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Above: Dell Cottage by Jackie Newton

Editorial

It's good to hear from many village groups notifying us of events planned for the autumn. It seems that we may be getting back to the busy social and community activities that have always been a feature of life in our village. We can look forward to some interesting talks for the Tuesday Club, Horticultural and Historical Societies, an uplifting film to start off the Cinema Club's programme and, of course, the Grand Boules Final on October 9th.

There are some changes and developments in and around the village which you may or may not welcome. There's no doubt that the development of 50 houses in Finchingfield will have implications for us, as Carolynne Ruffle points out in the Parish Council Report. Improvements are planned for the Co-op and the primary school is to have three new classrooms to replace long out-dated 'temporary' buildings. There are new arrangements for the Church which will now be within the group of six parishes under the care of Rev'd Alex Shannon, whose licensing will take place at a service on St Mary's Church on Wednesday, 20th October at 7.30pm.

Some of us may have been lucky enough to get away for a long-awaited, possibly postponed, holiday this summer. If not you can share Mac Beanland's delightful account of his holiday in the Isles of Scilly in Nature Notes, page 22.

Autumn is a time for new beginnings for some and we send best wishes to children starting new schools and young people setting out on employment, training or university courses. There's a lovely photo of the new 'Unicorns' class starting school this term on page 30. We also welcome any new residents to our villages. A Welcome Pack is available from the Community Information Point. Village People this month features our home-grown, local butcher Stuart Ray who is happy to be working in Bardfield again, saying 'It makes you proud that you live in such a lovely community.' Couldn't put it better myself!

Janet Dyson, Editor



Bardfield Horticultural Society - Summer Show photographs

Dear Editor,

The story of the Bardfield Artists is fairly well known within our village. This January at Braintree Museum I will be opening an exhibition telling a less told story of friendship between two creative women who were very much part of this community in the 1950s and 60s - Denise Hoyle and Marianne Straub. Denise was the wife of the painter and printmaker Walter Hoyle, whilst their children were young she created beautiful collages on her kitchen table. She used magazines from Braintree based textile company, Warner & Sons, which had been given to her by her friend Marianne Straub. In 1950 Marianne Straub joined Warner & Sons, as a textile designer, a few years later she purchased Trinity Cottage in Great Bardfield and contributed to the open exhibitions in the village during the 1950s. I am looking for anyone who may have memories of Marianne Straub living in the village from 1953 -71 or remembers seeing her working on her loom in the front window of Trinity Cottage. The exhibition will be running from 22 January – 16 April 2022.

Kind regards

Claire Willetts

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Tuesday Club

After such a long, enforced break, it was so nice to have a meeting yesterday, without a speaker, but just to become re-acquainted, so to speak, and have a chat and a cup of tea together.

Our first meeting proper is on the **12th October**, when we will welcome Gary Matthews whose subject is "**THE HISTORY OF EASTON LODGE: THE COUNTESS AND HER GARDENS**".

We look forward to seeing you all there and listening to Gary's talk.
Helen Drummond.

THE OLD DAYS with Michael

I thought there was quite an interest in houses that were connected with happenings in Bardfield.

This month's choice couldn't possibly be left out:

"Kings House" down near the brook was home to Mr. King the school head-master around the time of the last years of Queen Victoria's reign.

Among his pupils at that time was my dear Mother, who used to enjoy telling us children about some of the 'goings on' in those far off days! It used to be the thing for pupils to make up rhymes about different things that were going on.

The one on the go during this period went like this...

*"Mr. King's a very good man.
He tries to teach you all he can.
Read write and arithmetic,
And he never forgets to give you the stick.
If he does he'll make you dance.
Out of England into France.
Out of France into Spain.
Over the hills and back again"*

Each pupil had a hard-covered exercise book which was used for all subjects. I copied the following from Mum's book....

"On Monday evening the school was closed for two days Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday morning I had my breakfast, and helped my sister to wash-up. I then helped my Mother to fold and then mangle the linen. In the afternoon I went out for a walk and in the evening went to the allotment to pick some beans.

On Wednesday morning I helped my mother to iron and as it was the school treat in the afternoon, I cleaned my shoes and had the buttons sewn on, and had my dinner early.

At two o'clock we went to church and when we came out we marched round the street with Thaxted band in front and we all carried flags.

At half past four we had our tea and at half past six the bell rang for the races. I went in for the sack race and potato race and won third prize.

*We finished up about nine o'clock.
I enjoyed myself very much.*

Coming back to modern times, I wonder what a young girl who was complaining that life was dull would think if she read this?

Not a bit like Florida at half-term.

Regards to all

Michael Hitchcock

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

Playingfield/Pavilion Improvements

The Parish Council agreed to accept a design for a replacement pavilion and to submit a planning application to Braintree District Council. The plans are available to view in the CIP (open Thursday and Saturday 10 – 11am).

Works to improve the facilities at the playground, including the pavilion and associated parking are planned, including management of trees and hedgerows by the side of The Walk. Clearance of rubble left after previous works will be completed and the storage containers relocated to the corner of the field.

It has also come to our attention that the sewage and foul water system (septic tank) connected to the current pavilion is no longer fit for purpose and will not be suitable for the replacement building. Several solutions have been considered and the PC are liaising with landowners and Anglian Water to obtain the necessary permissions to create a connection to mains drainage and to install a pumping station. These approvals can take several months to obtain.

Planning Applications (August & September)

Park Hall, Braintree Road (listed building): repairs and alterations to barn. No objection if Historic Building Officer is satisfied with the proposals for this barn. Requested a condition that the property could not be sold as a separate dwelling but should remain an ancillary to the main house.

Old Granary Cottage, Bridge End: variation of condition regarding porch. No objection.

Laurel House, Dunmow Road: amendments to extension previously granted, No objection.

Great Bardfield School: construction of standalone building with 3 classrooms. No objection but the PC expressed concerns that the application did not address the lack of on-site staff parking, and also requested restrictions on delivery/construction traffic accessing the site.

Bridge Farm, Bridge End (listed building): removal of chimney stack. The PC were concerned that this work to a listed building had been done prior to the planning application being submitted. Deferred to the Historic Buildings Officer.

