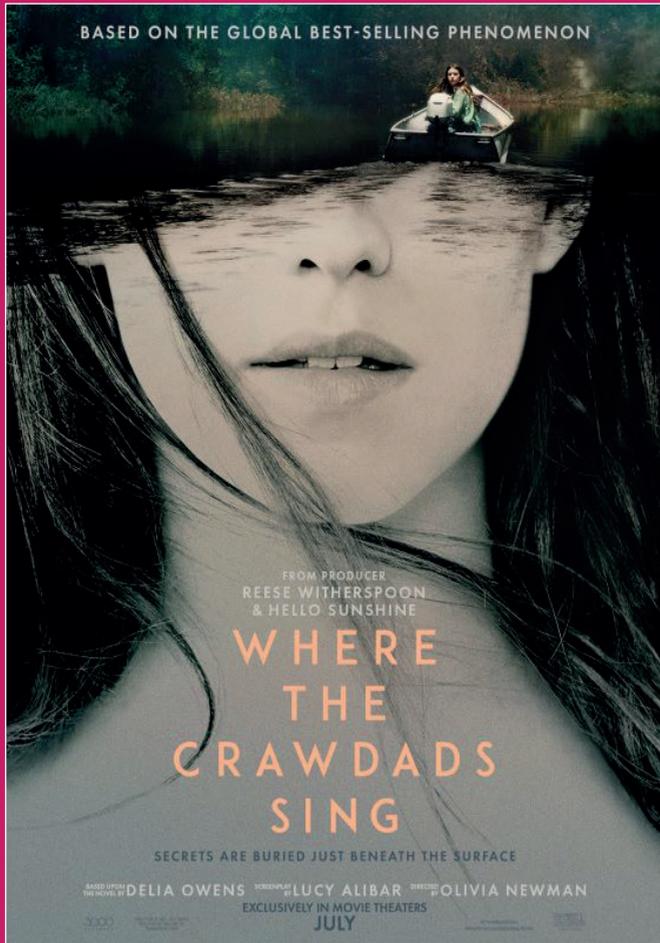




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Above: Bardfield swan by Erin Jones

Editorial

As October draws to an end, and the warm sun continues to shine, trees around us are in their full autumn beauty, of gold, russet and red. Having lived in Canada in the early 1970s, we would make the yearly, autumn pilgrimage to the north of Ontario, to marvel at the colours of the lakeside trees. Each year was as though we had not seen such beauty before, and we would return to the city full of wonder. To some extent, our long dry summer with continuous strong sunlight has contributed to the splendid countryside colours in England this year, offering up inner warmth and maybe keeping winter chill and pricey heating bills at bay for a little longer.

Following the quieter summer months, endings and beginnings are part of Bardfield life again. Thank you Mme Boules for organising the annual Boules competition - this really is part of Bardfield life now and the Grand final took place at the Town Hall on a recent sunny Saturday afternoon. It was indeed a very grand event - exciting matches, good company, music, food and wine - a fine ending to a fine competition. The annual horticultural supper took place on the following weekend. A veritable feast, prepared I am sure, with love, by the committee members. Thank you. We are still trying to work out how the magician who came to entertain us managed to move the card that we had written on, and placed carefully in the middle of the pack, into the zipped and firmly closed part of his wallet. Magic? A conversation to be had I think with Pam Blackburn, the magician's mum. And there are more events to look forward to through the winter months. Cinema Club has opened its doors again with an excellent line up of feature films. This has proved to be very popular and is a good value evening of entertainment - do try it out if you have never been. Details of all events can be found in your *Bardfield Times*.

And on endings and beginnings, facilities available to us in Great Bardfield are the envy of many surrounding villages. Not least of these is our Café / Tea Shop, 'Cole's'. For 5 years we have enjoyed meeting friends, enjoying good coffee, hot lunches and scrumptious cakes and tea in this delightful and welcoming cafe, and we are indebted to Ray Cole and Carolynne Rowe who have worked tirelessly, through difficult years to be open for us seven days a week. You may have heard that Ray is to be retiring shortly from the café he has loved owning and developing. Thank you Ray and Carolynne and team. We have valued greatly what

you brought to our village and wish Ray many happy retirement years ahead, and Carolynne, who we shall continue to see as she continues to run Bardfield Interiors.

Meanwhile, we know that there will be struggles for many families in the coming months, needing to make difficult financial choices to manage costly heating and food bills. Mandy Boon does a sterling job collecting generous donations for the local food bank. Keep an eye on your neighbours and friends too, with a reminder that The Great Bardfield Charities can help in times of need.

Pat Coles

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Hello neighbour,

Do you know anyone within Great and Little Bardfield who will (or will you yourself), be alone this Christmas and would appreciate a Christmas Hamper? If so, please could you contact me with their name and telephone number so that we can contact them and offer them one.

Like previous years, a group of people within the village are looking at putting this all together to let those people know that they are not forgotten at Christmas.

As people's circumstances change, if you have received a hamper in previous years and would like another this year you will also need to contact me to confirm this.

Please call **Joanne Magro-Andrews on 07590397178 by Sunday 27th November 2022.**

Best wishes,
Joanne Magro-Andrews



The Bell Inn - Great Bardfield

We've always classed ourselves as a community hub, at the heart of this wonderful village we call home, so with the cold weather looming and the uncertainty over fuel costs and the fear of utility bills creeping higher and higher, we would like to offer the community a safe place to come and feel warm, and share some company without the need to buy anything. Just come in and ask for a cup of tea or coffee and no questions will be asked. We will make you a hot drink, free of charge of course, and you can sit round the fire and make yourselves at home. Our fire will always be on and there will always be warmth, and not just in the welcome you'll receive. So please, don't let yourself suffer with the cold.

If you're struggling to heat your home, you will always be welcome here at **The Bell**.

Our opening times are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 5.30pm

Friday & Saturday 4.30pm

Sunday 12pm-3pm

Great Bardfield Historical Society

For those wanting to find out more about the history of our village the Society offers guided walks and talks for small groups. The walks start in the Bawden Room which houses the village collection of works by the Bardfield Artists. A unique feature of the collection are 14 of the original sketches by Edward Bawden for the King Penguin book *Life in an English Village*, published in 1949. These give fascinating insights into life in Great Bardfield in the period just after the end of World War II. The sketches feature village people and familiar places. The walk continues around the centre of the village, discovering the houses where the artists lived and worked and also the medieval origins of the historic centre. Walks cost £5 per person, children free. For more information email drjanetdyson@gmail.com

If you prefer to do your own guided walk the Society has published a map available for £2 from the CIP and Between the Lines. We have a good range of publications about village history and are always pleased to hear your stories, memories and see photographs relating to the history of the village.

