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# Bardfield Times

News and views from Great Bardfield and Little Bardfield



Wheat harvest by Will Edwards



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## Editorial

The deeply sad news of the death of our village butcher, Danny Smith, will come as a shock to us all. Danny was a true Bardfield character who provided high-quality meat to households and local businesses for many many years, following in the footsteps of his father, Harold. "Danny's sausages" were legendary and there were few school PTA events that did not include Danny's meat, always supplied at a much-reduced rate. Our thoughts are with Rachel and his family. Please see page 3 for a fuller report.

Pam Blackbourn's wonderful account of her Covid lockdown experience on page 10 will ring true to many of us. A warm and funny reflection on how the new rules we've all had to live under resulted in the unexpected pleasures of daily country walks, appreciating the value of friends and family and the enjoyment of living a slower, simpler life (not to mention her crazy family challenges!). However, since almost all the activities that mark the Bardfield calendar have been cancelled, there are big gaps in the social lives of many in our community. With winter approaching and the worry of rising infections across the UK bringing further restrictions, we must continue to look out for each other, especially those living on their own, and take advantage of the support available via the various volunteer groups (see PC report). And well done BT team for continuing to keep our magazine full of interesting items.

Finally, to all walkers – the item at the foot of page 29 includes an appeal from the Parish Council for help in defining our village paths and rights of way – to preserve these ancient routes accurately for future generations. About 25 years ago I recall a very elderly resident describing a footpath which went from behind the White Hart Inn up to the church – a "coffin-way" – which fell into disuse and was subsequently lost. I don't know about you, but I would love to have walked that path. It would be a great pity if any of the defined footpaths we take for granted now fall into abeyance and eventually are gone forever.

**Jenny Rooney**

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## Maureen Woollaston

**M**aureen was born on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1928. She and Bob were married in 1949 and lived in Gidea Park, then Navestock Side and Margaretting before moving to Great Bardfield in 1988. They were a very gregarious couple, having lots of parties, going on glamorous holidays and with a wide circle of friends. For about 20 years they had a boat moored at North Fambridge and they were founder members of the yacht club there. They were always church people but moved “across the road” when they converted to Catholicism about 20 years ago. Bob died in 2006 and Maureen had a difficult few years although supported by her faith and friends in Great Bardfield. They had one son, three grandchildren,



Sophie, Henry and Charlie, and four great grandchildren Harry, Alfie, Isabella and Jack who was born a month before she died. The last year of her life was a strain for her, she spent several weeks in Broomfield Hospital after falls and went in to St. Mary's care home in Bocking in December 2019 where she died of Cancer and Heart failure on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2020. For most of her life she had a fun time and had a great sense of humour. Once Covid-19 is behind us I intend to have a Celebratory Mass for her life and I hope that as many of her many friends in the village can attend. I want it to be a joyous occasion.

**Howard Woollaston**

## Danny

**I**t is with great sadness we announce the loss of Danny Smith, who died peacefully on 16 September 2020, in hospital with Rachel by his side.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Rachel, family and friends.

Danny married his soulmate Rachel and they had many wonderful years together recently celebrating 30 years of marriage.

Danny was born and raised in Great Bardfield, our local butcher for over 40 years, working alongside his dad before taking over the shop himself. Danny was a huge character in Bardfield, always ready for a chat with customers, a friendly face and listening ear, providing far more than just a butchers to his loyal customers.

Rachel and Danny loved to socialise with their friends, who were very much part of their family. Danny will be remembered for his sense of humour, friendly nature, love of horse riding and generosity to those in need. He also raised money for the air ambulance over the years, a charity close to his heart.

He will leave a hole in the lives of many.

Funeral details to follow.

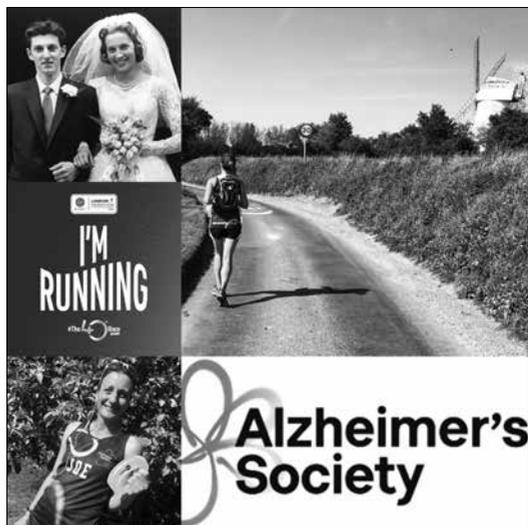


*Christmas 2019*

## Dear fellow Bardfielders,

Earlier this year I should have run the London Marathon that was due to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April, I felt very lucky to be one of the privileged to have got a ballot place so was very excited. I wanted to use the opportunity to raise money for a charity, Alzheimer's Society which is very close to my heart and in support for my wonderful Mum and Dad.

