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News and views from Great Bardfield and Little Bardfield



Evening light by Erin Jones

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Front cover: Splashing in the Pant by Pat Coles

Above: Cricket returning to Little Bardfield

Editorial

The village is coming back to life: there's more traffic (not always popular, see motorbikes on p2); shops and other businesses are reopening after careful risk assessments; the occasional plane crosses the skies and, at last, we can meet friends and families. I can't describe the joy I felt at being able to hug all six of my grandchildren. For some older people and those who have been shielding the prospect of going out into the world again can be daunting and we are so grateful to all the village volunteers and good neighbours who continue to provide support.

As Carolynne writes, the Town Hall Committee is preparing to manage safe opening for the many groups who use it. Sadly the 50 members of the Community Choir will not be meeting yet as choral singing is banned for the foreseeable future. I know how much they are missing their weekly sing. A national census reports that there are now 2.14 million people who sing in choirs in the UK, with a record 40,000 groups, all longing to get back to the pleasures of singing together. See Anna's article for more about music in lockdown (p14).

We have had a record number of contributions for this double issue of the BT and even with the amazing skills of Joe Jones, our brilliant layout designer, it was not possible to fit everything in. Several articles in this issue are about wild life and country living with butterflies and ants in starring roles. There has been a renewed interest in nature as we've had more time to observe and enjoy the pleasures of this lovely corner of Essex. We'll miss the horticultural Society's colourful Summer Show this year but look forward to the results of the great runner bean competition. Look out for the requests for volunteers in several of the articles: the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Parish Council Pavilion Project are seeking expertise to support their work; you could add your support to the campaign to tackle the motorbike issue and you might consider adding to the list of community assets after reading the article on p20. The BT team wishes everyone a pleasant and safe summer break.

Janet Dyson, Editor

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Traffic Noise - don't be silent Dear Editor,

It may have come to the notice of many Bardfield residents that the levels of traffic noise have increased over the past few years and particularly since Corona virus restrictions have been in place.

This level of additional noise would appear to come mainly from 'leisure drivers' - by which I mean those going for a ride for its own sake. I hear this is a regular topic of conversation on the Community Facebook page and have had many first-hand conversations about this.

If you feel that this is having a detrimental affect on your health and well being and impacting on your life in any other way, then I would urge you to lobby those that may be able to help and give advice about what can be done.

Please write to the following and tell them if traffic noise is impacting your life in our village.

James Cleverly - MP for Braintree

james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk

Roger Hirst - Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

pfcc@essex.pnn.police.uk

Graham Butland - Leader of Braintree District Council

cllr.gbutland@braintree.gov.uk

Great Bardfield Parish Council

clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk

Each of the above are elected to serve your community.

If you are not happy, it is your turn to make a noise. If enough of us do, we might be heard.

Best wishes

Darren Egan

Ed. This letter came too late for publication in last month's BT, however, the issue continues to be relevant and there has been some recent progress. Kate Fox has provided an update:

MOTORBIKES

Many readers will be aware of the concerns raised over the number, speed and noise of motorbikes travelling through the village and for many years the PC have lobbied with little success to address the problem. However, in June a meeting was held (by Zoom) between representatives of Great Bardfield, Finchingfield, Stebbing, and Steeple Bumpstead Parish Councils to act collectively to identify what further action could be taken. As there

is often power in numbers it was recommended that, in addition to any work undertaken by the PCs, as many residents as possible lobby the different agencies (see contact details in Mr Egan's letter). Your letter or e mail does not have to be long but simply state your concerns.

Bardfield Cinema Club News

Greetings Cinemagoers

We are hoping to resume the Cinema Club in October as we would normally have done, but this will be subject to current legislation for community projects and necessary risk assessments being addressed by the Town Hall Committee. We will be advised in due course regarding seating arrangements, access in and out of the hall and refreshment area etc.

We will be in touch and advise all our existing members as information becomes available. We hope to be announcing forthcoming films in the October edition of the BT and by posters in the usual way.

Enjoy summer, and hoping to see you all soon.

Ray Coles

Venturing out from "Lock Down"

As the Covid19 restrictions are eased and we cautiously emerge from the security of our homes whilst not wishing to alarm we do need to remember to secure our property once again. Whether we are just going to the shops, going out for the day or perhaps taking that well deserved break make sure your home is secure and it looks like you are still there.

Just a few tips to remind you:

- Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly, make sure all tools are put away too. Remember with PVCu and similar doors – when locking Lift the handle, turn and remove the key. If you have a night latch and a mortice lock ensure that you lock both not just the night latch.
- No keys outside in hidey holes please, the thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.
- Create the illusion of occupancy: A radio on, a chair that looks like you have just got up, book or magazine open with a pair of spectacles and a mug next to it, a vacuum cleaner with the lead trailing out of sight (not plugged in), the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy.
- Consider a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone.

A lot of these you can add further CCTV cameras that you listen and speak through too.

- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark, also consider a "Fake TV" unit discretely hidden from view.
- If you have an intruder alarm make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.
- Keys to other cars; put them away and in a "faraday bag" if you have a keyless car.

If you are away for a longer period:

- Curtains open or curtains closed? – The worse thing is half open half closed, day or night the thief will know you are out. I go by the principle that some people do not close all curtains at night but most are open during the day especially in those "lived in" rooms. So as long as you have evidence visible that looks like you are in the house somewhere then it makes sense to leave them open.
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries, delay ordering online purchases before you go away or have them delivered to friends or family that are at home to hold until you return.
- Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away. Mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.
- Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites, watch what you are posting including photographs (they may be date stamped) while you are away too or you may find you are giving useful information that the burglar or fraudster may use.

Don't forget the car when you leave it unattended:

- Close the windows and lock it, verify it is locked by the sound, the flash of the lights or try the handle.
- Leave nothing on show, remember to the thief even the empty bag or jacket is inviting, they don't know what they may contain until your car has been damaged in the course of them breaking into your car.
- Choose a safe place to park, with lots of visibility over it, if you can look for a "Parkmark" accredited car park <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder>.