Finchingfield Development, Bardfield Road (50 homes): Cllrs Ruffle & Kennedy attended a public meeting, arranged by the developers of this site, and highlighted our concerns about traffic management and movement, and the expected negative impact on Great Bardfield by construction traffic through our narrow streets, particularly Bridge Street and Bardfield Bridge. We requested involvement when the traffic management plan is

discussed and put in place.

Tree Works

Merlin, Vicarage Cottage and The New Vicarage, all in Braintree Road: various tree works and tree management. No objections.

Roadworks and Drainage Works

The PC is to follow up our previous requests with Essex County Council (ECC) for clearing ditches and reviewing current surface water drainage to prevent flooding in the village. We are still awaiting such repairs. We have reported and are investigating new issues, including a new damp area on School Green. We have also reiterated the necessity of clearing the roadside drains.

Further road closures are expected in the village for works by Anglian Water and Gigaclear, plus road resurfacing in Bendlowes Road.

The extremely poor condition of the pavements throughout the village and particularly within the conservation area, have been reported once again to Essex Highways and the Essex County Council Cabinet Member for highways. We have also requested ECC to follow up our previous requests for repainting of the white line parking restrictions outside the Co-op and Brook House.

Footpaths

The footpath team have undertaken some clearance of overgrown footpaths with help from The Friends of Flitch Way volunteer group. The Parish will be signing up for ECC's Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) which provides support and training for local volunteer groups. Further information to come.

Firework Display

Sadly, it was agreed that it would not be possible to hold a firework display in 2021 due to potential Covid related restrictions that may limit numbers or cancel the event. We do not currently have a volunteer or group to manage this traditional village event. A coordinator is needed to ensure that we can go ahead in 2022. Please get in touch with the Parish Chairperson or Clerk if you are interested in leading the arrangements for next year. Luckily, we do get a good number of volunteers to help with the event but not to act as the lead coordinator.

Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11 October at 7pm, in The Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public and as we intend to continue to operate a Covid-safe and socially distanced meeting, please contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting if you wish to attend, on 810111 or by email at clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk.

Carolynne Ruffle, Chairperson

Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

Saturday August 7th was a very special day in Great Bardfield. We held our first village event for 18 months. The Bardfield Horticultural Society Summer Show in the Town Hall.

Despite the dreadful hail storm a couple of weeks before the Show which decimated our gardens we managed to put over 150 exhibits on the benches in many varied categories.

We had a children's sunflower growing challenge which proved popular, with every child who took part, getting a prize.

Visitors in the afternoon enjoyed a colourful and interesting display of exhibits including floral art displays depicting 'Life on the Bird Table'. Tea and cakes were served at The Bell Inn in a marquee next door to the hall. Thank you Sharon - very much appreciated by everyone. Donations were given to the Horticultural Society and trophies and cups were presented to winners. It was a super event which bought the village together again in a safe, well run environment. A huge "thank you" to everyone who entered, helped and visited.

None of this would have been possible without the optimism and enthusiasm of our committee. We are in need of new members and particularly a treasurer as ours has recently moved out of the area. Can you help to keep this thriving village society going? Contact Linda Prior 07969184845 for information.

Here is a list of the winners of the Cups and Trophies for the Summer Show 2021: - Congratulations!!

Exhibition Perpetual Challenge Cup

Highest points in the Flower Section

Mr A. Ripley

Brunwin Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Best Flower Exhibit in Show

Mrs R. Gray

The Cecil Monk (Toot) Cup

Best Gladiolus Spike in Show

Mr P. Chapman



Coronation Perpetual Challenge Cup

Highest points in the Vegetable Section

Mr A. Ripley

P.G.Morris Perpetual Challenge Cup

Second highest points in Vegetable Section

Mr P. Chapman

Worshipful Company of Gardeners Diploma in Horticulture

Best Vegetable Exhibit

Mr A. Ripley

Bob Gray Trophy

Best Potato

Mr A. Ripley

Banksian Medal - Highest points in Horticultural Sections Flowers and Vegetables

Mr A. Ripley

Domestic Perpetual Challenge Cup

Highest points in the Domestic Section

Mrs C. Maddock

Domestic Shield

Best Exhibit in Domestic Section

Mrs C. Maddock

Palmer Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Highest points in the Floral Art Section

Ms L. Drane

Worshipful Company of Gardeners Certificate of Merit for Floral Art

Best Floral Arrangement

Ms L. Drane

Lucas Perpetual Challenge Cup

Highest points in the Handicraft Section

Joint winners Ms A. Boon, Mrs R. Gray, Dr D. Joyce

C R Tubbs Perpetual Challenge Shield

Children ages 9 – 12 years

Katie Philip

Evelyn Swift Challenge Shield

Children ages 5 – 8 years

Edie Brockwell

President's Award

For Outstanding Services to the Society

Mr C. Couldridge

Sadly, we have had to cancel our next event which was to have been the Harvest Supper on Saturday October 2nd for a number of reasons.

Our next event will be on Tuesday, October 12th we will have our AGM at 7.00pm. This will be followed by a talk by Matthew Long from Riverside Bulbs entitled: "Bulbs Galore – Autumn Planting for Spring Colour"

Matthew was brought up in a Buckinghamshire cherry orchard, has a degree in Agriculture, a career in International Speciality Chemicals marketing and for the last eight or more years proprietor at Riverside Bulbs based in Monks Eleigh. He is an active member of many horticultural garden groups and societies.

Refreshments and biscuits will be available as well as a raffle and bulbs

to purchase.

You will be able to join or renew your membership as well!!

As a result of many requests we will be holding a Floral Art morning on Tuesday, November 23rd in the Quaker Meeting House between 10 and 12.30. More information next month.

There will be a limited number of tickets available from Linda Prior 811641.