The marathon may not be running in its normal format this year which is very sad but quite understandably so. So I will be running the first ever VIRTUAL London Marathon on the 4<sup>th</sup> October for Alzheimer's Society. Firstly, I want to say thank you everyone who has supported me so far and been so generous with your donations don't worry they will remain on my JustGiving page which will stay live until I run the REAL London Marathon next October 2021. In the meantime, this year like I said I will be running the first ever VIRTUAL London Marathon on the 4<sup>th</sup> October for Alzheimer's Society. I have updated my story on my JustGiving page as this year as some of you know has been a very difficult one for our family.



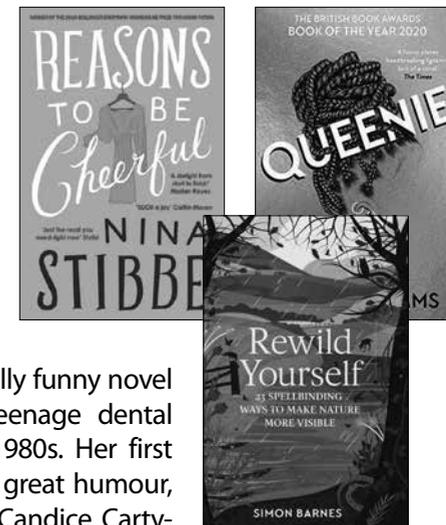
<https://www.justgiving.com/VMLMBallotPlace-JoeJones>

Please keep up your support, my family and I really can't say how much we appreciate all your donations, even the smallest donation will go a really long way. And if you see me out running on the 4<sup>th</sup> as my route will be local, give me a wave and cheer me on, I think I'm going to need it!

Many thanks  
**Joe Jones xx**

## Page Turners

Books can open up new worlds for us and with winter approaching and the possibility of further Lockdowns the long dark evenings will be greatly enhanced by curling up with a good book, so here are some suggestions. First some reading on the lighter side. The Comedy Women in Print award has just been won by comic novelist Nina Stibbe for her delightfully funny novel *Reasons to be Cheerful*, about a teenage dental assistant living in Leicester in the 1980s. Her first book, *Love Nina*, is also written with great humour. Another of the award winners was Candice Carty-Williams for her novel *Queenie*, the story of a young black woman in London, exploring life, love, race, family and friendship.



For those who have reawakened an interest in nature during Lockdown Simon Barnes' delightful book *Rewild Yourself* will help you to pay closer attention to the natural world, getting into the habit of noticing and seeing, listening and hearing the wild things we can so easily overlook. If you enjoy poetry *A Poem for Every Autumn Day* edited by Allie Esiri is a beautiful selection of seasonal poems, some familiar, some new.

For young adults, the second book in Philip Pullman's *Book of Dust* series, *The Secret Commonwealth*, is now out in paperback, and younger readers will be delighted that the long awaited *Dog Man – Grime and Punishment* is just published.

If you or your Book Group would like to write this page, sharing your favourite books, please let us know.  
**'Bibliophile'**



## Great Bardfield Parish Council report

### Covid-19 Restrictions

At this point in time and only 3 months since there was an easing of lockdown, we are now hearing of a potential second wave and the reintroduction of some restrictions. We remind vulnerable residents or those needing to isolate, that a group of volunteers remains available to help with prescription collection and delivery or if you are having other difficulties. Please contact the Parish Clerk who will pass your message on. 810111 or clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk.

### Environmental Concerns – Little Bardfield

Concerns have been raised with Great Bardfield and Little Bardfield Parish Councils by residents of both villages about the dumping of soil, rubble etc at a site near the River Pant and close to the boundary of the two villages, and increasing vehicle movements associated with this activity. Concerns on the environmental impact have been raised with Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council and the Environment Agency. The two parish councils and a residents' action group are working together to put pressure on these agencies to limit the impact this has on both villages and the Pant valley.

### Footpaths

A sub-committee of the Parish Council has been formed to undertake a review of all Public Rights of Way in our Parish. See separate item in this magazine.

### Planning Applications (for August & September)

**Friends Meeting House:** Tree management work. No objection.

**24 Northampton Meadow:** to cut two trees to ground level. It was recommended that the trees be managed rather than removed

**8 Durham Close:** single storey rear conservatory extension. No objections as long as the materials used are acceptable to the Historic Building Officer.

**Park Hall Farm:** conversion of barn to 2 x 4 dwellings and erection of cart lodges. No objection.

**8 Alienor Avenue:** conversion of existing outbuilding to 1x2 bedroom house. The Council agreed to object in line with the previous application on this site and concern over the misuse of the granting of permitted development rights.

The Parish Council will be responding to public consultation on changes to the planning regulations including the government white paper 'Planning For the Future', and Braintree District Council's consultation on the Local Plan and housing numbers. Residents are encouraged to respond individually to these important proposals. Deadlines are both in October.