Janet Dyson

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

Firework Night

Rather late notice but a confirmation that we are not holding a firework night this year at the playingfields as during construction works on the new pavilion, we do not have any toilet facilities, water supply or electricity. We hope that we may be in a position to hold this event next year.

Prison Update

No planning application has yet been received for the proposed prison at Wethersfield Airbase. Representatives from Great Bardfield Parish Council attend monthly meetings of the Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee of which we are a member. This committee is undertaking several reviews and assessments and has recently published a report on whether such a prison, in this location, is in the National Interest. A copy of this report is available to view at the Community Information Point but is also available online.

Planning Applications & Tree Works

Tree Works at South Lodge, Dunmow Road; Oak Cottage, Dunmow Road; 2 Malting Terrace, Bridge Street: No objections.

1 The Corniche, replacement windows, doors and paint in the conservation area: No objections.

Dexter House, Bushetts Rise: Change of use from paddock to residential, new swimming pool, garden office and pool shed: No objections.

Garden Centre at The Blue Egg: New garden office, extended retail space and new polytunnel: No objection to the expansion of this successful local business.

Poppinjay Cottage: Two storey and single storey extension at rear: No objections.

Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all those that completed their Community Questionnaire to provide input into the Neighbourhood Plan. The response rate was above average and provides the residents' opinions, and comments and views about our village and its future. Together with reports we have commissioned on landscape, building design and housing needs the draft Plan will be produced for your further comments and a referendum to be held in 2023.

A drop-in session held at the Town Hall on 17 September which summarised the work done so far on this Plan, and initial analysis of the questionnaire responses was also well attended. The display materials presented at this event are available to view on the Parish Council website and at the Community Information Point.

Our Environment: Benches, Brook and Footpaths

Thanks go to our village handyman, Ian Ruffle, who has refurbished the benches and notice boards around the village and also cleared overgrown turf and hedging encroaching on Causeway Path. More work is planned for this path to increase its width.

A number of potholes reported by the Parish Council have been filled. Our thanks go to County Councillor Graham Butland for following ECC Highways with these problems on our behalf. We are aware of other potholes that need addressing and report these when we are aware of them, but residents are encouraged to also report these directly on the ECC website.

Recent Burglaries

You may have heard of a couple of house burglaries in the village over the last few months. These took place during the daytime when the residents were out, with properties searched and valuables taken. The police response was prompt and we hear that at least one person has been arrested over one of these burglaries. We remind residents to lock all doors and windows when leaving their property unattended and for all residents to be vigilant over suspicious activity. We understand that a vehicle passed by one of these properties several times over a short period just prior to the burglary and was picked up on a neighbour's CCTV.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next full meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 7.00pm, in the Committee Room at the Town Hall.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend and to raise any issues at the Public Forum which is held at the beginning of the meeting.

Carolynne Ruffle
Chairperson

'God Save the Village Green!'

The greens have formed a focal point at the centre of the village at least since the C13th and probably long before. School Green, Causeway Green and the Green alongside Mill Close are the remains of a much larger green space that has since been bisected by roads. The Brook which now runs in a culvert would have run freely along the edge of the Green. Our greens also include Long/Coney Green on the edge of the parish. Village Greens are 'Common Land' in the ownership of Lords of the Manor. In 2007 the Parish Council with the help of some generous donations, purchased the Manorial Rights at auction, believing that it would give us the opportunity to manage the greens, free from the whims of external owners. We are possibly the only Parish Council to have taken this step.

The greens provide an important green space. Historically they would have been used for village events and celebrations and villagers were permitted to graze their animals and collect firewood. At the weekly markets and the annual Horse Fair animals were tethered on the greens; the old name for Crown Green was Sheep-pen Green. The only planting on the greens has been of English native trees which provide an attractive grouping with blossom in spring and berries in autumn. Other planting has been resisted and our greens remain green, uncultivated spaces which in no way resemble urban parks. Only the Memorial Green has formal flower beds. I recall an unfortunate incident in 1979 when the Parish Council decided to plant red oak trees on the right-hand side of Causeway Green to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The trees were purchased and children from the school helped to plant them, with attendant press coverage (see photo). However, the then Chair of the Parish Council, William Crossman, who was also Lord of the Manor at that time, was enraged, declaring that the village was 'turning into Welwyn Garden City'. He had the trees removed. He must have been at the meetings when the decision was taken so his response was surprising. I'm not sure what happened to the trees! More recently trees have been planted on the Mill Close side, a generous gift from Andrew and Julia Collins.

Village Greens are covered by ancient legislation (The Commons Act, 1876) which makes clear what may be permitted and what is not, for example digging turf or interfering with the soil. Grazing animals is still permitted and I have memories from the 1970s of my friends Maggie and

Breintree and Witham Times, Thursday, March 8, 1979 5

YOUNGSTERS BRANCH OUT



CHILDREN from Great Bardfield primary school helped to plant three red oak trees on the village green on Tuesday to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee.

"We asked the children to plant the trees because they are going to be the people who will see the trees grow," said parish councillor Mrs Janet Dyson who is pictured holding up a young tree.

"We hope they will look after them as they saw them planted," said Mrs Dyson.

Originally one more mature tree was going to be planted, but it was thought that three younger trees would fill the space better.

There are several other places in the village where the parish council are considering planting young trees.

Charlie who lived in St John's Terrace, taking their large nanny goat who was called 'Goat' to graze on the greens and the verges along Mill Lane. I certainly remember the powerful aroma and the taste of the milk!

As the Kinks sang back in 1968:
*We are the Village Green Preservation Society ...
 Preserving the old ways from being abused,
 Protecting new ways for me and for you.
 What more can we do?
 God save the Village Green.*

Bardfield Girls Rock!!

Four of these amazing five women are local to Great Bardfield and they, as well as Lizzie Hitchcock (not pictured), driven by often very personal stories of the turmoil, pain, heartache and life shortening effects of dementia, cancer, poor mental health and genetic disorders, rose to the challenge of training for and running, the 2022 London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October.



Pictured L to R: Kate Tillotson, Kitty Parker, Joe Jones, Holly Tillotson, Tallulah Price.