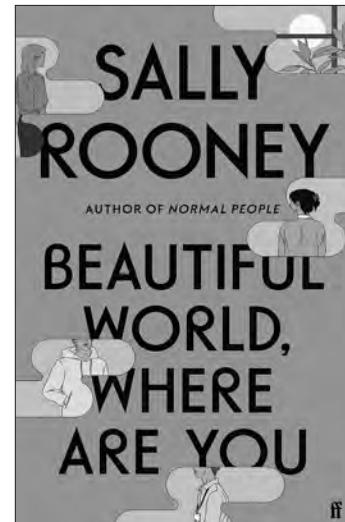
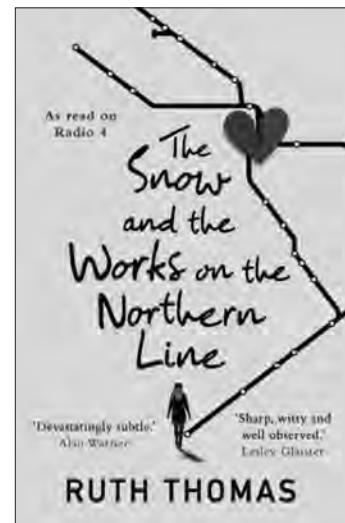
Page Turners

Snow and the Works on the Northern Line by Ruth Thomas

My favourite read this summer has been Ruth Thomas's darkly funny story of love, grief, and forgiveness, holding on and letting go. Touching and romantic but never sentimental it is the story of young graduate Sibyl Wiseman who works in the Royal Institute of Prehistoric Studies (RIPS) in London's Greenwich Park. Her life is disrupted when the love of her life is stolen from under her nose by her long-time nemesis and former University Tutor, high profile archaeologist and Head of Trustees Helen Hansen. Heart-broken, Sybil is determined to expose Helen as an academic fraud. This is an engaging, extraordinary story with well-drawn, memorable characters and an unpredictable ending. As for the significance of the snow and the works on the Northern Line – you'll have to work it out for yourself!

Beautiful World Where Are You? by Sally Rooney

Fans of Sally Rooney will be excited that her third novel has just been published. Rooney examines meaning, art, friendship and the price of fame through the lives of two couples, Alice, a successful novelist, and Felix whom she meets on an app, and Eileen,



her best friend who works at a literary magazine in Dublin, and Simon. As in her previous novels Rooney explores the nature of desire, sex, and breaking up as the relationships of the couples play out in the context of the personal and political dynamics and strangeness of the world in the twenty-first century. The tone is not deeply hopeful for the future. 'We are standing in the last lighted room before the darkness ... there is no chance for the planet and no chance for us' says Alice.

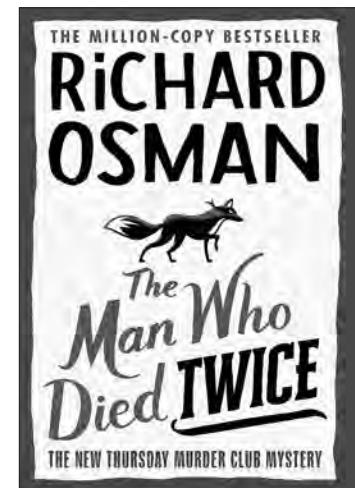
The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman

As summer moves into autumn and the nights close in what can be better than to settle down with a good murder mystery? Following the success of his first novel The Thursday Murder Club Osman involves the septuagenarian crime solvers of the Cooper's Chase Retirement Community in another bad situation, playing a deadly game with hot diamonds, a mobster and a would-be assassin. Jolly silly it may be, but destined to be jolly popular!

The Great Melt: Accounts from the Frontline of Climate Change by Alister Doyle

Featuring stories from the victims of climate change that have never been told before The Great Melt takes the reader from the Antarctic to the small islands of the Pacific, to the coastal cities of Miami, New York, Venice and Rotterdam to track the thaw that threatens the world as we know it. It's a wake-up call to action on a problem that will affect us all. This is an important book published at a time when more and more people are waking up to the implications of climate change. The book highlights that a temperature rise of 2°C, over time, could lead to a sea level rise of perhaps 5 metres that will ruin coastal cities that are the core of our cultural heritage from Venice to Sydney. The fate of the world's coasts rests on a knife edge. A timely book.

'Bibliophile'



Town Hall Reopens for Bookings

The Town Hall is now beginning to get back to business as normal. Dance and Exercise on Mondays, Carpet Bowls on Wednesdays, Cinema Club is back in October. Parish Council Meetings and Bardfield Players are also restarted. To celebrate all this the Management Committee have arranged an evening of Music and Dance on 23rd October (see separate advert). Tickets will be available from Between the Lines.

The Boules competition is now into the quarter final stage and the final (with BBQ) will be held on 9th October (again see separate advert).

The Management Committee are continuing with repairs to various areas of the Town Hall. The windows and doors to the main building are being repaired as I write.

Thank you to all those people who are arranging these events and for bringing the Town Hall back to life.

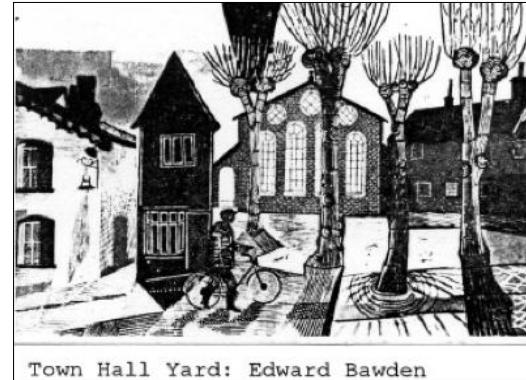
Finally, I would remind everyone that the main Town Hall is now available for hire and all enquires should be made to Sarah our caretaker at sarah.hymas@yahoo.com

John Maidman,
Chair
Town Hall Management Committee

Carpet Bowls Report

URGENT REQUEST – We need more members.

I hope you saw the article from the English Association explaining about our sport in a previous issue of the magazine. Thanks to the editors for squeezing it in. The situation is even worse than that which I expressed in my report accompanying that article. So far, only seven of our existing members have expressed an interest in continuing. Obviously, we cannot continue with numbers like that. It



will be a great shame if a club that has been in existence for over thirty years in the village ceases. Covid has certainly affected us all in many different ways.

So, I am appealing to the residents of the parish to come along and see what it is all about. Especially those residents in the new homes and those new to the village.