Further advice can be found at www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or www.securedbydesign.com/

A Splash in the Pant

The lovely cover photograph reminds me of Richard Bawden's picture *A Splash in the Pant*, created for a tribute exhibition to his father, Edward, at the Fine Art Society in July 1992. The picture depicts a scene from the 1930s when Edward and Charlotte Bawden and Eric and Tirzah Ravilious were living together in Brick House. This was in many ways an idyllic and carefree time for the young couples. In summer the four of them, and any of the many guests who visited them, often swam naked in the River Pant at Nine Foot Hole, a secluded bathing pool created by a natural bend in the river. Stories are told of how some of the villagers were shocked and complained to Sergeant Baker, the local policeman, who lived next door to Brick House. He was apparently too embarrassed



A Splash in the Pant Richard Bawden

to go down to the river but is depicted peering through the undergrowth. Tirzah recorded in her diary that the grocer's daughters Peggy and Elsie Piper had a proper wooden boat, named *The Pride of the Pant*, but couldn't get to the bathing place because of a branch that hung low over the river, concealing the spot. Mischievously, the girls borrowed the artists' canoe and managed to saw down the branches, thus spoiling their opportunities for skinny dipping. Tirzah wrote, 'After this we didn't bathe again with nothing on; the river was getting too popular for us to feel happy and private.' Richard Bawden presented his print to be hung in the Bawden Room when it opened in 2017.



Peggy and Elsie Piper in their boat Pride of the Pant. The Watermill, since destroyed by fire, can be seen in the background

Janet Dyson

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

We are pleased to see pubs, cafes, shops, and other businesses re-opening in the village with Covid-safe practices and are sure that the community will support these as they reintroduce their services for our benefit.

The playground is also now open for use. The Parish Council feels this is a vital source of activity and fun for children. The equipment has had its annual safety check but remember that coronavirus regulations are still necessary. Please remember to maintain social distancing, do not crowd the equipment, and take hand sanitiser with you to use before and after you play. The Pavilion remains closed until such time as we can ensure it is safe to use.

Freshwell Health Centre Medication Deliveries – a team of volunteers continues to deliver prescriptions to residents of the village. If you have ordered a prescription that needs to be delivered please confirm this with the Parish Clerk on 810111, in order that our volunteer rota can be planned accordingly. Thaxted Surgery prescriptions can also be collected for those that need them.

Footpaths – thanks to local resident Clive Harvey who mended the broken stile off Beslyn's Lane (footpath 3). A fallen tree had caused problems on the footpath behind at Mill Close (footpath 8). This has now been cleared. We have reported an inaccessible bridleway off Dunmow Road (BR8/14).

Planning Applications – no applications had been received in time for consideration at the July Parish Council meeting. We have asked our District Councillors to keep us informed on the situation with the emerging Local Plan which was not found to be sound by the government inspector.

Pavilion Project – the Parish Council is seeking a Quantity Surveyor to help us in preparing the specifications of the building so that we can put this project out to tender. We are also in need of a Project Manager who can take this project forward for the Parish Council – is there anyone out here with Project Management skills that can help the Parish Council progress with the build of our new pavilion?? Any expressions of interest should be made to the Parish Clerk, clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk

Motorbikes - we have joined with other local parish councils to discuss how we might improve the situation regarding motorbike noise – see

response to a resident's letter in this edition.

Crime Reports - a few burglaries from sheds and outbuildings have been reported to the police recently. We remind you to keep your garages and sheds secure. Any suspicious activity should also be reported to the police by phoning the non-emergency number 101.

Parish Council Meetings continue to be held by video call. These meetings are open to the public so please contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting if you wish to attend, on 810111 or by email at clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk. An invitation and link to the meeting will be sent to you.

There is no Parish Council Meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm (please note the earlier starting time).

Carolynne Ruffle
Chair

Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

Another month has gone by in the garden. I have just harvested my first potatoes, got about 3kg. They look good but the proof is in the eating. My runner beans are also coming along nicely and we have had a nice crop of strawberries.

Last weekend we spotted lots of Red Kites overhead in Little Bardfield. I think we counted about 16 in all: some in the sky and some on the ground, so big with beautiful markings, lovely to see.

The Children's Runner Bean Challenge

Three quarters of the beans we had available were collected. Hopefully all happily growing in the jars provided, notes being taken and results and photos given back to Linda Prior by August 1st for judging.

Happy gardening and stay safe.

Maddy Carter

Ed. We'll look forward to the results of the great Bean Challenge in the next issue.



Page Turners

Most of us won't be going far for holidays this summer so no need for huge blockbusters for reading on the beach or a long flight. With so many book groups in the local area it seems a good idea to share some books for a stay at home summer, books for reading in the garden under a shady tree perhaps.

Where the Crowds Sing by Celia Owens is a novel set in a quiet North Carolina town, combining an intriguing murder mystery with a moving coming of age story.

Bernardine Evaristo's Booker Prize-winning novel *Girl, Woman, Other* follows the lives of twelve fascinating diverse characters across more than a century of change, by turns sad and funny.

Another prize-winning book, Isabella Tree's *Wilding*, tells the true story of how a British farm was returned to nature.

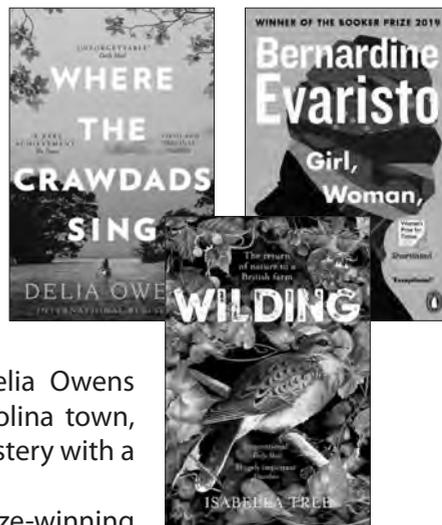
The Dog Man series appeals to readers in the 6-9 age group, *Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas* is a favourite!

Young bookworms (9+) will enjoy Anna James' series *Pages & Co*. The first book, *Tilly and the Book Wanderers*, is a magical story about books and the power of the imagination.

Older children (13+) will quickly lose themselves in the rich and detailed fantasy world of Robert Jordan's series *The Wheel of Time*.

Happy summer reading and If you're a book lover or a book group do share your favourite reads with us.

'Bibliophile'



Mango Sorbet

Use a lovely fragrant ripe mango for this. It is easy to make and perhaps children would enjoy helping and then eating it too! You could serve it with the Coconut Sauce.

