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**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Great Bardfield Town Hall**

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**BARDFIELD CINEMA CLUB - FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

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# Bardfield Times



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**Front cover:** Presentation of Re-accreditation Award made by Peter Davey Chairman of Essex Association of Local Councils by Darren Hockley  
**Above:** Ukrainian heart brooches and pendants by Flora Olney

## Editorial

It's good news that Michael Hitchcock has now recovered and is once more able to delight readers with his memories of Bardfield in days gone by. In this issue he recalls growing up in Bardfield during World War II. Welcome back Michael!

I'm sure our minds have been much occupied with the events in Ukraine over the last weeks. Our village has a history of being welcoming to evacuees and refugees and it's encouraging to see how local residents have reached out to the people of Ukraine in so many ways. Collections of essential items have been organised and distributed; the children at our primary school have worked with George Mills, who has been supporting a children's medical centre in Chernihiv for many years, to make donations and to support Save the Children. See p. 30 for their delightful display. Local ceramicist Flora Olney designed beautiful brooches and pendants in blue and yellow which were sold locally raising over £1,400. Nick, Sarah and Alfie Holland have designed and made lovely Easter cards and organised a Jumble Sale to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Town Hall. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Congratulations to the Parish Council and particularly to Parish Clerk, Kate Fox, for her hard work in achieving an award from the Local Councils Award Scheme for good practice in governance and communication, an award only given to a minority of councils in Essex. Parish Councils work hard on behalf of their communities and are often criticised but rarely praised so it's good that this success has been rewarded.

There are plenty of events to look forward to in the coming months. You could try your hand at Boules – taster sessions are being held on Monday evenings in April – see p. 21. The Community Choir is starting again on April 26<sup>th</sup> and the Art Show is back the first weekend in May. There are also groups who need volunteers. If you have a skill and some spare time to give please read Iain Graham's article about the plans for a new sports pavilion and see if you can help in any way. Also, as far as I know, the Horticultural Society still needs a Treasurer, and nobody responded to last month's call for new volunteers to help run the Cottage Museum this summer. Don't be shy, give it a try!

**Janet Dyson**  
**Editor**



Yes, yes I know, you've heard it all before, but this time it's different!

## PLEASE DON'T STOP READING!!

I have lived in Bardfield for the best part of 30 years and I think for about the last 25 years I have been listening to various rumours that a new pavilion was on the horizon! The problem was that the horizon was further away than we imagined!

This is no fault or reflection of the stalwart, well-meaning, hard-working people who have tried and tried over all those years to turn the vision into reality. The hurdles to overcome became higher and higher, but the vision remained, and the existing pavilion continued to deteriorate to the point of becoming an eyesore and is now completely unusable. I have, as have so many of you, contributed to

raffles, draws, gigs in the Town-hall, fun runs, auctions for many years to fund the rebuilding, and as a result of this fundraising, the Parish Council decided to build the excellent well used children's play park next to the old pavilion. This was at a cost of around £40,000 and left the balance in hand for the future new pavilion.

About 18 months ago, The Parish Council formed a small subcommittee to focus on what it would take to actually achieve the result we all wanted. This committee realised very quickly that many of the skills required took us way out of our comfort zone. For example, developing and connecting a new sewage disposal system to the mains to replace the 50 year old septic tank currently in use, installing a new electrical supply to the building so that switching on an electric kettle didn't blow the mains! Planning permission, obtaining building regulations, legal easements over adjacent land owners' fields, and much more.

Then along came two gentlemen living in the village, Andrew Taylor and John Maidman who had exactly the skills needed to progress the project. They have spent, at zero cost, literally hundreds of hours of their time, and backed by The Parish Council and The Parish Clerk have got us where we are today.

### Exactly where are we?

- Planning permission for a pavilion approximately 50% bigger than the existing building has been submitted and granted. It includes a club room, changing rooms with showers, referee room, all to FA standards, a refreshment area, storage facilities, a veranda and an extended car park.
- Building regs have been agreed with Braintree District Council.
- A new sewage and drainage system direct to the mains has been designed and approved and an installation date agreed.
- A new underground 3 phase electricity connection has been agreed and a date agreed for implementation
- All the major parts of the project have been put out to tender, and companies have been selected and offered contracts for the groundwork, construction of the basic building and demolition and removal of the existing building.

- Health and safety executive appointed to oversee the safety and security of the site and building from day one to completion.

### **MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN!!**

The good news is that over all the years of the good parishioners of Bardfield donating and contributing, plus a large chunk of money received from various developers (106 money) will cover all of the above, and is on schedule for completion by late Autumn this year!

### **Now this is where you come in, gentle readers.**

We will need help with the finishing and fitting of the pavilion. There are many ways you can contribute that will make a huge difference to the completion of the building. Contributions can take many forms;

- Are you handy with a paintbrush?
- Are you a qualified electrician/plumber or any other trade that you think might be useful?
- Can you donate equipment (kettle, fridge, microwave vacuum cleaner etc?)

The above list is not exhaustive by any means and if it helps, money will be more than acceptable to help give our local community a facility to be proud of!