As I have previously explained, this is not a sport for old fuddy duddies (although I am often called one), just look at the competitors in the world bowls championships you see on TV, and it is a sport for all. Secondly, despite the name 'carpet' it is not the toy game that you play in your lounge. The bowls are 10cm in diameter and the carpet is 10 metres by 2 metres. Carpet Bowls is a proper skilful sport open to all, the young and not so young, the able and less able bodied, we even let male and female compete together. Finally; it is cheap as the club provides the bowls etc; it prides itself on its friendly nature and is as competitive as you wish to make it.

When my wife and I first formed the club, our children were school age. We would take them along to the club nights and they would do their homework at a table on the stage and also join in. After a while our daughter got quite good at it and helped us out once or twice in matches! We made sure that we left early so they were ready for school the next day. As the Town Hall now has wi-fi then laptops and tablets come into play now – less excuse for the youngsters.

Don't be afraid that you won't be good enough, we all have to start somewhere and learn. Currently we have no intention in resume league activities so we will just continue in our normal friendly evening roll-ups, assuming we do get those extra members.

We are also considering an alternative afternoon session, let us know if that would be of more interest.

PLEASE HELP

If you wish to come along, please contact us on the numbers below. Bardfield Carpet Bowls Club has its club night every Wednesday in the Town Hall. The evening starts at around 7.30 and finishes around 10:00. We are really flexible with regard to the time you spend with us during an evening, leave when you want. It is best to call first, please leave name and number if we don't answer, thanks.

Contact: Lynda or Clifford Richardson
01371 810782 / 07977 403122 / 07558 240524

From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

FINAL SERMON AT GREAT BARDFIELD – 22 AUG 2021

In Victorian times, it was sometimes said that all good sermons should contain three points. This notion reassures me, because this, my final sermon here, has three sections.

The first section is all about thanksgiving and penitence. I came to Great and Little Bardfield nineteen years ago in 2002. It seems both a long time ago, and also, in a funny way, as though it was yesterday.

I am profoundly grateful to God for my time in Great and Little Bardfield. Looking back, we do seem to have accomplished an awful lot – spiritually and practically – over the years at St Mary's and St Katharine's; to which my response is a humble and heart-felt 'thank you' to God – and also to you, for all your love, help and support.

A parish church is its people; and I am deeply grateful to God for sending into my life all the people I have met at St Mary's and St Katharine's since 2002. My mind goes to the parishioners to whom it was my privilege to minister at the end of their lives, and who now join their worship with ours, but in Heaven. I think, too, of people who came to our churches, stayed for a while, and moved on, to enrich the lives of other churches elsewhere. I think also of you who make up our congregations today. If you have learned from anything from me over the past nineteen years, do please know that I have learned very much more from you. I thank God for all of you.

I am conscious, though, that one cannot spend nineteen years in a parish without misunderstandings, mistakes, and the occasional 'off' day. So, for the times when over the years I have got out of the wrong side of the bed, said or done the wrong thing, I humbly ask your forgiveness. I also want you to know that any pain I have suffered during my ministry in Great and Little Bardfield, or from elsewhere in the Church of England, I freely and entirely forgive from the bottom of my heart, as I hope one day God will freely and entirely forgive me.

My second point concerns my successor, the Reverend Alexander Shannon, the Priest-in-Charge of Finchingfield, Wethersfield, Shalford and Cornish Hall End, who will take over as parish priest of Great and Little Bardfield in October. I warmly and unhesitatingly commend Father Alexander to you, confident that you will show him the same love and loyalty that you have shown me since 2002. Inevitably, with one priest caring for six parishes, things will have to be different in the future. But I am confident that you will rise to the occasion and do all you can to help Father

Alexander and to help one another in the years ahead.

My third and final point comes from the preaching of a slightly eccentric but still wonderful man called Father Ignatius of Llanthony. If you have read my little book *Following Christ, Sermons for the Christian Year* (available from all good book shops), you will recall encountering Father Ignatius in the sermon for Pentecost. Father Ignatius was an immensely gifted and holy man, but at the same time he was not always very sensible, and he often rubbed people up the wrong way. Perhaps there is a subliminal message for us here about some of the difficult people we all have to deal with sometimes.

Father Ignatius established an Anglican Benedictine monastery at Llanthony; but his greatest gift was as a preacher and missioner. With his preaching, he could melt the hearts of simple country labourers and tough Plymouth dockyard workers, change their lives, and draw them to the love of the Lord Jesus. Father Ignatius summed up his Christian vision and message in just two words: 'Jesus Only.'

With those words, 'Jesus Only', Father Ignatius focuses our attention squarely upon Jesus Christ: (1) Jesus, the tiny baby born of Mary in a stable at Bethlehem, (2) Jesus, the Suffering Servant who offered his life in sacrifice for sin on the Cross, (3) Jesus, the Risen and Ascended Christ, the Lord of Life and Prince of Peace.

With two words, 'Jesus Only', Father Ignatius cuts through all the distractions and secondary issues, and urges us make Jesus Christ the most important person in our lives. To allow the love of Jesus enter our hearts and transform us. To allow Jesus to turn us into the sort of men and women God the Father has always wanted us to be.

All we Christians are weak and wobbly – daft as brushes – sometimes. Our pilgrimage through life to Heaven will include many twists and turns. Sometimes, following Christ is wonderful. Sometimes, it is boring. Sometimes, we have bad experiences, or become ensnared in sin, or



become confused or downcast. Father Ignatius, with his long experience of ordinary men and women, understood all this only too well. But he encourages us to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down, and carry on.

Today, you will appreciate, is a bit of a funny day for me. It brings to an end to nineteen years of my life spent in Great and Little Bardfield. Nineteen very happy, creative years, which I would not have swapped for anything. Inevitably, I wonder what the future will hold. But I have faith in Jesus Christ, and I believe he has a plan for me – and indeed, a plan for each of you, too – so I confidently slip my hand into the hand of Jesus, and set off, full of hope, on the next stage of the journey.

Let the very last words I shall utter as your parish priest from this pulpit – where I have delivered so many sermons over the years – be Father Ignatius' simple but great exhortation to us to live worthy lives, full of Christian faith and love: 'Jesus Only!'

Father Robert

Anglican Churches in The Bardfields

Following Father Robert's move to his new parishes in Sussex we are in a period of interregnum which will continue until the Rev'd Alex Shannon is Licensed to take up his duties as Priest in Charge of the parishes of Great and Little Bardfield.

