds are shaken from the capsules by breezes or by animals running through the woods.

The introduced and invasive Spanish bluebell has broader leaves. Its pale blue, unscented flowers are arranged all around the upright stem and are more open revealing blue pollen. Encouragingly, recent research has found that the native species has a genetic advantage due to the sheer weight of numbers and greater fertility and so should continue to thrive.

Locations where it is possible to see carpets of bluebells include the Hertfordshire Way as it passes through Sidehill Wood and Mill Wood in Much Hadham and Howe Wood in Littlebury beside Strethall Road as it crosses over the M11 motorway.

Several walks described on our website pass through woodlands. Walk number 4 goes through a fine bluebell wood at Rickling whilst the longer walk 20 visits Mill Wood. Details of woods or nature reserves to visit can be found on these websites: [www.Uttlesford-Wildlife.org.uk](http://www.Uttlesford-Wildlife.org.uk) and [www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk).

**Tricia Moxey, Trustee**

## PITCH UP FOR BARDFIELD BOULES

**Proceeds to Town Hall Funds**

**An Annual Village Competition – Open to All**

**Enter your team by April 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Two players per team - any age, gender, ability, etc.**

- Enjoy boules at the Town Hall over the summer
- Meet people, have fun and improve your skills
  - No experience or equipment necessary
- Register your interest and further details will follow

**Round One League Matches: May – July**

**Knock-out Rounds: July - September**

**Finals Day – Saturday 26th 2020**

**£8 per team (if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April), £10 if paid after 30/4**

**FURTHER DETAILS, ENTRIES & FEES**

**Madame Boules (or Carolynne Ruffle)**

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## Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

What a fantastic gathering for our first meeting of the New Year. Over 80 members and friends attended our meeting in February entitled "The Beth Chatto Garden - Past, Present and Future" by David Ward. David is director of the gardens and nursery where he has worked for over 35 years. It was a very informative, interesting and comprehensive talk about the development and history of the garden and how it has progressed over the years. He also gave an idea of future plans. There were some lovely pictures of Beth Chatto as a young lady and in her later years. A variety of different plants were shown in various parts of the garden. He also brought a wonderful range of plants from the nursery for us to purchase. The raffle was well supported, and Christine Helliar won the lucky ticket draw. Everyone enjoyed teas, coffees and homemade cakes.

Our next event will be the Spring Show on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall.\* We hope there will still be a few later daffodils flowering, plenty of tulips and other spring flowers for the benches. Looking forward to seeing your exhibits depicting "Mardi Gras". Recipes for the Domestic Section have been in the last two issues of the BT so you will have had a chance to try them. This is just a reminder for all men out there - don't forget to have a go with the chocolate cup cakes!! We have a number of new classes in the Handicraft Section - do look.

If you would like a schedule please call 810524. All entries to be in the hall and staged between 8 and 10.15am. Open to visitors at 2.30pm. Admission 50p. Members free. Prize-giving and the draw for the raffle will be at 4.30pm.

Come along and see the range of entries and have a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake. There will be a plant and produce stall, raffle and tombola.

Children come along and collect your beans for planting for the Summer Show.

Looking forward to see you all.

Our Spring Supper/Social evening will be on held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets are still only £10.00 each including a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink.-Tickets available from Linda 811641/Lynne 810524. This supper is extremely good value. Where else would you get such a choice of meat, fish,

and salads. There are also vegetarian choices plus all those wonderful puds. Please remember to bring your own wine etc to have with the meal. Come along and enjoy a social evening. There will be a raffle and a quiz.\*

Next date for your diary is our garden visit on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be to "Dragons" at Boyton Cross.

Further information will be on posters and future BT's.

### Maddy

**For any information regarding the Society's meetings please call Linda Prior 811641**

**\*Please note. Both the dinner and the show have been cancelled, as have all future events, until further notice**

## Tuesday Club

At our March meeting there was a change of plan as Eve Regelous whom we were expecting to come and talk on 'The History of Harrods', unfortunately was unwell, so her husband, Peter, who was due to visit us in November, came along instead and gave his talk, 'Life on the Road'. Peter has had various occupations, also appearing in films and TV, often as an 'extra', and working in clubs, cabaret and holiday camps. Peter was very amusing and we were greatly entertained with tales of his life and career. Meanwhile, we wish Eve well and look forward to seeing her in November.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April we look forward to welcoming Mac Beanland again to talk on his chosen subject 'The Years' through the Years'.

