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# Bardfield Times



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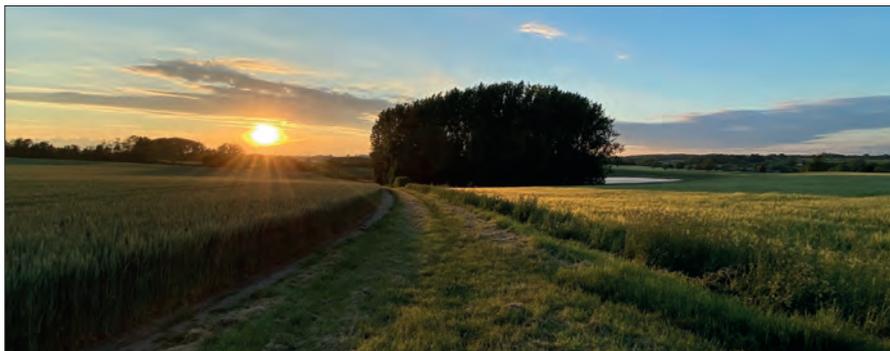
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## Editorial

Summer has arrived. Officially heralded by the Summer Solstice of June 21<sup>st</sup> - and the day chosen for the end of Coronavirus restrictions. Although the latter is now deferred by a further 4 weeks, summer will continue - joyfully, we hope, come rain or shine, and in the company of family and friends, in or outside. It is comforting to see how the village has become livelier again - school buses, children going to school - laughter and buzzing from the playground - our precious pubs and cafes open - the thuds of thrown boules and cheering and banner-waving supporters outside the Town Hall as the Boules tournament swings into motion, and long awaited events in the planning, including the Annual August Horticultural Show and Cinema Club resuming in October. A semblance of normality returns.

Of course, July heralds changes too, particularly the end of the school year - an academic year that has been precarious and testing beyond belief for our teachers and students alike. Behind the scenes and amongst the turmoil, our teachers have been quietly nurturing learning, preparing their students for the years ahead, and planning appropriate celebrations to acknowledge the years' achievements. Our Year 6 youngsters will be saying their farewells and moving to newer pastures of secondary schools, and our older students moving on to their chosen career pathways. We wish them all happiness and fulfilment and a more settled year ahead, whilst we wish all of our school staff including their supportive and often invisible school governors, the peace and freedom of a very well earned vacation.

It seems probable that many families will be unable to 'holiday' away this year but we are fortunate that Great Bardfield provides amply, areas for fun and simple, old-fashioned family activities. What could be better than picnicking at Piper's Meadow, or on the peaceful and pretty banks of the River Pant, places known only to locals - where children can safely paddle, catch minnows and while away a sunny afternoon, at the same time protecting the ecological footprint. (Remember to take your rubbish home with you!!!)

Just a reminder that your next Bardfield Times is a double edition (August /September) giving our production team a well earned rest too. So gather your thoughts and send details of September events to your Editor by mid July.

**Happy summering!**

**Pat Coles**

## Mary Dawn Dollimore, 1926-2021

**D**awn grew up in South London. Both her parents died by the time she was 5 and she was brought up by her Aunt Beda. Dawn went to a convent school in Norwood and then to Hamlet Girls School and passed the Pitman exam in 1914. She worked as a secretary at the Blue Circle cement factory that was opposite St Paul's Cathedral. It was Margo, Dawn's cousin, that set her up on the blind date that was to change



her life forever. She introduced her to Trevor Dollimore. They would do many things together, including going dancing which they loved. They got engaged in 1952. Trevor was in the process of changing jobs and relocating, Dawn had been vocal about not wanting to live in Essex as it was "too flat!" Soon before they married in 1956, Trevor had taken Dawn out driving in the countryside one Sunday and had driven her to Braintree. Dawn thought it was very nice and was quite surprised to find that it was Essex and this is where they came to live.

In 1960, they bought a plot of land in Great Bardfield. Being astute, they sold off one side of the plot and with the money from the sale they had enough money to build their own house. It became known as Odds 'N Ends and still is to this day because it was made out of lots of odds and ends. That same year their daughter Anna was born. When Anna started primary school Dawn and Trevor joined the school PTA. They got involved with all the fetes, the school dances, and Trevor helped to build the school swimming pool. Dawn and Trevor both became involved in the Town Hall, setting up the badminton club, and, later, The Bardfield Players and Village Auctions, and Dawn helped to set up the Annual Arts and Crafts show. Later, Dawn became an Avon lady in the early 1970s based at Wethersfield Airbase and the surrounding villages. It was a job she loved as she enjoyed

getting to know people and talking to them. Once Anna had gone to secondary school she worked as a dispensary nurse for Mount Chambers doctors in Braintree for 15 years.

Anna remembers growing up and long into adulthood that the family home was a party house. Whatever the occasion; birthdays, significant events, royal occasions, it was celebrated with a party. Christmases were great with Boxing Day being the most famous with an open-door policy, everyone was welcome! Dawn just loved to host and give everybody a wonderful time with special memories to hold onto. She was definitely a party kind of girl. When not busy volunteering, helping others, setting up a fete or show or seeing Anna and John, Dawn could be found in her garden which she loved. Yellow roses were a particular favourite.

Dawn retired to care full time for Trevor who had developed Parkinson's. They had help from the C.R.E.A.M.E.R. fund charity and Dawn was passionate about wanting to give back to them by becoming involved with fund raising and helping out. If you came to the surgery when she worked there and there was a C.R.E.A.M.E.R. raffle, no one could get through the door without buying a raffle ticket from Dawn! She was devastated when her beloved Trevor passed away in 2001. It took a while for Dawn and Anna to decide what to do with his ashes as they had been moved around the house including being an indoor doorstep. Eventually Anna and Dawn took them down to the Watermill and sprinkled him in the river. Dawn's quip, as she had a good sense of humour, was to say that she was no longer going to eat Trout!