Between them, they not only raised awareness of their charities: Alzheimer's Society, Bowel Cancer UK, Mind and Nerve Tumours UK, but they also raised a phenomenal £15,000! Much of this thanks to the generosity of Bardfield residents. Having run many marathons around the world, an Australian friend commented, after also running this year's London marathon, that it is a sensational marathon unlike any others he has done, because the whole focus is charity

Running a marathon is however not just about the day, it is the miles and miles and hours and hours of time spent training in all weathers, in the months leading up to the day. Whether it's getting out in the rain after a long day at work or in the pitch dark at the crack of dawn, it has to be done, there's no way to cheat the training. Thankfully for these runners it all paid off and they finished the marathon with smiles still on their faces. It is an incredible achievement and they should be proud of their commitment and success.

From being there on the day to watch and cheer, I know at least one other Bardfield resident was spotted, maybe there were more of you out there than I realised - congratulations to you all!

Jane Tillotson

Great Bardfield Town Hall

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Limited seating

Enquiries: sarah.hymas@yahoo.com

Tuesday Club

At our October meeting, Sue Tracey gave an interesting talk on Stained Glass, i.e. the various metals used to frame the glass, the staining of it, etc.

Next month, on the **8th November**, **Martyn Lockwood's** subject is entitled "**Saucy Seaside Postcards**" which should be amusing!

Our **13th December** meeting will be our **Christmas lunch at The Vine**. (Where has this year gone?!) The cost is £25 per head and Adrienne needs our money at latest by the next meeting (cheques please, made out to The Tuesday Club).

We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Helen Drummond

New members are always welcome.

**Please contact Adrienne Poulson
if you have any queries (01371 811401).**

Horticultural Society

We held our popular Harvest Supper on Saturday, Oct 8th at 7pm in the Town Hall. Amazingly we had not held one since October 2019 and it was lovely to see everyone. It was encouraging to see members and friends and some new faces amongst our regulars. The hall looked very welcoming; each table was decorated with a cyclamen. The range of colours was stunning.

The food comprised locally sourced beef and sausages, baked salmon, quiches, lots of lovely salads—some of our old favourites but some exciting new dishes as well. Plenty for seconds or even thirds!! There was an amazing selection of homemade puddings—plenty of choice. There was not a lot of food left—or wine!

Local magician, Jack Blackbourn provided great entertainment and, was working each of the tables right to the end.

The raffle had a good range of prizes and was very well supported. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and the committee for organising the food.

Will look forward to being able to report on our AGM and speaker in the December issue of the *BT*. Very much looking forward to the talk “The Secret Gardens of East Anglia” and partaking of the cheese and wine refreshments along with our members and guests

Thinking towards our gardens for next year there are a lot of good offers on bulbs in the local garden centres and on-line. Daffodils and narcissus should be planted in the ground or in pots as soon as possible. Tulips can be planted later.

The dates for our 2023 programme of events at the Town Hall will include a speaker (to be confirmed) on either Saturday afternoon 18th or 25th February; our Spring Show will be on Saturday March 25th; Spring Tea on Saturday April 22nd; Summer Show on Saturday August 5th; Harvest Supper on Saturday October 7th and AGM on Tuesday October 17th. There will be garden visits and other events to enjoy during the year.

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

Great Bardfield Tuesday Club

“Saucy Seaside Postcards”



An entertaining talk by Martyn Lockwood

Great Bardfield Town Hall

Tuesday, November 8th at 2.30pm

Non-members of the Tuesday Club are very welcome

Town Hall Happenings

The Boules Finals Day on 1st October was a great day (see separate article) and we must thank Carolynne Ruffle for organising the annual competition. It's always great fun and an opportunity to meet new and old residents throughout the summer.

Our Community Fridge continues on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings with thanks to the Co-op for the food and our caretaker Sarah for organising.

We are now planning A Night of Classic Rock on Friday 2nd December with tickets available from Between the Lines and online. Again, see the separate advert.

Sadly, Carpet Bowls is taking a break this winter but, if possible, the club hopes to restart in the spring.

Please support our local clubs, societies and organisations (all run by volunteers). Without these bodies Great Bardfield would not be the community we love.

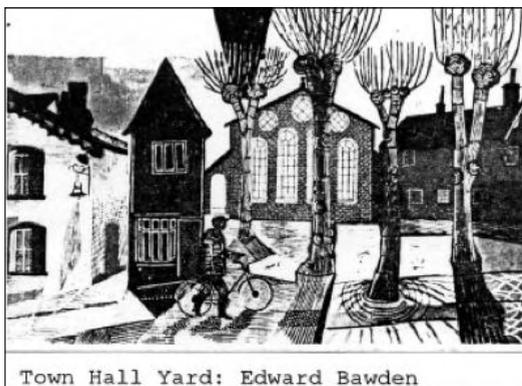
John Maidman, Chair Great Bardfield Town Hall

Hello everyone,

Usually at this time of year, we would all be working very hard as we approach the date of the opening night for our November production. Unfortunately, after rehearsing for several weeks, one of our cast decided that they were unable to commit themselves to the play, and withdrew. We tried to find a replacement, but with only 5 weeks to go, it was decided that the best thing to do was to postpone the show until we could recast it and put it on properly without being rushed. So, what was to be our November 2022 production, will now be our March/April 2023 production!

Rehearsals for `Dirty Dusting`, will recommence on November 3rd to be performed on the 30th, 31st March and Saturday 1st April, and hopefully everything will proceed as seamlessly as usual!!

We look forward to seeing you there. **Ian R**



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

GREENFINGERS

'Put the garden to bed' is appropriate for November but who invented this silly phrase, along with 'bedding' plants?! What it entails is clearing the unsightly, cutting down the dead and shrivelled foliage, dividing plants and replanting so there are groups of your favourites rather than one of each. Do a bit of light hoeing or fork the soil then finish with a layer of compost to smarten your winter look. STOP! is this what you wish to achieve based on the advice from every expert in gardening and wildlife?

Remember the phrase 'No mow May' widely mentioned in gardening magazines, articles and TV programmes and was a huge success in that even some of the tidiest gardeners left a small area with longer grass. This encourages bees and insects as well as the wild flowers that feed these visitors. So perhaps err on the light side when trimming back as some 'dead matter' can look attractive on a winter's day. Planting time, all gardeners love it and in that bare patch or filling pots in go the bulbs and wallflowers, forget me nots, primulas called—dash it -'bedding' plants!