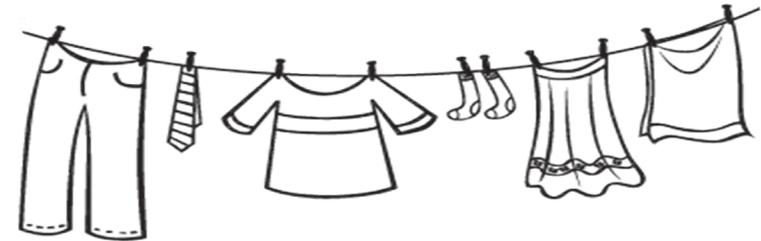
Finally, for more information, please come along to the Parish Assembly on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and you can view the plans, see photographs of similar constructions and hopefully discuss how you can help complete the vision!

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding anything in this article, please don't hesitate to contact the pavilion subcommittee;

**Iain Graham**  
**Paul Kennedy**  
**Darren Hockley**  
**Kate Fox**

*Numbers are in the back of The Bardfield Times*

Thank you everyone for reading this!  
**Iain Graham, on behalf of the Pavilion Subcommittee**



# **JUMBLE SALE**

## **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**14:00 – 17:00 Great Bardfield Town Hall**

Entry: Adults: £1 Children: Free

Tea, Coffee & Cakes also available

**All proceeds to the Disasters Emergency  
 Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

Donations of jumble needed:

bric-a-brac, clothes, toys, books, DVDs, etc.

Drop off jumble to the Town Hall on  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 09:00 onwards



For more info:  
 Nick & Sarah  
 01371 810209



## Great Bardfield Parish Council report

### Local Council Award

We are very pleased that at our last Parish Council meeting held on 9th March, that Great Bardfield Parish Council, and specifically our Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, Kate Fox, were awarded a certificate by Cllr Peter Davey, Chair of the Local Council Awards Panel for the Essex Association of Local Councils, for Foundation Level re-accreditation, to the Local Council Awards scheme. Great Bardfield is one of a minority of local councils that have been given this benchmark award, which recognises good practice in governance, communication and achieving the standards of performance expected of a good council. Cllr Davey on behalf of the Essex Association, congratulated the Councillors and Clerk for "their hard work, support and resilience in attaining this award. This is an excellent achievement- well done!"

### Planning Applications & Tree Works

**Tree Preservation Order, Walthams Cross:** no objections.

**Tanners, High Street:** installation of solar panels on an outbuilding to the rear of the main property. As these could not be seen from the street the Parish Council did not object but referred the application to the Historic Buildings Officer as Tanners is a listed building in the conservation area. Neighbours' comments to be taken into consideration.

**Land Adjacent to Deer Park View:** it was noted that the application for 57 houses had not yet been considered by Braintree District Council Planning Committee. We still await a date for this decision and a representative of the Parish Council will attend and speak at this meeting. Residents are also welcome to attend and speak.

### Proposed Changes to Parliamentary Boundary

The Parish Council has responded to the consultation on proposed changes to our parliamentary constituency whereby we would no longer be in the Braintree constituency but in a new Haverhill and Halstead constituency. We feel strongly that the proposals would not be in the best interests of Great Bardfield as it would cross the jurisdiction of two County Councils and two District Councils (Braintree and West Suffolk). We feel this would make it difficult to maintain communication and attention across these boundaries and that would damage the excellent connections and association we have with the Braintree District and would separate us from closely affiliated villages such as the Salings. We feel that electors feel an affinity with and are part of the Braintree community but would be deprived of the ability to influence their key services by the proposed changes.

Should you wish to respond to this consultation please go to the BCE online consultation portal at [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk) Please note that the consultation period expires on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### Proposed Prisons (MOD Wethersfield)

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

### Work to Bridges over the River Pant

We are expecting the replacement of the footbridge to have started by the time this magazine is with you. We understand that the bridge will be closed for two weeks but only during working hours and that pedestrians will be aided across the main bridge at these times, with manually operated STOP/GO signs.

We have also had advance notice that the remaining works necessary to the main road bridge over the River Pant are planned for this summer. This will involve a road closure for several weeks as was the case in 2019. The Parish Council are discussing appropriate diversions and clearways for local farmers as were put in place previously.

### Pavilion Project

Please see separate item in this magazine regarding progress with this project.

### Public Footpath

The footbridge on path 4/5 has recently been repaired by Essex County Council.

### Highways/Parking

We ask residents to be mindful of others when parking in the village. In some places access is not possible for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchair users along pavements and footways. The Parish Council have asked the police to attend and take action where vehicles are causing an obstruction.

A recent report in the national press showed Rod Stewart mending potholes in the lane near his property, near Hatfield Heath. He referred to the lack of attention to the roads, especially country lanes, and the damage occurring to his and others' cars. Perhaps this publicity may stir Essex County Council into some action to repair the ever increasing (in number, depth and damageability) potholes on our roads.

### **Ride London Essex**

We have been notified that this cycling event will travel through Great Bardfield on 28<sup>th</sup> May, via Dunmow Road, High Street, Vine Street, Brook Street and Bridge End and then on to Finchingfield with a rolling road closure. Those residents affected will receive notification about the times that parked cars will need to be moved from the route.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

The Parish Council intend to place a Jubilee plaque on the new footbridge. The existing bridge was erected in the Queen's Silver Jubilee year in 1977 (as marked by a plaque). Serendipitously the replacement of that bridge is taking place during her Platinum Jubilee. Hence a similar plaque will be made to mark both events.

