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Front cover: Jumble Sale in aid of Ukraine by Louisa Ruthven

Above: Tractor run raising funds for the Air Ambulance by Doug Joyce

Editorial

Bardfield is blooming again. May has been a delight and has seen our villages coming back to life in all ways. Trees and fields have become green again, blossom and wisteria has been magnificent and the lilac lined road to Little Bardfield has been beautiful. Whilst nature was busy, so too were committees and after a two year reluctant (Covid lockdown) break they have sprung into action to secure a season of activity for us all. The Art Exhibition in the Town Hall, first up in May, brought in a splendid collection of artwork, with enthusiastic viewers raising healthy funds to help boost the Covid depleted coffers. Simultaneously, the Vintage and Classic Tractor Run, a long time village favourite, brought a stream of mechanical life through our streets raising funds for the Air Ambulance, and with a healthy attendance at the Parish Assembly and the Historical Society AGM, it was evident that villagers are ready to make up for lost time. Last weekend many were delighted to see the rebirth of The Village Jumble Sale, with queues onto the Dunmow Road and eager bargain hunters sifting through mountains of clothes and bric-a-brac and all a good jumble sale offers, helping to raise funds for The Ukrainian Disaster Appeal. Good work Sarah, Nick and Alfie Holland and their jolly team of helpers - what a success it was.

Michael Hitchcock's funeral on May 13th proved to be a very moving farewell. The High Street, Brook Street and part of the Braintree Road were lined with villagers, paying their respects to Michael's cortege, and the procession of family and friends stretched from the 'Grocery Shop' many of us still call 'Hitchcock's' to the Village School Green. It was a sight symbolic of old and real village life. Michael would have loved it.

And if May has been a special month, culminating with the Bardfield Players much awaited production, A Bunch of Amateurs, June too promises a month of sunshine and roses, and activities for all. The Queen's Jubilee extended Bank Holiday starts in the Town Hall on Thursday June 2nd. Get your dancing shoes on to the sound of the Beavers, decorate your Royal Jubilee windows, enjoy the Royal Street Tea Party on the School Green and book your tickets for the Horticultural Royal Afternoon Tea.

Wishing you all a warm, joyful and celebratory June, with a Strawberry Moon and baskets of strawberries.

Pat Coles

Jumble Sale in aid of Ukraine:

A massive thank you to the generous people of Bardfield for helping to make the recent village jumble sale a success. At the time of writing (a day after the sale!) we have raised £1,533.75 for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. This total is before we try to get more money by selling off some of the remaining clothes and items. Thank you to everyone who donated jumble - we had an amazing variety of quality clothes, books and bric-a-brac. Thank you also for the team of people who worked with us to make the sale happen. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the sale; we hope that you found a treasure or two to take home and/or enjoyed a slice of the wonderful cake! If you missed the sale, and would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, you can give directly to DEC via their website - <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

Nick, Sarah and Alfie Holland



Dear All,

I now have details of the service for Maddy at Stondon Massey nr Ongar in Essex. This will be held on the 21st of June at 2pm at the parish church of St Peter and St Paul and afterwards we will adjourn to The Bricklayers Arms in Stondon Massey.

I do hope you can come and if you have anything to share about Maddy there will be time for that during the short service, hopefully something that will make us all laugh. If I've missed family members or friends from this email please do extend the invitation to them.

I think midsummers day is a lovely day for our final farewells and here's hoping for fine weather and please do dress cheerfully.

If you need any info please do get in touch and please do confirm you are coming so we have enough tea and buns to go around.

Cheers

Paul Langham 07971608446



Music in the Garden

After a few years off because of the pandemic, we are holding a music afternoon on **Sunday 10th July from 2 – 6pm at Whinbush Farm**, Walthams Cross, just one mile from the centre of Great Bardfield. There will be music by Bardfield Brass, the Community Choir, Heartsong, Bardfield Handbells and the Bardfield Young Soloists – with the music starting at about 2.30pm. Tea, coffee and cake will be available, plus wine from the Bardfield Vineyard.

The formal gardens will form a back drop and a place to explore in between the music. Please bring blankets and chairs to sit on – there are a few in the garden, but not enough for everyone. If you want to explore the meadow and small wood do take care and wear sensible clothing and shoes as there are nettles and lots of rabbit holes.

Parking will be available in the field at Chiefs Farm opposite the entrance to Whinbush Farm, or it's a very nice walk from the village on the footpath either past the Watermill or from the recreation field across the fields to Lodge Wood. There will be direction signs along the roads from the village.