JOBS

- Put pots of agapanthas on their side and preferably lay them somewhere sheltered - under a conifer or evergreen shrub is perfect protection in a frosty winter.
- Greenfingers normally does not wait till spring to cut to 30cms the small flowered clematis that blossomed in late summer, the viticelli group, preferring a tidy look. But, change of practice, must leave it for shelter for wildlife!
- Tulips—November is the best time to plant them.
- Hyacinths 'prepared' for early indoor flowering if planted now and put in the dark till 5cms high, will bloom after Christmas - better to appreciate than competing with the Xmas decs.
- Want to attract bees next summer? Buy some circium plants - thistle-like but desirable with their pretty pink or red flowers.



From the Vicarage...

As we make our way into November, we say farewell to a day which seems to be ever more popularly observed year on year, especially when it comes to the decorations and seasonal shelves of our retail establishments. I am thinking, of course, of Halloween. Much of the world is happily oblivious to the fact that the name, and date, of Halloween derive from a Christian festival – it is the ‘eve’, or day before, All Hallows, which we nowadays more commonly call All Saints’ Day and which falls on 1 November. All Hallows’ Eve gets conveniently abbreviated to the familiar name of ‘Halloween’.

All Saints’ Day is the day when the Church celebrates saints – people who have, throughout history, lived particularly holy or virtuous lives. Of course, many of these have their own set days – as we celebrate St George for example on 23 April. But All Saints’ Day exists because we acknowledge the fact that there are plenty of ordinary people, who never become famous or widely recognised, who nevertheless live lives of exemplary holiness and dedication to the needs of others. Many, if not all, of us will know people who, in a very quiet way, go constantly out of their way to help or care for those in need.

One of the themes of All Saints’ Day is that goodness and holiness are not rare or exceptional qualities, but something for which we all have potential. Whilst much of the popular culture of Halloween centres around figures representing our tendency to evil, even if only to poke some gentle fun at them, the idea of the original All Hallows feast is an optimism about human potential for good. In a time when there appears to be much blame to be laid at the feet of humanity – individuals, and as a whole – it is good to be reminded that we all have an innate potential for good.

As the nights draw in, and as we look forward to Christmas, the coming of Light we celebrate then is, to a great extent, about how God works to reawaken that light in each one of us, no matter how dim it has grown, and that is a great cause for hope.

Wishing you every blessing,

Rev’d/Fr Alex

Services for November 2022

in the Pant Valley Churches

Services on Sundays and Principal Holy Days

Wednesday 2 November – All Souls’ Day

4pm Service of Remembrance – Shalford

7pm Requiem Eucharist – Great Bardfield

Sunday 6 November

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield

9.30am Parish Communion – Shalford

10.30am Sunday Café (with theme of remembrance) – Cornish Hall End

10.30am Family Communion Service – Great Bardfield

4pm All Souls Tide Service of Remembrance – Finchingfield

4pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

Friday 11 November – Armistice Day

10.50am Act of Remembrance – Finchingfield War Memorial

Sunday 13 November – Remembrance Sunday

9am Requiem Eucharist – Great Bardfield

10.50am Remembrance Service – Wethersfield

10.50am Remembrance Service – Finchingfield

10.50am Remembrance Service – Cornish Hall End

3pm Remembrance Service – Great Bardfield War Memorial

Sunday 20 November

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield

9.30am Morning Service – Shalford

10.30am Sung Eucharist for the feast of St Katharine – Little Bardfield

10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield

4pm Shoebox Service – Cornish Hall End

Sunday 27 November – Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield

9.30am Morning Service – Shalford

10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield

11am Family Communion Service – Wethersfield
4pm Advent Carol Service & Benediction – Little Bardfield

Regular Services and Events during the week

Monday

8.45am 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
Coffee Morning (3rd week) – Cornish Hall End
10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield

Friday

8.45am Morning Prayer – Shalford

Saturday

11am (3rd weeks) Coffee Morning – Wethersfield

Children's and Youth Activities

please contact Sarah Pilgrim
(pilgrim511@btinternet.com) for more details

Saturday 19 November

10am Children's Church (pre- and primary school age) – Wethersfield

Sunday 27 November

3pm Youth Group (age 10+) – Wethersfield

Christmas Services

Services of Lessons and Carols during Advent

Wethersfield – Saturday 17th, 6pm
Cornish Hall End – Sunday 18th, 4pm
Finchingfield – Sunday 18th, 6pm

Christmas Eve

3pm Christingle Service – Great Bardfield
3pm Crib Service – Finchingfield
5pm Carols by Candlelight – Shalford
9pm Midnight Mass – Little Bardfield
11.30pm Midnight Mass – Finchingfield

Christmas Day – Family Communion Services

9am Cornish Hall End
9.30am Shalford
10am Great Bardfield
11am Wethersfield
New Year's Day
2.30pm Carols in the Cowshed – Boydells Farm

Sunday Teas

We now have spaces for new
guests to join our friendly Sunday tea group.

Our tea parties are free monthly social groups open to people aged 75 and over who are lonely, isolated or in need of companionship. They are a chance for a change of scenery and regular afternoons of conversation and laughter with friends of all ages.

You will even be taken there and home again
so don't need to worry about organising travel.

Our teas are held the **2nd Sunday of the month 3pm - 5pm**
at a different hosts home each month.

If you would like some more information or if you would like to
volunteer to help please get in touch.

Sarah 07505241237 sarah8750@hotmail.co.uk
www.reengage.org.uk

Bardfield Boules Finals 2022

Boules Finals Day took place on Saturday 1st October on the International Boules Court in front of the Town Hall. I've lost count but think that this competition may have been going for 15 years. This year 44 teams entered the competition which runs from May to September/October each year. Competitors of all shapes, sizes, ages, genders etc. Thanks to all those that entered and I hope you mostly did better than Madame Boules who, with her Danish partner, only managed to win one game this year, dropping out of the competition at the end of Round 1. There's always next year!



Boules Finals Day by Alex Ruffle

After several rounds of games over the summer the 44 teams became 4, the crème de la crème of boules competitors: Alastair & Jill Burt; Ryan & Hayley French; Tom & Louise Grinsted (former winners of the competition-several times); and Ian & Alex Ruffle (the 2021 winners and holders of the

Bardfield Boules Trophy for the last year).

