



Sunset from the Vine Meadow by Wendy Meldrum

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Front cover: Music in the garden by Doug Joyce

Above: Heartsong at Music in the garden by Andrew Collins

Editorial

I'm writing this as we sizzle in the Summer heat. Events and celebrations, weddings, parties, boules, a village picnic, and a garage sale, are happening again. Last night I was deflated at a resounding defeat in a boules match; tonight I experienced the thrill of a win at last, but on both occasions there was the pleasure of meeting lovely new people. It was great to spend a hot Sunday afternoon in the beautiful surroundings of the garden at Whinbush Farm, listening to music from many talented young musicians, the Handbell Ringers, the singers of Heartsong and the Community Choir, ending with a rousing performance from Bardfield Brass. There were excellent homemade cakes too. Thanks to Julia and Andrew Collins for hosting this delightful event with all proceeds going to charity.

There are volunteers who help in so many ways in our villages but a special mention must go to Luke Bishop's bottle collecting and recycling initiative, an excellent idea and much needed service. Thank you Luke! I hope the Parish Council takes note of your request for another bottle bank!

After 8 years as Headteacher of our primary school Mrs Alison Kerrell is leaving to take up another Headship at a school in Harlow. We thank her for all she has done for our school and wish her every success in her new post. As the Year 6 children reminded her at an assembly this week she will always be 'A Bardfield Girl!'

Some of you may have seen the newly released film *Drawn to War* about artist Eric Ravilious who lived in Brick House with his wife Tirzah and Edward and Charlotte Bawden in the 1930s. The film focuses mainly on his work as a War Artist but there are references to his time in Great Bardfield. Do see it if you get the chance. The beautiful countryside of this part of Essex attracted Ravilious, Bawden and other artists to the village and features in much of their work. Wendy Meldrum has captured something of this beauty in her photograph of a glorious sunset from the Vine meadow on our back cover. It reminds me of the words of a song sung by the Community Choir at Music in the Garden:

*Many years have passed since those summer days among the fields of barley,
See the children run as the sun goes down among the fields of gold!*

Our next issue will be in October – please have copy in by September 14th. Have a good Summer.

Janet Dyson

Many people will be sad to hear of the death of Peter Walker. His funeral will be held on August 9th at 10.30am at Three Counties Crematorium followed by drinks at Bocking Club. We offer condolences to his family.

Dear Ed,

Another weekend when a swarm of motor bikes alight on our villages. For businesses no doubt a welcome, but for others, a blight. Many riders are sensible but there are regrettably too many who disrespect the highway code with their irresponsible speed and excessive noise as they decelerate into villages and accelerate out of them. Many unnecessarily start and rev their parked bikes for minutes before leaving. Why?

There are bikers who wish to reach 100 mph before reaching the Finchingfield speed limit and even refer to the hill outside Bardfield as 'The Hill of Champions'. With the popularity of cyclists on our roads and the pending housing development along Bardfield Road there is sound reason for extending the speed limit from Great Bardfield into Finchingfield. How can this be achieved?

In respect of the excessive noise, it is unlawful to "cause any excessive noise which can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the driver." If our Councils could be encouraged to pilot acoustic cameras which are audio sensors with built in number plate technology and have them situated at the speed limit signs, then for sure, prosecutions would follow and our roads made safer and quieter.

Probably in the villages of Great Bardfield, Stebbing, Wethersfield, Cornish Hall End and Finchingfield this issue remains a quiet debate. Perhaps it is time to actively encourage the collective Parish Councils to adopt a more open and public debate.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Green

Hello everyone,

The dust (and water!) has settled on our last production in May 'A Bunch of Amateurs', and we have just heard that we have been nominated for four awards from the North Essex Theatre Guild, for Best Set, Best Technical Achievement, Best Supporting Actress - Marcia Bryan and Best Supporting Actor - Iain Graham. The awards evening is in September, so the best of luck everyone!

Over the summer we will be reading plays for possible future productions, so if there is anyone who would like to come along and join us either as potential actors or technicians, then please get in touch with me.

Ian Ruffle ian.ruffle@gmail.com

**Bardfield Cinema Club**

We have now completed 14 years of Cinema in the Great Bardfield Town Hall, with film showings on the second Friday evening of each month between October and July, and offering a membership scheme that gives a good reduction of entry to the performances.

Membership has proved very successful in the past with approximately 50 members enrolled but sadly that has diminished slightly in the last two years due largely to Covid restrictions.

We are hoping membership will pick up again as normality returns with the fees remaining unchanged at £25 per person for the 10 month season - or you can simply turn up on the evening for £6 per person.

We will resume our 15th season on **Friday October 7th** with 'The Good Liar' - a suspenseful drama starring Helen Mirren and Ian Mc Kellan.

Future films will be announced as always in the *Bardfield Times*.

Enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in October.