Entrance is £4 per person with U16s free; tickets will be available at the gate on the day. Cash preferred please.

All the proceeds from the afternoon will go to local charities.

We hope to see lots of people at the event.

Julia and Andrew Collins

Tuesday Club

The talk in May about The Ups and Downs of Ballooning, given by Edward Lubbock and Sue Kidd, was very entertaining. They were a good double act!

Next month, on **14th June**, we were going to have Michael Bardell's talk on Braintree Town Hall, but unfortunately he has had to cancel. Instead we have **Peter Regelous** giving another of his entertaining talks, this one entitled **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Life"**. In July we plan to visit Hyde Hall. Further ahead, in August, Carl Merry will tell us about Brave Men and Clever Women. We hope you'll all be able to attend these events and look forward to seeing you.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Adrienne Poulson with any queries (01371 811401).

The Bardfield Players: Review

The Bardfield Players have made a much-anticipated return with *A Bunch of Amateurs* written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, an extremely funny, clever interweaving of the story of a struggling amateur theatre group with the plot and characters of Shakespeare's *King Lear*, bringing to life the words:

*When we are born, we cry that we are come
To this great stage of fools*

The play was skilfully directed by Louisa Ruthven and proved the perfect choice for the Players after their Covid-enforced absence.

Steve Hudspith gave an excellent performance as fading Hollywood film star Jefferson Steele. This was a challenging role requiring him to be on stage for most of the play. He was word perfect and his timing was consummate as he came to terms with the shocking truth that his great come-back was not



as King Lear with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon but with 'The Stratford Players,' a small, rural amateur dramatics company fighting to save their theatre from closure. The cast of seven, very effectively supplemented by the members of the Stage Management team as scandal-chasing journalists, worked almost seamlessly together as the over-enthusiastic thespians, each developing their character to humorous effect. Ian Ruffle as solicitor Nigel, was suitably peevish and resentful at the arrival of the arrogant American; Marcia Bryan making her first appearance with the Players, was joyfully flamboyant in the part of Mary; Iain Graham provided well-tempered humour in his role as handy-man, whilst also playing the Duke of Gloucester, understandably much exercised by how his eyes might be gouged; Sheree Riley added to the comedy as ingenue Lauren the representative of the brewery sponsoring the production who innocently finds herself at the heart of a 'Sex Romp Scandal!'

Carolynne Ruffle portrayed Dorothy Nettle Director of the Stratford

Players with great empathy and moments of real pathos, revealing different facets of her character. The little theatre group means so much to her and despite setbacks she remains positive and determined that the play will succeed. She conveys so well that she really cares and sees in Jefferson a man, like Lear, 'more sinned against than sinning.' A very convincing performance.

Ellie Ruffle as Jessica, resentful daughter of Jefferson Steele, and playing Cordelia, youngest daughter of Lear in the Stratford Players' production was a strong character in both contexts. She managed to balance her affection for her father with frustration at his parental failures.

The points in the play where each member of the cast in turn took the stage alone wearing the Fool's cap and quoting from Lear worked extremely well, drawing together the story of the amateur actors with the eternal themes of the Shakespearian play.



The set and the technical effects were superb due to the skills of the construction team: Chris Couldridge, Adrian Thompson, David Bowman and Dale Haynes. The most spectacular moment was when despite strict 'No Smoking' rules Jefferson Steele lit a cigar immediately setting off sprinklers on the stage which soaked him, giving extra significance to Lear's anguished 'Blow winds, and crack your cheeks! Rage! Blow! You cataracts and hurricanes spout! Within minutes the stage was dry again leaving the audience wondering 'How on earth did that happen?' An amazing achievement on such a small stage.

Other important touches added to the success of this production: a well designed and informative programme; the delightful Tudor-style music composed and performed by Bardfield musician David Baird; the sound, lighting and the contributions of the whole backstage crew. Bardfield Players we're delighted that you're back and you're definitely not 'a bunch of amateurs!'

'Phoenix'

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

Platinum Jubilee Events

The Parish Council is very pleased to congratulate Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth for achieving 70 years on the throne. To celebrate this historic event a number of Jubilee events have been organised by village groups and societies to take place in early June. Our thanks go to all those who are organising these events for the community. Further information in the Bardfield Times, FaceBook and posters.

