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Above: VE-day Anniversary, Linda Gustar and Mary Williams her mother in her Land Army dungarees by Will Edwards



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Above: Great Bardfield Primary School

Editorial

Readers will be sorry to hear that David, our brilliant and esteemed Editor of some 10 years, is leaving us for pastures new in Saffron Walden. We will miss David and Joyce very much – see p 2 for more.

Thanks to our excellent team of distributors, deliverers, contributors and our printer the BT is up and running. Contributions this month reflect strongly the Covid-19 lockdown and most of our usual reports and announcements are absent. However, many people have shared their experiences of life in Great Bardfield during this strange period. It's clear that there has been renewed pleasure in the surrounding countryside, having time to watch spring move into summer; children have been able to paddle and fish in the Pant, build dens, climb trees, go for bike rides. For those who live alone it has been sometimes challenging, missing the usual social activities, time can pass slowly – seeing your family on Zoom isn't the same as being able to give them a hug. But so many kind and generous people have given time to look out for the vulnerable, collecting prescriptions, shopping, just a friendly phone call or a surprise of flowers, cake or eggs on the doorstep. Our shop keepers, post deliverers, bin collectors and school staff, to name but a few, have cheerfully kept going and we are deeply grateful to be so well looked after. We're mindful that for the younger people too there have been worries about their studies interrupted, uncertainty about plans for the future and missing their friends.

In this issue look out for thoughts on lockdown from some of our primary school children; positive thinking from Alison about distanced dance classes; some historic notes on plagues and pestilence and advice from Greenfingers on tackling garden pests; Sheila's recipe for a socially distanced supper with friends and don't miss the Horticultural Society's Great Summer Bean Challenge!

Janet Dyson, Temporary editor

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Farewell dear friends

David and Joyce Yates are moving to be nearer their family in Saffron Walden. They have given so much to village life since they moved into 2 Little Lodge Gate Cottages some ten years ago. They settled in and got to know people pretty quickly. Bringing his Scouse wit and charm David has ably edited the *Bardfield Times*, given lectures to book groups and Historical Society meetings, planned questions for



the Town Hall quizzes, and I'm not sure, but he may have more than a passing acquaintance with our excellent contributor 'Rusty Boules'. He also demonstrated his talents as writer and director when his play *Fitting the Bill* was performed by the Bardfield Players. Together David and Joyce have brought a lively sense of fun to village life. We will remember Joyce for her warmth, her sense of humour, her love of her beautiful cottage garden and her wonderful collection of hats! Since her illness David has cared selflessly for Joyce and their move will make life easier in all kinds of ways. Saffron Walden is not far away but, David and Joyce, we will miss you. Thank you for all that you've brought to our village. We'll be visiting as soon as we're unlocked!

Dear BT,

Firstly, apologies for the time taken in sending you details of the project that the *Bardfield Times* so kindly contributed towards. As I am sure you can imagine, working from home and home schooling do not go hand-in-hand and the PTA's work has had to take a back seat.

We are pleased however to be able to tell you that the Swimming Pool Changing rooms are now complete and the generous donation that you have made has enabled us to provide purpose-made flooring for the building. We have opted for an Altro Marine flooring that has a dimpled surface specially designed for little bare feet. It also provides excellent slip resistance and is easy to maintain.

It is heart-breaking that we worked so hard to get the building finished and now it will stand unused for the foreseeable future. The only consolation is that the children will have a clean, safe area to change in as and when they are all back at school and are able to use the swimming pool again and this building should last hopefully for another 35+ years, just like its predecessor. All we need to do now is "kit it out" with benches, shoe racks and hooks.

Unfortunately, we have had to hold off purchasing this equipment as due to the current situation, we have had to cancel all fundraising. This has meant that we have lost the opportunity to raise approximately £4,250 of much needed funds and we feel that we should save the current funds that we do have in case of an emergency.

Thank you again for the help that you, the *Bardfield Times*, has given us.
Stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes

Clare Ditchman, Treasurer of Great Bardfield School PTA



Catherine Margaret Hughes:

2nd February 1931 – 29th April 2020

Catherine Hughes, but always known as Vourneen Hughes died at the Saint Mary's Court Care Home on the 29th April 2020. She was originally born in a Fenit near Tralee in southwest Ireland. Vourneen left Ireland and trained as a nurse on the Isle of Man.

Vourneen and her family first came to Little Bardfield in April 1970 where she and her husband purchased and managed The Spread Eagle Inn.

At the Spread Eagle, Vourneen was key to a wide range of ventures and activities. Hosting the Little Bardfield Cricket Club, the Darts Club, Theatre Evenings at Great Bardfield and supporting many local charities.

The Spread Eagle ran a successful public house and restaurant and was a focal point for the local village and surrounding area.

In 1973, the entire family went to the USA for a six-month trip in support of her husband's business venture and returned again in 1975 for a two year stay.

The Spread Eagle Inn was sold in 1981 and Vourneen moved to Great Bardfield. There, she started and ran the popular and successful Tea Rooms in Trinity Cottage, just over the road from what was then Hitchcock's Post Office.

Vourneen moved to Thaxted and then Millard House Care Home before finally moving to the Saint Mary's Court Nursing Home.

Her family wishes to thank everyone who has supported them at this very difficult time.

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Posture and using your keyboard

In this current situation with Covid-19, many of us are working from home and using our computers and lap-tops, often for hours at a time. Sitting for such long periods of time may not seem to be causing problems now but can lead to injuries and problems that you may suffer from later on, for example; low back pain, neck pain with referred pain down your arms, and hand/wrist pain from repetitive strain.

Correct posture is VITAL especially with a lap-top or similar device.

Ideally you should have an office chair with 5 castors (these are not expensive) with the seat height adjusted so that the hips are just higher than your knees and your feet flat on the floor.

Remove the armsrest unless they slide under your work desk, this is to allow you to sit very close to your desk, enabling you to rest against the back of the chair whilst reading/downloading articles, and help preventing you from slouching over your desk especially at the end of the day when you are tired.

Your elbow joints should be at right angles with your hands relaxed palms down.

The top of the computer screen which is straight in front of you, should be at the same height as your eyes. If not place it on several books. If using a lap top, I recommend a wireless keyboard and mouse for your desk, and placing the lap-top on the pile of books to obtain the correct height.

Lap-tops are amazing technically, but they do encourage you to slump over them!

Get up and move around every 30 minutes, and look at something outside the window to exercise your eyes.

If you have any further problems, please give me a call.

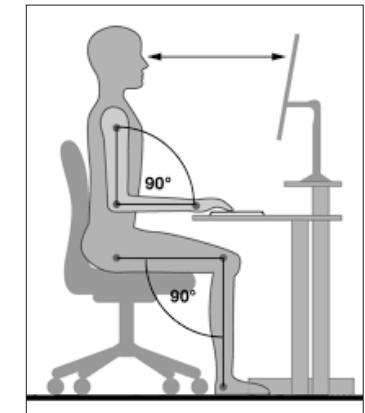
Take care, stay healthy and keep good posture.