The licensing by the Bishop of Colchester will take place at a service in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday the 20th October at 7.30pm.

In the meantime services will continue in our two churches as follows:-

St. Katharine Little Bardfield

Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 10.30am on the 15th, 22nd and 29th September, 6th and 13th October.

St Mary Great Bardfield

Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer on Sunday at 10.30am on the 12th, 19th and 26th September, 3rd, 10th and 17th October.

During the interregnum any enquiries that would normally be made to the Parish Priest can be raised with the respective Churchwardens, whose contact details are shown below.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming The Rev'd Alex Shannon and his family on the 20th October.

The Churchwardens.

Great Bardfield Keith Farnfield 811976 Peter Benwell 810669

Little Bardfield Charles Thompson 811769 Peter Wood 856382

Great Bardfield Tuesday Club

A History of Easton Lodge: the Countess and her Gardens



A talk by Gary Matthews

Volunteer at the Gardens of Great Easton Lodge

Tuesday October 12 at 2.30

Great Bardfield Town Hall

Non-members of the Tuesday Club are very welcome

Village People – Stuart Ray

When Maureen and Peter Williams got married in 1979, Maureen's eight-year-old son Stuart gained not only a new home in Great Bardfield but also a man who would be a real father to him in every important way. Many readers may remember Maureen as a Guide, Brownie and Rainbow leader, and like his mother, Stuart soon felt at home in the village, attending Bardfield Primary School until he was old enough to start at Notley High in Braintree. So when the time came to leave school and the sixteen-year-old Stuart still had no clear idea of what he wanted to do with his life, the vacancy for an apprentice at Danny Smith's butcher's shop seemed like perfect timing.

He enrolled in a Youth Training Scheme programme, with courses at Smithfield Butchery College and practical experience at Danny's. The programme lasted two years, after which Stuart became Danny's full time assistant for another two and a half years. Stuart laughs about being a right-handed person being trained by a left-handed butcher – it was quite convenient when carving meat: Danny would carve one side and Stuart the other, learning as if in a mirror. But to this day, says Stuart, "I tie sausages like a left hander!" The work suited him well, but in the 1990s the recession and the growth of supermarkets made things difficult for small businesses. It was even worse for butchers shops when the BSE crisis hit. There wasn't enough work to sustain both Danny and Stuart.



Stuart when he first started at Danny's shop 1988

Stuart took the opportunity to visit his brother, who was living in Australia, and when he returned, tried several different jobs. For a while he worked on a building site, and after that spent a few years as a property inspector. He lived in London but then moved back into the area and found a place in Bocking. When Danny fell ill, he stepped back in and ran the butcher's shop in Bardfield for several months.

He got married, and had a daughter, but although he was self employed and running his own company, working as a property inspector was not really his cup of tea. Too often it involved being in the middle of a dispute between landlord and tenant. He moved into property management in Braintree but that didn't appeal either. When he and his wife split up, he moved back to Great Bardfield. At this point his father, realising that Stuart wasn't really happy, took him out to lunch at the Bell and informed him that he was expected at Priors Hall Farm Shop the next day for an interview ... as a butcher. "You need to get back into butchery," said Peter – and Stuart realised his father had contacted Priors Hall himself and set up the interview.

At first the work was routine butchery – carving, tying sausages (left-handedly, to the great amusement of his colleagues), and occasional weekends working at the counter. Over the next few years his role expanded to include curing ham and gammon – "it was all done by hand," he says, requiring considerable skill – and eventually to managing the shop itself. His priority was always to make the customers feel comfortable. Some people find it daunting even to speak to a butcher because they are not sure what to ask for. "They don't know what the cuts are," says Stuart, and he made sure that his counter was informative and reassuring. "Proper customer service," as he puts it. A short while afterwards, properties became available at Castle Shot for people with local connections. Stuart applied and was accepted, and he, his wife Lisa and their three daughters moved in.

Like all who knew him, Stuart was devastated by Danny's death. Taking over the Bardfield shop is at the same time a welcome step forward for Stuart and a way for him to pay tribute to his old friend and mentor. Once the move was agreed upon, Stuart took the opportunity to refurbish the shop – plumbing, sinks, tiling – and he makes special mention of his friend Paul Capon, whose help has been invaluable. "He gave up his weekends," says Stuart, "and without him I wouldn't have been able to get anywhere" with the project.

His wife Lisa has also been a tower of strength. She, too, has a full time job but has spent every spare moment helping with the start-up. "She's been absolutely amazing – without her, none of this would be happening." When I asked Stuart what he does in his spare time, he just laughed. "I don't have any."

On August 14th all this hard work culminated in the opening of Brook Street Butchers. Stuart's priorities – as Danny's were

– are to ensure that the meat is locally, sustainably and ethically sourced. "Husbandry is very important," he emphasises. And he believes there has been a significant reversal in the trend which took people away from butchers' shops. Many people use the internet to educate themselves about animal welfare. People are aware of "food miles" and the importance of supporting small businesses. The pandemic has caused many people to move away from large, potentially crowded supermarkets. And Stuart is determined to provide the best possible service to his customers.

"We are trying to be customer led," he explains. He wants to know what products people would like to have available, and if possible, he will try to fulfil the request. "We have the facilities to make smaller batches" than conventional, large-scale meat producers – a case in point being the recent addition of low-fat sausages in response to a customer suggestion. As he did at Prior's Hall, he makes an effort to put his customers at their ease. "It's traditional butchery – but we want to move it to the next level," he says. "Ask for what you want. The silly questions are sometimes the best questions!"

I talked to Stuart just a few days after the shop opened and in spite of being exhausted, he's clearly delighted with the way it's going. He's pleased, too, to be "staring out of the same window" as he did all those years ago with Danny. But he's not just thinking of the past. In the future,



Opening Day!!

he hopes to stock cooked products, and he keeps thinking of other things that might work. "We're not here to be millionaires – we just want to make a living." It seems like a win-win situation – he's happy to be working in Bardfield, and the people of Bardfield appreciate having a local butcher again. "It makes you proud," says Stuart, "that you live in such a lovely community."