A scheme of planting to mark the Jubilee has been agreed for the Memorial Green, which will not impact on the formal planting scheme that is appropriate for this site. Wild flowers will also be sown on two village greens and residents are encouraged to create their own floral displays on their own property to mark the Jubilee.

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

Advance notice that our Parish Assembly is due to take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, refreshments served from 7pm. This is a public meeting, our annual presentation of Parish Council work to the community and where other village clubs and societies also present reports of their activities. Our visiting speaker will be from the Essex Air Ambulance to tell us about their vital work and fundraising activities. We will also display our plans for the replacement of the sports pavilion, so do come and see.

All residents are welcome to attend. This will be our first face-to-face meeting for two years. We hope to see you there.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 7.00pm. This will be held in the Committee Room at the Town Hall for the first time in over 2 years, to ensure accessibility for all. We thank St Mary's Church for providing us with meeting space for the last few months to ensure we could maintain social distancing.

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

**Carolyne Ruffle, Chairperson**

## **Little Bardfield Parish Council Report**

### **Parish Councillors**

Following discussions at the last Parish Council meeting and the acceptance of the role, the Parish Council formally co-opted Jan Warren and Juliet O'Brien to represent Little Bardfield Parish Council. Details of all Parish Councillors can be located on the Little Bardfield Website <https://www.littlebardfieldparish.org.uk>.

### **District and Parish Councillors**

Both the District Councillor (Cllr George Smith) and the County Councillor (Cllr Martin Foley) who represent Little Bardfield, attended the meeting. A copy of the district and county reports can be located on the parish council website.

### **Queen's Jubilee**

It is hoped that the Parish Council will carry out tree planting throughout the village to commemorate the jubilee with a plaque to be purchased and erected near to the trees. Residents within Little Bardfield are in the early stages of arranging a village BBQ. More details will be publicised as arrangements are made.

### **Re-surfacing of Styles**

An issue with the highway which serves 'Styles' was raised. The highway once again requires re-surfacing. Approximately 18 months ago, the road surface was reported as being a state of disrepair by Cllr Cutmore and with the assistance of Cllr Merrifield, the road was repaired. The road is unadopted by Essex County Council however, as there is a sewage plant at the end of the road and the domestic waste bins are also collected, the highway needs to be maintained to a certain standard. It was also noted that the turning point at the end of Styles often floods and the water runs into the garden of No. 10 Styles. These issues are to be brought to the attention of the Highways Team at Essex County Council.

### **Planning Applications**

A simplified process of searching for planning applications has been introduced by Uttlesford District Council. The District Council are now publishing a weekly list of planning applications together with a search facility on the website, which allows planning applications to be searched within a specified parish and between specific dates. To carry out a search of planning applications within a specified parish, type 'weekly list of planning applications' in the search field which will take you to the relevant page.

### **Public Attendance**

Parish Council meetings are now back to being held in person and are

held at The Cricket Pavilion, Little Bardfield. There is a public session at the start of the meeting for anyone wishing to raise any issues. Alternatively, any concerns/issues can be emailed to the Parish Clerk [littlebardfieldparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:littlebardfieldparishclerk@gmail.com). An agenda is published one week prior to the meeting and is placed on the three notice boards located at Little Bardfield, Hawkspur Green and Oxen End. A copy of the agenda and minutes are also placed on the Parish Council website. The next meeting is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm and all are welcome!

**Liz Williamson**  
Parish Clerk

## Greetings to all from Michael Hitchcock

To my surprise I have had the good fortune to recover in good health enough to return to live among you again, in the centre of the village. I must stress that I am humbly grateful for this, and feel that I haven't really any excuse not to continue to tell you about what I can remember about 'The Old Days' for a bit longer.

When World War II was declared I was a young boy in his early 'teens'. Strange as it may seem now, the mood amongst us boys was one of 'excitement'.

Quite early in the war a German aircraft (or two) came over the area about tea-time and unloaded quite a quantity of very small bombs, which made very small craters and were more or less harmless to people they fell near. That was the only time such small bombs were seen, in the war that followed much larger versions were used later.

These small bombs were dropped in three different locations – The Bushett, Gt. Lodge Gateway (on the Saling road) and land between Park Hall and Shalford.

Hundreds of people turned out to take in the scene, especially at Gt. Lodge.

This was the last time that such a large crowd was attracted as bombing became more or less part of life in those days!

**Michael Hitchcock**

*Editor: Muriel Stanley née Dunell, who was related to the Piper and Dodds families and grew up in the village also recorded her memories of War-time Bardfield, including the arrival of evacuees:*

Coach loads of children, a few of the younger ones with their mothers, but the school children with their teachers, arrived in the village from London.

They were sent in ones and twos to live in houses which had spare rooms. The schoolchildren joined Great Bardfield school. In those days, children stayed at the school until they were 14 years old, unless they had chosen to sit a scholarship exam at 10 or 11 years and went to Braintree High School, so with the children of the evacuees the school must have been very crowded. After a few weeks, during which there had still been no bombing, many of the evacuees decided to return to their homes in London, but some stayed on and some, with their families, are still living in Great Bardfield.