Claire Oldroyd

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Hi. It's Tommy here,

Sorry for the lack of communication lately but I have been on a special mission, guarding Ms Lee Sharpe's great VE window display in Finchingfield. I hope you all have had a chance to see it on your daily exercise walk.

I hope you all are well and staying safe.

The 8th May 1945 will go down as a momentous moment in our history. After six long and torturous years of bloody fighting with hundreds of thousands losing their lives and 342 days after the famous invasion with 150,000 allied troops storming the coast of Normandy, the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill announced to the nation with the immortal words "This is your victory".

May 8th 2020 marked the 75th VE day celebration but unfortunately the official celebrations planned by the Royal British Legion had to be curtailed in line with the government social distancing and lockdown restrictions.

I would like to thank the Parish Councils for Finchingfield and Great Bardfield and the community of both parishes for their efforts in marking the day. It highlights the fact that it's not just the Royal British Legion who remembers but ALL our communities remember and will continue to remember which is fantastic. Thank you.

Unfortunately I was unable to be at Great Bradfield but I've have been told it was good.

Did you see the light show online from Finchingfield?

It was spectacular. Tower of London eat your heart out!

A special thanks to David Bide and family, Dan Matthews and Jane Welsh for all their hard work with the light show

So finally before I go I would like to thank both communities for their support and resilience, the Blitz spirit lives on.

Take care but most importantly stay safe!

Tommy



Great Bardfield Memorial VE Day by Will Edwards

Suzanne Osborn (Suzie) 1946 – 2020

Sadly, Mum died peacefully on the 8th April 2020 at home in Chapel Cottage. We would like to say a very warm thank you for all the support the village has given us over the years especially in the last few months – so many cards, flowers, cake and words of kindness, it has been very much appreciated.

Mum was born in Dorset in 1946 and at the age of 18 embarked on her very first holiday abroad to Palma, Majorca where she met the love of her life, John, (mum happened to be engaged to another man at the time but luckily she changed her mind after that holiday). A long-distance romance began, and Mum moved to London following a not so romantic marriage proposal over the phone from Dad. They were married in Plumstead, London and moved into the flat above the butchers in Belvedere.

Mum was always a country girl at heart and when an opportunity to buy a house in Durham Close came up, Mum, Dad and by now, both of us in tow (Emma & Sophy), packed up and moved to Great Bardfield in 1976.

During the 44 years that we have lived in the village, Mum was very involved in village life. She joined the PTA where she and colleagues secured the funds to build the swimming pool for Bardfield Primary school. At this point mum was still working full time in London as a legal secretary before giving that up to support both of us through school and exams, much to our dismay at the time!

Mum decided to retrain and qualified as a teacher in adult literacy and English as a second language and started teaching students at night



school in Saffron Walden. A few years and more qualifications later, she became a private tutor for children with dyslexia and learning difficulties. Mum's kind, compassionate approach allowed her pupils' confidence to soar and to this day parents (and their now grown up children) still remember what a difference she made (we remember the bowl of sweets she always had waiting for pupils after school). Mum was also a strong advocate of teaching using phonics which at the time was not widely used in education. Over the years mum taught well over 100 pupils, many successfully going on to higher education.

Books were central to Mum's life (with a particular love of Antony Trollope and other classics) but she also loved food and cooking (*Elizabeth David*, which combined great writing and Mediterranean food, and *French Women Don't Get Fat* by Mireille Guiliano who was a strong advocate of a glass of wine with lunch). Mum also loved a good party and close friends will remember the infamous Christmas Eve house parties and the many long idyllic lunches in the garden that often went on long into the evening. She also had a life-long love of the ballet and we were lucky enough to be able to still visit the London Coliseum to see the *Nutcracker* last Christmas, emotional tears of joy would start before the curtain had even come up.

The island of Gozo was another of Mum's great loves and we had many wonderful family holidays over the 40 years we have been going. We are very grateful that we were still able to go on holiday together. We would wheel Mum's chair into the warm sea, and she would float off laughing, she absolutely loved it.

In the last few years Mum was unable to read herself and it was one of the greatest pleasures to read to her. We spent many happy and relaxed hours at Between the Lines in the village where the conversation (and the cake) brought Mum back to life, often with a big smile. It provided an invaluable lifeline as did our walks around the village, come rain or shine, regularly stopping to chat with people who have known our family for many years.

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, we have not been able to celebrate Mum's life with family and friends as we would have wanted but we hope to do this when we return to some normality.

Thank you again to everyone for your kind words and cards of condolence, she will be sorely missed.

Emma & Sophy

Letter from Parish Council Chairman

I am pleased to see that the *Bardfield Times* team have managed to publish this magazine after it proved too difficult to do so for the last couple of months. I hope that all in this community are coping with the difficult circumstances we have found ourselves in over the past 3 months – we have all had to learn to do things differently and I am sure that this will be the case for a long time to come. The Parish Council has continued to operate almost normally over this time, thanks to technology, although we haven't been able to meet in person. We have become used to our meetings being undertaken via video call, and not followed up by a detour into the pub.

Early in the crisis we were very pleased to receive many offers of help for the more vulnerable in our community and those self-isolating, and with the co-ordination of Councillor Lynsi Hayward-Smith, Kate Fox, the Parish Clerk, and others a reliable group of volunteers was established and who now provide regular assistance to residents in need. We also liaised with Freshwell and Thaxted Surgeries to provide a prescription delivery service in the village, with weekly deliveries from Freshwell and on-demand for Thaxted, reflecting the preference of the surgeries concerned. We expect this service to continue for the time being, despite some relaxing of the lockdown restrictions. I would like to thank all those who have assisted this community, through the village volunteering group, and also many others who have been offering help and support to friends and neighbours during this time,



in a more informal way, or via pleas on the Facebook Community page.

We have been very lucky that some of our shops have been able to continue to provide for us during the last few months, and really appreciate their care in helping us all 'stay safe'; the Co-op and all its staff for their hard work – staying open and providing all the necessities (it's not their fault there's no flour); Danny Smith Butchers (open as usual); the Post Office & Blue Egg shop (open 3 days a week) and Knead Food providing bread and other baked goods, plus take-aways. Also, local farm shops have extended their ranges and other businesses have provided delivery services for those staying at home. We even have a visiting pizza van to the village on Saturday evenings.

However, we are also thinking about those business that have had to stay shut. This has been a difficult time for them all and, I'm sure, has had a detrimental impact on them financially. We hope they can re-open soon and continue to provide the services to the village and surrounding area. I know several are now working hard on how they may re-open when permitted, in a way that keeps staff and customers safe. Of course, this will mean changes in how we shop or use their services. Please support your local businesses.