### 30mph Limit Braintree Road

Our request that this speed limit be extended further out, following the

development of Deer Park View, has been lodged with the Local Highways Panel at Essex County Council, with the support of our County Councillor, Cllr Butland.

### Footpath – School Green

With the aid of a grant from our County Councillor we are able to undertake resurfacing works on the footpath along the side of School Green. We are hoping this work will be undertaken during the October half-term.

### Street Lighting

We rely on residents reporting any street lights that are not working. As nights start drawing in please contact the Clerk (contact details below) to report any issues.

Parish Council Meetings continue to be held by video call. These meetings are open to the public so 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. An invitation and link to the meeting will be sent to you.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

### Carolynne Ruffle, Chair

## Bardfield Boules Competition in a Covid Year

Madame Boules decided that once people were allowed to meet outdoors, that a mini-boules competition may be possible and that some teams may wish to get out and play in front of the Town Hall, maintaining social distance rules and not touching each other's equipment. She was expecting a much smaller entry (usually c40 teams in recent years) but in the end 27 teams of 2 entered the competition, with several new teams and many regulars.

So we are now 3 months on, two group rounds have been played, with 27 whittled down to 12 teams, and then down to the 4 for the semi-finals. The whole competition may be over by the time this is published but the semi-finalists are as follows:

Tom & Louise (winners of the competition in 2018 and 2019)

Iain & Louisa

Chester & Bailey

Cam & Rory

It is possible that we could have a family affair in the Final which will have to remain a limited attendance event (participants and their bubbles only). No Grand Finals Day this year, I'm afraid..

Hopefully the competition will be back to normal in 2021.

### Madame Boules

## Town Hall happenings

The Town Hall is now Covid-secure and, once again, available to hire.

As can be expected this is only possible, and legal, if both the Town Hall Committee and all users of the Hall follow the guidelines, laws and regulations set by the Government, so I am afraid it is not a case of just calling, booking and turning up at the Hall.

The Management Committee have been trying to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing rules and guidance and will continue to do so, to ensure we meet the requirements and keep our staff, volunteers and users safe. The Committee is responsible for providing a safe Covid-secure venue, the users for managing their use of the Hall.

It has only been possible to make the Hall available again with the hard work of the Town Hall Committee (which has only been able to meet online) and particularly John Maidman for reading through many documents and guidelines and putting together our Risk Assessment, which sets out how the Hall can be used in future, Paul Boon for installing and testing automatic sanitisers (5 of them), new door furniture to ease access, and Sarah Hymas (caretaker) for the extra cleaning and preparation of the Hall.

All clubs, societies etc. that wish to book the Hall will have to undertake their own Risk Assessment which will have to be submitted to and approved by the TH Committee prior to bookings being accepted. There are many templates and much (too much??) guidance online to help you do this, and of course, as the government changes the rules, so will all such Risk Assessments need to be reviewed. It is a lot of work for all groups, and the volunteers that run them. We fully understand this but we have to ensure it is done by all hirers.

We know some local village halls remain closed. The workload to prepare the halls and to keep them 'safe' is high. Others have reopened



Town Hall Yard: Edward Bawden

and increased their charges to pay for the additional costs of making their halls secure. We have decided to maintain the current rates at least until the end of 2020, but will be monitoring the extra work and costs involved.

So, some of the measures now in place at the Town Hall:

- Signage to remind all users to maintain social distance at all times, to wash hands regularly and limit multiple touching of equipment, tables and chairs
- The Hall, toilets, kitchen etc will be cleaned/sanitised after every use. This may mean the Hall may not be available for multiple user groups in one day.
- Only the Caretaker will set out chairs and tables to minimise who touches them. They should NOT be put away by users after the meeting/event (only touch your own chair). All will be sanitised after every use.
- A one-way entrance and exit system: IN only via the left-hand access into the kitchen lobby; OUT via the main door and the fire exit to the right of the Hall.
- Hirers will have to confirm how they will ensure that the regulations are adhered to, for example the current Rule of 6. It is possible to have an event with more than one group of 6 but the groups must not 'mingle' or socially interact with each other.
- All hirers must operate Track & Trace
- Facemasks must be worn at all times in the Hall, as with other public spaces, unless eating or exercising.
- Committee Rooms and the Bawden Room will not be available for hire for the time being.
- Private functions such as parties, wakes and receptions are not currently permitted.

Copies of the Town Hall Risk Assessment are available to view in electronic form or in hard copy. Please contact the Town Hall Caretaker, Sarah, on [sarah.hymas@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.hymas@yahoo.com) or 01371 811302.

Of course, we may find that we are unable to accept bookings if government guidelines change in the next week or so – it sounds as if it will.

Stay Safe Everyone

**Carolynne Ruffle**  
**Town Hall Committee**

## “Locked down, but freed up.”

**M**y lockdown began on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. On a normal work day, I would leap out of bed at 7.00am to the alarm clock's rude awakening, and then rush, rush, rush. On this day though, joy! A cup of tea in bed!