As children we had been taught that, if we were outside when we heard a bomb fall, we should lie down flat and put our hands over our heads to prevent our necks being broken by the blast. This caused a problem for me at one time. My friend Iris and I were walking up Vine Street alongside the green, when we heard the loud roaring noise which we had known before when bombs came near the village. This one sounded very near and we flung ourselves down in the correct position, flat on the ground, hands over the back of our heads. The noise came nearer, and in a moment a motor bike went roaring up Vine Street past us, obviously a Messenger taking important information somewhere. We got up, rather sheepishly, to see two soldiers from the Searchlight site standing on the steps of the Vine and gazing at us in surprise. We brushed the dirt from our coats and walked on with as much dignity as we could muster.

## Tuesday Club

At this month's meeting Mac Beanland had another story of his past to relate, entitled "My Farming History", telling us how, from childhood, he had always wanted to be a farmer and how that all came about.

Next month, on the **12<sup>th</sup> April, Irene Barnett's presentation, "Goat in a Soap"**, sounds intriguing - making soap from goat's milk perhaps? Please join us to find out.

Further ahead, on the **10<sup>th</sup> May, Edward Lubbock and Sue Kid will tell us about the "Ups and Downs of Ballooning"**.

We look forward to seeing you there. It's been good to see so many at recent meetings. New Members are always welcome.

**Please address any enquiries to Adrienne Poulson on  
01371 811401.**

## From the Vicarage...

It is hard to know exactly what will be most in our common consciousness when these words make it into print in a few weeks' time, but it seems sadly likely that either the war in Ukraine, or at least its consequences, will still be in our news and in our thoughts. We know, of course, that war has always been present somewhere in the world during all our lifetimes, but this has felt more serious to us than any particular conflict has for many decades. The fact that it is so near to us is of course one factor, but perhaps more important is the sense that the balances of power and responsibility which have kept the world in relative stability since 1945 have been betrayed. We had hoped, I think, that in an age of international structures committed to human rights and democratic values, war would become the exception rather than the rule in how nations conduct their business, and that attempts by one nation to conquer another would be consigned to history.



In the book of Psalms, we find the words:

'Put not your trust in princes,  
nor in any human power,  
for there is no help in them.  
When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;  
on that day all their thoughts perish.' (Ps 146:2-3)

They stand as a warning, borne out in so many examples, that if we place our hopes in human structures to give us a world of peace and harmony, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. The psalm goes on to encourage us to put our hope in God instead. As we prepare, this month, to celebrate Easter, we recall that ultimate hope which is presented to us by Jesus' resurrection. The only guarantee of true and lasting happiness is to be found in the life beyond that which eventually returns to the earth. The answer of Christianity to the cycles of evil which we see repeated again and again in our history is that this life points us towards a greater one, in which human greed and ambition is brought

to nought, and what remains is our desire to flourish together within God's love. May that be something you all come to feel and know as we celebrate Easter this year.

With Easter blessings,

Rev'd/Fr Alex

# Plant Share

## & Coffee Morning

**Sat 30 April 10:30<sub>am</sub> - 12:30<sub>pm</sub>**

## Wethersfield Parish Church



*Want to share your love of gardening, and can spare some surplus plants, seedlings etc with our community?*

*Want to pick up some new plants for free?*

*Like a cuppa and a slice of cake?  
Or perhaps a glass of wine?*



*Don't really want to drive to an overpriced garden centre?*

*Want to help our Grade 1 listed Church?*

Then this event is for YOU!

Please bring any of the following:  
yourself, plants, cakes

*£5 or £10 suggested donation on entry*

## Services for April 2022 in the Pant Valley Churches

### Sunday Services

#### Sunday 3 April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield  
9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Shalford  
9.30am Sunday Café – Cornish Hall End  
*Theme: Further footsteps in the Holy Land*  
10.30am All Age Eucharist – Finchingfield  
4pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

#### Sunday 10 April – Palm Sunday

10am Procession of Palms  
*starting at Wethersfield Church, and returning for*  
10.30am Benefice Eucharist

### Services for Holy Week

#### Monday 11 April, Tuesday 12 April, Wednesday 13 April

7.30pm Said Eucharist – Finchingfield

#### Thursday 14 April – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Benefice Eucharist (of the Last Supper) – Great Bardfield

#### Friday 15 April – Good Friday

10am Children’s Church – Wethersfield  
2pm Solemn Passion Service – Little Bardfield  
2pm Meditations on the Cross – Shalford  
9pm Tenebrae – Cornish Hall End  
*(a dramatic candlelit service of music and readings)*

#### Saturday 16 April – Holy Saturday

10am Children’s Church – Wethersfield  
*including Easter Garden making*  
9pm Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter – Little Bardfield

#### Sunday 17 April – Easter Day

9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Shalford  
9.30am Eucharist with Hymns – Cornish Hall End  
10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield  
11am Sung Eucharist – Finchingfield  
11am Sung Eucharist – Wethersfield  
5pm Festal Evensong & Benediction – Great Bardfield

#### Sunday 24 April – Easter 2

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield  
9.30am Mattins (traditional language) – Shalford  
9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield  
11am All Age Eucharist – Wethersfield  
3pm Scouts Service for St George’s Day – Finchingfield

### Regular Services and Events during the week

#### Monday

8.30am Morning Prayer – Finchingfield  
(& 10am Said Eucharist at Finchingfield on Monday 25 April  
for the feast of St Mark)

#### Tuesday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield

#### Thursday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Wethersfield  
10am Prayer Group (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)  
Coffee Morning (2nd & 4th weeks) – Shalford  
10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

#### Friday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Shalford



## Town Hall Happenings

As I write this and look forward to our Quiz Night on Saturday (which is a sell-out) I have to think how lucky we are in Great Bardfield to have such a wonderful community. The Community Fridge is now working on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings and the Town Hall is once again being used by our local community groups. The news from Ukraine really puts things into perspective.