Staff and school governors have also had to work hard introducing measures to enable Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children to return to school at the beginning of June.

Social activities will remain very limited for the time being, but I am sure village groups and societies are also considering what and how they may re-start in a safe manner. Outdoor sports may be possible before those that operate inside. We hopefully have a few months of good weather ahead. The footpaths are being well-used, and, remember, there is a pleasant walk around Piper's Meadow, by the bridge, for non-dog walkers. I know we are all missing our friends and activities so let's hope we can get together soon, even if in a limited way.

Social distancing will remain for some time to come, I'm sure, and despite the relaxation of restrictions, everyone needs to remain cautious, as the virus is still with us. There will be many who do not yet feel ready to venture out, and we need to ensure that to do so, risk is kept to a minimum. Please remain aware of distancing and hygiene rules. Patience and kindness are key to ensuring we can come through this crisis safely.

Stay Safe and Well.

Carolynne Ruffle, Parish Council Chair

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

We hope that all in our community remain safe and well, and thank you for your continued attention to safety rules during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. Please continue to protect our community by following distancing and hygiene rules. Currently, the playground and play equipment remain closed though you may exercise on the playing field, ensuring that you follow government guidelines.

The footpaths are in use and we have recently reported a couple of issues – a broken stile and an impassable footpath as reported to us by residents, so please let the Parish Clerk know if you experience any problems with public footpaths in the Parish. When you do go out and about please take any rubbish home with you and dispose of it appropriately. Recently, the village handyman has had to clear up considerable amounts of rubbish left on the playingfields.

Freshwell Health Centre Medication Deliveries – 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.

Parish Council Meetings

We have been able to hold Parish Council meetings by video call. Parish and other Councils had to have legal dispensation to allow us to meet in this way. We expect this will continue for some time. The meetings remain open to the public so please contact the Clerk if you wish to attend, so that an invitation and link to the meeting can be sent to you.

We have not had the opportunity to keep you informed of Parish Council business and activities for a couple of months, so will summarise as best I can in this report.

Recent Planning Applications

We have continued to receive and respond to planning applications, although for the last 12 weeks planning officers have not been able to make site visits and decisions on such applications have been delayed. We understand that officers are now beginning to make visits again, following social distancing measures. I list below the applications that the Parish Council have considered and responded to over the last 3 months (April to June).

Responses and comments made by the Parish Council, residents and other consultees can be viewed in full on Braintree District Council's Planning Portal at www.braintree.gov.uk

Black Gables, Dunmow Road: demolition of existing property and erection of 2 x 4-bed houses - objection to the current application due to the size of the properties proposed for this site

Endway, Dunmow Road: proposed alterations to existing permission – no objections

2 The Corniche: single storey front and side extension (in the conservation area), revisions to previous application – no objections if considered appropriate by planning officers

Laurel House, Dunmow Road: Single and two-storey extensions (in the conservation area) – no objections, providing the Historic Buildings Officer approves the materials to be used.

Tree Works in the Conservation Area

Laurel House, Dunmow Road: various tree works and replacement with native species – no objections

Yew Tree Cottage, Dunmow Road: removal of one yew tree (damaging the property) and reduction of the crown of another yew – no objections

Due to some concerns about unapproved tree works in the village in recent months, the Parish Council have sponsored the printing of a leaflet, produced by Braintree District Council, on protection of trees in the conservation area and residents' obligations prior to undertaking any works. Copy enclosed with this edition of the Bardfield Times.

Local Plan

You may know that Braintree District Council's emerging Local Plan was examined by the government inspector earlier this year. The proposal to enable development of a Garden Village on land West of Braintree was rejected by the Inspector who felt

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that BDC had not proved that this large development was 'sound' and the proposed Rapid Transit System to serve the Garden Village was not considered financially viable. This means that Braintree's emerging Local Plan will need to be revisited. In the meantime, the District Council cannot prove they have sufficient sites to meet the government's housing requirements for this District. This could mean that we, and other villages, could be vulnerable to speculative applications for housing developments. Although this Council support the need for more housing we feel strongly that any such development should be located in appropriate locations, be of sympathetic design, and should meet the needs of local people, including more smaller and accessible properties, affordable housing and with consideration for the environment.

Pipers Meadow

To make this more accessible to the community we have now arranged for a path to be cut through the meadow fortnightly during the summer. Two picnic benches are also now in place. Remember, however, that because this is a protected site with rare Bardfield oxlips and other natural features that dogs are not permitted and you should keep to the mown paths.



Pavilion Project

We have now applied for the necessary Building Regulations for the proposed new pavilion. We are seeking a Quantity Surveyor who may help us in preparing the specifications of the building so that we can put this project out to tender. Any expressions of interest, or offers of help (with a view to limiting the costs of this project) should be made to the Parish Clerk, clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk

Highways Issues

We have reported several potholes, blocked drains, broken signs and other defects to Essex Highways department. A nasty hole at the corner of Crown and Vine Streets has been repaired but we are waiting, and chasing, a number of other locations.

**Carolynne Ruffle
Chair**

From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

My dear friends,

A lot has happened because of the Coronavirus pandemic since I last wrote a letter for the *Bardfield Times* in mid-March. Soon afterwards, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York closed all parish churches for worship and private prayer. I set up a chapel in the Vicarage dining room, where I said Matins, Evensong and Compline every day and celebrated the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days. Keith Farnfield very kindly took on the role of e-mailing out the Bible readings and my sermon each Sunday. Parishioners started forwarding my sermons to their families and friends, and curiously I discovered that my sermons were reaching more people by e-mail than when I delivered them from the pulpit in church. If you would like to have the Sunday Bible readings and sermon e-mailed to you whilst the Coronavirus pandemic continues, please could you drop a line to Keith: keith.farnfield@btinternet.com

For the past few weeks I have been allowed back into our two churches by myself. They are a bit dusty and could do with a good clean, but otherwise they are not too bad. I have opened the doors to air them. I say daily Matins and Evensong in St Mary's and St Katharine's and celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and holy days. I hope it will not be too long before our churches are once again open for private prayer, and, once it is safe, for church services.

During the lockdown, I have managed to keep in touch with people via telephone and e-mail – and I am grateful for all the telephone calls I have received from members of the congregation checking that I am all right – and I have valued the conversations with parishioners I have met whilst out for my daily exercise or queuing at the Co-op. This leads me to say how very greatly I have appreciated the work of the staff at Great Bardfield Co-op and at the Blue Egg and Post Office to keep us all going during the pandemic. Their help and cheerfulness will long be remembered.

Peter Canham, a longstanding member of St Mary's congregation, died in May after a short illness. Peter was a faithful communicant and regularly came on our pilgrimages to Nettuno. He always had a positive outlook on life, was good company, and was a great encourager of other people. We thank God for Peter's life, gifts and friendship, and offer our sincere condolences to his wife Angela and to their family.