Ingredients for Sorbet

- 1 Mango
- 50g (2oz) Caster sugar
- 1 Lime
- 150 ml (1/4pt) still mineral water

Method

- Cut the mango into sections. Cut the fruit away from the skin and the stone, put it into a food processor, or blender. Whizz to a purée and pour into a bowl.
- Add the sugar and stir until dissolved and then add the zest and juice of the lime and the water.
- Stir together and then pour into an ice cream maker if you have one and follow the maker's instructions.
- If you do not have one, you can put the mixture into a container that will fit in your freezer.
- Freeze for an hour, then remove and stir with a spoon. Place back in the freezer for another hour. Stir the mix again and then place back in the freezer until until solid.
- When you want to serve, take the sorbet from the freezer and leave at room temperature for about five minutes before scooping. Also soak the scoop or serving spoon in hot water first to make scooping easier.

Ingredients for Coconut Sauce

- 50g (2oz) Coconut cream
- 50 ml (2 fl.oz) Still mineral water
- 150ml (1/4pint) Whipping cream

Method

- Crumble the coconut cream into the bowl of a food processor or blender. Start the machine, add the water through the lid, and continue until you have a paste.
- Lightly whip the cream and stir in the coconut mixture.

To serve

Spoon some of the coconut sauce onto individual plates and then place two or three small balls of sorbet in the middle.

Sheila Keynton

From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

My dear friends,

I was much struck by something a United Reformed Church minister from Cambridge said to me last year. We were talking about the death of my father, when he suddenly said: 'People talk about *'getting over'* a bereavement. We don't *get over* a bereavement; rather, *we learn to lead our lives a different way.*' 'Gosh', I remember thinking, 'that's absolutely right.'

Those words have returned to my mind in the past few weeks. It seems to me that after the ending of the coronavirus lockdown, what we are all trying to do is to lead our lives in a different way. Much is familiar; much is new. I cannot begin to say how pleased I was to get a haircut after four months: I never thought a 'short back and sides' would feel so satisfying!

We are trying to lead our lives in a different way, too, in the Church of England. Church services have resumed, and we have managed to hold a very simple Eucharist in St Mary's on the past two Sundays. There are lots of new rules to follow – no singing, playing of the organ, shaking of hands, etc – and we all might be said to be 'learning on the job.' I hope very soon to resume services in St Katharine's, Little Bardfield.



Saturday, 15th August is the 75th anniversary of V.J. Day (Victory over Japan Day) in 1945, which marked the end of the Second World War. I am planning to hold a very short and simple service at Great Bardfield war memorial at 11.00 a.m. on 15th August. I have two reasons for doing so. Firstly, several members of my family were prisoners-of-war of the Japanese and had an awful time. One was in the notorious Changi Camp, and another was in Hiroshima when the nuclear bomb exploded (and lived another forty years: I conducted his funeral). They were both very ill afterwards and after their liberation had to spend time in hospitals in Hong Kong and western Canada. When they eventually returned home – I think not until early 1946 – no-one was really interested in them and what they had suffered: the world had moved on, and people now wanted to talk about the future and reconstruction, not about the war. This feeling of being sidelined added to their psychological burdens and did not ease their recovery. One of the reasons I would like to hold a short service at the war memorial is in order to lift them all up to God in prayer, and to ask for His healing of memories.

Secondly, holding a service at the war memorial is another – albeit very small – step towards getting back to normal (or the new normal) after the coronavirus lockdown.

I was very interested to learn that on V.J. Day (in normal years), the Japanese Embassy in London hosts a reception for former Japanese prisoners-of-war and their families. Given the appalling atrocities perpetrated by the Japanese army in the Second World War, this cannot be an easy task for the present-day Japanese ambassador and his staff; yet, I would like to commend them for doing so, and express my support for all who work for peace and reconciliation amongst the nations. As both a priest and a historian, I believe that the past is important (it makes us who we are) and it should be remembered. But, under God's guidance, the future is always more important than the past for all of us.

As I type these words, I am having a little break from correcting the proofs of my new book, *Faithful Witness: The confidential diaries of Alan Don, Chaplain to the King, the Archbishop and the Speaker, 1931-1946*. This is to be published on 17th September 2020 by SPCK, with a foreword by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. More details to follow in the next *Bardfield Times*.

With my love, prayers and blessing,

Father Robert

Town Hall happenings

Our lovely, old Town Hall has never known it so quiet.

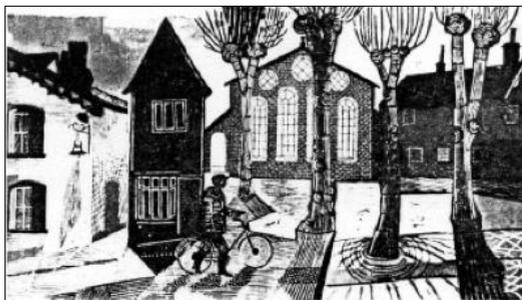
Where are all the people who used to come and go, listening to speakers talk about their travels, roll bowls down a carpet, display spectacular flowers and vegetables, show-off on my stage, drink tea and alcohol, sell cakes and pose like downward dogs?

The Town Hall Committee are now planning all the necessary requirements to enable us to re-open, following government guidelines. A risk assessment is underway, and we are liaising with user groups to see when they would hope to restart their activities, and how to best manage this. The Town Hall Committee together with each user group will need to consider how they use the Hall and both have responsibility for keeping everyone safe. So, it is not just a case of unlocking the door. Many aspects need to be considered, such as cleaning regimes, separate entrance and exits to be used, maximum numbers who can safely use the space, etc. The Hall will not open just yet.

In the meantime, we have undertaken some more maintenance work. The stage area has now been painted to match the rest of the Hall. A handrail and door hook have been put in place at the side entrance to make access easier up and down the steps. The lime trees are due for a haircut (like the rest of us) and this should be done shortly. We are also liaising with the Parish Council about repairs and maintenance of the Community Information Point.

The Town Hall Committee continue to meet, though less frequently, via Zoom, and hope we can all use the Hall again, safely, in the not too distant future.

As outdoor sports were made possible again, a smaller, shorter boules competition for 2020 has begun so it will be good to see people playing on the boules piste, maintaining social distance and not touching each other's balls. The competition will enable some interaction with others, something we have all been missing for the last few months. It is unlikely that we can have fans at the Boules Finals but perhaps we can record and



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

play the noise of the crowds, as at other sporting fixtures, and screen the event on YouTube?

Stay Safe Everyone

Carolynne Ruffle, Town Hall Committee

Family Fun 'Round the World' Quiz

The first letter of each answer can be mixed to spell something you might like to eat.