The Parish Council have provided financial support for:

Floral Displays on Memorial Green & Crown Green plus meadow planting on Causeway Green (these will last over the spring/summer months). Thanks go to several residents and particularly Linda Gustar and Nigel Hill for organising this additional planting, and to Mick Gell for his work on Memorial Green – new rose bushes have been planted.

The Beavers Band Night at the Town Hall on Thursday 2nd June (organised by the Town Hall Management Committee)

Commemorative Service and Tea Party at St Mary's Church on Saturday 4th June

Children's Street Party, School Green on Sunday 5th June (organised by Friends of Bardfield School)

Royal Tea Party at the Town Hall on Saturday 11th June (organised by Bardfield Horticultural Society)

The Parish Council is also funding the repair and reinstatement of two plaques on the footbridge over the River Pant which were originally installed when this bridge was first built during the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year, 1977 plus a new plaque to mark the repair of this bridge in 2022, her Platinum Jubilee Year, 45 years on.

We also support the village window display competition and look forward to seeing the community's response to this event.

Other Business of the Council in May Planning Applications & Tree Works

1 Millbank: application to demolish the existing house and build a new house to the designs which have previously been given planning permission. No objections as no change in the final outcome.

Place Farm Barn: replacement windows: no objections

2A Alienor Avenue: loft conversion and garage extension: no objections, though neighbours' views to be taken into consideration.

Great Pitley Farm: erection of a one storey 3 bedroom dwelling. The Parish Council raised concerns that no Listed Building Consent had been provided and referred this application to the Historic Buildings Officer to determine the application to build a new home under policies for building in the countryside.

Coote House, Brook Street: application to fell 4 large fir trees in the conservation area: no objections.

Playing fields/Pavilion Project

Work has started on the replacement Pavilion building with safety fencing now installed and the foundation slab being laid. Please bear with us during this period as a portion of the playing field will be out of bounds for some months for health and safety reasons. Unfortunately access has been gained beyond the fencing and the existing pavilion broken into, with some items removed. This is very disappointing, and we ask residents to be vigilant. CCTV and regular monitoring will be in operation during the works.

Thanks go to Piers and Nicholas Reed for their help in removing concrete from the playing field and for clearing overgrowth, and also to Jamie Naughton & members of Bardfield Men's football team for their help in clearing the existing pavilion of redundant equipment, furniture etc.

Police Notice

A warning is issued after the theft of catalytic converters from cars in the village over a 2 day period in early May. Another report had been made about the attempted theft from another vehicle. Please look out for suspicious behaviour and report to the police as appropriate. 999 in an emergency and 111 otherwise.

Verge Cutting

Following a trial in 2020/21 Braintree District Council and Essex County

Council have agreed to maintain a single full width cut (in the autumn) of the rural verges across the Braintree District for the next 3 years, with no early summer cut to encourage biodiversity, habitat creation and protecting wildlife.

Safety cuts of the verges around junctions will be made on request where visibility compromises road safety. This will not generally apply to linear lengths of the verges where the grass does not present a genuine safety issue to road users. Safety cuts can be requested by contacting Braintree District Council either on-line at www.braintree.gov.uk/contact or by contacting the Customer Services Team on 01376 552525. Following receipt of a request, a site inspection will be made to verify the need for a cut.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 7.00pm, in the Committee Room at the Town Hall.

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

Carolynne Ruffle
Chairperson

“YOUR PAVILION NEEDS
YOU”

PAVILION FUND RAISING

Thank you so much to those who have already responded to the appeal – every penny counts. We have been asked for bank details as some of you no longer use cheques. These are Great Bardfield Parish Council, Unity Trust Bank, Sort Code 60-83-01, Acc No. 20456799

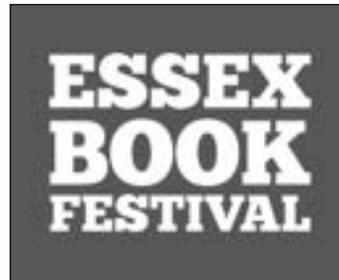
Cheques are of course welcome payable to Great Bardfield Parish Council and old fashioned cash

Is equally welcome.

Kate Fox, Parish Clerk

Essex Book Festival comes to Essex libraries

Throughout the month of June, we will be hosting thirteen author events for the Essex Book Festival at our libraries. We're very excited to welcome a mixture of new and familiar authors, such as Lindsey Davis, Julia Jones and Samuel Fisher.