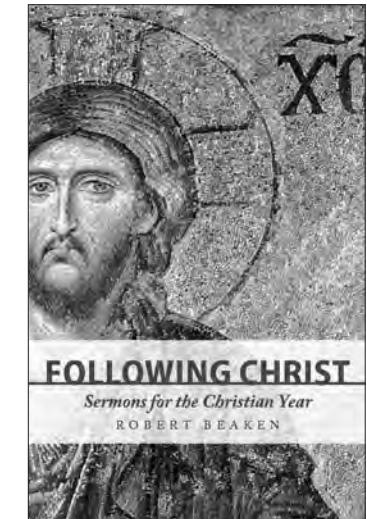
When I last wrote in mid-March, my mother – who is almost 91 and

registered blind – was in hospital with pneumonia with complications (in fact, we wonder whether she may have had undiagnosed Coronavirus). She was so ill that at one point my brother and I went to the hospital and I administered the Last Rites. The very next day she started to get better: a story I have encountered elsewhere in my ministry. It soon became clear that my mother could not return home to live alone, so we managed to get her into a care home. Unfortunately, after a few weeks it had to close for financial reasons. The hunt was then on to find another care home – not easy in the lockdown – but in the end we secured a place in the care home where my late father was looked after at the end of his life. It was an anxious time, and I am grateful for all the kind messages of support I received from parishioners.

St John Ambulance has been very busy throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, supporting the work of the NHS in hospitals and clinics around the country and providing ambulance transport. Our volunteers have been contributing around 1,000 hours of help per week, especially at the Nightingale Hospitals. The Order of St John set up a telephone helpline to support our volunteers and I have been pleased to take my turn running this: I felt I was doing my 'bit'. Some very humbling and impressive stories of the work carried out by St John Ambulance staff during the Coronavirus pandemic have already started to emerge, and it would be highly appropriate if this could be reflected in the State honours list.

It had been intended to hold a book launch in April for my new book *Following Christ, Sermons for the Christian Year*. Unfortunately this had to be postponed because of the lockdown, although I hope something may be re-arranged after the pandemic. The book has garnered good reviews in the *Church Times* and *Rural Theology*, and I am most grateful to my colleague Lynda Sebbage for her kind review on Amazon Books. Great and Little Bardfield get mentioned quite often in the book.

With my love, prayers and blessing,
Father Robert



Plagues and pestilence in Great Bardfield

You may be tired of reading about the present pandemic but, for those interested in local history, if you look you will find evidence of how people in this area coped with regular outbreaks of potentially fatal diseases: plagues. Although our scientific and medical understanding has improved it's clear that we still share the fear, confusion and isolation experienced by our ancestors.

Pest Houses

In the 1980s Rev. Norman Clift compiled a sketchbook with notes on many different buildings in the village. Here is what he wrote about the pest house on the Dunmow Road:

'About two miles out of the village just before the road turns off to Lindsell there was, until the gales of 1988, a small black shed. It was one of at least three pest houses where people were brought in less happier times who had small pox or some other infections disease. Older residents said that when they were children it was called the Pox House, but none remember it being in use. There is a document of November 1773 about the pest house for the poor of Great Bardfield in Tom's Green at Pitley. The one I have sketched here had a plastered ceiling. It was said that in the eighteenth century a man came once a week and threw a joint of meat into the windows for the unhappy and miserable people inside.'

Only the outline of the footings of the pest house at Tom's Green, mentioned by Rev Norman Clift, remain. Evening Primrose, known for its healing properties, grows there in profusion. The Essex Record office has a title deed of the Manor of Great Bardfield with Bardfield Saling dated 2nd November 1773: Admission of William Pollet, Gentleman on trust to: Cottage at Tom's Green in Great Bardfield for use as a pest house, on surrender of John Taylor of Great Bardfield, husbandman.

The Skynner map of 1755 shows a small dwelling at Tom's Green (on the right before you turn into Tom's Lane) on a narrow tract of land



owned by Thomas Taylor. As for a third pest house, if anyone has any information we'd love to know more.

Although very few original pest houses survive in the UK most parishes would have had at least one, depending on size. They were basic buildings, some looking like small cottages and some single-storey, essentially nothing more than sheds.

C16th and C17th Century Plagues

Norman Clift also described how in 1937 John Aldridge found a small piece of parchment folded in four, pushed into a peg-hole of one of the timbers in an upper room in Place House and plastered over. It contained an invocation for divine protection against the plague: "O mitis Jesu libera nos" (O gentle Jesus deliver us). It is believed that whilst William Bendlowes was practising law in London a plague broke out and he returned to his country home and wrote out the prayer. This was probably in 1563-4 during his remodelling of the house. The words of the prayer are preserved in the silk patchwork church cope which John Aldridge designed.

One hundred years later, during the Great Plague of 1665-66, Charles II issued rules and orders for the prevention of the plague. Paragraph 11 states:

If any House be Infected, the sick person or persons be forthwith removed to the said pest-house, sheds, or huts, for the preservation of the rest of the Family: And that such house (though none be dead therein) be shut up for forty days, and have a Red Cross, and Lord have mercy upon us, in Capital Letters affixed on the door, and Warders appointed, as well to find them necessaries, as to keep them from conversing with the sound.

We have no records of plague, either bubonic or pneumonic ever reaching the village but major towns were severely affected, including Braintree, where 665 people died. The surrounding rural areas suffered far fewer cases although they feared the spread, regarding it as punishment from God. Social distancing was practised as we can see from the account of Dr Richard Kidder, the Rector of Rayne who described his fears for his family as he cared for the sick in his parish:

I had at that time great cares upon me. I had two families to provide for, with food and physic. I expected every hour when my wife and children would be seized ... My neighbours durst not come near, and the provisions that were procured for us were laid at a distance upon a

green before my house.

C19th: Cholera - The Fountain

The village fountain, at the end of the Causeway, was erected by Henry Smith in 1860 and until mains water was installed, was the only source of running drinking water in the village. From 1846-1860 there was a cholera pandemic which claimed the lives of 23,000 people in Great Britain. The British physician John Snow worked in Soho and noted a cluster of cases near a water pump in Broad Street. After observing families drawing water all touching the pump handle he ordered officials to remove the handles and the number of cases immediately declined. Linking the disease to contaminated well water changed the course of the pandemic and saved thousands of lives. Henry Smith would certainly have been aware of this and keen to ensure that Bardfield residents had access to clean drinking water he undertook the building of the fountain. Clay pipes were laid from the natural spring in the valley behind the churchyard down to the Fountain with the water running freely from the fountain via a culvert under Brook Street into the Brook. Many people continue to drink the water from the Fountain although there are minimal health risks.