By the time you read this the Spring Horticultural Show will have been and gone but the Summer Show is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> August so put that date in your diary. Other dates for your diary are the Parish Assembly on 28<sup>th</sup> April, Art Show 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Bardfield Players 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May.

On maintenance we are planning to decorate the CIP, Store and Caretaker's Cottage this summer. Also the PA system in the main hall has been improved with "Bluetooth" access for hirers to play music.

**John Maidman**

**Chair**

**Great Bardfield Town Hall**



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

Great Bardfield Town Hall

## Bardfield ART SHOW 2022

SUNDAY, 1st MAY

11 am – 5 pm

MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

11 am – 4 pm

Paintings for sale, including prints,  
ceramics and other mediums  
Refreshments available.

Admission Adults £2  
(includes tea or coffee)  
Children Free admission

*Peter Keynton and Katrina Ralston*  
Art Show Organisers  
bardfield.art.show@gmail.com

## IT'S TIME TO ENTER THE BARDFIELD BOULES COMPETITION 2022 JUBILEE EDITION

Proceeds to Town Hall Funds  
Enter your team by April 30<sup>th</sup>



Two players per team - any age, gender, ability, etc.  
Competition runs May to September  
Finals Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

£10 per team

FURTHER DETAILS,  
Madame Boules (or Carolynne Ruffle)  
[caruffle@gmail.com](mailto:caruffle@gmail.com); 01371 810986

ENTRIES & FEES  
2 Lower Hall, Bendlowes Road  
or Between The Lines Bookshop, Vine St

## Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

**W**e would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the talk at the end of February by Alan Gray about the development of the gardens at East Ruston. It was an enjoyable afternoon with an interesting talk, plants to buy and our usual raffle followed by tea and homemade cakes. We also recruited some new members.

Hopefully by the time you read this you will have entered or visited and enjoyed the return of our Spring Show at the end of March. It has been 2 years since the last one.

### Visit to the Gardens of Easton Lodge Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

We have arranged a private group visit to these interesting gardens which comprise formal gardens and a tree glade designed by Harold Peto, the Edwardian garden designer, for the Countess of Warwick; a walled kitchen garden dating back to the 18th century; and areas where flowers grow wild, in particular magnificent carpets of snowdrops and aconites in early spring, then daffodils and foxgloves. Tickets are £8.50 each and visit lasts approximately two hours. Ticket includes: entrance to the gardens, a fascinating talk and guided tour by one of their experienced guides, garden guide, map and afternoon tea/coffee and homemade cake.

We need to know numbers and have ticket money in advance please by Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from Linda Prior 811641.

**This date should already be in your diary but if not make a note of it now!**

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

### Coach Trip Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> to the RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall

Highlights include a beautiful Hilltop Garden with its colourful herbaceous borders and scented rose garden, a Mediterranean-inspired dry garden, which has an array of drought-tolerant plants, and the innovative Global Growth vegetable garden, displaying fruit and vegetables from around the world.

For details please contact Iris Couldridge 810088

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

### It's like having Gardeners' Question Time on your doorstep

**I** was having a coffee recently with a friend who asked if I knew the name of a plant he had grown last year because he wanted to grow it again. A free packet of seeds on the front of a magazine had turned into a very good bedding plant, orange flowers, lush foliage and grew to about twelve inches high. Well without the magazine, the seed packet, or a clear picture of his summer garden we were stumped. I'm sure we all have had similar questions, have found a plant growing in our gardens we can't identify or wanted a plant suggestion for a difficult patch. Being able to ask a fellow gardener is a great help or being able to show them a cutting in a bid to identify a mystery specimen is all part of the fun of gardening. The Bardfield Horticultural Society is full of people with an interest in gardening and being able to share tips, knowledge and cuttings is a perk everyone can enjoy. Come along to our events, talks, shows or garden visits and ask that question or bring the cutting along and get some help with your mystery. It's like having Gardeners' Question Time on your doorstep with real, local growers there to give encouragement, help and advice. With my knowledge of bedding plants, my copy of the RHS Encyclopaedia of plants and flowers and a few pictures in a seed catalogue I came up with a few suggestions - calendula, tagetes and marigolds but it was gazania we identified as the mystery seeds from the front of a magazine.

**Mandy Boon  
BHS member**



## Golden Anniversary Scroll

Found in charity shop after 105 years

A few weeks ago, I received a telephone call from a lady who works in the East Anglia's Children's Hospices charity shop in Halstead. She and a co-worker had been sorting through some artwork which had been donated to the charity. Amongst the framed pictures was an illuminated scroll with the heading W.E. L. Lampet 1867-1917. At the top of the scroll was a small water-colour of a church. One of the ladies recognised the church to be St Mary's, Great Bardfield and they thought that the scroll should be returned to the church. Later that afternoon they drove over from Halstead and delivered the framed scroll in person.