Then for the next few weeks, normality would be to queue at the Co-op to pick up my paper, sit over a leisurely breakfast doing the cryptic crossword, and before I knew it, it was the pop master quiz on radio 2. About 11.00 we would set off on our daily walk.

Then, because my lovely brother could see the length of queue of customers for the shop, from his home, he volunteered collecting my daily paper. He would leave a message saying “paper on bench,” (later abbreviated to POB) in case he was out, and we would pick it up on way home from our daily exercise. One day there was a sudden downpour, and the poor Daily Mail was caught out in it. I had to giggle to myself as I was placing the soggy pages to dry on the airier, that the headline that day, was “Meghan: The palace hung me out to dry!”

As every day went past, we were loving our routine walks more and more, noticing the gradual changes in nature. At one time, the pathway towards the river, was lined with brilliant white blossoms on the hedgerow, and it felt like stepping into Narnia. Our senses became more aware of the sights, sounds and smells of our surroundings. The best feeling, was the sense of timelessness. We saw a white owl, a water snake, trout, double poppies, salsify flowers, cows bathing in the river, with their calves, and chatted to a farmer about the worrying lack of rain.

Each day I'd think I really should do some proper housework, but I'd decide against it as the weather was far too nice! (I'm normally very houseproud.)

When not out on our daily jaunts, I would be either gardening, playing online scrabble with my brother, and our daily rounds of quizzes. Also my family, as far away as in Heddingham, Cheshire, and even Turkey, were taking part in fortnightly challenges. These included miniature gardens, self portraits, wacky hairstyles, sock puppets, floating petal displays. And because my brother in law is the proud owner of an allotment, most of his creations featured potatoes! So one challenge was anything creative using potatoes. I made “Spud Henge,” and my elder sister made a life size model of a man in football kit, with a cut out photo of Peter Crouch's face, sat it on a sofa, and called it “Crouch Potato.” All of our entries were photographed, and then voted on, all anonymously. We had really good fun looking at

some hilariously ridiculous attempts. And somehow Barry the potato champion, seemed to win more than any of us, with his hastily put together “masterpieces!”

During the peak lockdown period, there were a number of milestone birthdays within my family and friends circle. So, like many other people, I'm sure, I had to think of different ways to celebrate their special days. So it was homemade cards, personalised with photos, or collages, accompanied with cakes, or flowers I'd grown from seed. So much more love poured into them, than the normal shop bought gifts. The weekly online grocery shop delivery men were greeted like white knights riding their trusty steeds, even if some of the substituted items were rather random at times! Mustn't forget the wonderful help from various people, including the volunteers who collected our prescriptions, the local garden centre who happily delivered plants and bags of compost, and the great service at our shops. We mustn't forget that lovely warm feeling of camaraderie during the Thursday evening clapping for the NHS, when we briefly caught up with our neighbours by having distant chats. Nor will I forget the general friendliness of people we encountered during our walks. I really enjoyed the slight feeling of being “feral,” with my untrimmed hair, complete lack of makeup and jewellery. A great bonus to me, was becoming a proud owner of 3 raised vegetable gardens. Within days of having them made up, they were planted up. Thanks to an online plea for some leek seeds, a lovely man donated some young leek plants to me, that he had an excess of. This to me, summed up the spirit of lockdown.

To this day, I have still not worn a watch, and apart from one mini get together with a couple of friends, and on my 65th birthday “party,” still haven't worn jewellery or makeup. One thing I never forgo, however, is my perfume!

To summarise, I can honestly say that I loved the lockdown experience. It was good for my soul, and put a new perspective into my life to be less materialistic, and it underlined how much my wonderful family and friends mean to me.

**Pamela Blackburn**

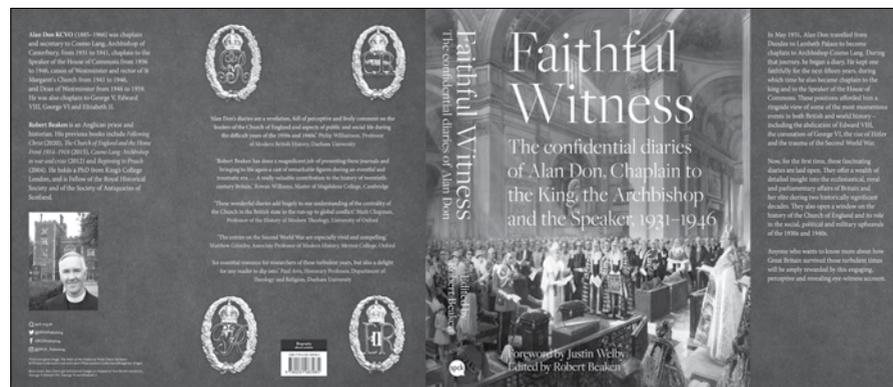


## From the Reverend Dr Robert Beaken

My dear friends,

So far, our re-opening of St Mary's and St Katharine's after the lock-down has gone very smoothly. I am very grateful to our churchwardens, PCC treasurers, secretaries, and all who helped me clean the churches and get them ready. At present we are holding a simple Eucharist in St Mary's at 10.30am on Sundays and a weekday celebration in St Katharine's, usually at 10.30am on a Thursday, though this varies sometimes if there are funerals, etc – check with me for details. It is a great delight to hear the bells ringing out on Sunday mornings. We cannot sing hymns in church yet, but we have some organ music, and I was especially pleased to see flowers back in church again.