Anna Bass

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GREENFINGERS

Without looking at the dictionary words came to mind that describe gardens. After our Indian summer the results are a spectacular garden display, verdant and bountiful but there are adjectives particular to plants, raceme, panicle and the simple word spire (not just for churches) and many more. Greenfingers must write on as this early autumn is a busy time for us gardeners, it being the equivalent of New Year's Eve. Throw off the old and plan the new.

Just a few actions now will bring pleasure to 2022, think tall and sprinkle hollyhock seeds along your boundary fences, walls and hedges, they are inclined to rust on leaves but plants in front in your borders will let those be hidden and the flower spikes dominate.

Keep on the look out for new arrivals like foxgloves and aquilegia that freely seed on your plot. Move them to a place to show them to advantage; both thrive in shade.

Phlox Blue Paradise has been spectacular as if the dying flowers were cut off new panicles of blue appeared. as gardeners say 'a good doer' so make more by splitting or taking cuttings.

Grass is verdant with the moisture of morning dew. Keep it in good fettle by giving a feed or dressing suitable for lawns in autumn.

Now turning to the plants of the month BULBS. Yes, we love tulips and daffodils but seek out Camassias, at 18inches tall, flowering in May, their blue spires are a wonderful addition in a border, pot or wilder spot. Look out to buy some.

Make beautiful eye catching pots to give winter joy, be imaginative, perhaps dig up some ivy, Heuchera, Ajuga, anything with attractive leaves, and put in Violas and of course, bulbs. We gardeners are creating a bountiful sight to see us through duller days.

Happy Days! ☺

As you read did you spot the descriptive adjectives?



Camassia leichtlinii Blue Danube

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Nature Notes

It's so nice to have life gradually returning to something more like we used to know before the pandemic hit us; I am one of the lucky ones in so far as I have been able to go on holiday to the Isles of Scilly. This was a holiday which should have taken place last year but the hotel kindly carried the booking forward to this year. No matter where I go the wild life is always of interest to me and it certainly was during this holiday. For a start you may have heard on the news about Wally the Walrus who decided to go on walk about or at least swim about from the Arctic, he decided to see some of the world. So far he has visited Wales, Cornwall, France and the Scillies. He seems to like the Scillies especially the harbour in St Mary's although he visits some of the other islands from time to time, Walrus are very agile in the water they can reach speeds of 20 miles per hour if they have to, and can stay under water for up to half an hour which is normal when they are feeding. But on land it is a different matter. The average adult weighs approximately one and a half tonnes, they all have two tusks which can be a meter in length, two short arm-like flippers and a tail which is a bit like two webbed feet without legs. They haul themselves out of the water by digging their tusks into the beach or the ice and shuffling along on their bellies with the aid of their flippers. Wally is a young male and, from what I have seen, I would say about two thirds to three quarters grown weighing somewhere near a tonne and his tusks are about half a meter in length. He prefers to rest on boats rather than a beach. The bathing platforms on luxury yachts are quite nice but the owners don't seem to like his presence but he has bigger problems with rubber dinghies. He has punctured several. You can you imagine the owners trying to explain to their insurance company when they put in a claim for new dinghies. One very kind fisherman allowed Wally to haul himself onto his rib boat, then he towed him out of the harbour tied the boat to a buoy and left it



there for two days for Wally to rest in peace. We could see him from our cottage. Last Saturday Wally was resting on the rear of the Scillies NHS water ambulance.

The bird life on the Islands is very interesting there are lots of sparrows and thrushes all of which are extremely tame. I was being served at the Bakery when the lady serving me said. Excuse me a minute my bird has come for its breakfast; I looked down and there at my feet was a thrush! the lady gave it some food and carried on serving me and the thrush just ate its food as though I was not there. Just fearless. On another occasion I was eating a fresh crab roll when a cheeky sparrow landed on my thumb and helped itself to some of my roll; very tame birds were everywhere you went. It was quite amazing and rather wonderful. I started to look for an explanation; the first thing that became obvious was that I did not see a single bird of prey the whole time I was in the Scillies neither did I see any magpies or jays. Lots of visitors had dogs with them on leads but I never saw a single cat so, time for a look on the good old internet! It tells us there are very few domestic cats on the Scillies and no wild cats. There are red squirrels but no grey squirrels and no foxes. I found out the islands of St Agnes and Gugh became infested with brown rats from ship wrecks in the 18th century but there has been a very successful, and I quote from the website, the Isles of Scilly seabird restoration project: the eradication of brown rats (*Rattus norvegicus*) from the inhabited islands. This was a joint effort which was run by RSPB, Min of Ag, wildlife trust, and a university research team. One of the aims was to protect the Puffins which nest underground. I know very little about puffins but I think with some research they may well be the subject for another month.

Mac Beanland



Summertime Home Security Advice

Our dogs are members of our families and when a dog is stolen it is very distressing for both owner and pet. To try to reduce the risk of this happening follow the guidance and keep your dog safe.

Protect your dog against theft

Ensure rear garden gates are locked at top and bottom with a shoot bolt and padlock. Consider fitting a bell or gate alarm as well. Do the same to any outside kennels.

Make sure the garden boundary (fence, hedge etc) is secure so that no one can gain entry or pull your dog out or your dog cannot get out on its own, check your garden on a regular basis.

Consider driveway alarms to alert you of visitors or use monitored CCTV/Alarm systems to areas around any outside kennels. These will alert you if anyone is close by.

See the home security pages on the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ for further advice.

Avoid leaving dogs in the garden or outside kennels if you are not home, and keep your dog in view whilst in the garden, don't leave him outside unsupervised.

Never leave your dog secured alone, outside a shop. This makes them vulnerable and a tempting target for opportunist thieves.

Avoid leaving dogs in cars alone and NEVER leave a dog in a car on a warm/hot day.

Your dog should be microchipped and registered with current information. Use a collar and dog tag displaying contact details (don't put your dog's name on the tag use your surname).

Take plenty of good, clear photographs of your pet so that it can be easily identified. Take photographs of your dog from various angles and update them regularly (i.e. with groomed coats and when not recently groomed). Make a note of any distinguishing features. Also take lots of photographs of yourself with your dog, to help you to prove ownership if needed.