Questions

1. Which animal's name comes first in the dictionary?
2. What is the Roman numeral for 50?
3. What is the official national flower of Japan?
4. What is the name of the coffee shop in the sitcom 'Friends'?
5. In which group of islands is Lanzarote?
6. Which is the only venomous snake native to the UK?
7. What is the most consumed manufactured drink in the world?
8. In which country could you see the Great Sphinx of Giza?
9. What is the capital city of Finland?
10. Which species of ape, found in Borneo or Sumatra, has coppery coloured fur or hair?
11. In which county do you live?
12. Frozen, the Disney film, is set in a country based on Norway. What is the name of the snowman?
13. Which dormant volcano is the highest mountain in Africa?

(Answers on page 25)

Music in quarantine

Or: There's a folk club in my smartphone

On March 23rd of this year, life as we knew it, for most of us, came to a grinding halt. Unless you were a key worker, or worked completely alone as a matter of course, you probably stopped going to work. Almost all children stopped going to school. And all public events were cancelled – parties, conferences ... and gigs. The Great Bardfield Folk Club had made the decision to allow the March 12th folk night to go ahead, but we were all very careful to keep our distance and wash our hands. Several months later, looking back on those precautions, they seem inadequate, but at the time we were actually exceeding the government safety guidelines!

We had a lovely night ... our special guests, the Suffolk duo SimpleFolk, presented a wide range of different songs from all over the musical map, and as usual we had a fine crop of impromptu floor singers, between them giving us lots of opportunities to join in. Singing, however, we now know to be a high-risk activity, as the breath is projected farther when singing than during ordinary conversation, and soon afterwards we, and every other folk club in the country (there are well over three hundred, probably nearer four) made the wrenching decision to cancel all our club nights until further notice.

For us, this was extremely sad – but for the musicians, many of whom make all or part of their living from performing at folk clubs, it was a disaster. Our own band, Two Coats Colder, had planned to make this year a bit of a “grand finale” before we all move on to other projects. We watched as, one by one, every folk club and festival that had booked us sent polite variations of, “we’re so sorry, but we feel we have no choice.” Again, for us, this was a great pity – but many independent musicians, for whom festivals and clubs are their bread and butter, were left almost completely without income and now find themselves between a COVID-19 rock and a financial hard place. As one musician friend put it, “I’d rather be healthy and broke,”

For non-mainstream musicians, even CD sales tend to be tied closely to live performances; it’s a bit like telling a mechanic “You are not allowed to repair cars, but hey - you can still sell car parts to your customers.” Non-working musicians can still claim Universal Credit; but even a relatively small amount of household income from other sources can mean they don’t qualify, and a lot of musical households are finding themselves in much reduced circumstances.

So what have musicians been up to during lockdown? Writing songs, of course! Learning new songs, and new instruments. But also learning new technology. Some of the more well-known folk performers have performed “live” from their own homes and been watched by people all over the world on their computers. There are several ways to achieve this – youtube is one, but Zoom, a bit of computer programming which was originally developed to let lots of people in different places all have a meeting via the internet, is another. Since lockdown, Zoom has started to be used by teachers so that children can do lessons from their homes – but also by musicians; and several “virtual” versions of local folk clubs have sprung up using Zoom, and other similar software (there’s one called Teams, for example). Social media such as Facebook can host “watch parties” where several people can watch a performance at the same time.

There have even been a few virtual festivals – an organisation called Folk on Foot has collected videos, made in the performers’ homes, and presented them in a “Festival Format” – that is, short sets of several songs from one performer after another – in a live-stream which was watched in hundreds of homes. Donations were requested for the Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund – set up to provide grants to folk musicians facing financial problems because of the loss of their livelihood. We ourselves, as the duo Bass and Taylor, have participated in another smaller virtual festival which was a mixture of live performances and pre-recorded videos, and raised £5,000 for the Berkshire MS Therapy Centre.

We’ve been keeping ourselves busy making videos of the songs we sing; we try to make a new one every couple of days. They’re all on facebook, and some have been posted to the Bardfield Online facebook page. We’re not the only ones – Scott Forbes has also posted a song, and maybe others I’ve

missed (who’s up for it? Let’s see and hear you, Bardfield performers!). If you’re missing a music fix, try the websites or social media pages of your favourite performers – almost certainly, there will be some chatty home video of new songs or projects (one of our favourites, Phil Beer, likes to show updates about



Bass and Taylor lockdown video

his vegetable garden.) Bands who cannot meet in person have recorded segments from their various locations and combined them in performance videos. If you remember the amazing duo Roswell from their appearance last year at the folk club, you might want to check out their gorgeous cover of Abba's "SOS" – just type "Roswell – band" into facebook and scroll down their page until you see it. We even know of a couple of musicians who posted a video a day for the first hundred days. We are in awe. And at least one musical enthusiast has put together an 8AM "breakfast folk show" of videos EVERY SINGLE MORNING since lockdown started.



Roswell SOS featuring three Zoes and three Jasmynes!

Musicians have also become highly creative about finding new income streams. Katie Spencer, a favourite former guest at the Great Bardfield Folk Club, has been selling hand-printed (by Katie and her Dad in the kitchen!) t-shirts; she's also developed a sponsorship scheme. If you remember Katie and you'd like to become a patron, the web site is <https://www.patreon.com/katiespencer>. Sarah McQuaid, another musician who headlined one of the East Anglia Guitar Festivals in Great Bardfield several years ago, developed a project involving making recordings in a historic church in Cornwall (where she lives) and funded it through a "crowdfunding" campaign. Some musicians sell "tickets" for online watch-from-home concerts. Others are using their home videos not just to entertain but to promote their music via sales of physical CDs and downloads.

What about the future? It seems unlikely that live music will be back in its pre-corona format any time soon. At the time of writing, The Friends' (Quakers) Meeting House has permission to re-open as a place of worship, but not to host other gatherings – and to be honest, the Great Bardfield Folk Club organisers are not ready to re-start and I think that many of our attendees – and even musicians – would also be very cautious about taking such a step. In addition, as I write this, permission has just been given for musicians to start putting on outdoor performances to socially distanced audiences, and research is being conducted into how it might be possible to resume indoor concerts in due time. Watch this space, as they say.

In the meantime, you can stay involved with the musical community by checking out the folk clubs in their online format, and watching or listening via facebook, youtube, Instagram, zoom or any of the other available platforms. Look up your favourite performers and see what they've been up to. Check out the music videos your friends recommend. Someone you've never heard of? Give them a try. You might be about to make a discovery. And, if you can, support musicians. Donate to music related charities. Buy CDs or downloads from independent musicians. Sponsor. Crowdfund. Spread the word about all these things. We need our entertainers now, and we'll need them as we start to get back to a more normal way of life.