Ray Coles

Great Bardfield Parish Council report

Bridge Closure

As I write this we are a few days away from the second bridge closure and are expecting this to last 5 – 6 weeks from 25th July. Similar arrangements are planned to those in place at the previous closure in 2019, with diversions in place, clearways at specific junctions to allow farm vehicles easier access to narrow roads, and restrictions on the footbridge to prevent access by motorbikes. As usual all of these only work if road users remain patient and considerate. The work is necessary to replace eroded bricks in the walls of the bridge and will complete the works started 3 years ago.

Pavilion Project

If you haven't visited the playing fields lately you will not have seen the new pavilion under construction. See separate item in this magazine for an update on progress on this project. Hooray for the new Pavilion and thanks to the Pavilion Working Party. Still a way to go before it will be available for use but at least we can see something for our efforts.

Planning Applications & Tree Works

- The Moorings, Dunmow Road: erection of a 3-bay cart lodge. The PC objected to this application due to the proposed size of the cart lodge and location/proximity to a neighbouring property.
- Tree works at Great Bardfield Primary School; Cage House, Bridge Street and Baddow Cottage, Dunmow Road. No objections.
- Proposal for 56 dwellings adjacent to Deer Park View – Amendments to the original application submitted October 2021. Notification of this new consultation had arrived too late for proper consideration at our recent Parish Council meeting but it was agreed that the planning sub-committee would meet to review the revised plans and documents, and draft our comments between meetings. It is unlikely that these minor amendments would make any difference to our original response.
- Update on application for 4 houses, Stables Retreat, Beslyns Lane: Cllr Lynsi Hayward-Smith and Kate Fox, Parish Clerk, attended the recent Planning Committee meeting at Braintree District Council, at which this application was decided, and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council in

objecting to this application. We were pleased that the BDC planning committee unanimously objected. The applicant has appealed and the application will be determined by a planning inspector.

Neighbourhood Plan

All households in the Parish of Great Bardfield will be receiving copies of the Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire over the next few days (you may already have received it). This is your opportunity as residents of Great Bardfield, to provide your comments and views on this community, to say what you love, what you would like to see improved, and how you wish to see the village developing over the next 10 years or so. Your views are vital to this project as a Neighbourhood Plan is written by the community and, once adopted, will be a key component of the planning system and the main influence on how this parish changes in the future.

Please see the item in this magazine regarding the questionnaire and the follow-up Drop-Session to be held in the Town Hall on 17 September. See you there. I'll make you a cup of tea.

Our Environment: Benches, Brook and Footpaths

School Green Brook: recently some unauthorised clearance of the Brook at School Green took place, with wild flowers removed from the Brook and left in large heaps on the green and roadside verge. The Parish Council has had to arrange and pay for clearance of this discarded vegetation. Though we really appreciate volunteers offering to help us with such work, can I remind everyone that the Village Greens are owned and managed by the Parish Council on a planned timetable that ensures that we optimise bio-diversity and considers environmental issues. The Brook has a planned clearance programme, taking place once wildflowers have had time to seed. The vegetation is vital in providing shelter and security to wildlife and does not impede waterflow. If you wish to help us with such work, at the appropriate time, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details at the back of this magazine).

Over the summer our village handyman, Ian Ruffle, will be refreshing the benches and noticeboards around the village. You will see him with sander or wood preserver in hand, looking hot and bothered, but improving the state of our benches around the village. Careful where you sit.

Footpath Maintenance Dilemma: Landowners with footpaths, bridleways etc. crossing their land are responsible for keeping these footpaths accessible, to walkers etc. Essex County Council's Public Rights of Way (PROW) team are also responsible for works to these footpaths, at least one cut per year. Unfortunately, we find that budget restrictions and reduced staffing means that our footpaths have not had sufficient attention from the PROW team, and some landowners are more considerate than others, in keeping their footpaths clear.

Communities such as ours can set up volunteer groups to undertake some of this work, in a partnership with the PROW team (called a P3 partnership) and Great Bardfield have been working to set up such a team for the last year, with several more than willing volunteers. However, such teams cannot operate, until they have the necessary first aid and equipment training, or our insurance is invalid (modern times).

We are aware that many footpaths need attention, are overgrown and difficult to use. We would really like our residents to be able to enjoy our super footpath network. However, we have been advised our volunteers cannot do this work without training and, so far, the availability of the appropriate training has been very slow in coming. We keep pressing the PROW people to set this up but their lack of resources means very slow response times. We have taken up this issue with our County Councillor but meanwhile are frustrated by this inconvenient situation. So we can only recommend the wearing of long trousers when out walking this summer. Oh and remember your hat and a bottle of water.

Next Parish Council Meeting

There is no Parish Council meeting in August, though the Finance Committee meets to agree any expenditure. Our next full meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 7.00pm, in the Committee Room at the Town Hall.