Fuller presentation is entitled 'Goat in a Soap' - sounds very intriguing!

**Cancelled - Until further notice**

**For further information about the Tuesday Club, call Adrienne Poulson on 01371 811401 - new members and visitors are always welcome.**

## Nature Notes

I am starting to write these notes during the week following Storm Denis; we in this part of the UK have been very lucky, although I am so pleased I am no longer still trying to make a living farming.

As I look out of my kitchen across the road there are some tall trees which have a rookery in their branches. Although rooks have never belonged on my list of favourite birds, I do derive a great deal of pleasure from the residents of this rookery. They, like other birds and indeed all wild life, know when bad weather is approaching, so as storm Denis drew near they all returned to roost. There was a lot of noise as they discussed the weather then it suddenly arrived with tremendous force and everything started to shake.

I stood watching and wondering is my garden shed going to survive, then I looked up to the rookery to see the rooks being blown out of the trees. They were not able to hold on to their perches and took off in all directions in a mad frenzy. My attention was then drawn to the nut and fat block feeders hanging on my bird table and on the overhanging roof just outside the window. They were violently swinging about with blue tits and great tits hanging on still feeding as though nothing was happening; what incredible little birds!

The wind gradually subsided, the rooks returned, the garden shed was still intact and the great tits were still feeding and it started to rain. My thoughts turned to the rooks; they had a very rough time. They are a large bird with a big surface area but very little weight. They are, in fact, extremely skinny. If you ever come across a dead one, just pick it up and feel the weight. There is nothing on them; you will be very surprised. They are in the main carnivores and exist on a diet of wireworms, earthworms, slugs and snails with a bit of carrion throw in, but they also eat some vegetable matter, mainly grain, nuts and pulses when available.

I have two Ministry of Agriculture publications dating back to 1950, one of which is *Wild Mammals and the Land* and the other *Wild Birds and the Land*. They are my very favourite wild life publications and go into great detail about habitat, diet and identification of each individual species, and list each one as the farmer's friend or enemy. But in the rooks' case they are not able to give a positive answer, saying some farmers love them and others hate them. The farmers who love them point to the fact that they can do a fantastic

job controlling wireworm, slugs and grubs, while the farmers who hate them point out the damage they can do to some crops. One of the problems is they will uproot plants like newly emerged beans, peas and potatoes to see if there is a wireworm eating the seed or tuber at the bottom of the plant. I have seen them make a dreadful mess of a field of winter beans - but on the other hand I have seen them do a fantastic job of spreading cowpats and other droppings in their search for food, so I too am undecided, but I do derive a lot of pleasure from watching the ones across the road especially when they are nest building.

On 26<sup>th</sup> February they looked as though they were making a start then the weather turned rough again so they put it on hold, but last year they were so funny. First of all I saw one fly onto one of the old nests carrying a stick. He spent a bit of time placing it on the nest in different positions until he decided it was correct then he flew off to find another. As soon as he had left, one of the other rooks pinched his stick. When he returned with another stick there was a lot of noise and flapping wings. This sort of thing went on for days.

I think I learned a lot of bad rook words.

### Mac Beanland

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## Curating an art exhibition - Walter Hoyle at The Fry Art Gallery

In early 2019 we suggested to the committee of The Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden that it was time they held a Walter Hoyle exhibition again as they had not featured the work of this Bardfield artist since the mid-nineties. A good idea was the response, you can organise it, which probably wasn't the reply we were expecting. Surely, we thought, to curate an exhibition at a well-respected gallery such as the Fry required some level of previous expertise, but apparently not, so off we set to research our subject with a mixture of both trepidation and excitement.