Boar's Bridge online festival

Finding the folk club in your smartphone: some links to get you started!

You can still watch the latest Folk On Foot "Front Room Festival" at <https://www.folkonfoot.com/festival>

Folk O'clock "Online Folk Club" every other Thursday on Facebook and breakfast show every morning – plus assorted musical videos for your entertainment <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FolkOclock/>

Royston Folk Club "Shutdown showcases" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RoystonFolkClub/>

Cambridge Folk Club "Zoom Virtual Showcases" <https://www.facebook.com/Cambridge-Folk-Club-121633601281110/>

"Virtual Folk Club" facebook collection point for musicians to post videos and anyone to view them <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2548514468739037/>

Emergency fund for independent musicians: <https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/support-our-work/make-a-donation>

Petitions which support musicians and other artists: - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/320711> ensure support for the creative arts

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/301903> emergency financial support for musicians and performers

Anna Bass

Nature Notes

Recently I decided to relocate the two bell shaped plastic compost bins which I inherited when I bought the bungalow. When I lifted the first one up leaving the well-rotted compost in a neat pile I realised it was one huge ants' nest; just layer upon layer of dry compost with ants and ant eggs. Between each layer there were just millions of them in an ant skyscraper tower block. The ants started to move the eggs as soon as they were exposed. So fascinating to watch individual ants getting an egg which is bigger than themselves onto their back and carrying it away to safety with just cause for as soon as I moved away to get my wheel barrow and fork there were a black bird and a robin diving in and having a feast on ant eggs. I duly moved all the compost ants and all into the compost bin in its new location and I must say I was feeling very itchy by the time I had finished. Although there were no ants on me it makes you feel as though you are covered in them but in fact they were far too busy looking after their eggs and rebuilding the nest to bother about anything else.

Ants are fascinating creatures there are more than ten thousand different types throughout the world and they can be found in almost every part. The most common one which we find in the UK is the little black garden ant but red ants and flying ants are also common. It's now a month since I moved the compost bin complete with ants today and I lifted the lid to add some garden waste and I was pleased to see the bin is full of ants all working away so I have not done them any harm by moving them. They don't bother me in the least in fact I am pleased to have them in my garden if you google 'ants' and get the web page up 90 % of the site is ways to get rid of ants. I can see they are unpleasant if they come indoors but in the garden they are very little problem and in fact they can be helpful.

Ants are insects of the family Formicidae and, along with wasps and bees, belong to the order Hymenoptera, they are in fact very much like wasps and bees, they live in colonies very similar to bees. Each colony has fertile females known as queens. Bees only have one per colony but ants can have more than one. Then there are thousands of unfertile females; these are the worker ants and there are fertile male ants. The worker ants and queens can live up to 15 years but the males only live to mate with the queens and then die. The queens and males have wings but are not to be confused with flying ants. The ants' diet consist of nectar sugar and carrion, they also like the sweet sugary excretion of aphids and often take aphids prisoner so that they can feed from them. If ants come into houses

they are feeding on sugar, jam and suchlike substances. If we make sure we don't leave such things exposed we should not have a problem with ants coming into the house. Although I know I have thousands of ants living in that compost bin I see very few anywhere else in the garden. I add waste matter to the bin and the ants are working away making it into compost, so live and let live. I will have a problem when I want to use the compost but I will face that problem when I need to, until then I am happy to let them stay where they are. Around July 12th and 13th some people were complaining about flying ants and I encountered some on the road when I walked my dog. They seem to have disappeared as quickly as they appeared and I wonder if in fact they were male black garden ants looking for a queen and not true flying ants.

Mac Beanland



Update

Our committee has been formed with the purpose of producing a parish plan for Great Bardfield. A parish plan is a legal planning document that once adopted by the parish forms part of the legal planning policy used when determining planning applications within the parish.

We have now commissioned a Landscape Assessment of the Parish which will consider areas that are important from a conservation aspect.

Recently we have also instructed Consultants to produce a Design Guide to be followed during any future development around and within the Parish. In this regard we are looking for residents or organisations to take part in a brief survey in order that the Guide includes and represents the opinions of as many as possible.

If you are willing to assist by completing a short survey please send your details by email or drop a note with your contact details into the CIP which is by the Town Hall.

In addition to the above we will be holding an event to show our progress so far in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as current restrictions allow.

John Maidman
Great Bardfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
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Can you help find our Assets of Community Value?

Hi I am Lynsi, I am a Parish Councillor and we are interested in the many parts of our village which we are able to enjoy as a community. I am also very keen that we don't lose them in the future. Part of the joy of living in a village is that there are places to go that are free for us to enjoy, meet each other (when we can!) and take our children and grandchildren.

A scheme promoted by the government in 2011 allows a community to nominate buildings and land in their district which they would like to protect for future community use. The **Localism Act 2011** (LA 2011) introduced the Community Right to Bid. This gives local communities' early warning of the sale of land and buildings that have been identified as having community value, and allows the community the opportunity to bid to buy them.

We have already nominated some places, but they need to be refreshed and we may have new nominations. That is where you come in-more about that later

Here are some of the things we would identify as important:

Pipers Meadow, the Children's play area, the Pavilion, the Town Hall our 2 pubs, the village shop, to name but a few.

Buildings or land in Great Bardfield which could qualify as Assets of Community Value are those which:

- are primarily being used to further the social well-being or social interests of the local community; and
- is realistic to think, can continue to be used (whether or not for the same use) to further the social well-being or social interests of the local community.

Or if

- they have been used in the recent past to further the social well-being or social interests of the local community; and



Pipers Meadow

- it is realistic to think, that the use (whether or not the same use) could recommence in the next 5 years to further the social well-being or social interests of the local community.

This doesn't mean you can nominate your neighbour's back garden or driveway even if it would be very useful to use them!

So here is a bit of the legal guidance:

The LA 2011 does not restrict what the owner of a listed asset of community value can do with it unless the owner wishes to sell the asset.

When an owner decides to sell an asset which is on the list of assets of community value they must tell the Council. We will then notify the original nominator and publicise the proposed sale within the community.

If no community interest group expresses an interest in bidding for the asset within 6 weeks, then the owner can proceed to sell it.

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 are you enjoying places in Bardfield that you think would fit? Or can you see potential in somewhere that could benefit our community?

Please let the Parish Council know so that we can do the paperwork and make a nomination for you.