The weather was good for us once again, the Town Hall Committee had organised spectator seating, shelter from the sun (luckily not for rain other than a few spots which threatened at one point), refreshments and a super BBQ, thanks to Chef Matt and Sous-chef Bertie Riley. Great burgers avec fromage et oignons. The crowds stayed all day and a jolly good time was had by all. The Bell was well placed too to supply stronger drinks.

The draw was made and the first semi final took place between Alastair & Jill B and Ryan & Hayley F. Hayley was an unknown quantity as she was substituting for Ryan's usual partner, Kevin who was unable to play the Finals Day as he was in Paris (ironic!). Hayley claimed to be a novice at Boules but few people were convinced as she took no time in getting the hang of it and played very well throughout. It was a close game with all participants playing some great shots and the Frenches coming ahead in the last game to win 13-9; 10-13; 13-6.

Semi final 2 was between Tom & Louise G and Ian & Alex R. Another good game with some excellent shots, however the Grinsteeds warmed up quicker than the Ruffles and won the match in only 2 games, 13-7; 13-12 (that last game was a close one).

So, the Final was between Ryan & Hayley (first timers in the finals) and Tom & Louise (previous winners of the valuable trophy). The crowd's attention was held by some excellent shots by all, but Tom & Louise's experience paid off and they



Ryan & Hayley F by Alex Ruffle



Tom & Louise Grinsted by Alex Ruffle

came out the worthy winners, 13-4; 13-9.

A good afternoon, thanks to all organisers, competitors and spectators. Finished before it got dark (unlike last year) and the trophies and medals were duly awarded.

Come and join us next year for the Coronation Cup. Entries from April, the competition will start in May. Watch for the April 2023 *Bardfield Times* for more details. All funds raised go to the Town Hall.

Madame Boules

(signing off as she winters in Cannes)



Boules semi final by Paddy Coles

Village People – Joe Jones

As you leaf through your copy of the *Bardfield Times*, have you ever stopped to wonder how the articles and pictures all somehow manage to fit so neatly onto the pages? Probably not – because that’s the sort of thing you only notice when it’s done badly.

The *BT*’s Layout Designer, Joe Jones, grew up in Stafford, and always knew she wanted to be involved in art and design. In particular, she was interested in children’s books, and she attended Birmingham University to study graphic design and illustration, and then moved to London to work at Usborne Publishing. There she met Barry, an illustrator of children’s books, and they became a couple. A little while later she found herself working for the BBC, which once had a department dedicated to publishing children’s books.

They decided to move out of the big city and found themselves “a tiny Grade 2 listed cottage” in Dunmow. “The fireplace was bigger than everything else,” chuckles Joe. For three years they were happy there, but when they decided to start a family, it was clear that this compact residence was not going to be big enough. Visiting friends in Thaxted, they drove through Great Bardfield and both were impressed by its friendly atmosphere and picturesque appearance. They decided that it was a place where they would like to live, and started looking at houses. The houses in The Corniche had just been built, and Joe and Barry were able to move into one. There Alfie was born, but when Erin came along two years later, they again realised they needed a bigger place, and found the house in Durham Close where they have lived ever since.

They all love the house – and the garden, and they made a point of growing a vegetable patch so that Alfie and Erin could learn about



growing food. Both children attended Bardfield toddler group, preschool and Bardfield School, and Joe joined first the preschool committee, then the PTA and finally the Board of Governors, which she chaired for three years. The children loved Bardfield school, and both played in Bardfield Brass – Alfie on cornet (he also plays flute), Erin on trombone.

Erin also enjoys horse riding, and Joe was apprehensive at first, but she has started to enjoy helping at the yard and watching Erin ride – although she has no ambitions to take up the activity herself.

However, she used to enjoy running when she was a teenager, and took it up again at the age of 40 as a way to stay fit but also “to go out and have some head-space,” as she puts it. She has found it somewhat addictive, and has completed several 10K races, the Great North Run, and the Cambridge half marathon. She decided that she wanted to run a marathon, but in 2020, when she had planned to try the London Marathon, the event was cancelled because of Covid and instead they organised a “virtual marathon,” where the participants ran individual marathons and recorded their times. She completed the event, but it wasn’t quite the same, and this year she was finally able to compete in the live event. Not only did she finish in good time, but she raised £3000 for the Alzheimer’s Society.

In 2018 the editor of the *Bardfield Times* was advertising for a layout and designer Joe, now working for Miles Kelly Publishing in Bardfield End Green, offered her services. She finds it rewarding to be able to contribute to the magazine, and different enough from her daytime work to provide a diversion. Her duties have now extended to helping Kate with the advertisements, and her only regret is that now, when the *Bardfield Times* lands on her doormat, she already knows what’s in it. “It spoils the surprise!”

Alfie is now at Loughborough University, and Erin is studying for her A-levels at Saffron Walden County High School. Barry, self-employed, spends most of the week working in Wales, so the house is much quieter. Joe remembers when she first arrived in Bardfield. “I didn’t know anyone in the village,” she says. “But everyone always says hello to you.” Even when her Mum used to visit to help when the children were small, she always commented that “Everyone says hello in your village.” Joe is very glad that they ended up in Bardfield. “You want to be involved, to be part of the village and part of the community,” she says. “I wouldn’t want to leave.”

Anna Bass

Editor: How fortunate we are to have Joe on the BT Team!

Nature Notes: Bird Flu

Bird Flu or to give it its full title Avian Influenza, is with us again, in fact to tell the truth it has not really left us this year. It usually rears its ugly head in the late autumn when all the birds, mostly water fowl, which migrate here for the winter arrive in large numbers. But I am afraid it looks to me as though it is now endemic in our poultry much like Covid is in humans. The last two days, September 27th and 28th, I am pretty certain I have witnessed it first hand (in a very small way thank goodness). For years I was rearing thousands of turkeys for the Christmas trade and living on my nerves through the last few months before Christmas, spending hours inspecting the flock looking for any bird with which displayed any of the tell-tale symptoms of the killer disease which can include sudden death, sneezing, blindness, listlessness, dirty beaks - that's being correct, to put it in agricultural terminology, snotty beaks and nostrils. It's a dreadful disease and one can expect 50% mortality in an infected flock and birds which do survive are thin and not fit to grace a Christmas Table. The potential case which I witnessed

was a solitary Pink Footed Goose which suddenly appeared in my next-door neighbour's garden. By the time I became aware of it had been there for 24 hours and my neighbours were trying to drive it out. It made no effort to fly and was quite obviously visually impaired, not at all what one would expect of a wild goose. My trusty Collie who was used to driving large flocks of turkeys, made very short work of escorting it across the road onto the green where it remained for the next 24 hours. The poor thing just sat there,



head up in a normal sitting posture, trying to look at the surroundings not able to make things out, so I decided to phone the DEFRA Avian Influenza hot-line and the RSPCA came and collected it. I have no idea of the outcome; it may have just lost its sight through flying into overhead wires or it may have tested positive for bird flu but the RSPCA would have decided the best course of action. I am passing on this Information sad as it is, because it is something we all must be aware of. Don't handle dead or sick wild birds, if they are infected it may be contagious. It is not normally transmitted to humans but it has happened. People working on poultry units have always been advised to have flu vaccinations, not just older people.