By way of background, Walter Hoyle was an integral part of the Bardfield Artists community in the 1950s and 1960s. He was encouraged to



move to the area by Edward Bawden whom he met while at the Royal College of Art. They got on well which resulted in Bawden inviting Hoyle on a painting trip to Sicily in 1951, and the following year, after visiting Bawden at Brick House, Hoyle took a lease on Stackyard Cottage at Great Lodge. He met his wife Denise at the 1954 Great Bardfield exhibition when he was showing his work at Brick House with Edward Bawden. They married in 1955 and lived at Stackyard Cottage until 1957 when they moved to Rosemary House in Great Saling (which is opposite the former pub on the Braintree Road). Denise and Walter, together with their children James and Nina, lived there for 18 years.

We never thought it would be straightforward curating an art exhibition and beyond the works owned by the Fry we had little idea where we were going to source the pictures. The internet was useful in identifying works held in public collections or other galleries such as Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, but borrowing those can be less than straightforward- and expensive, with

insurance and courier costs to consider.

Over time we told various people in Great Bardfield about the proposed exhibition and occasionally we would get the reply: 'I own a work by Walter Hoyle. Would you like to see it?'. And so by the middle of the year we were getting a feel for what work might be available and were quickly learning that Hoyle produced a huge range of work from traditional watercolours through to more abstract works.

We had arranged to meet Denise and Nina Hoyle in Hastings at the end of August to discuss with them our thoughts for the exhibition, the short book we were hoping to produce, and to ask if there were works owned by the family that they would be prepared to lend. What followed was essentially a 'game changer' as it transpired that Walter's studio has remained largely untouched since his passing 20 years ago, and we were presented with a large pile of works to look through. From being in a position of wondering where we might source pictures, we were now overwhelmed by the choice.

By the time we visited the Hoyles again at the end of October we had a better idea of how we wished to arrange the exhibition and in our own mind had settled on the majority of works we wanted to display. We had begun to plan the walls of the gallery using the low tech approach of graph paper, a scale ruler and post it notes cut to size for the pictures. This proved to be a remarkably effective and straightforward way of playing with the layout, and saved us from getting deeply frustrated with a computer. Denise kept finding more works for us to consider and on this visit a large pile of posters produced for the Post Office Savings Bank came to light. They were superb so some of them simply had to be included in the exhibition and we were rather like 'children in a sweetshop' trying to choose which ones to exhibit.

Denise had also found a hand-written manuscript produced by Walter in 1996 setting down his memories of life in Great Bardfield and his relationship with the other artists. This was previously unpublished material and meant the planned book took on greater significance. First though we had to transcribe the memoir which meant many hours of dictating and typing whilst having to decipher Walter's handwriting. We kept editing of the content to a minimum and this piece along with contributions from Denise Hoyle, Chloë Cheese, Emma Mason and Martin Salisbury has resulted in the first book about Walter Hoyle.

The hanging of the pictures in the Fry was scheduled for mid-February and we made tweaks to the layout almost up to the day before as 'must have' pictures came to light late on owned by private individuals. And now all the

pictures are on the wall, there is a feeling of both relief and great pleasure in seeing it all come together. Hopefully people will enjoy seeing the varied works of Walter Hoyle, including pictures of Great Lodge, Enna in Sicily, Cambridge Colleges, Post Office posters and more abstract printmaking techniques.

The exhibition (Walter Hoyle - a Versatile Artist) opens at The Fry Art Gallery in Church Street, Saffron Walden on the 5<sup>th</sup> April and runs until the 12<sup>th</sup> July. Entrance is free. For opening times and other details see [www.fryartgallery.org](http://www.fryartgallery.org)

The book of the same name will be available from both The Fry Art Gallery and Between the Lines bookshop in Great Bardfield priced £10 and includes many of the pictures being shown in the exhibition.

### **Julia and Andrew Collins**

*After we received this article we heard that the Fry Art Gallery will not open as planned. We will update you when the gallery re-opens, meanwhile you can still buy the book at Between the Lines.*

## **CREAMER Fund**

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On behalf of the Trustees of The CREAMER Fund, thank you for your support.