We are also bringing back our ever-popular Essex Authors Day. This is a great opportunity for aspiring and established writers to learn, improve their skills, share knowledge and experiences - and discover something new! Pick up writing tips and inspiration from a wide range of workshops led by experienced authors, editors and publishers; join in with or listen to our popular Writers' Slam or wander the Book Fair for networking opportunities. Entry to the event, Book Fair and Writers' Slam is free. Microphone slots at the Writers' Slam and workshop places must be booked in advance. There's no charge to participate in the Writers' Slam but tickets for the workshops cost £6 per person.

As well as events for adults, this year we have an amazing programme of events for our Family Fun Day on Saturday 18 June. For more information and to book, please visit the full list of our author events, or visit the Essex Book Festival website."

Adrian Ure
Customer Marketing Optimisation Officer

Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

invite you to join us for

A Royal Jubilee Afternoon Tea



Saturday 11th June

at 2.30pm in The Town Hall

£10 per head - Includes a glass of Fizz

Booking Essential

To Book Contact: Iris Couldridge 01371 810088 or Linda Preece 01371 811641

From the Vicarage...

As this month begins, events across our villages will bring people together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, including services in each of our six churches. This remarkable anniversary marks seventy years of the most dedicated service, which has been, and continues to be, an inspiration to many. Over the time of her reign, the Queen has accepted the pattern of life laid down for a monarch, sacrificing much of her personal freedom and autonomy for the sake of what she has viewed as a sacred duty.

As we begin these celebrations, we will no doubt see many clips played of the coronation in 1953, but one moment we will not see is the part of the coronation service in which the monarch is anointed with holy oil. This moment was considered too sacred to be shown to a wide audience, and even in Westminster Abbey itself, the Queen was covered with a canopy for this part of the ceremony, so even few of those physically present would have witnessed it at first hand.

It may like the most exclusive of experiences, but the act of anointing with holy oil is one which forms part of the services of baptism and confirmation, which are open to anyone at all. The fact that the same act is part of the beginning of a monarch's reign, and every new journey of faith, bears witness to an important belief held by the Church: that everyone's life has a sacred purpose, and that we can call on the strength that God gives us to help us fulfil it.

Most people will not become a king or queen, but it can, nevertheless, be encouraging to know that every vocation, every purpose which we are given is important, and valued. As we celebrate the remarkable way in which the Queen has fulfilled hers for these past seventy years, it's an excellent opportunity for each of us to reflect on what we have been called to do, and to rededicate ourselves wholeheartedly to it.

Rev'd/Fr Alex



Services for June 2022

in the Pant Valley Churches

Services on Sundays and Principal Holy Days

Sunday 5 June – Pentecost

10am Benefice Communion Service – Great Bardfield

Sunday 12 June – Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Shalford
followed by breakfast

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield

10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield

11am Family Service – Wethersfield

5pm Sung Evensong – Shalford

Thursday 16 June – Corpus Christi

10.30am Sung Eucharist & Benediction – Little Bardfield

Sunday 19 June – Trinity 1

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield

9.30am Morning Service – Shalford

10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield

10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield

5pm Healing Service – Cornish Hall End

Sunday 26 June – Trinity 2

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Mattins (traditional language) – Shalford

10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield

11am Family Communion Service – Wethersfield

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Services

Thursday 2 June

10.30am – Little Bardfield

7.30pm – Finchingfield

Saturday 4 June
2pm – Great Bardfield

Sunday 5 June
12noon – Wethersfield (on the green)
4pm – Cornish Hall End
6pm – Shalford

Regular Services and Events during the week

Monday
8.30am Morning Prayer – Finchingfield

Tuesday
8.45am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield

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

Friday
8.45am Morning Prayer – Shalford

Other Services and Events

Thursday 16 June
10am Coffee Morning – Cornish Hall End

Saturday 18 June
10am Children's Church – Wethersfield
11am Coffee Morning – Wethersfield

Sunday 26 June
3pm Youth Group (age 10+) – details TBC, please contact Sarah Pilgrim
(pilgrim511@btinternet.com) for more details

Great Bardfield Town Hall
Present

THE BEAVERS

Music from the 50s to the modern day

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Venue: Great Bardfield Town Hall
Dunmow Road
CM7 4SA

Date: Thursday June 2nd 2022

Doors: 7:30pm till 11:00pm

Bar: Licensed bar from 7:30pm till 11:00pm

Tickets: £10.00
Under 18s FREE (when accompanied by an adult)
£5.00 for over 70s

On sale at Between the Lines Bookshop, Vine Street, G1 Bardfield. CM7 4SR

For more information contact Sarah sarah.hymas@yahoo.com

Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

After the Bardfield School holidays we were able to return all the crowns and the pictures that had been entered into the Spring Show. Each child that put in an entry received a pot, compost and sunflower seeds—we look forward to seeing the resultant flowers later in the year.