Sadly, a stroke caused Dawn to have short term memory loss. It became more apparent when Anna held a big birthday party four years ago for her Mum's 90th birthday. That Saturday the whole house had been decorated with banners, Anna had done all the food and lots of people had visited and had a wonderful time. When Anna arrived the next day to see her Mum, Dawn asked her why all the banners were up. Anna told her it had been for her birthday party the day before. She asked Anna "Did I have a nice time?" Anna told her she had and knew in her heart that this was the onset of dementia.

Dawn was able to go on living in her home in Great Bardfield for the next four years and, after being admitted to hospital passed away peacefully and privately. Dawn will be remembered most for her kind heart and all she did for others and for the village. It's clear that she will be missed greatly.

## Great Bardfield Parish Council report

### Year End Accounts and Audit/Foundation Level Reaccreditation

The annual accounts, statements and reports for 2020/21 have been audited and accepted. These are now available to view by the public on the Parish Council website: [www.greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk](http://www.greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk) All policies and documentation required for the continued accreditation of the Parish Council at Foundation level have been updated and accepted. These have also been published on the Parish Council website. These need to be reviewed and updated at least every three years.

### Roadworks and closures

Gigaclear have undertaken some of the planned works in the village with more to come. There are also proposed works by Anglia Water and Essex Highways (for drainage repairs). We are expecting road closures or traffic light controls at various locations during July & August, on a rolling programme, affecting High Street, Brook Street, Vine Street, Bell Lane, Bridge Street, Braintree Road and Alienor Avenue. At the time of this report no revised date had been confirmed for these works and the latest information from Gigaclear states "As you know there have been a few changes to our permits recently and I just wanted to let you know that we are continuing to review our schedule and will update you as soon as we have this revised". You can check the latest information online at [www.essexhighways.org/future-roadworks-map](http://www.essexhighways.org/future-roadworks-map)

### Considerate Parking

Following our report in the last edition of the Bardfield Times a number of residents attended the June Parish Council meeting to raise concerns about inconsiderate and dangerous parking around the school during drop-off and pick-up. This included parking on village greens, pavements and yellow lines, making it difficult for other vehicles, residents and pedestrians. The Parish Council have asked the police and the Parking Partnership to attend regularly.

### Village Spring Clean/Litter Pick

This took place on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks to those residents, individuals or whole families, that turned up on the Saturday or Sunday morning, and to Cllr Paul Kennedy for organising the equipment, hi-viz jackets and rubbish bags which were provided by Braintree District

Council. More than 30 bags of rubbish were collected by the volunteers and picked up by BDC Clean Team. As many of the verges are difficult to check and clear at this time of year, due to plenty of greenery, we plan another event in the autumn. However, the consensus was that the main part of the village was generally quite clear of litter.

### Street Sweeping Dates

Street sweeping is due to take place throughout the village on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> October. To enable the sweeper vehicle to clear gutters and gullies of debris it would be useful if parked cars could be moved on these dates.

### Planning Applications and Tree works

**Willows, Mill Road:** single storey front extension. No objections

**Beeches, Braintree Road:** the Parish Council has received notification of a tree preservation order for a eucalyptus.

**Black Gables, Dunmow Road:** We await further information from Braintree District Council about their investigations into the two newly built properties on this site, and variances from the planning permissions granted.

### Footpaths

The Footpaths team reported that many local public rights of way needed attention, however resources available from the Public Rights of Way team at Essex Highways are very stretched and they are unable to provide much assistance. The Friends of Flitch Way, a volunteer organisation, offered to do some work on one particularly bad stretch in Black Lane, off Dunmow Road, and have started this work.

The Village Footpath Map has been reprinted and is now available to residents from the Community Information Point (open Thursdays and Saturdays 10 – 11am).

### Parish Council Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11 July at 7pm, in The Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public and as we need to ensure a safe and socially distanced meeting, 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](mailto:clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk).

**Carolynne Ruffle**  
Chair

## THE OLD DAYS with Michael

Another dwelling with quite a story to tell is the old "Chapel" on the left as you leave the village on the Dunmow Road. In the early 1940's it was an old warehouse type of building and belonged to John Aldridge who lived in Place House. He had a friend called Robert Graves who wrote books about the old Roman Times. I obtained 2 entitled "I Claudius" and "Claudius the God" published by Pelican Books.

He applied to his friend for assistance in obtaining accommodation in the village in the middle of the war, and was referred to the "Old Chapel". Between them and with the help of a step ladder they established a basic type of flat on the first floor. The newcomer settled down in the village and found his way down to my Dad's shop in the High Street, where he employed a large staff serving customers from behind several counters, but to the consternation of all present and absolute confusion of my father, Robert Graves went behind the counters and out to the warehouse helping himself to his requirements. News of this occurrence spread far and wide and caused quite an upheaval in the district.