The Rev'd William Edward Lionel Lampet, JP, was the vicar of St Mary's from 1867 to 1921. The scroll, dated September 30th 1917, was presented to him to mark the occasion of his 50th anniversary as the parish priest. An article from the Chelmsford Chronicle dated October 5th, 1917 provided some more details of the celebration which



took place in Great Bardfield Town Hall. The beautifully illuminated scroll had been the work of Mr Willem Leendert Bruckman (1866-1928), a Dutch painter and illustrator who lived in The Place, Dunmow Road, perhaps a forerunner of the Bardfield artists! The scroll bore the autographs of 150 friends and admirers of Rev'd Lampet who had subscribed towards a cheque for £82 which was spent on the addition of a stained-glass window in the west end of the Parish Church. Many of the names of the subscribers will be recognisable by today's villagers. They are too numerous to mention here but when the scroll returns from the picture framers it will be available to view in the church. Perhaps, one of your ancestors wrote their name on the scroll.

A few days later, a further presentation was made to the Rev'd Lampet in the village school of a gilt-framed picture in water colours of the

interior of St Mary's painted by W.L.Bruckman along with a vellum booklet containing the autographs of the subscribers. A few years ago, this picture appeared at Sworder's auction room. It was unsold but unfortunately its whereabouts are unknown.

Keith Farnfield

## Boules Taster Sessions

For those who are intrigued yet nervous about signing up for this year's village boules competition (see poster in this edition), we are offering some taster/practice sessions. Come along and have a go with some more experienced players. All welcome, beginners, improvers, those who want a bit of a practice. Sociable and relaxed, no pressure.

**Taster sessions will be held at The Town Hall, on Monday evenings, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 6 – 7.30pm.**



*Finals Day 2018 - pre-covid*

The Bardfield Boules Competition raises funds for The Town Hall and is a great opportunity to meet other residents of the village. Games are played throughout the summer from May to September.

**Finals Day 2022 is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

Further information Madame Boules c/o caruffle@gmail.com

## GREENFINGERS

Keeping you informed of anything relating to gardens and flowers

So, do you know of the stripping of turf around the Tower of London? Of the importing of tons of soil and the sowing of 20 million seeds? Hey Presto come 1<sup>st</sup> June the moat will become a field of flowers. You've guessed it, in honour of the Platinum Jubilee, and better still we may walk along or even slide down into what was a moat transformed into a glorious meadow. The meadow is expected to flower until the end of September, get tickets from Historic Palaces, Tower of London website.

At home, making your own meadow is the new chic in the garden. Short of space? Then a mini one in a long planter will do. Lots of ready mixed seed available, the usual flowers to attract bees and butterflies plus new mixes in a palette of complementary colours.

More traditional activities are planting lily bulbs, pruning and feeding as listed below and planting of evergreen shrubs. Here is one to seek out, *Coronilla Glauca*, as the name implies the leaves are an attractive blue-green but the beauty of it is pale yellow flowers which bloom from November to April - and it's scented. It's great trained against a wall or a fence where this protection stimulates better flowering. Go on treat yourself.

### Jobs

- Prune forsythia down to 2 or 3 buds from old stems. Cut down to the ground a couple of really thick and old stems to rejuvenate this popular early flowerer.
- Hard prune buddleia and those hydrangeas other than mop-headed *Hortensis*, I mean the popular *Annabel* and *Paniculata*.
- Not too late to split up the later flowering plants like *rudbeckias* and *phlox*, it is always welcoming to have more free. Give them away to a neighbour and friend if you have a surplus.
- Penstemons now need a chop right down to a bud. Believe me, although tempting not to, they flower more profusely if the long green stems from last year are lopped off.
- Start acquiring dahlias, sweet peas and salvias as they can go in to the soil by end of April. So much to look forward to achieve summer cool.

More next month. 🌱

## GREAT BARDFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A talk by **Martin Lockwood**

On

# DICK TURPIN



**Thursday April 14, 2022**

**Town Hall, Great Bardfield at 8pm.**

### AGM

The 2022 AGM will be held on

**Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Town Hall**

New members very welcome

## Ninth Stebbing Vintage & Classic Tractor Road Run

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2022

In Aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance

As usual we start and finish at Brazenhead Farm, Oxen End, Little Bardfield By kind permission of Mr and Mrs David Hunt.

Each year we try to take a different route of approximately 25 miles using a mixture of off road, byways, minor roads, and a few unavoidable busy roads, at the same time trying to pass through as many of the villages which support us as possible. This year I am pleased to say we will be coming through part of Great Bardfield. We aim to come down Dunmow Road at approximately 10/15 and we will turn left up Bell Lane. Please come and give us a wave and help us support the Air Ambulance last year we managed to give them £10,510.



## Nature Notes The Otter

The Otter was another wild animal I had the pleasure of seeing on my trip to Norway although strictly speaking this one was semi-tame. We paid a visit to Norway's National aquarium; what a fantastic

experience! I have in the past been to our National Aquarium in Plymouth but Norway's Aquarium puts ours to shame. As well as the spectacular indoor area with wonderful healthy specimens of every form of marine life both hot and cold water you could wish to see, there are four separate outdoor compounds for want of a better description, one for the otters, one for penguins, one for seals, and



the other for water fowl. The water fowl were free to come and go as they please but there was a good variety and they seemed happy to be there, I can only assume they were well fed. The weather was not too pleasant during our visit and I did find myself the only person outside at one stage and it was then that I was privileged to see and film one of the otters grooming itself with a second one warily watching me from a distance. All though I am not in favour of keeping animals like otters in captivity they were very relaxed and their compound was at least an acre in size and I very much doubt whether I would ever get the opportunity to see a completely wild otter at that distance let alone film one, relaxed and grooming itself.