To help us to operate safely and ensure we have sufficient space, we ask that you contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting if you wish to attend, on 810111 or by email at clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk.

Carolynne Ruffle
Chairperson



Great Bardfield Neighbourhood Plan

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

You will be receiving your copy of the questionnaire and we ask that you complete this on line if possible, using the web address listed on the questionnaire.

If you prefer to complete the hard copy, please return it to one of the following: Co-op Store, Brook Street; Community Information Point, High Street or Between the Lines Book Shop, Vine Street.

It is really important that we receive as many of your responses as possible to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan is based on the community's views and we appreciate your support.

All responses to be returned by 21st August 2022

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DROP IN SESSION
SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2022
VISIT US BETWEEN 11AM TO 3PM
AT THE TOWN HALL

Come and see our progress so far. View and comment on the Community Questionnaire finding and Landscape & Design Assessments

Let us have your thoughts on what you feel is important to Great Bardfield

Great Bardfield Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Horticultural Society

Coach Trip to the RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall

We had a lovely trip in association with the Tuesday Club. A thoroughly enjoyable day out. The coach left Great Bardfield Town Hall with 34 people on board so there was plenty of space to spread out well and bring home pots and plants which were able to have a seat to themselves! Christine Hellier ran the raffle on the way there. Prizes were a bottle of prosecco and garden centre token.

On arrival at the garden a member of the Hyde Hall team welcomed us all and gave a brief talk about the garden, identifying areas of particular interest. Everyone was given a map of the garden, an information leaflet and a £5.00 voucher to spend at the plant centre or gift shop. The weather was perfect- lovely sunshine and a very welcome cooling breeze. The less mobile were able to avail themselves of a buggy ride up the hill which everyone seemed to find enjoyable. There was lots of laughter!

Most people started in the winter garden which was surprisingly colourful in July. There were 2 areas of courtyard gardens showing traditional (cottage) and modern planting schemes. The cottage gardens were a mass of colour with lots of lovely hollyhocks in a range of colours. Clover Hill had vast sweeping borders filled with lots of different grasses giving wonderful movement and a range of vibrantly coloured perennials—a wonderful sight from the winter garden. The Dry Garden was a Mediterranean style garden with a vast range of drought tolerant plants which were very colourful - made lots of notes on the plants there. Then on to the Hilltop Garden which



RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall by Doug Joyce

was very “English” with lush green lawns, (and they were amazingly green!) lots of roses, clematis, two ponds and herbaceous borders full of colour. The upper pond was a delight with a huge gunnera and lots of lovely water lilies, both dark pink and white. The Global Growth Vegetable Garden with its huge green house with lots of different vegetables from around the world was amazing with lots of beans, sweet corn already with cobs and peas, plus so much else. Next to that was the Floral Fantasia with displays and trials of annual plants: eschscholzia (Californian poppy), annual poppies; some lovely things there including stunning alstroemeria, dwarf buddlias, petunias, sweet peas, dahlias and other little treasures-made lots of notes for possible annuals for the garden next year. The coach had a great collection of plants on board for the return trip.

Summer Show on Saturday, August 6th in Town Hall

The Summer Show in the Town hall is now very close as you read this.

Hopefully some of you will have tried the recipes in previous issues of the *BT*, enjoyed the results and will bring along your efforts.

Look at your vegetables and flowers—dig up/pick a few and bring along to the Show-you might surprise yourselves and win a prize.

For those of you that prefer cookery, handicrafts or floral art there are classes for you to enter, and don't forget the children's and youth's section—keep them busy at the beginning of the holidays doing things for the Show.

The hall will be open for staging entries between 8.00 and 10.15am. Entries should be registered before 10.15am and be staged by 10.30am as judging starts at 11am. The show will be open at 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Admission 50p - Members and children free. There will be a raffle and plant and produce stall. Refreshments with homemade cakes will be served at the Bell from 2pm.

If you would like a schedule they are available in some of the village shops and the Blue Egg or please call Linda Prior 811641 or Lynne Joyce 810524. Copies of the pictures for the children to colour are also available from Linda and Lynne.

Future dates for your diary.

Saturday, October 8th **Harvest Supper** in Town Hall.

Tuesday, October 18th **AGM** in Town Hall with cheese and wine and a speaker.

Look out for posters, Facebook and *Bardfield Times* for future information.

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



Hi Everyone!

I'm Luke and I like to help my neighbours by picking up their bottles and jars and take them for recycling.



I have my own trolley which I use every week when I walk from Castle Shot down to Durham Close collecting what people leave out for me.



I have a rest and some lunch at Cole's and people can fill my trolley up while I'm in there.

When I've had my lunch I walk with my trolley all the way back to the playing fields. Sometimes my trolley is so full up I can hardly pull it along!