Robert Graves, National Portrait Gallery

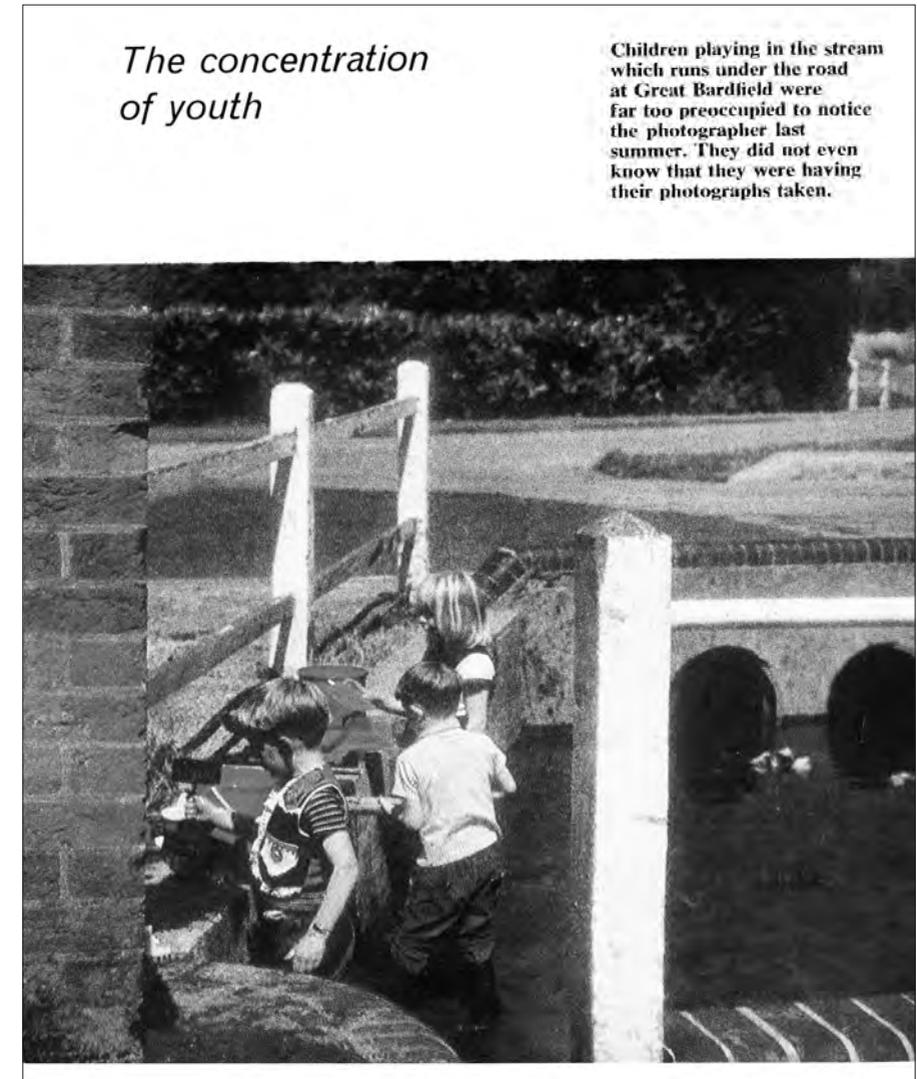
I like to think the idea of Tesco self-service stores was born in Great Bardfield!!!

### Michael Hitchcock

Editor: This is a lovely, amusing story. The writer and poet Robert Graves was one of many well-known people who visited Bardfield to spend time with the artists who lived here. Rev. Norman Clift wrote about Graves in this extract from his sketch book: Robert Graves, one of his great friends and one who spent much time in Place House once told Aldridge that he "was one of the few

painters of the century." The portrait of Graves by John Aldridge hangs in the National Portrait Gallery; though John insisted he was not a portrait painter, and therefore decided to treat it as a landscape.'

### Do you recognise these children?



*The concentration of youth*

Children playing in the stream which runs under the road at Great Bardfield were far too preoccupied to notice the photographer last summer. They did not even know that they were having their photographs taken.

From Essex Countryside c1970s

## The Dunmow Farleigh Hospice

**A** Dunmow charity shop has transformed itself into a bridal and prom shopping destination.

The Dunmow Farleigh Hospice store will be exclusively selling all things wedding and prom related from the 7 June. The shop aims to become the place to visit for preloved wedding and prom dresses and will be selling a full range of wedding, bridesmaid and prom dresses, suits, mother of the bride ensembles, hats and shoes in a range of sizes.

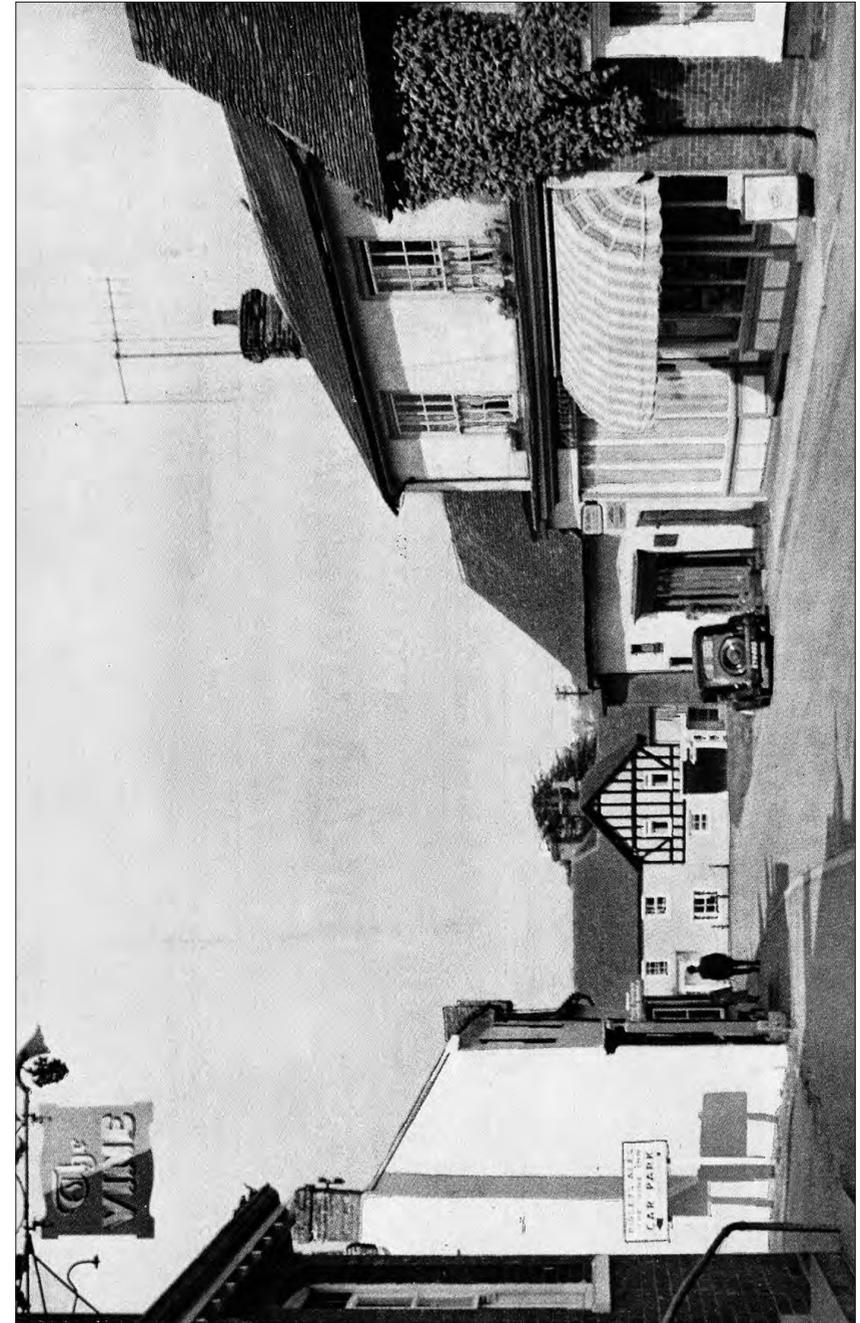
Denise Wild, Farleigh Hospice retail area manager said: "Our Moulsham Street Bridal pop up shop in 2019 was such a huge success that we thought why not create a shop specifically selling bridal and prom wear! Our Dunmow store was the ideal local as it's a beautiful shop, and provides the perfect setting to showcase our selection of gorgeous dresses and suits. We have a large amount of bridal and prom wear in stock as a result of the pandemic, so it makes sense to make it available all in one place. From early June, our Dunmow store will become the best place to get your bridal and prom wear at an affordable price in mid Essex. We will now also only be accepting donations of wedding and prom items at this location."