On 30 September 2020 I published my latest book, *Faithful Witness, The Confidential Diaries of Alan Don, Chaplain to the King, the Archbishop and the Speaker, 1931-1946*. It all began just over five years ago when a letter in unfamiliar handwriting with a Norfolk postmark unexpectedly dropped onto my doormat. It turned out to be from someone called Robin Don: I immediately recognized the surname because I had come across his uncle Alan Don whilst researching my book on Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury 1929-1942. Robin Don invited me to pay him a visit him to see some mementos of Archbishop Lang which his uncle had passed on to him. From this first visit emerged the idea of publishing Alan Don's diaries.



Like Cosmo Lang, Alan Don (1885-1966) was a Scotsman who had been ordained into the Church of England. In 1931 he became chaplain

to Archbishop Lang at Lambeth Palace. It was the start of a glittering career which saw Don become chaplain to George V, Edward VIII, George VI and Elizabeth II, chaplain to two Speakers of the House of Commons, Rector of St Margaret's Church, Westminster, Canon, Sub-Dean and finally Dean of Westminster.

Don started to keep a diary in 1931 as he headed south to take up his new appointment, and continued it until 1946. Because Don straddled so many worlds – ecclesiastical, royal, political, and social – his diaries are not narrowly churchy, but provide a fascinating picture of Britain and her elite in the 1930s and '40s. A great array of personalities pass through the pages – bishops, priests, kings and queens, members of the British and foreign royal families, prime ministers, politicians, viceroys of India, musicians, portrait painters, soldiers, diplomats including Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi ambassador to London, and an assortment of scamps and scallywags such as Harold Davidson, the unfrocked rector of Stiffkey who was mauled to death by a circus lion. Don had a ringside view of the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935, the king's death and burial in 1936, and Abdication of Edward VIII later that year. He was closely involved with the arrangements for the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937 and he provides a vivid description of the great ceremony.

Don had a wry sense of humour which from time to time bubbled to the surface. He could also be very perceptive about people: observing Anthony Eden in the House of Commons in the 1940s, for example, he recorded his impression that he was not a great leader and lacked 'bigness' of character, which, given the 1956 Suez Crisis, was surprisingly prescient.

As we read Don's diaries, we are transported back to the world and culture of Britain in the 1930s and '40s. In some ways, it all seems very remote and distant. In other ways, it is surprising how much remains recognizable eighty or ninety years later.

When Don died in 1966, his nephew Robin Don had to clear out his flat. Robin had a recollection of having scooped up all Don's papers and put them in a large tin trunk. During one of my visits to Norfolk, we went in search of it, but only encountered cobwebs.

Robin sadly died in 2018. The following year his daughter Jo telephoned me unexpectedly to say they had finally located the trunk. The key was long lost, but they had managed to open the lock with a

grinding machine.

I drove up to Norfolk, expecting it to be something of a wild goose chase. In the event, I had rather a surprise. The trunk smelled a bit musty, but was full to the brim with papers and documents of all kinds, many of which Don had sorted into files before he died. There was correspondence with the Royal Household, 10 Downing Street, Parliamentary figures, the Athenaeum, Nobody's Friends, The Club (founded by Dr Johnson), sermons, orders of service, photograph albums, notes about his life, ancient cricket caps, medals, papers and photographs from the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II – and a small phial of anointing oil from the Queen's coronation that had turned over the years into gingery granules, like brown sugar.

It took me three visits to go through the contents of the trunk and make notes. Its discovery turned out to be the most marvellous stroke of luck because the papers provided extra information and filled in some of the gaps about Don's life, which helped me write a better and rounder introduction to the book.

*'Faithful Witness'* is published by SPCK, with an introduction by the present Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and a commendation by the previous Archbishop, Rowan Williams.

With my love, prayers and blessing,

**Father Robert**

## Sour Dough Bread

One of the first problems of the lock down was the difficulty in obtaining bread flour. It rushed out of the supermarkets at the same speed as toilet rolls. The other bakery ingredient that became hard to obtain was yeast. Now I normally make our bread so I had some yeast in stock but not a lot of flour. Obtaining bread flour was difficult. Someone was trying to sell a 16kg bag of bread flour on ebay for £69. I wonder if anyone bought it? It turned out that bread flour could be obtained from some millers' websites and firms that sell bakers' sundries. However the options were either five 1.5kg bags, a 16kg bag or a 25kg bag.