The register of Assets of Community Value is kept by the District Council and you can look at the list on their website.



Children's play area

GREENFINGERS

What a year for annuals with all that sunshine and rain - perfect. Keep them going with feed and removing the dead flowers. But Greenfingers is sulking. Why? you ask, when gardens are looking so gorgeous. Sulking because it is time to think of sowing hardy annuals for early flowers in summer 2021 and the easy way is to scatter seed thinly straight to the flowering spot but, in Greenfinger's garden there is no room for this simple method. Therefore sulking! It's the same for many gardeners where every area of bare soil is planted but, as the true gardener is always thinking ahead, into the seed trays will go larkspur, poppies, and my latest find agrostemma the packet says 'easy to grow for 100cm white flowers,' so they need space to perform which means scattering and later spacing the little seedlings 30cm apart, probably after the winter.



It has been difficult to obtain plants this spring and summer which has resulted in many people growing their own. So, what next?

Cuttings: aster, phlox, penstemon, and even a rather gorgeous snapdragon 'Chantilly apricot' which now has five offspring from cuttings taken in July - it's a short-lived plant so worth making more. If there is no greenhouse or a little cloche to keep your developing babies in how about a fish box? A birthday treat! 12 oysters arrived by post in a white polythene lidded box - perfect to recycle for my cuttings.

JOBS

Bad things first:

- Box moth story from last month continues. Sprayed and fed as advised but also splashed cash on a 'moth deterrent', a small box that seriously traps the pretty but devastating moth. A success!
- Shear off the top growth on catmint and geraniums and up spring fresh leaves and some flowers.
- Do dead head roses as well as your annuals.
- Do collect some seeds from foxgloves, larkspur, nigella etc so they are placed where you want them to grow next year and carry on with seeds and cuttings for more abundant flowers on your plot.

Happy times! 🍷

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The Society's website has been expanded to include a new series of interesting walking routes. The website already has 20 walks that start and finish at railway stations but their attraction has been severely reduced by the advice to avoid public transport during the coronavirus pandemic. Now the Walks area of the website has two sections: Station Walks and Other Walks.



Thaxted

The new walks are all 'circular', starting and finishing at a location where there is normally space to park. The routes have been chosen for their attractiveness and level of interest, something which is not too difficult within the Hundred Parishes. The number of Other Walks is increasing all the time; in due course we hope that each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk.

All walk descriptions can be downloaded and printed. Each includes clear instructions to help you find the way and there is also an outline

map of the route. Within the description there is a short introduction to some of the places you will pass. The new walks range in distance from 1 mile to 10 miles.



Looking back from Hadstock towards Linton

We hope you will be able to try them out and we would be pleased to receive any feedback. If you particularly enjoy a walk, do please encourage others to enjoy it too. Please bear in mind that the usual pubs and tea rooms may not yet be open or may offer only a limited service. Walking boots or stout shoes are generally encouraged, although during dry periods they may not be needed.

Now that most of us can get out, please take the opportunity to explore new parts of our attractive countryside, villages and small towns. There is so much to appreciate in the Hundred Parishes.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Ed. A pack of footpath maps in GB parish is available free to all residents from the CIP.

Childhood memories in Gt. Bardfield

I bet you've never had a present like the one I was given, at the age of 9 or 10! Along with other school-children we had been to Blue Gate Hall Farm to watch the threshing tackle, with its steam engine.

In those days when the corn was cut at harvest time by binder, the sheaves were gathered up on to a horse-drawn wagon, and stacked, awaiting the time when the farm was able to hire the threshing tackle equipment.

Boys with heavy sticks, and a few dogs and some interested girls, congregated in the stockyard to catch the vermin that had been having a bonanza on the bounty within the corn sheaves; rats and mice.

Whack! Whack! Whack! and squeaks from the mice, as the dogs and the boys terminated the lives of these fat little creatures. I was one who didn't stay to watch!

Later that day there was a knock at the door. It was Percy Hornsby, a schoolboy who lived near The Cage, and had been to the farm. He held out a paper-bag full of dead mice. "I've brought these for your cat" he said. Those were the days of no Kit-e-Kat or Whiskas, and cats fended for themselves.

I suppose I should have said it was the cat's present, but I was the recipient of that horrible bag! Anyway, it was a kind gesture.

Elsie James (written for the BT in the 1980s).

Answers Family Fun 'Round the World' Quiz

1. Aardvark
2. L
3. Chrysanthemum (the unofficial national flower is cherry blossom)
4. Central Perk
5. Canary Islands
6. Adder
7. Tea
8. Egypt
9. Helsinki
10. Orangutan
11. Essex
12. Olaf
13. Kilimanjaro (5,895m)

If you got them all right you should now find you have 'Chocolate cake.'



Countryfile

The more we learn about the corona virus situation the more confusing it becomes. Different countries throughout the world seem to be adopting different regulations to deal with the situation. Even the four countries of the United Kingdom seem to be going their own way and introducing different regulations to deal with what one would have thought was the same problem, which makes it all the more difficult for people to understand what is going on and what we should or should not be doing, and therefore the overall effect will not be so well understood.

One would have thought that as this is obviously a world wide problem we should all be pulling together to help to bring it under control.

This is going to have an effect on all areas of worldwide trade, travel and tourism, and if we cannot all pull together for the mutual benefit then we shall all suffer in the long term. So, the sooner we all get together the better it will be for everyone. We are still dependant on trade with the rest of the world whether we are co-operating partners with the rest of Europe or not. I still believe we can survive without them and have more control over our own affairs whether we make arrangements with Europe or not.

I have come to the conclusion that I need to make notes as we go along to remind me of what to write in this article as the end of the month approaches. I have to remember that I am writing these notes a fortnight before you will be reading them, and it is sometimes difficult to make them topical and relevant. I expect we shall have started harvest before you get to read this article so all I can do is to speculate about what we are expecting to happen because we have had some very variable weather during the last six months and we are expecting some very variable results.

There was only a very short period of weather when we could get the normal conditions for drilling autumn cereals, and there was a period in February when it was unusually wet and we could not work the soil to get a satisfactory result, consequently the whole season was late in

finishing. The end result was that there was less winter wheat and winter barley sown and as there was not a large supply or spring varieties available there were more beans sown that would normally have been, and a greater acreage of spring barley than originally planned, and the hot spell of weather we had in May has brought on the ripening of the crops that are in the ground.