On a lighter note, let's look at the Pink Footed Goose. It breeds in eastern Greenland, Iceland, and Svalbard; it is migratory, wintering in Northwest Europe especially Ireland, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and western Denmark, The name is often abbreviated to Pinkfoot. It's a prolific breed and is not on any endangered breeds lists, in fact they can be in large flocks grazing farmers' crops and become a pest in late Autumn, and Winter.



Having spent two evenings thinking about these notes and putting them together this evening, October 3rd, on Look East there was a report about large numbers of swans and geese sick and dying from Avian Flu on the Norfolk broads, and I was reassured to see the advice given by Defra was exactly what I had put in my notes - call me smug if you like!

Mac Beanland

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live in Stansted Mountfitchet. The name is an interesting one: Stansted derives from Saxon language meaning stony place; Mountfitchet is a corruption of Montfiquet, a village in Normandy. A man from there fought with William the Conqueror and was rewarded with land in Stansted.

Several of the Hundred Parishes have names ending in the Saxon STED, STEAD or TED. THAXted refers to the thatch that could be obtained there; BROXted seems to come from BROCK, the old name for badger.

Many of our towns and villages were recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Duxford appears as Duchesuuorde, or Duc's Enclosure. Duxford has a number of locations where ancient travellers could FORD the River Cam. There are several more FORDs.

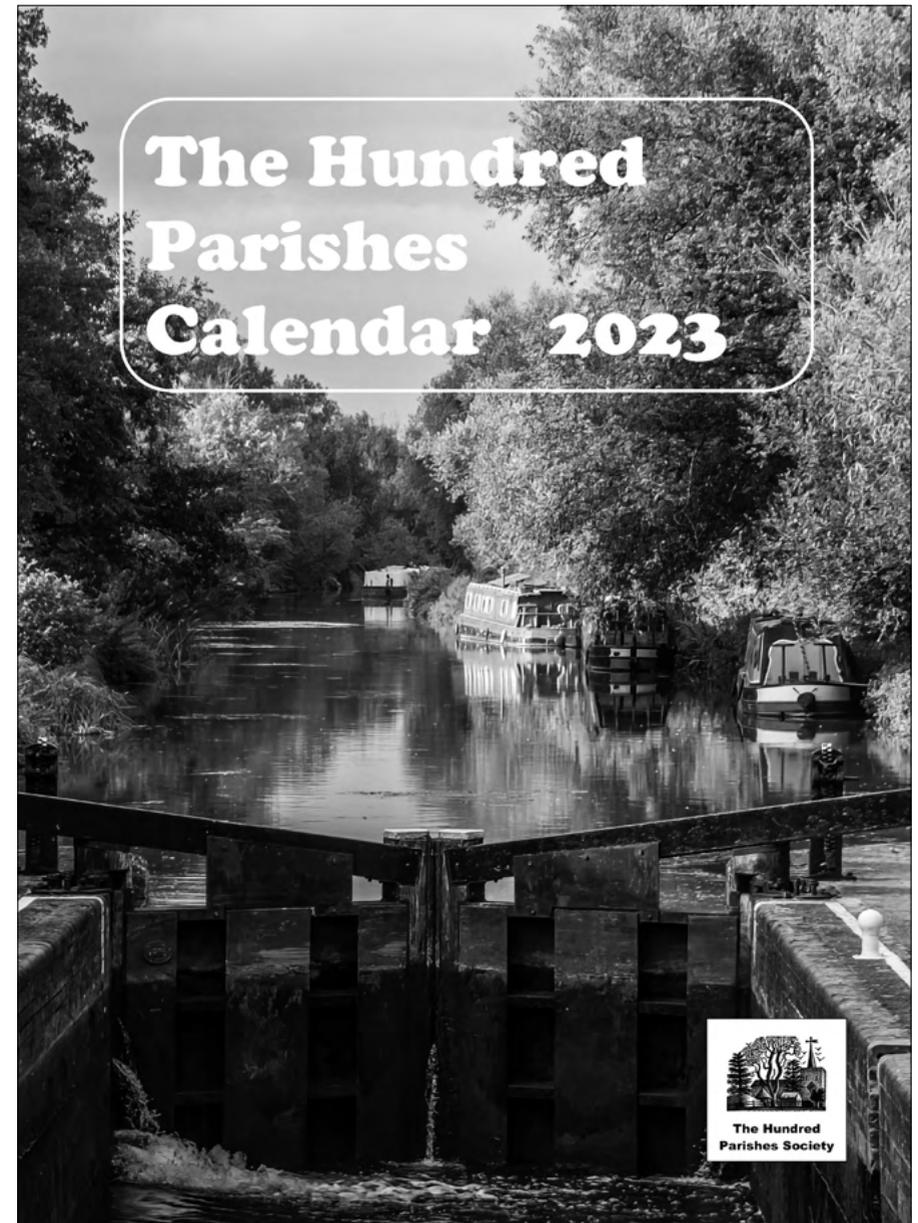
Domesday includes the manor of Pelham, possibly the home or farm of a man called Peola. The Norman family De Furneux added its name to establish Furneux Pelham, while part of the manor was destroyed by fire in the twelfth century and became 'burnt' or Brent Pelham. Stocking Pelham, seems to have adopted an Old English word meaning 'made of logs', perhaps referring to the parish church. HAM appears at the end of more parish names, suggesting that they also arose from someone's home or farm.

The parish of Quendon and Rickling was created in the 1940s, bringing together two settlements whose names related to an ancient queen. Quendon is recorded as Kuenadana in Domesday and may come from Old English words meaning a valley owned by the queen. Rickling was recorded as Richelinga and may be derived from Ricula who was the wife of Sledd, a 6th-century ruler of Essex.