**Contact details: Secretary - Sarah McCarthy, 07906 169085**

## **Retiring Trustees**

At the AGM of the CREAMER Fund, held on Tuesday 3 March 2020, two of our valued Trustees retired. We would all like to thank Kay Painter and Penny Edmundson for their support and hard work. Kay has been our Treasurer for 10 years. This has been a complex role, in which she has liaised with staff at the Freshwell Health Centre, managed income from a range of sources, and overseen purchases on behalf of the fund. Penny has been our very able secretary for 11 years and a member of our recently formed publicity subgroup.

At our AGM, Debbie Rogers was elected as our new Treasurer. Sarah McCarthy was elected as our secretary. I would like to thank Debbie and Sarah for taking up these important roles in supporting the CREAMER Fund into the future.

**Chris Blewett, Chair**

## Great Bardfield Folk Club

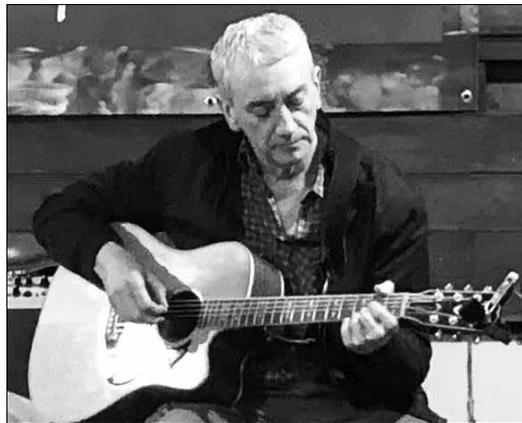
Last month's Folk Night featured the Bury St Edmunds duo SimpleFolk – and while their format may be straightforward (two voices, one guitar) they took us on a rollercoaster ride of songs and stories from many times and places, from the old Scottish love song “Black is the Colour” to Kate Wolf’s “Across the Great Divide” and Leonard Cohen’s masterpiece “Hallelujah.” Steve’s sensitive guitar style beautifully complemented Rachel’s lovely voice, and the songs they chose came alive for us – the haunting “Blackbirds” – a dark ballad of murder and guilt; “Mister Punch and Judy Man” – a slice of nostalgia for days gone by; and a setting of John Masefield’s “Sea Fever.”

Our informal singaround (before and after the main guest spot) also featured songs of many vintages. Julia brought her harp, and played an arrangement of the ancient ballad “Demon Lover.” Phil covered Rush’s Rivendell and Chris played a gentle version of Oasis’ Wonderwall” – both performers also sang their own original songs, and then Sheri brought us bang up to date with a new song that she had only just finished writing – Great Bardfield Folk Club was its first outing! – and another recent song about all the things that seem to be going wrong in the world. The name of the song? The Coronavirus Blues.

Speaking of Coronavirus ... we’ve been taking precautions on Folk Night (wrapped biscuits instead of just opening a packet; asking people not to hug) and we think that that’s sensible – after all, we’re a fairly small gathering. This month’s Folk Club night is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. Our invited guests, Sedbuskers, are a



Julia Mascetti



Phil Ericson

duo who have participated in our singaround on several occasions. They have a diverse repertoire of original and borrowed songs, skilfully presented with the help of guitar, mandocello, accordion, and recorder. They’re witty, engaging and thoroughly entertaining.

That makes it all the more disappointing that we have had to take the decision to cancel this month’s Folk Club. We’ll make sure we get the Sedbuskers rescheduled

once the world gets back to normal, but for now, we feel as though we have no choice. Watch this space for news of the reinstatement of the Great Bardfield Folk Club. We’ll miss our monthly dose of live music but hopefully all our contributors, both formal and informal, are safely in their homes singing and playing their guitars, mandolins, banjos, melodeons, harps and autoharps ready to leap back into action as soon as possible! General information for when we’re back up and running: the regular monthly “second Thursday” folk nights cost £3 (under-16s free); doors open at 7:30 and the music starts at 8pm. Singers, players and listeners equally welcome. Don’t forget to check our folk club website - <https://greatbardfieldfolk.wixsite.com/club> - or our facebook page for club information (details of who’s playing when, directions to the Friends Meeting House, times etc.)