It is difficult to see what the yields will be at harvest, but we are not expecting anything spectacular at the moment, and the world scene is also rather uncertain, and as we still rely on imports of most of these crops I think this next twelve months is going to be rather difficult to manage.

The variable weather has also affected the hay crop. We have only had one short period when it was possible to make it successfully, and the yields have been not much better than half what we would normally expect. Much of the hay just shrivelled up in the hot weather and we may not get another chance to take a later cut because if it is wet enough to make more grass grow it will not be suitable conditions for next year's autumn crop. Oh well! We shall just have to wait and see what happens and deal with it accordingly.

There is one job that can be done on time whatever the weather, that is get involved in the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign from 11th September to 27th September. That is being organised to help clean up the countryside and to encourage people to not dump their rubbish wherever they have used it; to remove it to a proper place or take it home to let the local authority collect and dispose of it or put it to some other use.

I don't get about as much these days as I used to when I had a driving licence, but my impression is that this village is now tidier than it used to be, so perhaps that is due to the fact that our population has already got the message – I hope I am right!!!

Tony Hayward

Ed. See photos on inside back cover showing earlier farming methods in GB.



We thought we would kick off a season of short articles from members of the community who would like to share their passions and interests; anything from butterflies to baking, twitching to tating, philately to fishing and how it came to be an important part of their lives.

It's a Bug's Life

Britain's annual Big Butterfly Count begins today (Friday July 17th) and its organisers are predicting a very healthy increase in numbers after an early warm and sunny spring. With families in lockdown for the past four months the charity Butterfly Conservation has reported a surge in interest from all age groups about these beautiful, enigmatic insects. Just take a peep at the Bardfields Wildlife Group Facebook page and you will see photos of Peacocks and Red Admirals as well as reports of first sightings of Blues and Brimstones earlier in the year.

I grew up in the West Country and my father and two older brothers were keen naturalists, passionate about birds, butterflies and moths. I didn't share their passion. Not at all. Appeals for a day on the beach building sand castles rather than tramping over Braunton Burrows in search of a brown insect invariably fell on deaf ears. But looking back now these strange family outings gave me a huge appreciation for wildlife in general and butterflies and moths in particular. Most weekends during the summer months there would be an expedition to search out a particular butterfly. Memories of newly-hatched Silver-Washed Fritillaries on the wing in the Forest of Dean, and the surprise of stepping into a field close to the south coast and disturbing a huge number of resting Clouded Yellows will stay with me forever. Despite always being on the look-out we didn't get to see the Holy Grail of butterflies, the Camberwell Beauty, or for that matter a Purple Emperor, although a friend in Great Bardfield spotted one in their garden some years ago. Butterfly envy. A two-day quest for the elusive Large Blue on Dartmoor resulted in complete despondency. Many butterflies (especially the brown ones) seemed just plain boring to me – skippers and hairstreaks, for instance – but on closer inspection revealed hidden beauty. Some butterflies, such as the Marbled White were almost as common as Large and Small Whites but, like the White Admiral which loves shady woodland, I've never seen one here in Essex.

In contrast to the butterfly family, the moth family is enormous.

I've huge affection for this much-maligned insect. Many of the larger moths are stunning, especially those of the hawk-moth family. Just their names are wonderful, for instance: Puss Moth, Buff Ermine, Chimney Sweeper, Old Lady Moth and Speckled Footman. During my teenage years my oldest brother was given a mercury-vapour lamp. This is an intense white light (we had very forgiving neighbours) which attracts insects from a wide area into a large round tub, usually lined with upturned egg cartons for them to crawl under. One morning I helped my brother do the morning count which involved opening the trap and lifting out the egg cartons to see what moths we'd caught. One egg carton I lifted was curiously heavy and as I turned it over found it to be full of sleepy glistening May Bugs. Yuck. Another time I was rewarded with a wonderful combination of Privet, Elephant and Poplar hawk moths – over a dozen in all. Unfortunately I never got to see a Death's Head hawk moth, so that's on my bucket list next to the Camberwell Beauty.

Unfortunately my love for lepidoptera was not passed on to my children. One daughter is insanely terrified of moths and another one thought that butterflies, like people, were born small and grew larger; caterpillars were just a closed book to her.

Jenny Rooney

Ed. The story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar?

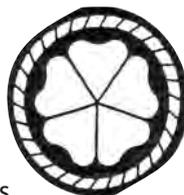
Bardfield's own Banksy?

Children and adults alike have been delighted to receive a beautifully painted stone bearing a portrait of their beloved dog. The stones appear, as if by magic, outside the owner's homes.

The identity of the artist remains a mystery but one thing's for sure, they love dogs, can perfectly capture the character of our furry friends and have a heart of gold to bring such simple happiness to the village during lockdown. Thank you #secretstonepainter (P.S. How about cats?)



Great Bardfield Primary School



We are always very sad at this time of year as we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Every year they fill us with pride with their achievements and successes. This year is extra special as the Leavers of 2020 have had more than normal to contend with and have gone without many of the end of primary school experiences that are a rite of passage. They have done so with positivity, good humour and resilience to continue to do their very best. **The pupils who leave us at the end of 2020 are the very essence of everything we want our pupils to be.** We will miss them greatly but send them off on the next step of their journey knowing that they are ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

The Year 6 pupils have been reflecting on their experiences of Great Bardfield Primary:

Great Bardfield primary school is a small, nice school. I have enjoyed every second of being here. I always feel so safe when I am in school, which makes it a lovely place. I have learnt so much in my 8 years of being here, and I will never forget it. This school has made me feel so strong and ready to go for year 7. I have so many memories here that I am sure I will never forget.

Finding my way around at first wasn't tricky as there are so many kind people and staff to help me. In every classroom there are drawers to keep everything neat and tidy, and boxes with labels on where you can put your books in when finished with them. There are also many, many books to choose from; a selection of bigger books to smaller book with different colour labels to show which level you are able to read from. All the lessons are so fun and I learn loads every time. I will miss this school so, so much, thank you for an amazing primary school!!

Poppy

I have been a pupil here for 7 years and this school is fabulous. It has everything you could ever want it has lessons that are just right for the time schedule, fun trips, good tasty meals and attention from the teachers and LSAs.

Harvey

I think Great Bardfield Primary School is a great school because everyone is kind and sweet and all LSAs and teachers are very helpful. Also Great Bardfield is in a nice quiet village filled with lovely people to talk to so many people at the school are great friends.

Emily

I think Great Bardfield primary school is a great school because all the teachers and teaching assistants are very kind and helpful. The food is also very nice here and everyone is always happy.