The widespread shortage of yeast has led to a lot of interest in sour dough bread. This is raised by a mixture of wild yeast and acid forming bacteria. As a sometime quality assurance manager for a major milling group and the author of a text book on the science of bakery I had to get

this to work.

Here is the method I developed.

### **Making Sour Dough Bread**

All that is needed is flour, water and salt. The flour needs to be bread flour. Bread flour has recently become difficult to get. Some small millers and bakers' sundry firms will sell direct but will insist on a purchase of five 1.5kg bags or a 16kg or 25kg bag. The amount of water needed by different flours varies considerably. Brown and wholemeal flour normally take more water than white flours. The recipe below gives the minimum amount of water. If the dough will not form, add water 50ml at a time with mixing until a dough forms. Then knead or fold the dough until the dough springs back when a thumb is placed in it.

This recipe is based on using a 1.5kg bag of flour. The quantity can be reduced if needed. 1.5kg of flour will make two tin loaves and some rolls. Bread tins are easy to buy. A large table mixer like a Kenwood Major will be needed for the dough from 1.5kg of flour. Alternatively the dough can be mixed by hand.

### **Sour Dough Bread Method**

#### **Making the Starter**

Put 50g flour and 50 ml water in an open jar with a lid, but do not fit the lid, mixing well to form a paste. Repeat the additions for a total of five days mixing well each time. The starter should be bubbling and ready to use. If not required straight away the starter can be kept in a lidded jar in fridge. To restart the starter from fridge add 50g flour and 50ml water for two days

#### **Bread method**

- Blend 25g salt into 1kg flour and put to one side.
- Take another 500g flour
- Mix almost all of the starter into 500g flour reserving a little bit of the starter for the next batch. Add 50g flour and 50ml water to the reserved starter and stir.
- The lidded starter can be kept in the fridge until needed
- Take 700ml water
- Warm for 2 mins in a microwave
- Whip the water in to the 500g of flour and starter to make a batter
- Leave the batter until large bubbles appear on the surface which will take about two hours
- Mix the flour and salt mixture into the batter using a Kenwood Major

or similar mixer. If the dough is too dry add water, 50ml at a time.

- Knead the dough for two minutes and check that it springs back when a thumb is pressed in.
- If the dough does not spring back knead for another two minutes and test again. Repeat the kneading and testing until the dough is elastic
- Weigh the dough to desired sizes and place in tins or on baking sheets. A standard loaf tin takes about two lbs or 800g of dough
- Prove overnight when the dough should have doubled in size
- Bake at 240C (gas mark 8) 15 min for rolls, 30 min for loaves. The bread is cooked when knocking the bottom produces a hollow sound.

Anyone needing further information on baking is directed to *"The Science of Bakery Products"* by W. P. Edwards published by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

**Will Edwards**



*Two different batches of sour dough. Above is a tin loaf made from a stiff dough as per the recipe. Below is a rustic loaf made by adding more water at the final mix to give a softer dough which expands more.*



## Village People – Janet Dyson

Although she was born in Birmingham, Janet Dyson grew up in Kidderminster, Worcestershire. Her mother was a medical receptionist and her father a clerk in the Co-op. Both parents had left school aged 13 and started work, and they were determined to give Janet and her younger sister the education that they themselves had not had. This included music, and Janet started learning piano at age 5. At



13 she learnt violin for a year but at 14 switched to the double bass because lessons were free! By the age of 15 she had gained a place in the Worcestershire County Youth Orchestra and when she started at Goldsmiths College she joined the London Bach Society. "It was just lovely!" she laughs. "Have double bass, will travel!" She had selected a notoriously non-portable instrument; but where there's a will, there's a way. Apparently a double bass will fit in a London taxi – and even in a mini - but is not allowed on a London bus.

Meanwhile the family's understanding of the importance of education had taken root, and Janet chose to study to be a teacher. She graduated from Goldsmiths College, University of London and took her first job as a qualified teacher at the Technical High School in Chelmsford where she taught music, RE and General Studies. Not long after she moved to Essex, a friend introduced her to Peter Dyson who worked as an Immigration Officer although he really wanted to be a composer. They married and Peter requested a transfer to Stansted Airport. They rented a small cottage in Great Dunmow, convenient for both workplaces.

William arrived soon afterwards, followed by Mary ("Congratulations on completing your Orange," quipped a friend) – and suddenly the

house in Great Dunmow was too small. In 1975 they decided to try to buy a home of their own, and to their surprise, found one they could (just about!) afford. It was in a nearby village – Great Bardfield. Janet and Peter bought 3 Fountain Terrace for £11,000 – unthinkable at today's prices - and moved their young family in.