When I get to the playing field I unload all of the bottles and jars into the right bins but sometimes the bins are full.

Can we please have some recycling bins near the village hall so I can do more to help my neighbours and not have to pull my very full up trolley all the way back up to the playing field?

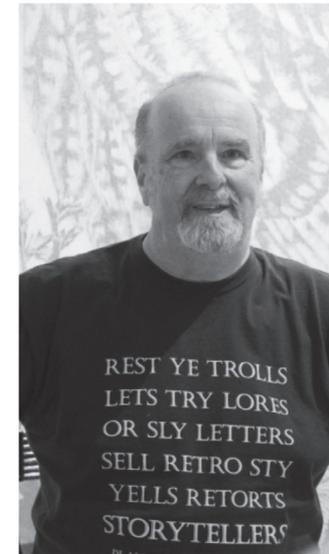
I really love my recycling round!



Great Bardfield Tuesday Club

"Brave Men and Clever Women"

by Carl Merry



Carl Merry is an enchanting and entertaining professional storyteller

Great Bardfield Town Hall

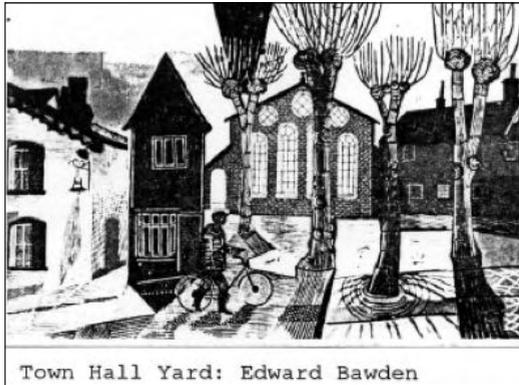
Tuesday, August 9th at 2.30pm

Non-members of the Tuesday Club are very welcome

Town Hall Happenings

In the last month we have been busy at the Town Hall.

By the time you read this the first round of our annual boules competition will be completed and during August the first knock out games will be played by the remaining 16 teams. The Finals Day will be on 1st October with a BBQ, music and some hotly contested games. Put the date in your diary as there is no *Bardfield Times* in September.



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden



The cottages, CIP and storeroom have been redecorated in new heritage colours (and very nice it looks). We have also arranged for the Town Hall to be redecorated in the coming weeks.

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

On 6th August we have the Horticultural Society Summer Show, always a great event.

See you in October.

John Maidman
Chair Great Bardfield Town Hall

BOULES FINALS DAY, SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Come and watch the last 3 matches of the
 2022 Bardfield Boules Competition

The semis and the grand final will take place from 2pm
 at the boules court, Place de Town Hall

Spectators seating, BBQ, and a great afternoon of sport



There is still some way to get to the last 3.
 The First Round is due for completion by the end of July with 16 teams out of the original 44 going through to Round 2 which is to be played during August and then the Quarter Finals in September.

So far, the competition has raised £450 for Town Hall Funds, so a big thank you to all participants. Fun and sunshine.

From the Vicarage...

As I write, we have just passed a couple of days of record-breaking temperatures. Whilst we will hopefully have a remainder of summer which satisfies both holidaymaking and agriculture, hitting the 40°C mark will certainly be a milestone which sticks in our minds. While I was struggling to string coherent thoughts together in the heat (a feeling I'm sure many others were sharing!), a few lines of a favourite hymn sprang to mind:

*'Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm,'*

This is how the final verse begins of 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind,' a hymn which regularly features in top ten lists of the nation's favourite hymns. It's one which particularly invites church musicians to go a little 'over the top' from time to time to see how much of a contrast can be made between 'Speak through the earthquake wind and fire,' and 'O still, small voice of calm.'

One of the great gifts of singing hymns is that the words they contain sink into one's soul, and provide the kind of language which can help us to express all kinds of feelings in all different circumstances of life. From heatwaves to holidays, joy to disappointment, grief to elation, solemnity to levity, there are hymns which fit the bill. Which is why one of my principal hopes for our churches is to increase the amount of singing we do. The challenge we have in doing so is in finding musicians to lead singing and playing. Although we are fortunate still to have a few organists in our midst, and even to have a few learning to play, it is worth remembering that parish churches have, for most of their history, depended on a variety of instrumentalists to support the singing of church music.

As we approach the autumn, we are looking to gather new willing instrumentalists and those who enjoy singing to become regular contributors to music in our services. It's such an important part of what we do, because experience suggests that hymns are the prayers which really go deep into our memories and hearts. By joining the wonderful world of church music, you will be opening yourself to one of the greatest treasures of nourishment of the soul which humanity is blessed, by God's grace. Please get in touch if there's any way in which you would like to contribute.