Brad

Great Bardfield Primary School is a small but friendly school. Ever since I've been here, everyone has been so nice and the work we do can get tough but you shouldn't give up. The food is amazing where you can either have hot dinners, cold dinner, jacket potato or even a packed lunch from your house. The playground is lots of fun where we have football goals, a running track and play equipment on the bark chipping.

The school also has boxes and inside we have play equipment like tennis rackets, jump ropes, tennis balls and lots more! The classrooms are also organised due to rulers, pens and pencils are placed in different drawers so if you lose any items, you can go and get more! If I had to rate the school it would be a 10/10 because the staff and teachers are extremely nice as well as the students. They all work so hard.

Emma

We are busy preparing for a full re-opening of the school in September and we look forward to sharing our plans for this with parents so that we can make our setting as safe as possible. It has been a very positive year overall but given the challenges of the last four months it is now time for everyone to have a well-deserved rest!

I cannot thank our parents enough for their support and hard work with their children during Lockdown. I hope we can all now look forwards to a brighter time ahead.

Happy holidays

**Mrs Kerrell
Headteacher**

Ed. We wish Mrs Kerrell and all the school staff a restful summer.

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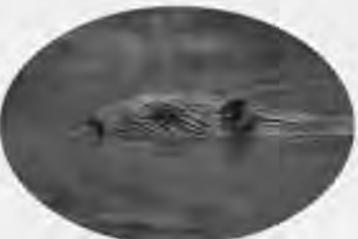
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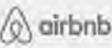
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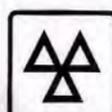
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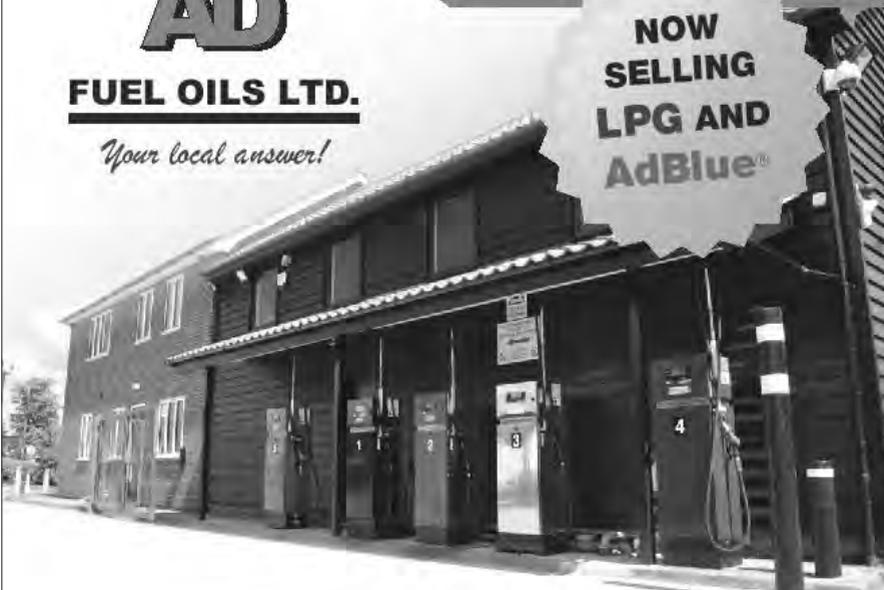
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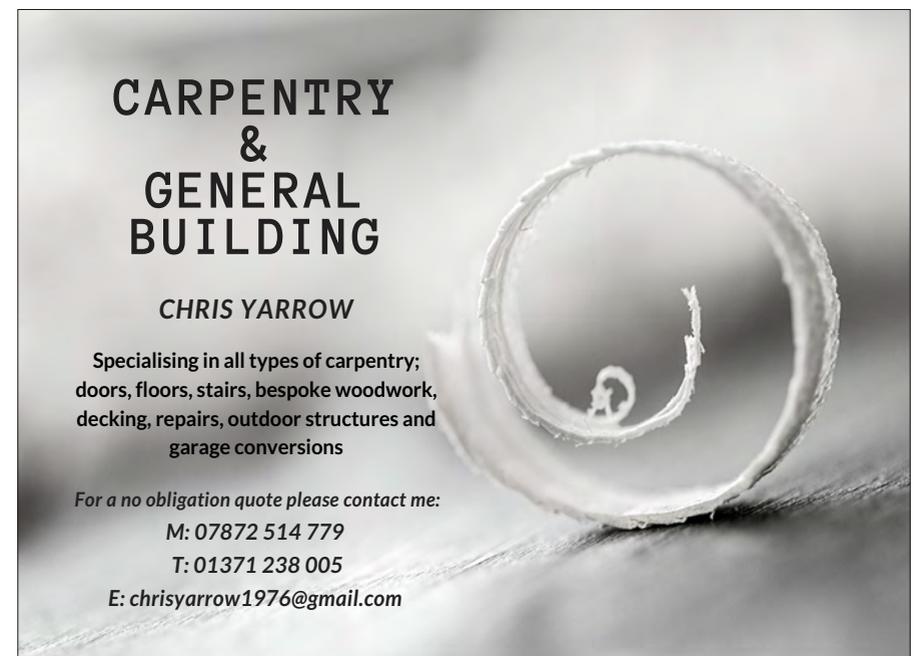
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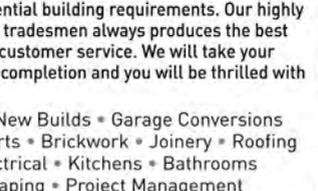
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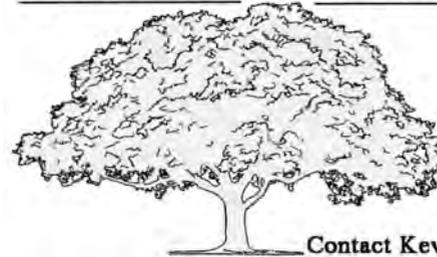


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**DO YOU NEED CHILCARE HELP
BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL?**



From September, we will have spaces for our Breakfast and Afternoon School Clubs, based in a warm, safe building behind Great Bardfield Primary School and please note your child doesn't have to go to the school. We also offer a wraparound service with the Preschool.

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. Children from other schools can be dropped off directly at ours. Tea is served at ours 4.15-4.30.

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 Playstations, '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.

You are welcome to come and visit us for a look around with your children on Mon-Fri 3-5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you and making your child feel really at home.

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