**Anna Bass**



Sedbuskers

### Catholic Church Services

Fr Richard Rowe. Tel: 01371 830808

#### Sunday Mass

Great Bardfield – The Holy Spirit, Braintree Rd 9.30am

Thaxted – (Saturday Vigil) Thaxted Parish Church Lady Chapel 5.00pm



There has been quite a large public reaction since this was aired in a Sunday newspaper on the first of March: "Leaked Emails: Britain doesn't need Farmers". This comment was attributed to a Mr. Tim Leunig, who is a senior advisor in the treasury; he was reported as saying that the food sector is not important to the UK economy, and we could afford to import all of our food, just like they do in Singapore, and our economy could survive on the expansion of other industries. Of course, I cannot possibly agree with that point of view, and I was pleased to see in the same paper only a week later was half a page full of letters of support for our industry. They are pointing out that there is no comparison between the United Kingdom and its thousands of acres of countryside and temperate climate and that of the Island of Singapore in the far eastern climate. It is the good husbandry of the land in the UK which preserves that climate and helps deal with the problem of air pollution, whereas importing all our food would add to the pollution, the countryside would not be looked after as well as it is now, and all our food would be more costly as a consequence.

And it is not as though we are making the most of all the food that is grown in this country at the present anyway. It is estimated that a quarter of all the lettuces that are grown never leave the field or the greenhouse and finish up as animal feed or go to waste. A similar situation applies to onions, peas, carrots and tomatoes. That is estimated to be equivalent to 4.5 billion meals for UK citizens each year. Ministers have just announced a £1.15 million fund to help businesses and charities to come up with creative ways to tackle this food waste and this will be part of a £15 million scheme to tackle this situation by 2025. Some 129 of the biggest players in the food industry have agreed to help tackle this problem. This may well be important as we leave the EU and become more dependant on home production and international trade deals.

Activities on the farms have been rather spasmodic again this month as the rainfall continues off and on, making it difficult to catch up on the work that did not get done last autumn. I understand we have had

seventeen inches since the beginning of October and the dry intervals have been few and far between, so it has only been occasionally that we have been able to travel on the land to deal with fertilizing and weed-killing when the surface is dry enough and the tractor wheels can run clean enough. It has usually been too wet to do any cultivations. However, I suppose we should be thankful we have not had the sort of rainfall that other counties further north have had: one area had one month's rainfall in one day, making it impossible to get on the land because of the flooding. But of course a lot of that land is for grazing animals and for hay for winter feeding, so the effect of the flooding is less serious than it is in areas that are all arable cropping. A crop like sugar beet is mostly harvested after Christmas, and those people have been having a difficult time this year. (That is why we and many other local farmers have been giving up growing beet, because the damage we can do to the land in a difficult season like this can take a long time to put right, and subsequent crops can also suffer.)

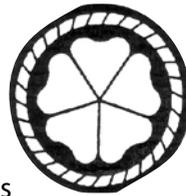
It was becoming difficult to find a subject to write about that would be interesting for the readers of the Bardfield Times, then along came the new Chancellor of the Exchequer with his first budget which seemed to appeal to a lot of people. I suppose that was because he responded to the party manifesto at the general election and he had reflected the views that were popular at that time, but that was drafted before the Coronavirus situation had become an important issue. That has now become the No.1 issue and may take priority over the next few months.

My final subject is to express my opposition to Chris Packham and his colleagues for their views on what is necessary to protect the environment and feed the nation at the same time, and their objections to the shooting of pests. In our case we consider wood pigeons and foxes the worst of them, because of the damage they do to growing crops like peas and oil seed rape and free range poultry. Even if we don't actually shoot many of them, we need to scare them off before they do too much damage. And don't forget that when field crops have grown up the pigeons will invade the gardens and attack your vegetable crops! So, I am afraid it is necessary to keep bangers going during the vulnerable growing period. I sympathise with those of you who live close, but we shall only use these methods as long as it is necessary to try to keep the birds away.