Ten parish names end in ING, a Norse word for meadow or enclosure

More origins are discussed in the parish introductions on our website.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



The Hundred Parishes 2023 Calendar is now available from several local outlets including Between The Lines in Great Bardfield. It features photos of the local area and can be purchased for £10.

Great Bardfield Primary School



At this time of year in school, we think about how we are thankful. Thankful for our village school; thankful for the love and care of our families and thankful for the seasons and the food we eat. This week, I was so very proud of our children who, led by our School Ambassadors Martha and Dylan, presented a varied and very informative Harvest Assembly. We were treated to poems and songs, a short drama about the Harvest in WWII and some excellent presentations about Harvest around the world. We even learned that you can grow square watermelons! We have been collecting donations of food and toiletries from our parents and are looking forward to passing these on to the local foodbank.



Our open morning earlier this month was a great success and lots of families came to have a look around our lovely school and meet our staff. Prospective parents got to see the plans for our new classrooms as well as touring the school and trying some delicious cookies made by our school kitchen team. We hope to have a full Reception intake of children next September to enjoy our brand new classrooms.

This month, we have also been raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support which is an important tradition at the beginning of every school year. The children made delicious cakes, biscuits and cookies for the 'Great Bardfield Bake Off' and then we held a coffee morning. We were very grateful to everyone who made, contributed or bought something. Our Year 6 children did a great job of serving at the coffee morning and their help was much appreciated. We raised an amazing £289!



Participation in sport remains important for us at school. So far this term, children have had opportunities to take part in Tag Rugby, Multi-skills, Dance, Football and Dodgeball extra-curricular clubs. We have taken part in competitions such as Cheerleading, Dodgeball and Cross County running and we are looking forward to holding a 'Scotfit' event for our younger children later this term.

As I write this, we are looking forward to our half-term break during which staff and children regenerate ready for the many exciting events of the second half of the Autumn Term.

Liz Crow
Headteacher

Pavilion update

Those of you gentle readers who have been paying attention to the building works up on the recreation ground could be forgiven for thinking that not much has been happening of late, whereas nothing could be further from the truth!

The basic structure from the outside is indeed completed and the building has been passed by the building inspectorate as up to standard and specification, which is good news.

Work has now started on the foul water drainage system being completed by our contractor evidenced by the digging of trenches in which to lay the pipes to connect to the new small pumping station and then on to the main sewer in Bendelows road.

Inside the building, all the internal walls dividing the space up into the various rooms have now been erected, and the next project is to insulate the floor and walls to comply with modern standards and then finally lay the floor scree ready to be painted once dry.

Very soon work on the new electric supply will be started in conjunction with National Power who will be removing the overhead power lines, and installing a three phase supply underground, to the building suitable for today's needs and any further requirements in the future. (This will ensure that users will be able to boil a kettle and use the lights at the same time, without blowing a fuse!)

We are also in the process of putting out to tender for the installation of the electrical equipment inside the building, and the same for the plumbing requirements so that we can proceed with "first fix" ready for the installation of the hardware to give our future users a real 21st century experience.

Just a final word for now to say thank you to all the people who have been kind enough to contribute to the project, either by donating directly or offering their services for when the time comes, you have not been forgotten and your time will come!

Iain Graham (on behalf of the pavilion working party)

Twelve tips for Christmas...and after

With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few seasonal tips to help keep you safe at home, shopping, visiting, and after Christmas too:

1. Storing Christmas food, drink, presents and other goodies within garages/outbuildings, ensure what you are storing is out of sight and the building

is securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.

2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window. Having parcels delivered, may be out, make sure that you make suitable secure delivery arrangements to reduce the risk of theft.
3. Whenever leaving the house always ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked. Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.
4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
5. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
6. Park safely; look for a 'Park Mark' accredited car park **www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder** Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.
7. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.
8. A Christmas get together – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advance and avoid using unlicensed taxis. Ensure you drink responsibly, social distance and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe. **www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety**
9. Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you may have received.
10. After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection, disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside another non-descript box.
11. Record your new property free on **www.immobilise.com**, install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products. Consider a property marking product.
12. Have a Great Christmas and New Year!!