Visit to the Gardens of Easton Lodge

Our visit to Easton Lodge Gardens in May was well supported—the weather was kind to us. It was a super afternoon with an interesting guided tour. The restoration work is progressing well. The sunken Italian garden is delightful; the walled garden must have been a sight to behold in its day; an amazing tree house rebuilt in 2017 plus some lovely trees.

Stunning location. Well worth a visit. Daisy's tea hut was our resting spot for tea and cakes.

Saturday 11th June at 2.30pm in the Town Hall

To celebrate the extra special holiday weekend we are inviting you to

A Royal Jubilee Afternoon Tea

£10 per head - includes a glass of fizz

Booking Essential

To book contact: Iris Couldridge 01371 810088
or Linda Prior 01371 811641

Our plans are well underway to make this a memorable afternoon with homemade tea—lots of goodies to tempt you!

Coach Trip on Saturday July 9th to the RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall

Our trip in association with the Tuesday Club. The coach will be leaving Great Bardfield at 10.30am and returning by approx.: 4.30pm. Tickets are £16 each—includes garden entry.

Highlights include a beautiful Hilltop Garden with its colourful herbaceous borders and scented rose garden, a Mediterranean-inspired dry garden, which has an array of drought-tolerant plants, and the innovative Global Growth vegetable garden, displaying fruit and vegetables from around the world. Also the Floral Fantasia displays originally managed so well by the late Peter Seabrook.

For details please contact Iris Couldridge 01371 810088.

Summer Show on Saturday, August 6th in Town Hall

Entries should be registered before 10.15am and be staged by 10.30am as judging starts at 11am. The show will be open at 2.30pm until 4.30pm

If you would like a schedule they are available in some of the village shops and the Blue Egg or please call Linda Prior 811641 or Lynne Joyce 810524

Here is one of the recipes for you to try.

Millionaire shortbread (class 46)

Base:

125 gm (4 oz) butter at room temperature

50 gm (2 oz) caster sugar

175 gm (6 oz) plain flour

Topping:

400 gm (14 oz) condensed milk

50 gm (2 oz) butter

50 gm (2 oz) soft brown sugar

150 gm (5 oz) of chocolate (plain or milk)

Base

Mix the butter, sugar and flour to form a dough. Press into a greased tin approx: 23 cm (9 in) square. Bake at 190°C (Fan 170°C), 375°F, Gas mark 5 for 20 minutes. Leave to cool.

Topping

Pour milk into pan, add butter and sugar. Bring to the boil and boil for five minutes stirring continuously. Pour topping over the base and place in the fridge to set. Melt the chocolate over a pan of simmering water. Pour over the top of the base and leave to set. Cut into squares.

New Treasurer

We are delighted to let you know that we have had a volunteer for our role of Treasurer.

At our last committee meeting we co-opted Helen McGlynn onto the Committee and to her new role as treasurer—a few words from her—

We moved to Bardfield just over 3 years ago, and we are very pleased to be here, especially as we had our garden to occupy us in lockdown. We are novice gardeners but we are learning fast and have been thrilled to find so many people in the village willing to help us in terms of advice and free plants. What's not to love!

For any information about the Society please contact Linda Prior 01371 811641

Town Hall Happenings

Things are now really busy at the Town Hall. Long may it continue.

The Art Show was a great success with 290 people visiting raising over £2,000 for Town Hall Funds and with nearly 40 paintings being sold. Thanks to all who helped but mainly Peter, Sheila and Katrina who spend days organising this event. The Jumble Sale in aid of Ukraine organised by the Holland family was also very well attended with queues across the car park and along Dunmow Road. A Bunch of Amateurs, the Bardfield Players current production, is in full swing and by all reports is going well with most nights sold out. Our Community Fridge continues on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings thanks to the Co-op for the food and our caretaker Sarah for organising.

For the Queen's Jubilee we are arranging a Dance in the Hall on the evening of Thursday the 2nd June, the band is The Beavers and tickets are available from Between the Lines.