Jenny Rooney and Janet Dyson



Print of Great Bardfield fountain Brook Street by Sheila Robinson



Update

During the period of lockdown we have continued to move forward with the production of a Neighbourhood plan, albeit at a slower pace than we would have wished!

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.

A parish plan cannot stop development but can influence how planning applications are decided. The steering committee have a vision statement which is:

"To conserve and protect Great Bardfield's characteristics as a village within its rural environment whilst ensuring that it is a vibrant, safe, welcoming and greener community, providing an attractive location for people of all ages to live, learn and work."

We have already been able to obtain the views of residents during several informal pop-up events. Certain subjects that have been raised cannot be included in the neighbourhood plan as they are not deemed to be planning issues. We have however been able to pass concerns raised by residents to the appropriate bodies for attention. Concerns about traffic and highways have been passed to the Parish Council. Some aspects of parking may be included in the neighbourhood plan as planning decisions can incorporate requirements for parking and access.

We have also commenced various formal matters including a housing needs assessment which is now in draft form. This may need to be reviewed depending on changes to the proposed West of Braintree Garden Village. Also, we have obtained funding and commissioned a landscape assessment of the entire parish which once completed will confirm the allocation of land within the Parish. It will also identify specific factors such as Historic Views which should be protected for the future.

As we progress with the plan consultation with residents will be undertaken and incorporated into a draft policy document which will once approved by Braintree District Council will be subject to a referendum of all parishioners and then if approved be adopted as a formal planning document.

We have made a great deal of progress in the last year and once we are able intend to hold events to show everyone what has been achieved.

John Maidman
Great Bardfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
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Nature Notes

How nice is this, getting back to something more normal. Writing some nature notes at this time of lockdown. Although I must admit I am quite enjoying lockdown, I think I am lucky because farming all my working life I am used to spending most of the time alone and I have had plenty to do in the garden. Unfortunately the lovely hot weather we have been getting lulled me into false security and I got ahead of myself so now the frost has caught my potatoes, runner beans and some of my dahlias. It's my own fault, at my age and experience I should have known you must work with nature.

People who know me well are aware of the fact I like entertaining and feeding my guests and that is the one thing I have missed the most, but during the last three weeks I have had a lot of new visitors and I am pleased to be able to say most of them have started to bring their families to meet me, all keeping social distancing. Yes I am talking about the birds. Numbers have increased significantly my garden seems to have become a bird haven when I take a break from working which I must admit is getting more frequent these days. I sit at my garden table with my dog Jill and a cup of tea or coffee having first restocked the bird table with a variety of different food. We just sit and enjoy our visitors.

I am getting a lot more birds than I usually get and a greater variety so I asked myself what has changed to cause this, what have I done which has benefited all these different birds? Well I have been in the garden much more than usual so this has kept the predators away, things like magpies, jays, sparrowhawks, and kestrels are very wary of human beings. I have also managed to convince the grey squirrels that my garden is not a safe place to visit and Jill has played her part in persuading the local cat population that she lives here and they are not welcome on her patch. My residents are the blue tits, great tits, long tailed tits, Mr Robin, Mr Black bird, a pair of turtle doves, and a wren. Occasional visitors include the woodpeckers wood pigeon's rooks, and finches. These days I never see a sparrow, the nice thing is all these birds apart from the wood pigeon's seem to respect my garden and leave my seedlings alone. There is one group of visitors who always turn up to be fed at this time of the year and that is a pair of starlings and their young, I never see them the rest of the year but this year I have at least three pairs of adults who are all feeding young somewhere as yet the young are not coming with them. I have no idea where they are nesting but it is some way away as they fly off with a beak full of food and it takes quite a

long time to return for the next load. It is easy to spot the young starlings as their beaks are shorter and paler than the older birds and their plumage is pale brown. If you see an adult close up you realise just how pretty they are. From a distance they look quite scruffy but close up with a bit of sun shining on them you realise the feathers are covered in spots of all the colours of the rainbow apart from red in small flakes which from a distance mingle together making them look dull and dirty. Blue tits now seem to be the most common garden bird everyone seems to have them. I am convinced this is due to the fact that they are quick to take to nest boxes and inside a nest box the eggs and young chicks are safe from magpies and jays. This afternoon I had two unwelcome guests in my garden a magpie and a jackdaw both made a quick exit when they spotted me. Thank goodness I was there, they would both be on the hunt for birds' eggs. It's a long time since I have seen a jackdaw and I think they are a subject for another time after that encounter. Jill was telling me it's time for my walk so off we went. No sooner had we set off there on the green outside my front gate was a carrion crow walking along as calm as you like with a pigeon egg in its great big beak. I have no idea where the pigeons nest is but it can't be far away. It seems so sad that all the crow family destroy other birds' eggs and offspring, but that is nature.

Mac Beanland

Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

It seems very strange writing in the *Bardfield Times* with no events to report or to advertise. Thank goodness our last event in February was enjoyed by so many of you.

Sadly everything has been cancelled since then. We have subsequently cancelled our garden visit planned for July and our much loved Summer Show in August—just when everyone would have had so much to put on the show bench!

Below are some thoughts from our committee:

"How we are all going to miss the shows and suppers this year. The show was not held during the Second World War, but was restarted in 1953. The show was held on the school playing field in a marquee, but then it was discontinued in 1971 and restarted in 1977, so this will be the only time the show has not been held since then."

The spring show was first held in 1987 it was the brain child of Terry Smith, the then Show Secretary. Arthur Willis, who was then the Treasurer, donated the Spring Cup. Of all the shows, the Spring show is the one I

enjoy the most. The Hall is full of spring flowers and their fragrance, so we look forward to 2021 and hope for better times.

"My best wishes to you all, keep well and safe". P G Morris, President

"I thought I would have a "go" at something different this year so I had a try at vegetables instead of flowers, I have planted 2 lots of potatoes, salad leaves, tomatoes, peppers , carrots and runner beans. So far so good. I have also had a "go" at drawing free hand Micky and Minnie Mouse of all things!!" Maddy Carter

"What a little Paradise our gardens have been as never before—illustrated by the sell-out of seeds online and the exchange of plants and seeds with friends and villagers. Such camaraderie, long may it last." Linda Gustar. At the Spring Show we would have been giving out runner beans for the children's classes in the Summer Show---so we are still going to hold:

THE CHILDREN'S RUNNER BEAN CHALLENGE

Start possibly about 3 weeks before the date of judging which is when our Summer Show would have been taking place on Saturday, August 1st. We can Supply beans, jars and entry forms (WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING). Contact Linda Prior 811641. Instructions below:

Line a fairly tall jam jar if possible, with a couple of layers of kitchen towel. Lay some cotton wool or crumpled kitchen towel in the bottom of the jar and pour in a little water, so that the paper becomes damp. Position a runner bean seed half way down the jar, between the paper and the glass so you can see it easily. On the form supplied, make a note of the date you start, inspect the bean every day and then the date when the root appears. This will be first, followed by the shoot, noting down when leaves appear and how many and how big they get. Keep the paper moist by adding a little water regularly. If the shoot becomes very tall support it with a little stick or cane.