The otter is a semi-aquatic or marine member of the Mustelidae family which includes weasels, badgers, and mink. There are several species of otters; all otter species are on the red list of threatened species and only one is listed as "least concern" that is the sea otter. They are larger than all the other otters and can weigh in at 100 lbs. They have shorter legs than other otters, are slow on land but incredibly fast swimmers. Unlike other marine mammals they don't rely on blubber or fat to keep warm but instead have thick insulated coats with two layers the outer

layer has long waterproof hairs and an inner shorter fluffy warm coat it was this unique coat which made them a sought-after target to hunters and they were almost hunted to extinction. But since hunting stopped, they have made a remarkable recovery, their diet consists mainly of sea urchins, crabs,



mussels, and clams, which they are known to crack open with a rock. They are considered to be one of the cleverest animals at using tools. They eat about 25% of their body weight each day and occasionally dive as deep as 250 feet in search of food. Southern sea otters breed all year-round; the pups thick coats keep them buoyant and mothers leave their babies floating on the surface when they go in search of food. Sea otters create a great deal of amusement for observers by their habit of floating on their backs eating lunch with a pup balanced on their tummy. Sea Otters are common in Scotland but otters found in the rest of the UK are usually one of the river otter species. These are smaller with longer legs, much faster on land but still very fast in the water. All otters can hold their breath for a long time when swimming under water, the sea otter for up to five minutes, but the river otter is the champion; he can stay under for as much as eight minutes. So, if you think you have spotted a river otter locally which disappears under water don't stand there waiting for it to pop up again, it will probably be long gone and will surface a long way away. Their diet consists of fish, frogs, small mammals, and a small amount of vegetation. Otters often take over river side burrows of foxes, badgers, and rabbits, resting places are often little more than a small raft made of a few reed stalks. Otter holts are small underground dens where otters escape danger, take shelter, or raise their young. Gestation takes 60 to 65 days the young are called kits, or pups, and there are usually 2 or 3. They can swim at one month old and dive and hunt for food at two months old. Males have a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years and females 15 to 20.

### **Mac Beanland**

## **GREAT BARDFIELD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

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**Thursday 28 April 2022 7.30pm at the Town Hall**  
**Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm**

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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*  
*There will also be a presentation on the new Pavilion*  
*with architects plans and illustrations to view*

## **Great Bardfield Charities**

The Trustees of the Great Bardfield Charities announce the resignation of our secretary, Brenda Poston after many years of loyal and dedicated service to our village community as Trustee. It therefore follows that we have a vacancy for a secretary/trustee to fulfil her role. The Trustees meet 4 times yearly with ad hoc discussions to manage business which may arise between meetings. This voluntary role will include various secretarial duties pre and post meetings (not including minute taking), alongside some telephone contact with applicants. Applicants must be resident in Great Bardfield or working in the Parish of Great Bardfield. If you would be interested to join the body of Trustees and meet the above criteria, we would be pleased to hear and discuss informally with you, prior to application in writing.

For further information please contact either  
**Pat Coles 01371 810995 Mick Gell 01371 810113**  
**Annika Woodcock 07900 491636 Debbie Rogers 01371 811083**

By Mid April

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**2nd/3rd/4th/5th June**  
**Celebration Window Competition**

Why not join in the village celebrations by decorating a street view window in a way that highlights our Queen's amazing 70 years on the throne! Be as creative as you like! It will be so lovely to walk around the village over the special extended weekend and see all the jolly windows.

We will be running a competition with 1st/2nd & 3rd prizes (although you can of course still join in even if you don't want to be a part of the competition).

**How it works**

1. If you'd like to take part in the competition please email, with your house address, to: [floraolney@icloud.com](mailto:floraolney@icloud.com)
2. Windows must be ready by **Thursday 2nd June**
3. Judging will take place on the morning of Thursday 2nd June and prizes presented later on in the day.

**Bardfield Community Choir**

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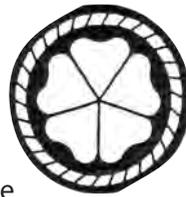
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## Great Bardfield Primary School



Our school community has been incredibly moved by the plight of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Local people may know that we have a long standing connection with a children’s medical centre there and that every year we collect Smile Boxes which we send to the children and their families at the centre. These children are already struggling with lifelong physical and psychological disabilities so to learn that the medical centre was in an area that was under attack has been heart breaking news.



We wanted to do everything possible to offer support. With the help of our dear friend George Mills, who collects and sends our smile boxes to the children, our school community gathered lots of donations. We have also been fund raising and have raised £300 to send to Save the Children. You may have seen the blue and yellow sunflowers on our fence and many villagers have asked what the word Chernihiv means, which is in the middle of the flowers. Chernihiv is the town where the medical centre is situated and we put the name with the flowers to show our support for all the staff, children and their families. We want them to know that they are

in our hearts and our thoughts.

We have also been busy with British Science week. The theme this year is Growth! It has been wonderful to get all the children outside in the spring sunshine, growing plants and seeds and making bug hotels. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out about how plants grow and



Year 6 during Science week

about different eco systems. We know that it is very important for them to learn about sustainability and caring for our planet.