The High Street, Dunmow store will be operating an appointment only system for people to try on its selection of bridal and prom wear, opening from **10 am to 4 pm Wednesdays to Saturdays**. Appointments can be made by calling **01245 860101**.

Farleigh Hospice has shops across mid Essex. All store proceeds go directly towards helping Farleigh Hospice continue to provide care and support to those affected by life-limiting illnesses or bereavement in the community.

All of Farleigh's stores are COVID-19 secure and have the appropriate safety measures in place. In line with this, they are only accepting donations by appointment only. Please call your chosen shop during opening hours to make a donation appointment.

To find your nearest Farleigh Hospice shop visit <http://www.farleighhospice.org/support/shops>



From the cover of Essex Countryside c1950s. Note the absence of cars and the shop front of Fudge's shop, later run by Frankie Smith

## Town Hall Reopens for Bookings

As I sit and write this it has just been announced that "Freedom Day" will be delayed by 4 weeks - perhaps the title should be "Town Hall not happenings! In fact, the Hall is now open for bookings and subject to Covid regulations some Groups have already started back or are planning to do so. Let's hope in the coming months things continue to improve.

As you may be aware Carolynne Ruffle has now retired from the Town Hall Management committee and we must take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over many years as a committee member and Chairperson. She will be missed but continues in her alter ego as Madam Boules.

The Boule competition is now in full swing and many groups have enjoyed their games together with a glass of wine (or two).

The Management Committee have embarked on repairs to various areas of the Town Hall buildings including the CIP and Caretaker's Cottage. The windows have been repaired and redecoration will be next. Electrical improvements have also been made.

Finally, I would remind everyone that the main Town Hall is now available for hire and all enquires should be made to Sarah our caretaker at [sarah.hymas@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.hymas@yahoo.com) We hope to make the Bawden and Committee Rooms available shortly.

**John Maidman, Chair Town Hall Management Committee**



## School Governors Required!

We are privileged to have our good school at the heart of our village community. The Governing Board of Great Bardfield School is a committed team of volunteers who work together to support the school and contribute to its continued success.

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Board that we are keen to fill with people from the Bardfield community. We would be particularly keen to welcome you if you have finance or HR skills, but essentially we would be happy to hear from anyone who has the time, enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

For further details and a chance to chat about what the role involves, please contact Jane Tillotson at [cog@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:cog@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk)

## From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

My dear friends,

May I begin with a word of thanks for the many letters, cards, e-mails and telephone calls I have received since it was announced that because of planned amalgamation of the parishes of Great and Little Bardfield with the parishes of Finchingfield, Shalford, Wethersfield and Cornish Hall End by the Diocese of Chelmsford, I am to leave the Bardfields after nineteen years as your parish priest and move to Catsfield and Crowhurst in Sussex. I have been very touched by your many kind and thoughtful messages over the past few weeks.

I am to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Catsfield and Crowhurst by the Right Rev. Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. It looks as though I shall be moving house towards the end of August. I am at present obtaining quotes from removal companies – not easy, because of Covid-19 – and I have discovered an awful lot of old papers which I must carefully go through before discarding.

May I offer my congratulations to the newly-elected churchwardens: Peter Benwell and Keith Farnfield at St Mary's and Charles Thompson and Peter Wood at St Katharine's. Please hold them in your prayers in the coming months.



It was a very great pleasure to present Thomas and Annabel Walker to the Right Rev. Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough, for Confirmation in St Mary's on 7<sup>th</sup> June. May I thank everyone who worked so hard to prepare the church for this very special and happy occasion.

With my love, prayers and blessing,

**Father Robert**

FREEHOUSE

# THE BELL

Great Bardfield

## Fundraising event for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, hosted by The Bell

A Very British Afternoon Tea  
With Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

Please join us on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1pm - 3pm** in our garden marquee, for 'a very British Afternoon Tea' where scones, Muffins, tea & coffee will be available free of charge, in return for your donations to this great cause. A representative from EHAAT will be present, and we shall also host a raffle (raffle prizes would be gratefully received) All are welcome

## Village People – Amelia and Simon Rubbins

I met up with Amelia and Simon on our third try – the first meeting was rained off and the second was cancelled because it was Amelia and Simon's only opportunity to visit their new four-day-old nephew. So instead of a meeting on a day when their salon, Kitten & Hare, was closed, I ended up dragging them out for a chat in between customers. "It's nice to have a breather!" said Amelia when I apologised. "We've been so busy!"