Take/send a photo of your beans' progress and the notes with it and send or give to

Linda Prior, Holly House, Dunmow Road, Great Bardfield.

Email: rosalindprior100@hotmail.com

Children you can also enter the colouring competition. We will display your pictures at our next show and the judging will be done by a Committee Member. There will also be a prize for the different age groups. Good Luck!

Maddy Carter

Dancing through Lockdown

When lifestyles came to an abrupt halt in March, I was determined to maintain a busy and active daily life. So I enthusiastically set about cleaning the inside of the windows, sorting out cupboards and drawers, creative sewing to make a suitable mask, cleaning the car and spending the sunny days gardening. Not just my usual mowing the lawn but cutting the edges, hand weeding the brick paths, jet washing the patio, sowing old packets of seeds and pruning

Another priority for me was to keep fit, as my Tuesday morning classes in the Town Hall had stopped, I thought I'd try Pilates on YouTube, my body was coaxed through a couple of sessions but was easily put off, for when I lay there prostrate, legs akimbo I'd hear "that's awesome".

So instead I got out into the glorious weather for a brisk daily walk, through Great Bardfield village to the playing fields, where I did a couple of circuits listening to the birds, looking up at a peaceful clear sky and then home for coffee, in 50 mins. By the end of the second week my time had improved by 8 mins, result. So my reward became biscuits with coffee. Whilst out walking I met so many villagers who would otherwise be at work, actually it was mostly men up ladders clearing the gutters or painting, others down fixing fences and tidying up. It was a joy to share a friendly wave or a distant chat and caring neighbours asking if I needed help with anything.

However when 11 weeks had passed, it became a bit repetitive, the windows need cleaning again, the bedding plants needed planting and my coffee became Brunch, before walking. A definite downward spiral.

As I write this, the early June weather has turned grey and wet. I've started colouring in the grandkids painting books, dusted off some paperbacks to read and with huge encouragement from family, I've overcome my techno resistance so I can chat with my them on Facetime. I'm hoping that by September, life will have crept towards a safe normal, I can be with my family again and do the school run, go shopping, have lunch with friends and restart my weekly class. Young at Heart Fitness Fun, it's exercise in disguise. Ballet Barre to focus on stability and strength, then exercises to motivational music at an easy to follow pace, to enhance co-ordination, balance and fitness. If you'd like to join in then give me a call at the start of September to confirm details, on 07790 701 723.

Stay safe,
Alison Burkert

Cycle Security

Cycle security is always an issue with thefts from a variety of locations including the town centre, residential areas, and educational establishments. Commonly bicycles are either not secured or not secured properly, and this makes it easy for thieves.

Where do they go? Number of places: in a container abroad, to another part of the country, stored in premises or sold as either a cycle or cycle parts via the internet, or third parties.

By taking some appropriate precautions and using good quality security products, and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe. Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £20 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain and padlock or "D - Lock" preferably gold rated but certainly not below silver. Consider what you chain it to whether at home or whilst out, is that secure? Is it well overlooked to provide good natural surveillance?

Make a note of the frame number, security mark the cycle, there are a number of different methods available such as www.bikeregister.com, www.datatag.co.uk, and www.retainagroup.com. Take a photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, and some insurance companies may require one with the owner in the picture with it.

At home remove that first attraction to the thief or burglar: 1) don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property, 2) consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to, 3) look at your shed or garage security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected, 4) consider a shed alarm.

If you can its worth getting your children or grandchildren into good habits, keeping their bikes secure and not leaving them discarded on the front lawn or other, may save problems in the future.

Check with your insurance company to see what security standards they require for your insurance cover to be valid.

For suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com or www.soldsecure.com.

For further advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-of-a-bicycle/how-safe-is-your-bike/>

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

One of the features of The Hundred Parishes website is a section on famous people from our area. There is a short account of each of 21 past and present celebrities, from Dick Turpin to Jamie Oliver. Gustav Holst is one of these and I make no apology for repeating text from our website here:

GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934)

While teaching and composing in London, Gustav Holst began a love affair with Thaxted after a walking holiday in the area led to his taking a weekend cottage nearby. A great attraction must have been its cathedral-sized church with spacious, white-painted interior, where he became involved with local music-making, encouraged by the town's socialist vicar, Conrad Noel. Holst himself was an active socialist.

In 1916, Holst invited some of his London pupils to spend four days of music-making in Thaxted in the town's first Whitsuntide festival. Sadly, this was repeated for only two more years before being moved to London to avoid Holst's pupils, especially those from St Paul's School, becoming associated with Noel's controversial extremist left-wing sermons. It was 1980 before the highly successful Thaxted Festival was re-established.

Holst stayed in Thaxted for several years working, amongst other things, on his acknowledged masterpiece, The Planets. He adapted the big melody from "Jupiter" to accompany the poem "I vow to thee, my country". This became a popular hymn and Holst named the tune "Thaxted". It has since been used for no fewer than fourteen other hymns worldwide as well as the anthem of the Rugby World Cup. Holst also composed the music for a popular Christmas carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter".

During these days of social distancing we are not able to travel and enjoy our beautiful area as much as before, but we can remind ourselves of what is out there and read about our rich local history on the Society's website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Gustav Holst



Countryfile

I notice that the headline in today's paper reads "UK not back to normal for another year". According to several headlines and comments that does indeed appear to be the case, and many of the commentators, politicians, and others who consider themselves experts in the field of national economics all have their own opinions, but many of them differ so that you don't know who to believe. Time alone will tell who is proved to be right in future, and I am not qualified to be able to pass judgement on that one. But I do happen to believe that the agricultural industry in the UK is one of the best in the world and I am bold enough to speak up and say so.

The future is going to affect us differently, depending on what branch of agriculture you are involved in. Those of us who are producing mostly arable crops do most of our work mechanically, but those who are involved in the livestock and growing of horticultural crops will still have many jobs which include hand labour. If there is a shortage of migrant workers then those farmers will have a problem during the harvesting and lambing seasons and that may lead to changes in those sectors of the industry in the future. I know that is stating the obvious, but it requires long term planning to meet the needs of an industry such as ours, and you cannot chop and change that overnight.

The milk and the flour milling industries are recent examples where drastic changes have been made. There has been a big change in demand for flour in small bags for domestic use or use in small scale cookery establishments. We have just heard of the local millers in Chelmsford having to work all the night to meet the demand for small bags of flour and we had to supply them with eight lorry loads in one day to keep them going.