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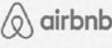
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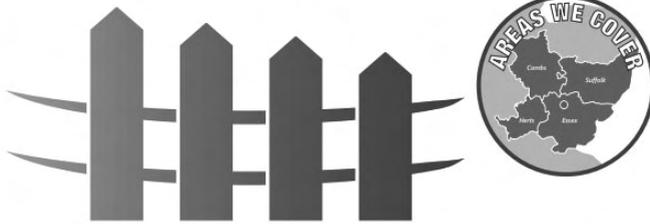
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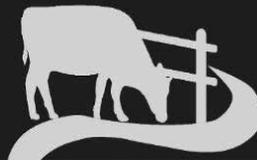
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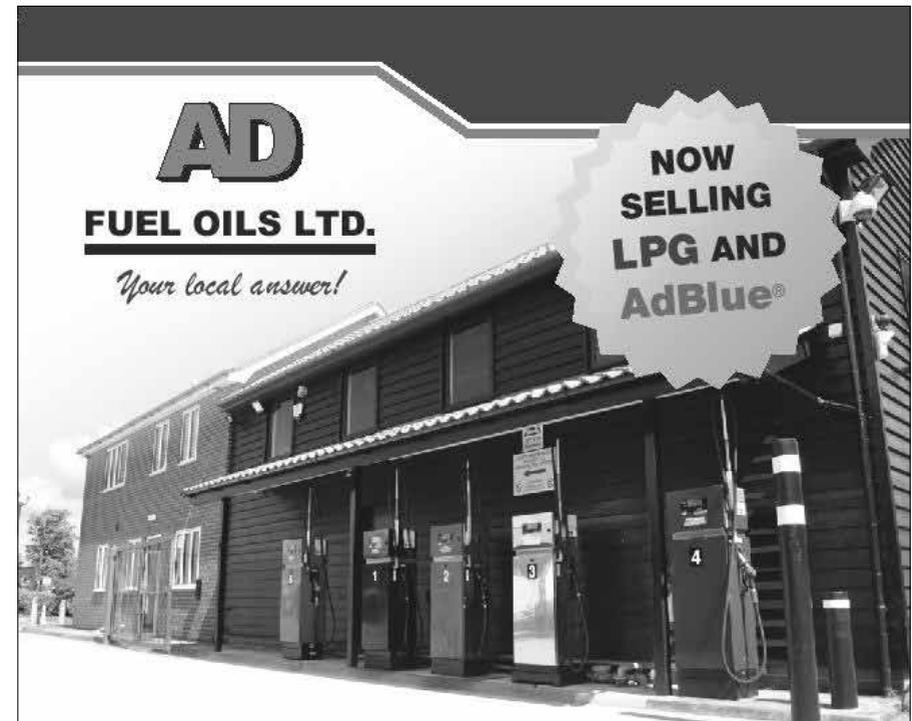
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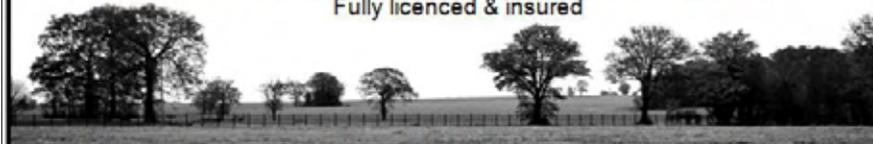
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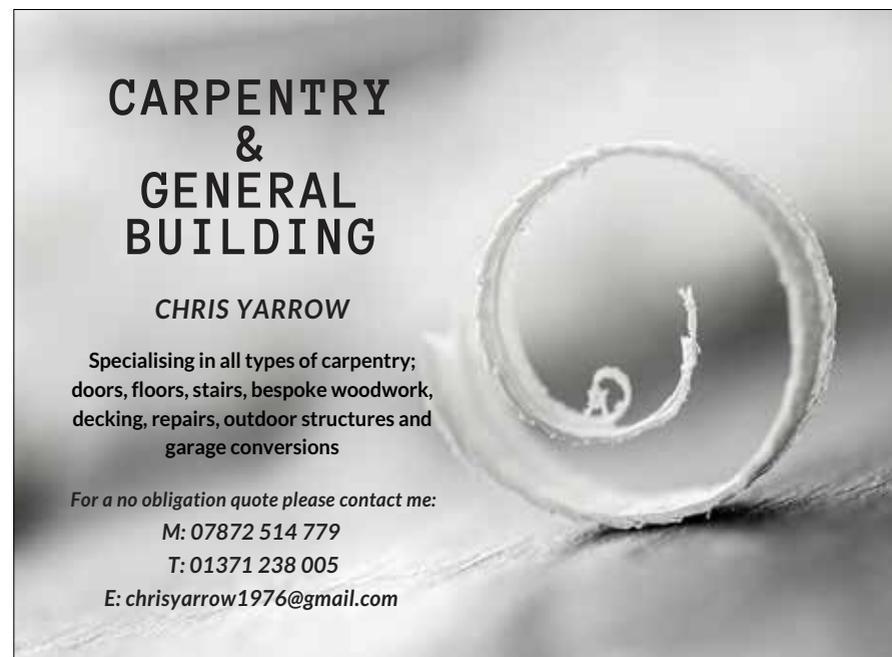
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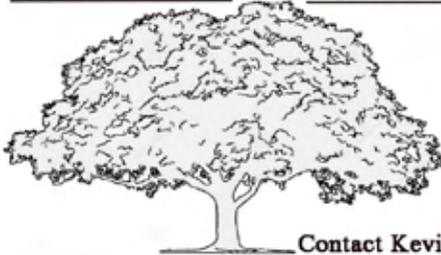
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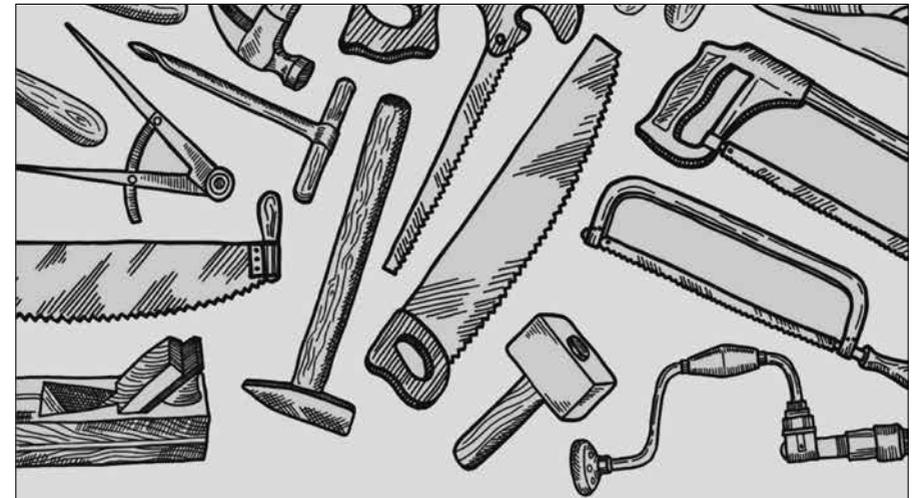


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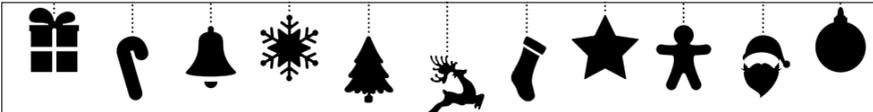
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Braintree Christmas lights

switch-on and street market dates revealed

Braintree's Christmas Lights switch-on event is back next month on **Saturday 20th November**, kicking off the start of the exciting Christmas celebrations in the district. Radio Essex will be hosting the festive entertainment for the day, with live music from local singers and school choirs, all leading up to the big switch on at **5.30pm** which will take place in **Market Place outside Tesco's**.

George Yard Shopping Centre will light up with their switch on at **5pm** and live music and entertainment will take place down the **Fountain end of the High Street** from **1pm-6pm** organised by The Boars Head.

The popular street market will be making a return with over 50+ stalls across the town centre where visitors will be able to pick up lots of goodies from handmade jewellery to Christmas decorations and more. There will be plenty of stalls selling gourmet street food and festive drinks. Two more Christmas street market dates have also been confirmed for **Saturday 4th December** and **Saturday 18th December**.

Children's rides and street performers will also be there providing extra fun for those who want to make the most of their day. There will also be several events over the course of the day across the town, including **free entry to Braintree Museum** with their **space exhibition**, Christmas children activities, a drinks bar, family photo shoots and **face painting at Braintree Town Hall**, as well as festive entertainment and a chance to meet Christmas characters in George Yard Shopping Centre.

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