Train your dog to come back when called and never let them off the lead if you are not sure they will come back to you. If in doubt, use an extending lead, especially if you are in an unfamiliar area where your dog



may get easily lost.

Be aware of and report all suspicious vehicles or people to 101 or report online to the police. Ask your neighbours to do the same. There have been a few reports of dogs being called and dog owners being distracted by someone, whilst the thieves try to take the dogs.

Fake RSPCA Inspector?
In the press there have been reports of fake RSPCA staff seizing dogs. RSPCA staff have no powers of entry or seizure to do so they must be accompanied by a police officer. See: www.rspca.org.uk/-/news-advice-to-the-public-after-people-impersonate-rspca-staff

Don't buy any dogs from social media sites or any person where appropriate documentation (ownership etc, pedigree papers etc) cannot be provided. This increases the demand for stolen pets. Report all suspicious dog sales to the police on 101 or Trading Standards.

Don't give details of your pets, your location or your walking locations out on your social media platforms.

Take care when choosing someone to care for your dog if you are going away from home or need a dog walker whilst you go to work. Use a reputable company or boarding kennels and check references for people who provide dog or house-sitting services.

If you breed puppies for sale, take details of anyone you are inviting in to view before they arrive, perhaps have a video chat? Try to have two people present from your home whilst viewing takes place and limit the numbers of people you allow in at a time. Show the puppies in one secure area, limit access to other areas of your house or property.

Safety while out walking your dog

Don't forget to take your mobile phone with you, but don't be



distracted by calls, texting, or listening to music while walking your dog, pay attention to your surroundings.

If possible, walk with a friend.

Beware of strangers asking you questions about your dog.

Vary your times of walks and routes; to avoid dogs being targeted during walks.

If your dog is suspected stolen, it is important to act quickly.

If your dog is missing and you believe it has been stolen, report it to the police on 101 or online report a crime www.essex.police.uk/. Note the crime reference number provided, and also advise your local authority of the theft. **However, if a crime is in progress, don't hesitate dial 999.**

Notify the dog microchip database provider and report the theft to www.doglost.co.uk/ or their Facebook page. They coordinate thefts for each county and offer advice and support. There is no single national missing animal database to report lost dogs so to ensure a widespread appeal consider giving the same information to all of them.

Police do not take reports of lost or found dogs or those that have run off, these should be reported to the local authority and missing animal databases.

Visit places where dog walkers go such as local parks and public places and talk to people, asking them to keep an eye open for your dog

Make posters and display them in areas local to your home and also in relevant places such as vets, local parks etc. The poster should include a clear photograph and details of the circumstances.

Make sure local vets are aware in case someone takes your dog in for treatment.

Contact local animal shelters and rescue charities and send them posters to display.

Losing a pet due to theft or other reasons is a traumatic event. Blue Cross operates the national Pet Bereavement Support Service which can be contacted on 0800 096 6606 (8.30am – 8.30pm) or by email: pbssmail@bluecross.org.uk

Consider joining Dog Watch run by Essex Police via email stating your home district: - essex.watch.liaison.officers@essex.police.uk

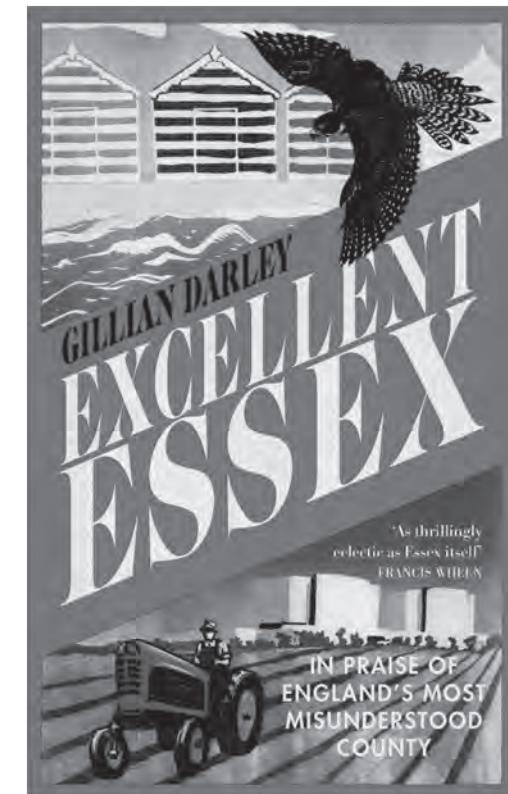
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Field-edge footpath beside hedgerow

Hedges go back a long way: Roman farmers favoured a living hedge to mark out boundaries. Their value was recognised in 1567 guidance from the court at Felsted: "Any persons breaking any hedge or stealing wood be put next Sunday or holiday in the stocks for 2 hours at the least".

50% of hedges have been lost since the late 1940s as farmers enlarged fields so bigger machines could operate, with the occasional forlorn oak tree as a faint reminder of a lost hedge. The former layout of hedges in any parish can be seen in 19th century tithe maps; comparison with current aerial maps will demonstrate what has been lost. The consequent loss of

habitat is often blamed for reduction in species and biodiversity.

Today, hedges are again valued as wildlife corridors and as a way to lock up carbon. There are encouraging signs of new hedgerow planting, for example in Saffron Walden and beside the B1051 between Broxton and Thaxted.



Fallow deer emerging from a hedgerow



Gatekeeper butterfly on blackberry bush

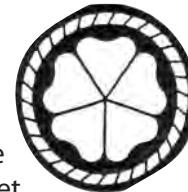
This summer, blackberry blossom has been much in evidence in the hedgerows so Autumn walkers may be in for a treat. Look out also for sloes that can be turned into delicious sloe gin. Many of our footpaths follow field edges beside hedgerows. If you are not yet familiar with the Society's walk routes, please download one from our website – there are many to choose from and they range from 1 mile upwards.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

Great Bardfield Primary School

It was wonderful to welcome all of our fantastic children back to school on Thursday 2nd September. It was great to get the school year off to a positive start! We hope that with the latest guidance from the DFE that we can get back to some degree of normality this term and reintroduce some of our much loved traditions such as Harvest Festival and our fundraising events.