Rev'd/Fr Alex

Services for August & September 2022

in the Pant Valley Churches

Services on Sundays and Principal Holy Days

Sunday 7 August

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield
9.30am Parish Communion – Shalford
10.30am Sunday Café – Cornish Hall End
10.30am Family Communion Service – Great Bardfield
5pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

Sunday 14 August

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Shalford
followed by breakfast
9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield
10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield
11am Family Service – Wethersfield
5pm Sung Evensong – Shalford

We are always looking for more members of our Evensong choir – there will be a rehearsal for this service at 7pm on the previous Friday evening

Sunday 21 August

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield
9.30am Morning Service – Shalford
10.30am Family Communion Service – Great Bardfield
*celebrating the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and followed by a picnic in the churchyard*
10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield
5pm Words and Music – Cornish Hall End

Sunday 28 August

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield
9.30am Morning Service – Shalford
10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield
11am Family Communion Service – Wethersfield
Instrumentalists particularly welcome to join for this service
5pm Flower Festival Service – Finchingfield

Sunday 4 September

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield
 9.30am Parish Communion – Shalford
 10.30am Sunday Café – Cornish Hall End
 10.30am Family Communion Service – Great Bardfield
 5pm Time to Be – Wethersfield

Sunday 11 September

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Shalford
followed by breakfast
 9.30am Sung Eucharist – Little Bardfield
 10.30am Morning Service with Holy Communion – Finchingfield
*For this service we will be joined by a worship and music group
 from Cornerstone Church in Black Notley, and local instrumentalists
 and singers are particularly welcome to join*
 11am Family Service – Wethersfield
 5pm Sung Evensong – Shalford

*We are always looking for more members of our Evensong choir – there will
 be a rehearsal for this service at 7pm on the previous Friday evening*

Sunday 18 September

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield
 9.30am Morning Service – Shalford
 10.30am Family Communion Service – Great Bardfield
 10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield
 5pm Words and Music – Cornish Hall End

Sunday 25 September

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Great Bardfield
 9.30am Morning Service – Shalford
 10.30am Morning Service – Finchingfield
 11am Family Communion Service – Wethersfield
Instrumentalists also particularly welcome to join for this service too!

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, including the following feast days:
 8 September, the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 15 September, Holy Cross Day (transferred)
 29 September, St Michael and All Angels

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 17 September

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

Sunday 25 September

3pm Youth Group (age 10+) – Wethersfield

We also have provisional plans to start a parent and baby/toddler story, song and play group in St Mary's Great Bardfield on Tuesday mornings from September – please look out for further details in local publicity!

Pavilion Update: Good News!

Observant people will have noticed in the area of the playing field the amazing progress that has been made on this project by our amazing team of builders, scaffolders and roofers. By the time you read this the roof will be complete and, even better news, it's on schedule,



and on budget. The next stage will be fitting out the inside of the pavilion, plumbing and electrical work. Once more the Parish Council would like to thank all those who given or pledged money and help of various kinds for this project, further contributions will be very welcome. We are aiming to



complete the Pavilion by the end of the year The photographs on these pages show different stages in the progress of the project.

Iain Graham



Great Bardfield Branch is pleased to announce that, subject to confirmation, a new course will be running in the Autumn term. Entitled "A taste of culture – the 10 most dynamic cultures of the world", this course explores ten dynamic cultures around the world and provides you with an opportunity to experience the lives of others, who are distant in proximity. Countries span across the five continents of the world! We intend to start on 19th September at 7.30pm in The Friends' Meeting House and run for 10 weeks with each session finishing at 9.30pm.

The anticipated cost is £80 for the course but free for people receiving income assessed benefits. Booking is required so that the venue is not overcrowded but there are sufficient students to run the course. Full refunds are available if cancellation is before the second session. When all details are confirmed we will display posters around the village and on the Community Facebook group.

New members are always welcome. To book on-line, please go to www.wea.org.uk. If you prefer to book by telephone, please call the Central Support Team on 0300 303 3464 or call Margaret Wass on 01371 810498 for more information.

Farewell and thank you to our Headteacher Mrs Kerrell

I'm sorry to say Mrs Kerrell is moving on, but for 8 years we have been blessed to have her as the Headteacher at our village school. Her determination, sheer hard work, commitment and belief in our wonderful school has never wavered and consequently she leaves a good and successful school, with a strong senior leadership team, who are ready to further evolve the school's strategy and who will continue to strive for the very best, for our children.



From day one, she has risen to an exceptional number of challenges, repeatedly taking on more than should be reasonably expected of any headteacher. As a small primary school we are faced with numerous, often complex and sometimes seemingly insurmountable challenges, (not least in respect of small school finances) but at every turn I can assure you, the children have been at the heart of Mrs Kerrell's decision making.