Please do think of using the Town Hall for any event. As well as the Main Hall we have a committee room and the Bawden Room. Both of these are useful for meetings or small gatherings.

John Maidman

Chair, Great Bardfield Town Hall



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden



Great Bardfield Tuesday Club

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Life



A talk by Peter Regelous

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS REPLACES THE TALK ON BRAINTREE MUSEUM BY MICHAEL BARDELL)

Tuesday June 14 at 2.30

Great Bardfield Town Hall

Non-members of the Tuesday Club are very welcome

Nature Notes

As I write these nature notes I am still on a high after the Tractor run, such a wonderful day and especially good to see so many people lining the village streets, waving, with happy smiling faces and contributing money to the funds for the Air Ambulance. I feel we spread a lot of happiness, but there is one very large aspect of the tractor run which the tractor drivers are not able to share with all our wonderful supporters and that is the off road sections, some of which are by-ways which anyone can use but the really important bit which I am writing about is the private land which we have obtained special permission to drive over from the relevant land owners. These parts of the run are very special to all of us for several reasons, but the reason I am writing about is the wild life which we see. Quite a lot of the wild life is used to seeing tractors working in the fields so don't take a lot of notice of the odd tractor or someone on horseback. That was one of the things I really enjoyed in the days when I rode, but the wild life do start to take notice when lots of tractors come one after another. Never the less we did see quite a bit this year I am very fortunate as I am one of the first tractors towing the notice boards telling people what we are up to. The most common wildlife we saw this year was fallow deer. We came across two large herds and several small groups; I would estimate a total of some 60 individuals, 1 fox, several rabbits, and a healthy number of hares although I didn't see any badgers, I saw plenty of badger setts with great piles of sand pushed out. They are everywhere in ever



increasing numbers doing untold damage; killing poultry and hedgehogs. It's not surprising that we didn't see them as of course they are nocturnal as is the fox although it's not unusual to see a fox about in the day time this time of the year as the vixens are feeding young and often have to go out hunting for extra rations in the day time to keep the cubs well fed. My readers know I am always going



on about the balance of wild life species well here I go again. The ones which have now got out of hand are fallow deer and badgers possibly followed by muntjacs. None of these have natural predators and can do a lot of damage, the deer in particular damage crops and can devastate young trees by stripping the bark and grazing young growth. All the money spent on tree guards only protects the trees from rabbits not from deer as the tree grows. We can all do our bit to help reduce deer population: eat more local venison. All the local butchers sell it, it's the lowest of all red meat in cholesterol, is totally organic, contains lots of iron and vitamins and is virtually fat free. I love to see deer roaming about the fields but it's much nicer to catch the occasional glance rather than an everyday occurrence or see them as road kill or worst still cause fatal accidents on the roads. A few years ago, almost every time I travelled any distance on the road, I would always see the corpse of a fox or a badger rotting at the side of the road where it had been killed by a vehicle, but today all you see is dead deer. I have pondered over this quite a lot; there are still as many foxes about and many more badgers than there used to be, but they are not getting killed on the roads. I firmly believe these have moved away from noisy roads but deer, on the other hand travel greater distances looking for food and quiet resting sites, and so don't have to cross busy roads.

Mac Beanland



Tractor run raising funds for the Air Ambulance by Doug Joyce

BARDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

JOIN US ON A COACH TRIP TO
HYDE HALL GARDENS
SATURDAY 9TH JULY
LEAVING GREAT BARDFIELD 10.30am
RETURN APPROX 4.30pm



BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
DETAILS FROM
IRIS 01371810088 /LINDA 01371811641
OR LYNNE 01371810524

GREENFINGERS

Usually opening the weekend newspaper the page fell open at a photograph of a garden in Cumbria. Pictured was a set of perfect borders, masses of tulips surrounding a decorative Malus (apple tree) but it was the edging of these circular borders that captured Greenfingers' interest: dwarf woven willow edging, just perfect. Borders don't have to have an edging other than trimmed grass or a path but what prominence the little fence created in that garden. Ideas were spiralling round my head, improvements now to be made but with what? Willow, lovely but expensive. Pinks, lavenders etc. attractive but not inspiring. Perhaps bricks on edge or better, a wooden edge painted and topped at intervals with finials. Now on the lookout for a handyman to produce this project!