Amelia Rubbins (nee Johnson) was born in Chelmsford but arrived in Great Bardfield at the age of 11 when her mother, Kate Johnson, moved to the village. Amelia spent the rest of her childhood here and grew to love it.



Always interested in the arts, Amelia specialised in art at school and later at college, with the goal of working in makeup prosthetics in the TV and film industry. She wasn't planning to be a hairdresser but of course, she had to learn hairdressing as part of makeup: hair is a big part of how someone looks. She took a Saturday job at the Toni & Guy salon and gradually began to realise that she really enjoyed hairdressing and that it gave her the creative outlet she was looking for. She trained formally with Toni & Guy in their Tottenham Court Road facility and started work.

Working alongside her was a young fellow who also hadn't planned to be a hairdresser. Simon Rubbins was a music lover from Chelmsford who was fascinated by the larger-than-life fashion associated with rock musicians. This fuelled his interest in how people achieved a certain "look" and, again, hair was a large element of that. "You wouldn't want to be in a rock band with bad hair!" he laughs.

Both found working at Toni & Guy exciting at first. It was a high-energy environment. The salon was a major sponsor of London Fashion Week and the two young people were caught up in the momentum of being involved with a cutting-edge contributor. They also got to know each other a bit better, although they were friends for several years before they became romantically involved. They married in Chelsea, and ended up working in the Chelmsford salon together. When daughter Kitty came along nine years ago, they thought about re-locating to a more rural environment. Amelia's happy memories of Great Bardfield made it the obvious place to look, and houses were available at the new development at Castle Shot. "We literally adore living here!" says Amelia; and Simon clearly agrees. But the contrast between rural living and the fast pace of a big urban salon made the couple wonder if they could make a go of running their own salon, in their own way. "We thought about it for years, but the timing was never right," remembers Amelia. Then Townsend's electrical shop, next to the school, closed down and suddenly the timing seemed exactly right. "We loved the look of the building and the beautiful outlook onto the village." So they enquired, and in April 2021, Kitten & Hare opened its doors. "It was scary!" says Simon. But they needn't have worried. "We've been flat out the whole time!" says Amelia.

In one sense the timing was unlucky. They were setting up their business during the period when the country was in or between lockdowns due to Covid-19, and nobody really knew when services such as hairdressing were going to be allowed to open. But in another way, it was an advantage. "We had time to be thoughtful," explains Amelia. They were determined to be good neighbours. They visited Sue at Selina Louise and explained that they were not intending to poach her clients – they wanted to address a different part of the market (indeed, many customers followed them from the Chelmsford salon). They also wanted their salon to be the opposite of many things typical of modern urban hairdressing. They specialise in a natural look rather than extravagant hairdos (unless that's what the customer wants, of course!). Their pricing is independent of gender. And

they don't shy away from cutting children's hair. They don't go in for the "hard sell" either. If their customers are happy, they'll come back. "We might not be everyone's cup of tea but that's fine," is how Amelia puts it. The salon name references their daughter Kitty and, of course, hair. Again, it's not your typical salon name. They wanted it to sound like the countryside (both of them mentioned their pleasure at seeing hares while out walking). Setting up a salon against the backdrop of the Covid-19 lockdown also meant they were able to plan for the salon to be Covid-safe from the moment that it opened its doors. Their small space is easily ventilated, in nice weather, they just leave the door open. There are two rooms, so they can alternate which one is in use to allow the other to have "fallow time" between clients. They use appropriate PPE, and take lateral-flow Covid tests twice a week.

Amelia and Simon are loving their new life. "It's a game changer for us," says Simon. Kitty has now been joined by a younger brother, four-year-old Rudy; both attend Bardfield School and Amelia and Simon love knowing that they are just along the road. They can commute on foot and the "view from the office" is hard to beat. They have also really been enjoying meeting local people and hearing about their lives. "We even had someone who animates cartoons for children's films," said Simon. They make a point of supporting the village community, with books about the Bardfield artists in their seating area, and were very pleased when a client recently asked them for recommendations and ended up booking a table at the Bell for a meal. The beauty industry doesn't have a great reputation in terms of being good for the planet. It's a major priority for Amelia and Simon to do as much as they can to put that right. They told me with great enthusiasm about an organisation called the Green Salon Collective which helps salons to be more environmentally friendly. For Amelia and Simon, this is an important feature of their enterprise. At Kitten & Hare, all the hair they cut gets recycled into hair-booms which are used to clean up oil spills. All their hair colour tubes and foil gets recycled, and all their hair care products are sustainably produced, plant based and vegan; they are especially proud of their refill station, where you can bring your own container and fill it with hair care products. Not only does this cut down on packaging, but the company which makes the products pledges to plant a tree for every refill.

Chatting with Amelia and Simon, you can't help but be caught up in their enthusiasm both for their new venture and for the village itself. Long may that continue.

**Anna Bass**

## Finchingfield Community Library

are thrilled to be welcoming

local children's author

**CATHERINE EMMETT**



To our event on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



Look out for further details on our library facebook page and posters.

## GREENFINGERS

What pleasure there is in garden visits, gain fresh ideas, acquire plant bargains and no mask required! Now I relate my serendipitous purchase when visiting a National Garden scheme open garden. The NGS cottage garden was packed with snowdrops, a delight, so I guess it was the beginning of March 2019 but it was the neighbour's plant stall where an unnamed Iris for £1 came home with me. June 2021, the iris flowered, soft apricot with delicate veining, flamboyant next to the blue nepeta. Better still an expert neighbour identified it as a Cedric Morris variety. So, who is this man?