Here in Great Bardfield, our teachers wear multiple hats, to ensure all curriculum, legislative and safeguarding roles are fulfilled. Mrs Kerrell has never shied away from her share. When faced with alternatives she considered not to be in the children's best interest, she has in addition to her Headteacher role, for many periods, also been a class teacher. Thereby, as an outstanding teacher, ensuring the children get the education they deserve.

On behalf of the Great Bardfield School governors, I would like to thank Mrs Kerrell for, time after time, going above and beyond. As Chair of Governors, I have gained an insight into the daunting enormity of a Headteacher's role and I can't thank Mrs Kerrell enough for her resilience and dedication, topped only by, even in some extraordinarily dark and difficult times, her quite remarkable optimism. When all the hard graft is done, she too also has the remarkable ability still to make us laugh. Thank you Mrs Kerrell, you will be missed.

As Mrs Crow, our current Deputy Headteacher, but new Headteacher from September, said at a small presentation we had for Mrs Kerrell, in adapting the words of AA Milne:

"How lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

**Jane Tillotson, Chair of Governors
Great Bardfield Primary School**

Don't miss out on the chance to get a certificate and your name on a trophy.

Growing Vegetables? You can enter them. Baking? You can enter the domestic classes. Handicraft also has classes and lots for the children to do so prepare your entries now and have them in the Town Hall by 10 am on the day. Be part of the life in the village.

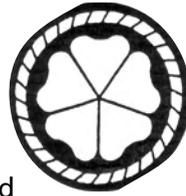
SUMMER SHOW at Town Hall

By BARDFIELD
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday 6 August
viewing from 2pm until 4.30pm

A schedule showing all the classes available just call 01371 810524 or 811641

Great Bardfield Primary School



As we reach the end of the school year we are always in a positive mood. It has been a wonderful term and a fantastic year. We made our traditional whole school visit to the seaside and the children loved being with their friends, building sandcastles and running in and out of the water. We also took our Year 6 children to Superbloom at the Tower of London on the 14th July. Trips and experiences, beyond the classroom, are such an important part of learning at Great Bardfield Primary School. We have tried to have as normal a year as possible this year, returning to our much loved and valued traditions. We look back with fondness on our Grand Summer Fete and Christmas Fair; we have had lots of visits out and about in the village which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.



Our Year 6 pupils are approaching their final few days of primary school. We are incredibly proud of this group of children as they are excellent role models for the younger pupils. They live out our 5 Key Skills of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness. We know

that these skills, our school ethos and support from staff and parents will set them on a strong path towards the future as they move to their new secondary schools.



I am also feeling reflective as I prepare to leave our wonderful school. I am incredibly proud of everything that we have achieved together. This would not have been possible without the dedication and good humour of my brilliant staff, the tenacity of our Governors, the trust of parents and the support of our community. There have been some challenges and we have faced them together coming out stronger than ever. I am very lucky to have taught and guided so many fantastic children in my 8 years and I am always pleased to hear about their successes. I wish everyone so much luck and happiness for the future. Great Bardfield will always have a very special place in my heart and I know that Mrs Crow will be an outstanding Headteacher, as I pass the baton to her.

Mrs Kerrell
Headteacher

Nature Notes

A visit to a Scilly Isles Nature Reserve

I have just returned from my third holiday on the Isles of Scilly and each time manage to find lots of wonderful new things to do, see, and learn about. One of those things this year was a two hour evening boat trip bird watching, The aim was to see Shearwaters and Puffins, both of which we did, and much more besides. We boarded a modern boat called King Fisher which I have had the pleasure of taking fishing trips on in previous years. This time the skipper had a wild life expert with him who was talking to us through a very good speaker system for pretty much all the trip. First we spent 25 minutes motoring to one of the uninhabited outer islands, this island is a designated nature reserve. No-one is allowed to set foot on it apart from the warden who has to go onshore once a year to do a count of the nests which are occupied. This allows them to estimate the total population of Puffins, The Island used to be open to a limited number of twitchers on certain days throughout the year but the bird population was in decline so they closed the island to visitors and bird numbers have increased dramatically. Over the last two years a pair of Peregrine falcons have taken up residence on the Island and this year they have raised three young. We could see the nest very clearly from the boat, it was wedged between a pair of rocks, one



large and one small. You can't help but see it as there are very few rocks inland away from the rocky shoreline. The remainder of the island is soft earth which is of course the main attraction to shearwaters and puffins both of which dig burrows to nest in.