This has been a busy term with lots of challenges but we are all very excited for the great opportunities that the summer term always brings.

**Mrs Kerrell**  
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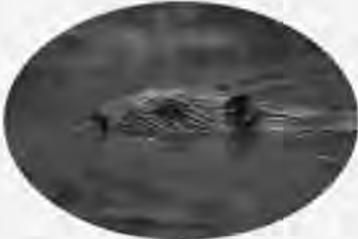
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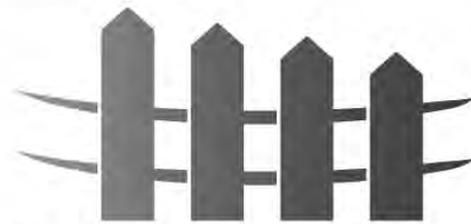
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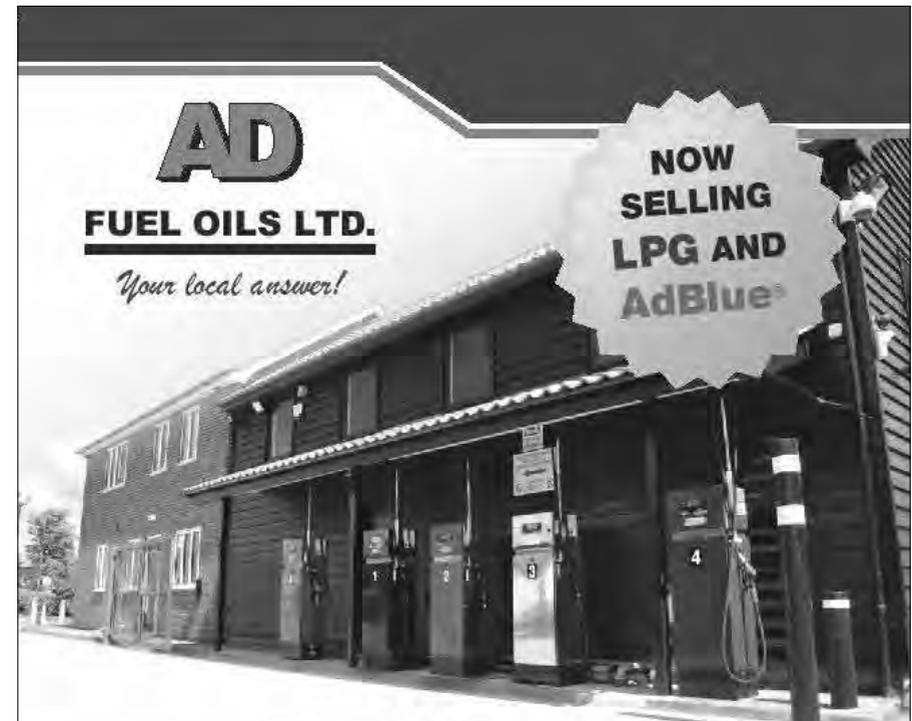
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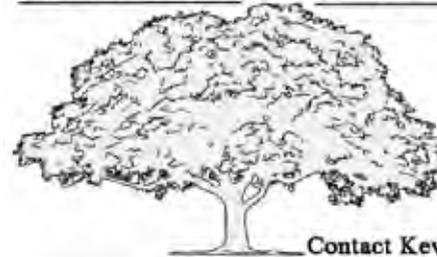
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY ADVICE OR  
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# 01371 810154

## THE GREAT BARDFIELD CHARITIES

# CAN WE

- Winter Fuel Grants
- Medical Equipment
- Hospital Travel
- Vocational Training
- Medical Adaptations
- Youth Organisations, Social Clubs & Societies:
- Equipment & Activities



- Students:**
- School Uniforms
  - Sports Equipment
  - Educational Courses
  - Books for University
  - Travel Costs to School/ University
  - School Trips

# HELP YOU

*Are you eligible for a financial grant?*

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

*For more information please contact one of the Trustees:  
Pat Coles 01371 810995, Mick Gell 01371 810113,  
Annika Woodcock 07900 491636,  
Debbie Rogers 01371 811083*

**DO YOU NEED CHILCARE HELP BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL?**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pat & The Team

Great Bardfield After School Club, Great Bardfield Primary School, CM7 4RN  
Tel: 01371 811580 Email: afterschoolclub@outlook.com  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/GBASC Website: www.greatbardfieldasc.btck.co.uk

## TOWN HALL DIARY

### April 2022

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bardfield Players	11.00am
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	11.00am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Young @ heart dance fit	9.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cinema Club	7.00pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	11.00am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	11.00am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	2.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Historical society	7.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bardfield Players	10.00am
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	7.45pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Young @ heart dance fit	9.30am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council	7.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bardfield Players	1.00pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Art Show	11.00am

For private parties, social activities, exercise classes, meetings.  
Excellent facilities, including spacious kitchen and catering equipment,  
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**Enquiries and bookings** [bardfieldtownbookings@gmail.com](mailto:bardfieldtownbookings@gmail.com)

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**Children's Clinic** (Finchingfield Freshwell Health Centre) 810328

**Refuse Collections** Gt. Bardfield Tuesdays from 7am,  
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Thursday 10am fortnightly

Gt Bardfield Town Hall,

Thursday 11.15am fortnightly

**Museum and Cage** Every Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday from

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