The children have been ecstatic to be back together with their friends now that we no-longer have bubbles. They are enjoying eating together at lunch and being altogether at playtimes. I know that many local residents have commented on how wonderful it is to hear their happy hubbub and chatter on the playground. It has been marvellous to welcome parents and visitors back on to the playground and into the school; our first Friday Celebration Assembly was emotional and just hearing the children singing brought tears to everyone's eyes. The children have also been able to resume



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'Being back at school has been fun because we get to see our teachers and our friends. It is good to be back together again and have our class routines. We like being back altogether in our classrooms with the class displays on the walls to help us. We are grateful to be eating altogether in the hall with our friends at lunchtime and we are delighted to be back at school with everyone and everything.'

We have all been reflecting on how lucky we are to have our wonderful village school and on how lockdown has made us appreciate it and each other more. We are more determined than ever to have the best school year that we can.

Mrs Kerrell, Headteacher



The original Victorian school building with the whole school probably celebrating Empire Day (GBHS archive)

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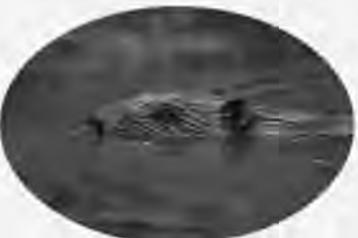
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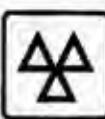
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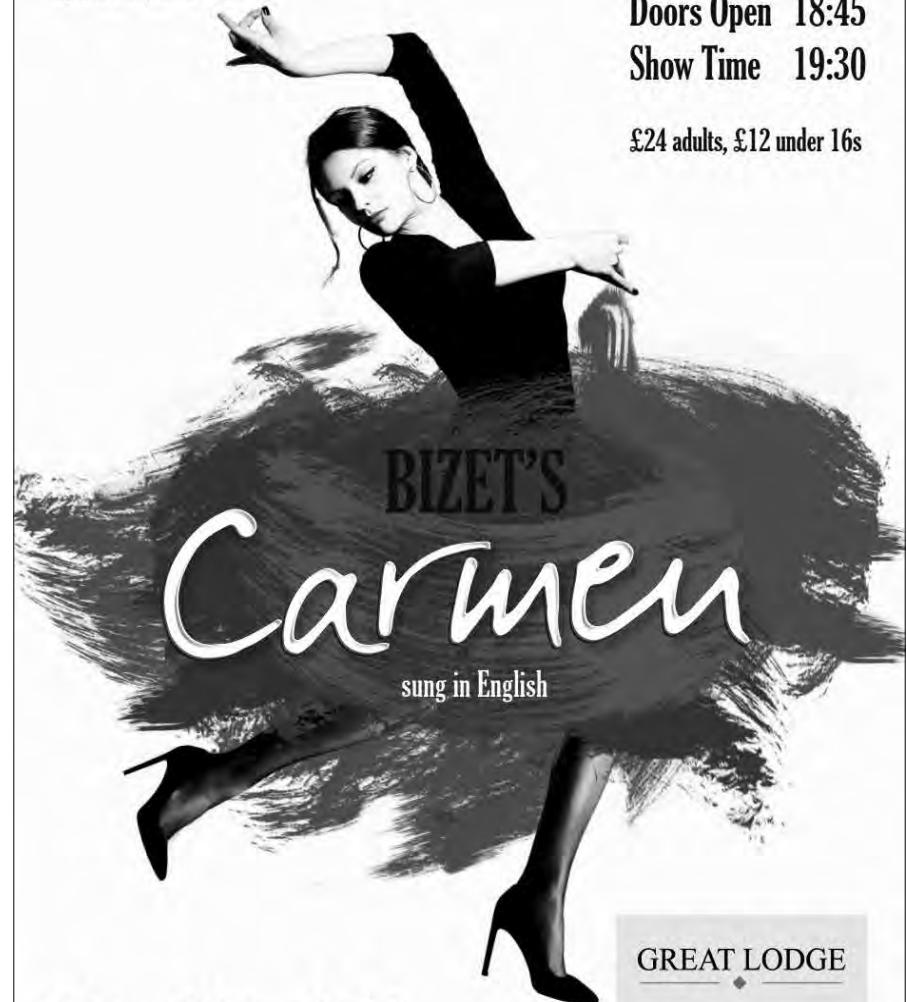
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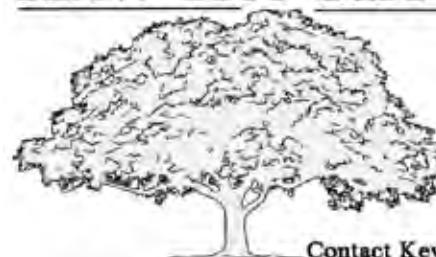


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October 2021

Friday 1 st	Cinema club	7.30pm
Monday 4 th	Resident walk	7.00pm
Tuesday 5 th	Young @ Heart Fitness Fun	9.30am
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 6 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 7 th	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Saturday 9 th	Bowls Final	10.00am
Monday 11 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm
Tuesday 12 th	Young @ Heart Fitness Fun	9.30am
	Tuesday Club	2.00pm
	Horticultural Society Meeting	7.30pm
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 13 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Historical Society Meeting	7.00pm
Tuesday 19 th	Young @ Heart Fitness Fun	9.30am
	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 20 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Saturday 23 rd	Strike School, Rock dance band.	7.30pm
Sunday 24 th	Bardfield Players	2.00pm
Tuesday 26 th	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 27 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 28 th	Bardfield Players	7.30pm
Saturday 30 th	Private Function	12.00pm
Sunday 31 st	Bardfield Players	2.00pm

For private parties, social activities, exercise classes, meetings.
Excellent facilities, including spacious kitchen and catering equipment,
sound system with hearing loop, free wifi, stage and meeting rooms.

Enquiries and bookings to Sarah at sarah.hymas@yahoo.com

Great Bardfield Parish

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Refuse Collections Gt. Bardfield Tuesdays from 7am,
L. Bardfield Thursdays from 7am.

Mobile Library Little Bardfield, Styles,

Thursday 10am fortnightly

Gt Bardfield Town Hall,

Thursday 11.15am fortnightly

Museum and Cage Every Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday from
Easter to the last Sunday in September 2.-5.30pm.

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

The Samaritans 01245 357357