Our visit was timed so that we had the best chance of seeing both Puffins and Shearwaters. The Puffins fish and tend their young during the daytime then disappear way out to sea and spend the night at sea whereas the Shearwaters spend the day out at sea then in the evening come fishing close

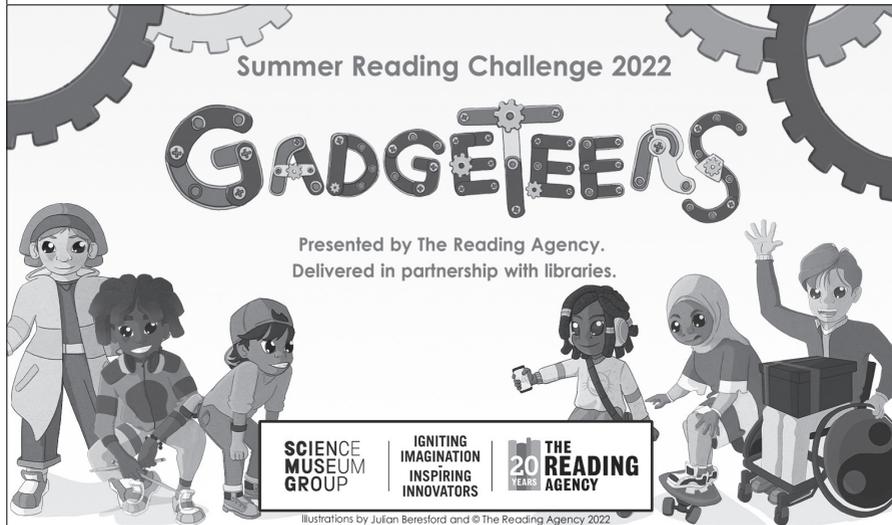


to the island, feeding their young and spending the night in the burrows with their young. Manx Shearwaters are the ones found on the Scillies they can be found breeding on several Islands off the south west coast of the UK. They look for soft earth in which they can dig their burrows and it must be rat free. There are estimated to be 280,000 to 320,000 breeding pairs in the UK. Shearwaters are migratory birds appearing off our shores to breed in late March and leaving us with their offspring in late July to spend the winter in South America. There are several other types of Shearwaters which live in other parts of the world and I am led to believe that they are harvested in large numbers for meat and oil so one presumes they must be prolific breeders. One thing I have written about in the past is the rat situation in the Scillies. They did have rats on several of the Islands which came on Dutch Boats that were trading goods with the locals. As the rats became a problem it was decided to set up a rat eradication scheme with the Ministry of Agriculture, Wildlife trust, and RSPB. It worked very well. There are no wild mammals on the Scillies although it is believed someone has smuggled some hedgehogs onto St Marys. No mammal remains have ever been found which gives a clear indication that the Scillies have never been connected to any other landmass, not even by the ice shelf.