In the gardening days of the last century, say 1930 onwards, border edges were planted for summer with blue lobelia and white alyssum. Adding red salvias produced the traditional layout for the majority of suburban gardens following the example of the parks. The colours are relevant to this month of the Queen's Jubilee but how garden ideas have changed. It is likely that now cosmos, orlaya and the huge selection of big salvias produce the gardener's extra umph for summer colour but they are available in Union Jack colour too.

Still feeling edgy, that under-rated black grass would look stunning highlighting the colour of plants it surrounds. Name that grass! A complicated Latin name *ophiopogon planiscapus niger*, suggest one simply requests 'black grass'!

June Jobs

- Feeding of plants is most necessary in this month of active growing, A foliar feed by spraying with your tomato feed does for most. Don't forget the roses, but you know its organic Uncle Tom's that gives good results.
- Do prune now those shrubs after they have flowered: mock orange philadelphus, lilacs. fibes. All these are vigorous growers so cutting some branches right out, i.e. down to the ground, is good for them.
- If you want cheap plants for next Spring sow some foxgloves, wallflowers, honesty, all these are biennials. Seeds can be in trays or just a spare spot in the garden, but they will need thinning out later to grow well.

- Have you cut off all those hellebore flowers or perhaps you want new plants to seed.
- Hurry up to celebrate summer with planting of the tender plants available for summer zing, Spend, spend, spend, it's worth it £££££££!





The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

2nd/3rd/4th/5th June

Celebration Window Competition

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

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

How it works

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

TABLE TENNIS IN FINCHINGFIELD

Following the easing of Covid-related restrictions on our activities, the group who come to the village hall on Monday evenings to play table tennis have been able to re-start the regular weekly sessions. We would welcome new members to join the group. Sessions start at 7.30pm each Monday and run for 2 hours.

The group has 3 tables and mainly play doubles matches during the evening. All equipment is provided. Currently, to provide most protection for each other, everyone brings along their own refreshments.

The standard of play is varied. Most of us had not played since our school days! The key point is that we have a lot of fun whilst aiming to help us keep in shape. Well-being has been realised as a major need following the last 2 years experiences. Table Tennis definitely provides an uplifting and enjoyable exercise for all who attend the weekly sessions.

Why not consider a new venture as the world tries to return to some normality and come along and join us for some laughs and good exercise? We look forward to greeting you.

If you would like to have a chat beforehand, please call me on 07775 531781.

Brian

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The Parish Church of St. Andrew in Much Hadham has a window on the west wall of the tower based on an etching by the renowned sculptor, Henry Moore. The window, depicting the Tree of Life, was created by Patrick Reyntiens and celebrates the joint use of the church by Church of England and Roman Catholic congregations.

In Little Easton, the parish church is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin and has two stained glass windows in the north chapel that honour the American air crews of 386th Bomb Group (known as the Crusaders) who lost their lives in WWII. The windows are the Crusaders Window and the Window of Friendship and Peace.

Another window dedicated to American airmen can be found in St. Georges, Anstey. The Millennium Window records the names of all the men of 398th Bomb Group who died in WWII, etched onto butterflies.



Anstey – Millennium window



Anstey – Millennium window - detail

In Broxton, 13th-century St. Mary's church has two modern stained-glass windows, the Hostage Windows. They were installed following the release in 1991 of three men: Terry Waite, Brian Keenan and local man John McCarthy. All had been held hostage in Lebanon for five years. One window is called the Window of Captivity and the other the Window of Freedom. They were designed by John Clarke and replaced two Victorian windows.

When you are out and about, I hope you will pause to look in our churches at the wonderful range of craftsmanship, some old and some not so old.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Our own parish church in Great Bardfield has some fine stained glass, mostly Victorian. The lovely east window was designed by Bodley and has been described by Rev Norman Clift and Stanley Hyland in their book *Great Bardfield and its Church*, as having 'a Botticelli look about it.' The greatest treasure in our stained glass is found at the top of the window at the west end of the north aisle where three shields record the wedding in 1368 of Philippa of Hainault and Edward Mortimer, King Edward III and Queen Philippa, whose heads are carved on the stone screen. The most recent additions are not stained glass but the exquisitely engraved glass doors to the bell tower created by artist Richard Bawden in memory of his parents Edward and Charlotte. They depict St. Cedd who brought Christianity to Essex, and St. Luke the patron saint of artists.