**Tony Hayward**

## Great Bardfield Primary School

**A**t Great Bardfield Primary School we have welcomed Spring by putting our best feet forward! The children have been showcasing their work in Class Assemblies. We have enjoyed treats including a wonderful presentation on The Romans from Year 3 and Anglo Saxons from Year 4. Year 3 also went off on a visit to Colchester Castle to support their learning. Our Reception Children were very grown up in their assembly and gave us a timely reminder about handwashing!



Music is a very important part of school life at Great Bardfield and every class sang and played instruments in their assembly. Additionally, our younger Key Stage 1 children have been taking part in a Dance Festival with children from our school partnership group DEEP (Dunmow Excellence in Education Partners).

We are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful community in Great Bardfield. We are incredibly grateful to Bardfield Charities who recently presented us with a cheque for £1,600 which will be going towards new computers for the school. We will need to spend over £10,000 to upgrade them and the funds from the Local Authority are limited so this is such a vital donation.

Our school is staffed by amazing people. We are incredibly lucky to have talented and dedicated Teachers and Learning Assistants who work very hard to help the children to be their very best. Our team of Governors work tenaciously and tirelessly to help to improve the school. However, the school would not function without our Support Staff and I would really like to thank them as they are our unsung heroes! Our Catering Team (Louisa, Debbie and Jade), our caretaker Harvey, our MDAs and of course Sara and Hollie in the office—we simply could not run the school as well as we do without the fantastic jobs that they all do.

It is an anxious time for everyone at the moment as we begin to deal with the Coronavirus. However, there have been a few glimmers of sunshine over the last week and we are hopeful for some good weather so that we can enjoy our school garden and field again. The summer term is just around the corner which means that we can spend lots more time outside enjoying our beautiful school.

**Mrs Kerrell, Headteacher**



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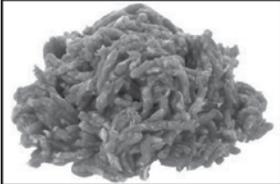
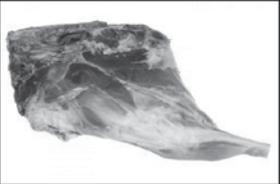
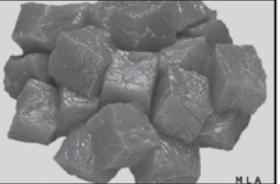
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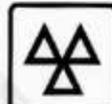
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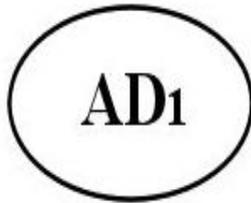
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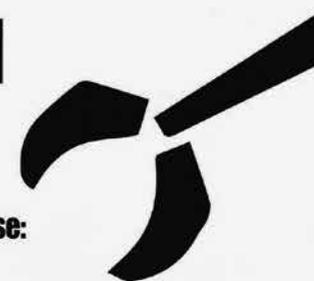
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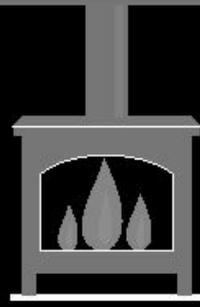
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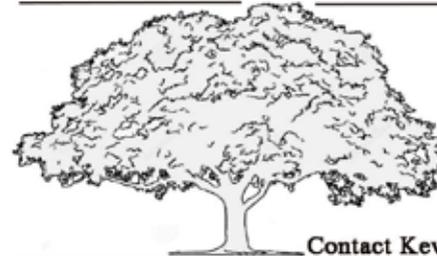


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Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Art Class	10.00am
	Yoga B, R	9.30am
	Horticultural Spring Show set up	9.00am
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Spring Show	2.30pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga	6.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Toddler Group & Fitness Class	9.30am
	Parish Council Meeting	8.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Art Class	10.00am
	Yoga B, R	9.30am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga	6.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Toddler Group & Fitness Class	9.30am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga B, R	9.30am
	Art Class	10.00am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga	6.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Young @ Heart Fitness Fun	9.30am
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Toddler Group & Fitness Class	9.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga B, R	9.30am
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Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Supper	7.00pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga	6.30pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Young @ Heart Fitness Fun	9.30am
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Toddler Group & Fitness Class	9.30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
	Parish Council AGM	8.00pm

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