There appears to be another problem arising from having more people working from home, that sometimes working with spouses and partners can cause difficult relations where they have not existed before. But those of us in the farming industries have been doing this all along and we have had to adjust to it and help each other where necessary. In our own case we have worked together for 64 years, since before we married, and

luckily, we have survived, and we have a son to follow on after us.

On the farm this year we have managed to get the rest of the spring drilling done and the recent weather has been more favourable to the development of the crops. There is an old saying that 'a dry May and a dripping June brings everything in tune'. This year the early spring weather was too dry and a shower was very welcome, even though it was a thunderstorm, but I am not quite sure whether it was soon enough for the winter sown barley crops as they are ripening off already. This is always the way with arable crops and grass, you never know what to expect.

It seems as though we may have a problem with the USA if we have to reach agreement on food imports which are not produced to the same standard as those which we produce here in the UK. At present we are not producing enough to meet the demands of our own markets. The more the public demand that higher standards are used to produce foodstuffs at home then the less we shall produce of food for our own human consumption. You cannot have it both ways, and the more our nation increases in number the more difficult it will be to strike the right balance between the volume of production and the quality of food produced. I could go on about this subject for some time but unless we make some progress fairly soon it will not be resolved to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

Tony Hayward

GREENFINGERS

STAY ALERT!!

Watch for the pests this summer, Asparagus beetle and the dreaded Box Moth are here. I've done a bit of research and to see off both Provanto Bug Clear is recommended, surprisingly, by the Royal Horticultural Society as it is harmful to bees. Carpet moth sprays and powders are other treatments from a general Google search. The organic treatment by nematodes was trialled by the RHS and not found particularly successful. But here is an answer: pick off the beetle and drown in soapy water, harvest the spears early before the pests have their picnic; cut right down, as early as feasible, the old stems of asparagus then the beetle struggles for somewhere to lay and overwinter its offspring.

Now for the moth! Firstly you know if you have it as there are thick cobwebs on your prized topiary followed by munching caterpillars and the

loss of foliage. Jet spray all the bushes. Buy Xentari, an organic treatment so birds and bees are not harmed. Spray fortnightly but the temperature must be 15°C and above. Feed with a seaweed food in between and your dead looking plants will start to show new shoots — MAGIC!!

Might as well continue here with JOBS for now:

- Plants need moisture to thrive—don't spray with your hose but direct water at soil level to the roots then heap on the compost to conserve the moisture.
- Seaweed feed sweet peas, vegetables, anything. Spray the leaves when it's not sunny.
- Wisterias: cut off straggly strands to 4 to 6 leaves, unless you are increasing its spread.
- Hardy geraniums are finishing flowering so shear closely and surprise surprise—they start fresh growth within a week. Never cut back lupins even though they look shabby as it reduces their flowering next year, just dead-head flower spikes.
- Now for a tip on propagating I read in a book published in 1966. '*Hard to root*' cuttings respond to sharing a pot with easy cuttings such as sage and penstemons. Surround them by these and as the easy ones root they encourage the more difficult—sounds like a fairy story to me.

Back to Box: Yes you will have clipped them by now but a tip to prevent competition to other plants: Take a sharp spade and slice along the box to curtail their roots invading surrounding plants.

Now, plenty of time spent wandering, observing, dreaming and enjoying, in particular, the spectacular show from roses and clematis—must be all that winter wet. Outstanding companions are Rosa Mutabilis with Oenothera Sulphurea pale yellow fading to pink and apricot flowers, just like the rose. Put with snapdragon Chantilly apricot and a splash of purple from Verbena Rigida gives sublime beauty. Rosa Phyllis Bide is a rambler of similar colours but daintier and a bonus as it is a perpetual rambler, meaning flowers all summer. A simple and successful companion is the clematis Hagley Hybrid in a gentle pink.

Perhaps a bit late now but why not plant red Gladioli amongst the ferny foliage of the asparagus, hoping it is a cameo of a wildflower meadow?

"Greenfingers" - forever hopeful! ☺

Chicken and Ratatouille Traybake

This recipe would be good for a family meal or perhaps a meal to share with social distancing friends in the garden on a warm summer evening.

Ingredients Serves 4

8 chicken thighs skin on	2 red peppers deseeded & sliced
5 tbsp olive oil	2 aubergines cut into wedges
1 tsps sea salt	3 courgettes cut into wedges
4 Garlic cloves chopped	2 red onions
1 tbsp chopped rosemary	2 tomatoes cut into chunks
2 tsps dried oregano	2 tbsp fresh basil chopped to serve
4 thyme sprigs	lemon wedges (to serve)
freshly ground black pepper	2 tins (drained) chickpeas or
2 bay leaves crushed gently	beans of choice (optional)

Method

- Rub the chicken pieces with a tablespoon of olive oil and half of the rosemary and oregano and some salt and pepper and leave to marinade in the fridge for about an hour
- Heat the oven to 200°C. On 2 baking trays arrange the vegetables and toss in the rest of the oil, some salt and pepper, the garlic and the rest of the herbs. Mix well together.
- Nestle the chicken pieces in the trays among the vegetables.
- Place the baking trays in the middle and top shelves of the preheated oven and roast for 15 mins. After 15 mins, swap the trays around. Mix the vegetables and keep the chicken skin side up. Roast for another 15-20 mins until the vegetables have soften and browned and the chicken is cooked, when a skewer is inserted the juices run clear. If you have a thermometer it should be at least 70°C. If the vegetables are done before the chicken remove them to serving dish. Let the chicken rest for 5 mins.
- Transfer all the vegetables to a serving platter, discard the bay leaves, and toss the with the pan juices and the rested chicken juices. Season, sprinkle with the chopped basil. Serve with chicken and lemon wedges on the side.
- If you wanted to bulk this dish out a little more, you could add the drained chickpeas or beans to the trays in the oven for the last 10 mins of cooking.

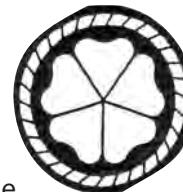
Sheila Keynton

Great Bardfield Primary School

When we bid farewell to our students on Friday 20th March we had no idea of what lay ahead! For twelve weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have remained open for the children of Critical Workers but for the majority of our pupils it has not been possible for them to come to school. We have missed them greatly! The happy hub-bub is missing from the playground and classrooms and it feels as if the heart of our special school has gone.

We have asked our parents and carers to undertake the immense task of Home Schooling which they have completed with fortitude, good humour and lots patience. Teachers are either in school or are shielding at home but all are diligently managing the Remote Learning and I am pleased that our children are continuing to try their best and complete the tasks that they have been set. I am determined that when pupils do return, that they shall be able to get back into being at school quickly but we are mindful that for many children, being separated from their friends and teachers has been a traumatic experience. We have seen this with some of our pupils who returned on the 1st June! They have welcomed being back in a routine (albeit a different experience to what they are used to) and I am pleased and relieved that they have shown resilience and positivity.