She describes the Great Bardfield of those days as “a hippyish place.” Free spirits abounded. Their friends, Maggie and Charlie lived opposite in St John's Terrace. Charlie was a Buddhist monk, wore flowing robes and carved wood and Maggie painted exquisite designs on glass. They owned a goat, imaginatively named Goat, which grazed on the village green, and they would regularly leave a coffee jar of goats' milk on Janet and Peter's doorstep. The children hated it so Janet made banana custard from the goats' milk to disguise the taste. It was many years before they realised that their banana custard tasted different from everyone else's. The Dysons felt immediately at home. There was a brook running through the garden. Clothes were bought from the regular jumble sales - “The Bardfield Jumble Sales were amazing,” - and their immediate neighbours were Tim and Claudie Pinney on one side, Pam Suckling on the other and writer William Corlett and his partner Bryn Ellis in Cottesbrook – all unusual and remarkable people in their different ways.

A year after they moved to Bardfield Alice was born. All three children went to the “Play School” in what was then the Sunday School, opposite Bardfield Hall, and then to Bardfield School, before moving on to Helena Romanes. Janet and Peter got to know the other parents and their circle of friends widened. In those days their paper boy was a teenager named Grayson Perry. On Saturday mornings when he collected the money he got into the habit of stopping for a cup of coffee and a chat at the kitchen table. It's a friendship which was important to young Grayson at that time and it endures to this day.

Janet has always worked in education. The position at the Technical High School in Chelmsford was the first of several placements as a primary and secondary school teacher. When she arrived in Great Bardfield she was soon enlisted as a supply teacher at the Primary School. This led to her running a Music Club at the Primary school and weekly music sessions at the “Play School.” When much loved local piano teacher Miss Dare died suddenly, Janet agreed to teach her young student, Colet Patmore and once the word got around, she found herself with more

and more students. She's been teaching piano locally ever since. Colet is now a piano teacher herself, and a life-long friend, and Janet is just saying goodbye to her two remaining piano students, who are both off to University.

In previous years, she has organised concerts in the Town Hall. These were a way in which her students could practise their exam pieces in a performance setting (as anyone who performs will know, it's a lot harder to play a piece of music or a song in front of people than it is in the safety of your living room!) and they could also have a bit of fun playing duets and trios with each other – at the same time, contributing to the rich variety of entertainment available in the Bardfield community. Coffee and cakes were provided, and a lovely time was had by all. Janet has also been Musical Director/pianist for a number of the Bardfield Players' productions – memorably the much enjoyed Variety Show. “Whatever has happened, I've always been teaching music.”

She has also worked as a school inspector, and as an advisory teacher for the Local Authority. She now has her own company, which enables her to work as an educational consultant, writer and researcher; lately she's been teaching via Zoom to enable her students to continue in spite of distancing requirements. “I've been a teacher my whole life,” she says.

As a Research Scholar for the University of Hertfordshire, she has travelled extensively on educational scholarships, one of the most memorable of which was to attend a Narrative School for doctoral students held in Philadelphia. Earlier this year, before travel restrictions came into force, she went to Canada for research purposes. She completed her Master's Degree and more recently, at the age of 71, her PhD, which was done through Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge.

She and Peter split up 20 years ago – Peter now lives in St Petersburg, Russia and is a successful composer. Janet met and married Russell Sherman, an educationalist and historian, and they bought Hillside Cottage together. Russell was quickly welcomed into the village community and for a while was editor of the Bardfield Times. A few years afterwards, Janet and Russell moved from Hillside Cottage to Town House Cottage. Not long afterwards, at the age of 53, Russell died suddenly from a stroke, a great sadness. Janet's first grandchild arrived just before Russell died; there are now six in total, and she deeply regrets that he was never able to meet the others and enjoy their childhoods.

When she first moved to the village, one of the locals told her, “you will always be a newcomer.” But Janet felt that she belonged here, and has contributed to village life in all sorts of ways – at first via her music teaching, both privately and at the Bardfield School and playschool, and as director of the Community Choir – much missed during Lockdown; then with her involvement in the Historical Society and the Parish Council. Seven years ago, she and two friends opened a bookshop on Vine Street. “It was a lovely happy thing that came about between friends,” is how she describes it. “We imagined it one summer evening in my garden, over a bottle of rosé.” The bookshop – Between the Lines – continues to thrive. “Local customers kept us going through lockdown,” she says – first by ordering books while the shop itself was closed, and then by visiting and buying now that it’s open again.



Having lived in the village for 45 years, been part of the lives of many, many Bardfielders, started not one but two Bardfield-based businesses, and given an enormous amount of her time and energy to the village, Janet has now agreed to take on all the hard work involved in editing our lovely local magazine, the *Bardfield Times*. “I’m into seizing the moment,” she says. Thank goodness for that!

**Anna Bass**

## Great Bardfield Horticultural Society

Yet another month has gone by in the garden. I’ve planted my winter pansies and I am about to buy some winter shrubs. I have bought 150 alliums - now deciding where to plant them and which other bulbs to buy from the huge selection available. Make sure you choose large bulbs to get the best flowers. Make sure your narcissus go in soon-tulips can be planted later.