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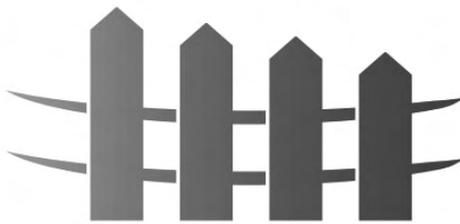
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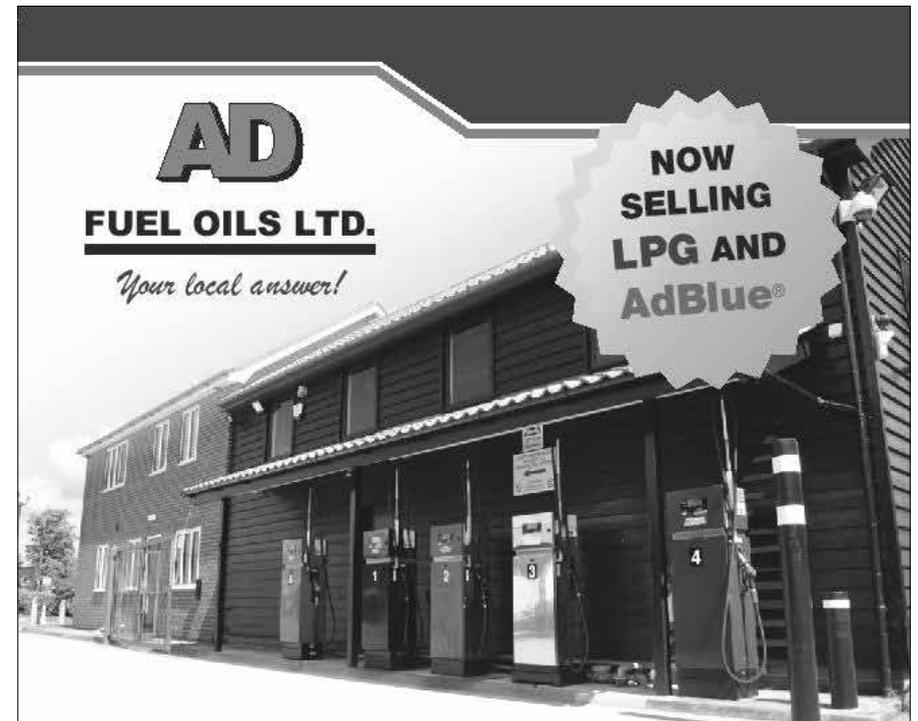
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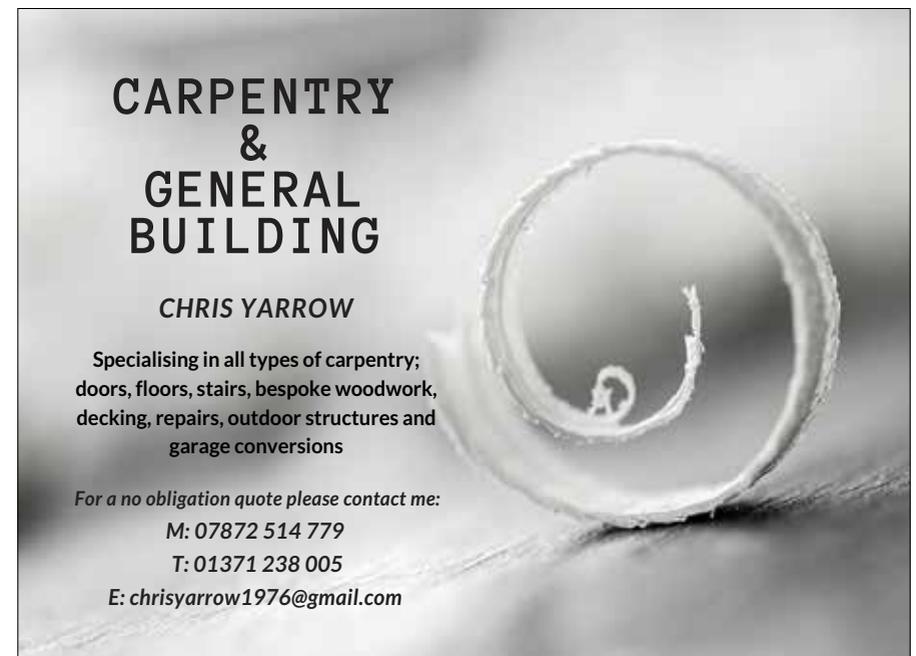
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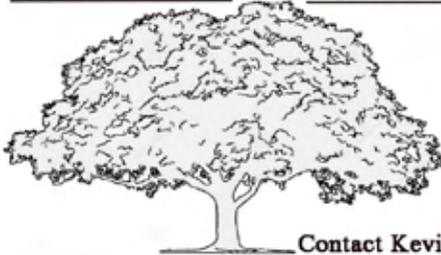
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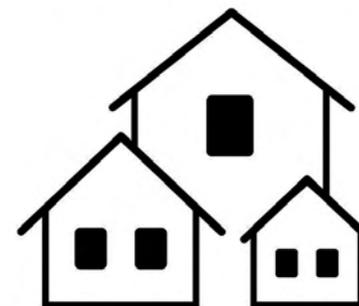
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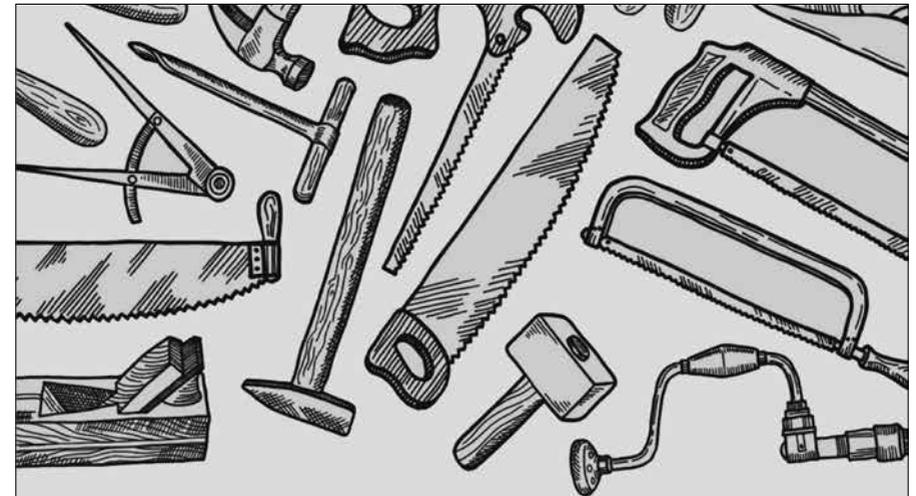
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Thursday 18 th	Bardfield Players	7.00pm
Wednesday 24 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
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September 2022

Thursday 1 st	Bardfield Players	7.00pm
Monday 5 th	Horticultural Society Meeting	2.00pm
Tuesday 6 th	Choir	8.00pm
Wednesday 7 th	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
Thursday 8 th	Bardfield Players	7.00pm
Friday 9 th	Private Function	11.00am
Tuesday 13 th	Young@Heart Fitness Fun	9.30am
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