Janet Dyson



Broxton – Window of Freedom



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 Thrash thrash, thrash thrash
 Dingdong dingdong, dingdong dingdong
 Clear clear, clear clear
 Left left, left left
 Chugga chugga, chugga chugga
 Tweet tweet, tweet tweet
 Hoot hoot, hoot hoot
 Rev rev, rev rev
 Pop pop, pop pop
 Thrash thrash, thrash thrash

Rain

Coo coo, coo coo
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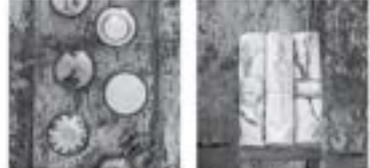
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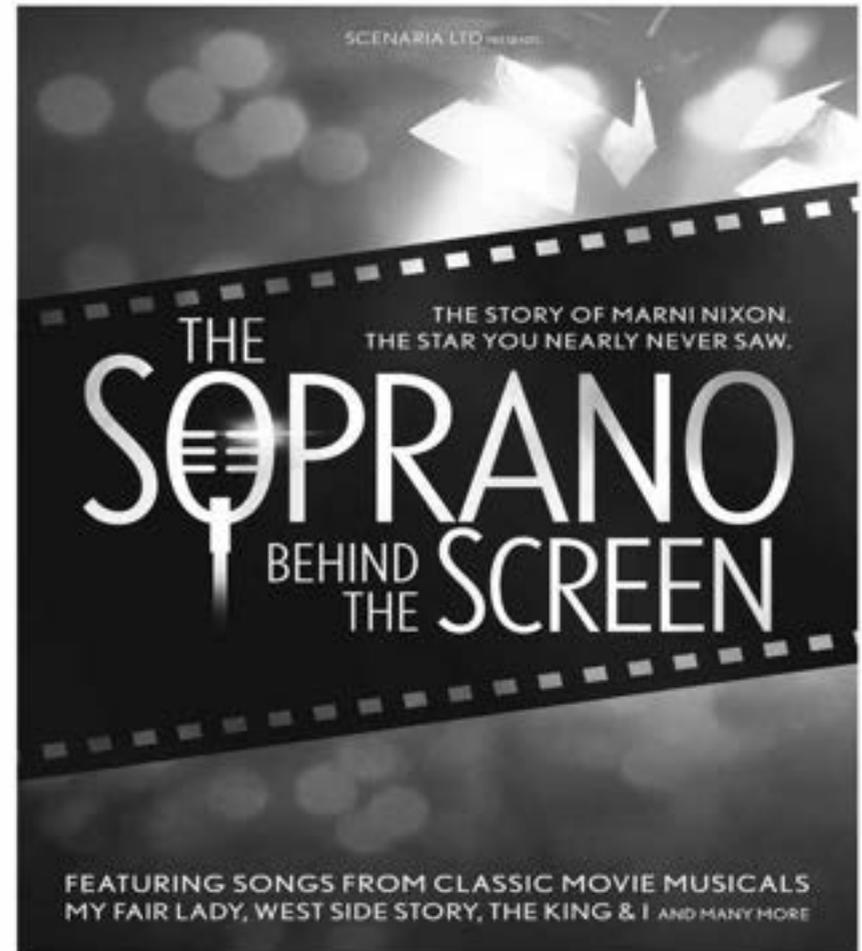
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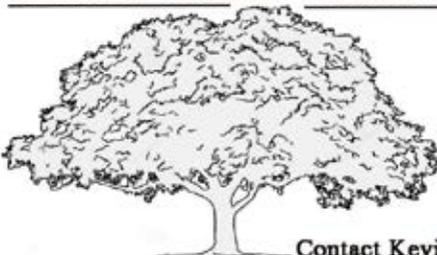


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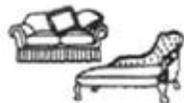
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Following Covid, our plan is to reopen our Clubs with the new term after Easter, on Monday 12th April. We will be following Covid guidelines to make sure our Breakfast and Afternoon School Clubs are as safe as possible in our warm, safe building behind 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.

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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.

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- Tuesday - Crafts
- Wednesday - Story Times for Early Years
- Thursday - Art Club
- Friday - Film & Chill

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Sunday 5 th	Private Function	--
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	Tuesday Club	2.00pm
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 8 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm
Thursday 9 th	Historical society	7.00pm
Friday 10 th	Brass Band night	7.30pm
Saturday 11 th	Horticultural Jubilee Tea	2.30pm
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