We have five different groups of students in school at present all organised into carefully managed 'bubbles'. Sadly, our Risk Assessment shows us, that under the current conditions, that we cannot safely



Nancy and Mrs Brandl enjoying being outdoors in the wildlife garden



Phoenix class pupils social distancing in class

manage any more pupils this term. We are very hopeful that circumstances will change for September and that a degree of normality will return.

I could not ask any more of our wonderful school community. Everyone is trying their absolute best to work together to ensure that we continue to put our pupils first. I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of Great Bardfield Primary School.

Mrs Kerrell, Headteacher

My Lockdown, Edie, age 6 ¾

I have really enjoyed lots of dog walks and cycle rides with my family. On some walks it was lovely to bump into my friends. I have missed school and my friends. Mum has tried her best, but she is not as good as Mrs Crow and Mrs Hockley. Some things have been hard and staying 2 metres has made me sad. I have grown vegetables by myself and helped Mum and Dad deliver shopping to Rod, Nanny and Grandpa and Nanny Val and Grandad Painter. I am most looking forward to hugging my family and friends.



Edie learning about Christopher Columbus.

My Experience in lockdown

Lockdown has been a challenge but we have powered through, it was scary for a bit when the school closed and we could not see friends and family, but we all know it will get better soon and we just need to keep going to get to the end of the tunnel.

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By Abigail, Year 5-Phoenix class

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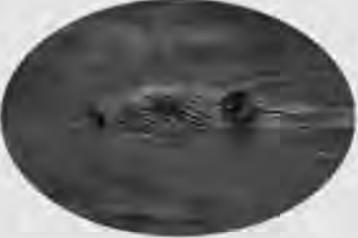
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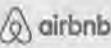
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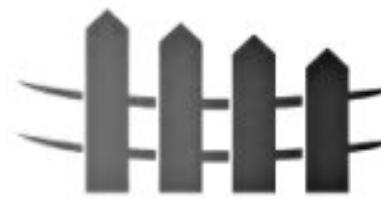
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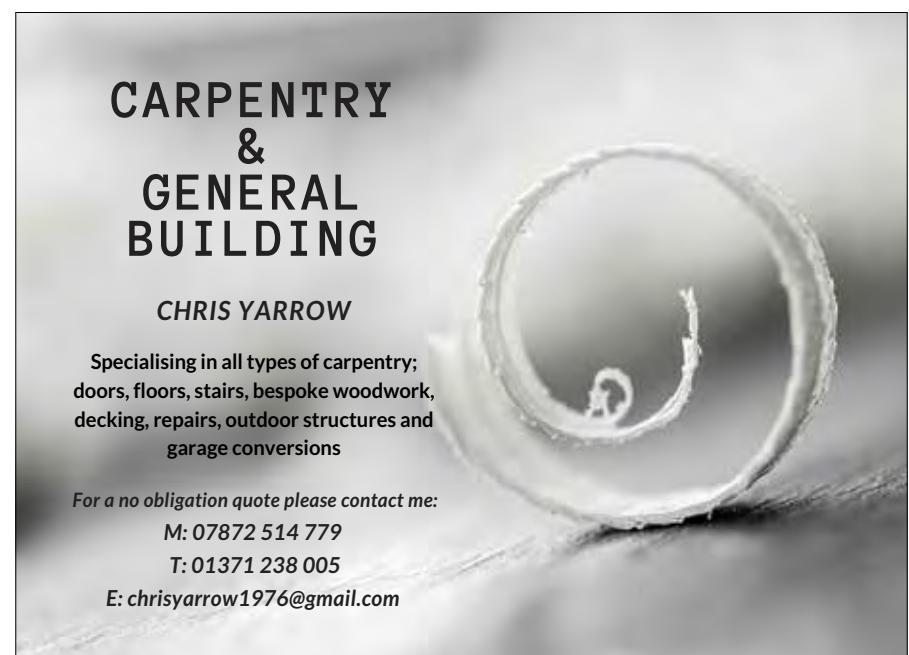


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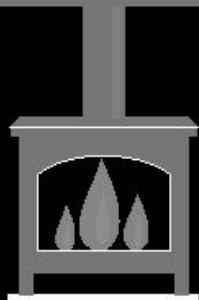
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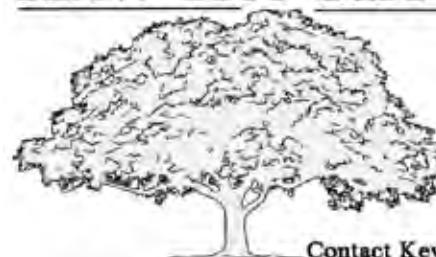


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From September, we will have spaces for our Breakfast and Afternoon School Clubs, based in a warm, safe building behind Great Bardfield Primary School and please note your child doesn't have to go to the school. We also offer a wraparound service with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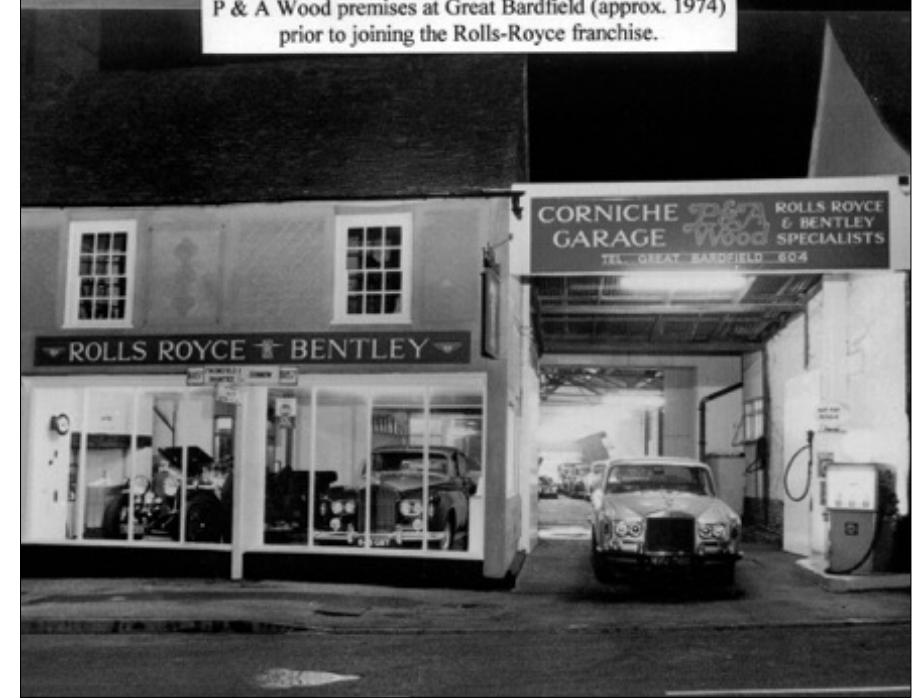
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