He was an artist and in the 1940s lived in a Tudor Manor house near Hadleigh, Suffolk - and gardened! Spending winter holidays in sunny climes, bringing home plants and breeding irises and I've got one. The house is now empty but fritillaries still thrive in the overgrown grass and hopefully Rosa Cedric Morris still blooms in this neglected paradise. But

wait - it is to be restored and opened by the Garden History Museum for us all to enjoy his art and flowers!!



*A painting of his irises by Cedric Morris*

### This month's Jobs

- Split up your irises and replant with their leaves and rhizomes trimmed. A watering and a handful of bonemeal will settle them in.
- Wisteria's straggly strands need cutting off to 4 buds or your house, wall or arch will disappear under their over-exuberant new growth!
- Feed your lovely roses and deadhead to keep them blooming.
- Write a lovely reminder for feeding all plants in the summer. Name it 'Feeding Friday' and get out the watering can with half strength feed on what day? Friday of course.

### Happy gardening. 🌱

*Editor: Cedric Morris was a good friend of John Aldridge, both were artists who loved gardening. They regularly visited each other's gardens and swapped plants.*

## Your Heritage and Culture needs you

We have spoken of metal theft before, seeing it in many forms i.e. the theft of catalytic convertors from the exhaust system on cars and vans, lead from roofs old and modern rural and urban, cabling for utilities such as telecommunications and many other examples from around us where there are valuable metals. This time we are focusing on our heritage and culture under threat, and again seeking those extra pairs of eyes to report anything that you believe is suspicious.



The country and our county are full of a wealth of heritage and culture each telling a story of our past, some listed others not, some attractive and others perhaps not so attractive but each with a story. Our heritage and culture have been there for past and present generations to discover, enquire, learn from and enjoy and we need to protect it for future generations; it's like a piece of a jigsaw if a piece is missing the picture is not complete. A heritage asset cannot be replaced, when it's gone it's

gone, when its damaged it may not able be possible to repair that damage satisfactorily and future generations are deprived of it.

### Heritage crime comes in many forms, these are but a few:

- The theft of lead from a roof and its resultant water damage causing catastrophic damage to a church or other heritage building potentially also causing the cancellation of a wedding or other function.
- Our heritage buildings, grounds and structures also suffer from the theft of paving stones, bricks, and other architectural masonry.
- Monuments and memorials suffer from damage, and theft, often of metal plaques bearing the names of events of those recognised.
- Royal mail post boxes many unique and recognised from a specific period in time are stolen.
- Burglaries from historic venues and museums like that recently from Arundel Castle that stolen including the Gold Rosary Beads carried by Mary Queen of Scots at her execution in 1587, many visitors would have looked in awe of it and its history within its showcase.
- 'Nighthawking' the theft of archaeological material by unlawful metal detecting on scheduled monuments.
- Graffiti to heritage structures.

All these crimes will not only have a detrimental impact on their custodians but also on the local community, families, and those from further afield. Some locations will be isolated and others may not, some may have neighbours, visitors, passer-by's, dog walkers, horse riders, hikers and more; see something suspicious report it to staff where appropriate, or the police using 999 if you believe a crime is in progress or 101, online or chat if not an emergency. **Don't know where you are use the "What Three Words" App** <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app/> police and other emergency services use it.

So, what can be done? We can make it more difficult to steal and we can make it more difficult to dispose of.

### Making it more difficult to steal or dispose of:

- Report any suspicious activity: i.e. the car or other vehicle parked up in a suspicious manner or seemingly out of place going down that lonely lane to an isolated church, unusual activity around a church, heritage or other building when it's not normal especially on a roof, unmarked vehicle with people removing a mailbox, unusual activity on a known scheduled monument or late evening/night metal detecting. NB – If you have planned building work let your neighbours, parishioners,

employees know including who they are, what hours they will be there and provide an emergency contact number.

- Make it harder to steal: i.e. reduce access make them walk further and into public view especially when protecting buildings and their roofs, remove aids to the thief i.e. tools to do the job and climbing aids or something to carry their ill-gotten gains away, consider an alarm, with lead from roofs especially try and make access difficult subject to certain conditions you could use a spiky topping around downpipes fencing and roofs. Consider electronic security and CCTV.
- Making it harder to dispose of: to start off with if its less attractive its less likely to be stolen so appropriate property marking and signage may deter. Property marking makes it harder to dispose of, and there is something for almost everything from historic artefacts on the seabed to catalytic convertor to roofing material to your day to day property. NB seek advice and the relevant authorities before marking heritage items. An unmarked piece of property can be anonymous when stolen, in most cases we don't know where it came from and therefore any prosecution is that much more difficult. A thief will know this and therefore anything that ties it back to the owner presents a risk not only to the thief but also to the handler, if the handler will not take it or it causes difficult questions at a boot fair or other then it's not worth stealing it in the first place.
- If you are buying a piece of history, heritage stone, architectural masonry etc. question its provenance, where it came from, legitimacy of the seller, if in doubt report it to Trading Standards or the Police.

Essex is one of a growing number of counties in the network of Heritage Watches, talking to each other, with members helping to protect our heritage for this and future generations. Protect your neighbourhood by setting up a Neighbourhood Watch, Heritage Watch or Business Watch if you have not got one, the signage deters, and many eyes are better than one pair

For further advice on heritage crime and crime prevention see: [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) or <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/heritage-crime/>

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**Stephen Armson-Smith, Essex Police Heritage Crime Prevention Lead**

# Flower Festival

## St John the Baptist Church

### 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August Bank Holiday Weekend



#### **An appeal from St John the Baptist church**

Are you having a tidy up? Clearing out a few things?

Please can we ask: Do you have any bric-a-brac?

Items suitable for a tombola prize?

We would love it if you would donate them to us.

Items can be left in the box provided inside the church or left at Finchingfield Library on Saturdays.

Can you bake a cake or make a few sausage rolls for us so we can offer refreshments over the flower festival weekend? We would love to hear from you and be most grateful for your support.

#### **Commemorative Board**

We will be including our commemorative board again this year. Anyone wishing to have a dedication in remembrance of loved ones can do so by sending details and donation to:  
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Cheques made payable to Finchingfield PCC - Thank you.

#### **River of Roses**

Our popular river of roses will also be available for you to participate in. For a small donation you can add a rose (provided) along with your message and then add these to our display.

## Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

### Garden Visits on Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Since the garden visit to Ulting Wick was such a success earlier this year, we have arranged another private garden visit, this time to 2 gardens. They are approximately a 5 minute drive from each other. There will be plants for sale at both gardens.

The gardens are:

#### **Margot Grice, "Dragon's", Boyton Cross, Chelmsford CM1 4LS**

This is a garden with year round interest. Margot has an amazing eye for plant combinations. It is a plants woman's ¾ acre garden, planted to encourage wildlife. Sumptuous colour-themed borders with striking plant combinations, featuring specimen plants, fernery, clematis and grasses. Meandering paths lead to ponds, patio, scree garden and small vegetable garden. Two summerhouses, one overlooking stream and farmland.



#### **Sheila Chapman, 8, Dene Court, Chignall Road, Chelmsford CM1 2JQ**

Beautifully maintained and designed compact garden. Sheila is well-known RHS gold medal-winning exhibitor at Chelsea (now retired). She used to run a specialist clematis nursery with over 800 varieties at Abridge. The garden has a circular lawn, long pergola and walls festooned with roses and climbers. Large selection of unusual clematis. Densely-planted colour coordinated



perennials add interest from May to Sept in this immaculate garden.

Garden was visited by BBC Gardeners' World in 2020 which was repeated recently.

The price of admission will be **£12.00** each which will include entry to both gardens and include tea and cake. Tea and cake will be at "Dragon's". If you would like to visit the gardens please **pre-book your ticket with payment.**

**Tickets are available from Linda Prior 811641.**

Numbers are limited and priority will be given to BHS members.

We need to know the number of people would like to go **ASAP.**

### **Summer Show on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in Town Hall**

Provided Government regulations allow at the time, we have decided to go ahead with planning for the Show which will be slightly different to normal times! We have based the schedule on 2020 but have reduced the number of classes by about 1/3 to allow the tables to be spread out and to allow social distancing.

- There will be no entry fees and no prize money but we are hoping to award the cups etc.
- We will be taking the entries in a slightly different way so there will be no queuing.
- The number of people in the hall may be restricted at various times.
- There will be a one way system in place.

If you would like a copy of the amended schedule please contact Lynne Joyce 810524 or Linda Prior 811641.

We are looking forward to seeing the results of the B.H.S. Summer Show Sunflower Challenge for the children. Hope everyone's plants are growing well

### **Urgently required: New Treasurer**

Sadly for us, Michelle Nixon has moved on to "pastures new"-. We wish her, her family, horses, cats and chickens a very happy future in their new home in Cumbria. We will miss her contribution to the Society enormously.

If you or if you know anyone who would be interested in taking on the Treasurer's role for us please contact Linda Prior.

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

## Nature Notes

We have a new kid on the block, as the saying goes, I am led to believe ravens have been spotted in the district. Although I have not caught sight of one I understand they have been seen. If you do have the pleasure of seeing one you will know they are by far the biggest member of the crow family. The rook or crow which we all recognise has a wing span of 2 feet 6 inches but the raven has a wing span of 4 feet 6 inches. In flight it has a diamond shaped tail, it is all black with a large black beak and is bigger than a buzzard. The raven has always been a bird of mystery and legend; it has always been said if the ravens leave the Tower of London the Tower and the Kingdom will fall, Charles II is thought to have been the first king to insist that the ravens of the tower be protected after he was warned that the crown and the Tower itself would fall if they left. The names of the current ravens at the tower are Jubilee, Harris, Gripp, Erin, Poppy and Georgie. Ravens are intelligent birds, each one has its own personality; they love entertaining the visitors so they can mimic sounds, play games and solve problems. They roam freely round the Tower and are looked after by a Raven Master. The public are warned not to approach them or feed them as they can be aggressive. The Raven Master does clip their wings from time to time so that they don't fly away but they have no need to fly away, they are well cared for and they are clever enough to know when they are well off.



Since medieval times the raven has been associated with witches and warlocks, black magic and evil deeds. It is not difficult to see why as they are very large, all jet black with a very large evil looking black beak which looks as though it could inflict a great deal of damage. They are extremely intelligent have amazing eyesight and, like their close relative the Jackdaw, can mimic and talk so they would make a very good companion and watch dog for the type of witch we remember from childhood stories. One can easily imagine a raven flying alongside a witch on her broom stick but enough of this or I won't sleep tonight!



Ravens breed mostly in the north and west of the UK although they are spreading to most other regions. Most birds become resident but some juveniles do stray but return to their own territory. They live to a good age averaging about 26 years but some much longer. They eat carrion, mammals, birds, and eggs, insects and other invertebrates. They will take lambs and piglets, they weigh 800-to 1,500 kg and there are thought to be 7,400 breeding pairs in the UK. They breed early in the year, Feb-March, when both birds build the nest of twigs mostly on ledges and crags but sometimes in trees. They lay four to six eggs, the hen bird sits the eggs and the male feeds her. Incubation takes three weeks. The chicks are 5-6 weeks old before they can fly. They only rear one brood per year. Ravens are the world's largest perching bird.

**Mac Beanland**

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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

With school holidays approaching and more people spending time near home, I would like to remind you of the walk routes that are on the Society's website and free to download and print. Over the last year or so, we have been steadily increasing the number of recommended routes. We now offer more than 75 routes covering some 400 miles in total with little repetition. Soon, each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk. Most routes have a mixture of countryside and town or village. There is a good range of distances, from 1 mile upwards. Station walks start and finish at railway stations and all others start and finish at a suitable place to park.



*Walk 134 – Little Dunmow*

Our aim is to help residents and visitors to easily enjoy the area. The routes are planned so as to use good paths and quiet lanes, and to achieve an interesting mix of scenery. The descriptions seek to ensure that nobody will get lost and also to provide sufficient information along the way to make the outing interesting. The area's abundance of public rights



*Walk 140 – Shalford*

of way, its gentle natural beauty and wealth of listed buildings make this possible. Many walks pass or finish near a pub or tea room, thankfully now open again.



*Walk 125 – Hatfield Broad Oak*

While we can plan the route to pass through attractive countryside and villages, we can't predict what pleasures nature may have in store: perhaps majestic cloud formations, the sights and sounds of birds, the variety of butterflies and insects, the scale of badger diggings, deer prints, even a glimpse of a hare or fox or herd of deer. The seasons bring changes to trees, crops, wayside flowers and fruits. With such potential, each walk can be an adventure. We encourage you to carry a camera.



*Walk 149 – Clavering*

**Ken McDonald, Secretary**

## Great Bardfield Primary School



It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the final term of the year. This term is always packed full of outdoor learning opportunities and great fun! We enjoyed Sports Day (sadly without parents due to continuing Covid restrictions) and the children excelled themselves. We had sports challenges which were run by our Year 6 pupils for the younger children and then traditional races the following day.



The children have also been delighted to be back in the swimming pool this half term. It has taken a lot of work to recommission it but the water is warm and sparkly much to the delight of the children. We are lucky to have our brilliant swimming coach back with us teaching the children twice per week. It is a wonderful resource for us to have onsite especially now with our beautiful new changing rooms which were funded by our parents.



Our Year 6 pupils are having a fun filled activity week in place of going to The Isle of Wight. We will be visiting Southend, Legoland, the cinema and Danbury Outdoor Centre. The children will round off the week with a pool party and sleepover in school. We will be really sad to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 at the end of term. We are planning a lovely send off for them.

It has been wonderful to get back to doing some of the traditional and important things we love this term. Hopefully, as we move into the new school way we will be back to a more normal situation.

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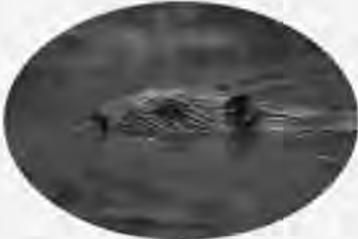
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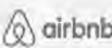
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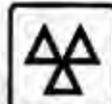
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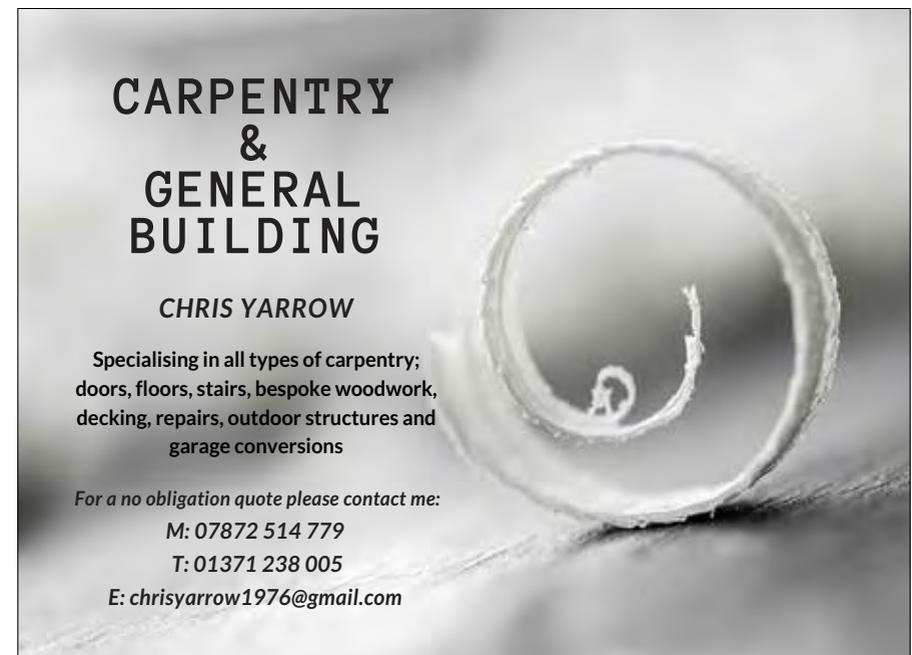
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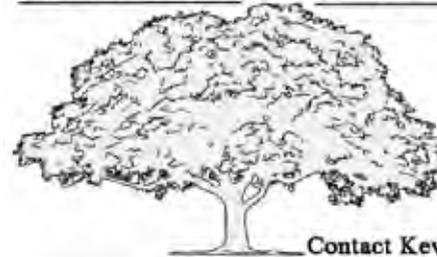
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Following Covid, our plan is to reopen our Clubs with the new term after Easter, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. We will be following Covid guidelines to make sure our Breakfast and Afternoon School Clubs are as safe as possible in our warm, safe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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here is an example of what we have running for kids to join in if they wish:  
Monday - Group Games/Board Games  
Tuesday - Crafts  
Wednesday - Story Times for Early Years  
Thursday - Art Club  
Friday - Film & Chill

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

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

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

Pat & The Team

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**Refuse Collections** Gt. Bardfield Tuesdays from 7am,

L. Bardfield Thursdays from 7am.

**Mobile Library** Little Bardfield, Styles,

Thursday 10am fortnightly

Gt Bardfield Town Hall,

Thursday 11.15am fortnightly

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

Easter to the last Sunday in

September 2.-5.30pm.

**Community Information Point (CIP)** Thurs and Sat 10am – 11.00am 811327

**The Samaritans** 01245 357357



*Slow Down by Will Edwards*