### The Children’s Runner Bean Challenge

Many thanks to everyone that entered the Bean Challenge. All results were returned to Linda Prior on August 1<sup>st</sup> for judging. A wonderful selection of beans and notes. Took quite a long time to judge. The winners were as follows: Under 5 years – Madelaine Woodcock, 5 to 8 years – Edie Brockwell, 9 to 12 years - Benjamin Yarrow. We were able to give all entrants a prize.

### President’s Award

Each year the Society presents the President’s Award-that is something we have been able to do in 2020. It has been awarded to Pip Chapman for sterling service-many of you will know Pip - he runs our very successful raffles.

### Postponement of Meetings

The Committee have decided to postpone the rest of the meetings for this year until 2021. We are arranging events for next year in the hope they will be able to take place - Government Regulations permitting. We are hoping to begin 2021 with a talk “A Year in the Cut Flower Garden” on Sat. February 27<sup>th</sup> after a short re-scheduled AGM.

If you still have a 2020 Show schedule could you please keep it for use in 2021 as the classes will be the same.

Happy gardening, wrap up warm and stay safe.

**Maddy Carter**



*Two of our lucky winners in runner bean challenge.*

## Nature Notes

**W**e are in October and before we know it the clocks will be changing and we will be into winter. We may or may not still have some nice weather to look forward to but as I start to compile these notes at the beginning of September some of our wild life have already decided summer has ended, the swallows have been getting together lining up on electricity wires in readiness to leave us for the long flight back to Africa for the winter. We don't seem to have many swallows in this part of Shalford but I did see a large flock having a feeding frenzy one evening; this only occurs when there is a hatching of a certain type of fly and although there may not be swallows nesting or living in that area they know when and where the flies hatch and they arrive for a grand feast. This is just one of nature's spectacular events which amaze me and reminds me that there is a lot we don't know. How do these hatches occur in different locations each year? It's as though the flies are trying in vain to outwit the swallows but fail. The swallows depend on evening feasts like these to build up the body reserves to sustain them for their long flights. To me the event was very rewarding in two ways, first to see nature at work but also to reassure me that the flies were still there. It makes me both sad and very cross when I see people who don't know what they are talking about saying on social media that farmers have killed all the flies, moths and insects with indiscriminate use of insecticides.

Farmers in the UK are some of the best in the world when it comes to using all pesticides. Since 1983 every one who uses a crop sprayer must have a certificate of competence in the safe use of pesticides and one for the safe use of the machine. Both of these must be updated each year and although I was both an examiner and a teacher for both of these disciplines I am now not allowed to use a crop sprayer or indeed purchase any agricultural pesticides simply because I have not had my certificates up dated or been retrained for several years, but the same people who slander farmers can walk into a garden centre or some hardware shops and purchase chemicals that are more dangerous to wildlife and the environment than the ones used on farms.

Just the last few weeks I have noticed that an increasing number of people have been putting photos of moths, insect, beetles and spiders on face book asking for identification. There are lots which I can't identify and a lot I have never seen before so it just shows how many are out there. It also makes me think that more people have time to enjoy their

surroundings and are taking more interest in nature in this time of lock down; so many people have been forced to slow down and work from home and change their way of life, I think for the better. Some time ago I wrote about my experience driving home from Little Hallingbury in the late evenings and how there was a marked reduction in the amount of wildlife I was seeing and I speculated on the reasons why.

I suggested that maybe the National Trust had culled the deer too much. Road kill had taken lots of foxes, hares, badgers, rabbits, and other wild life, or could it be that traffic had reached such a speed and volume that wildlife was giving the country roads a wide berth? Well since we have been allowed to form a bubble with selected friends or family I have been visiting my friend in Little Hallingbury and driving home in the late evening the roads have been extremely quiet, and low and behold, the wildlife has returned! I have seen muntjack and a lot of fallow deer, the odd fox, a badger, plenty of rabbits and one evening I saw a polecat! I had not seen a polecat for years! What a treat. So it looks like the speed and volume of traffic on rural roads is the main problem. Sadly it is on the increase once more but I mustn't complain as I am back on the road myself although to a much less extent.

**Mac Beanland**

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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**I**n these strange times we have seen people unable to attend their place of work. Many have been supported by a furlough scheme. Over the years, governments have taken various steps to care for the poor and those unable to work.

The Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 made parishes legally responsible for parishioners who could not work. Most assistance was given as "outdoor relief", meaning financial help but with people able to remain in their own homes.

The Workhouse Test Act of 1723 obliged anyone seeking relief to enter a workhouse operated by the parish. Several of these buildings have survived including those at Ashdon, Clavering, Finchingfield, Newport and Stanstead Abbotts.

Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 individual parishes were grouped together in a Poor Law Union which was responsible for constructing and operating a central "Union" workhouse for the larger



Finchingfield - former workhouse.

area. Many survive and have been re-purposed.

Great Dunmow's Union workhouse has changed very little in appearance since it was built in 1838 at a cost of £8,000 to house 350 inmates. One of the architects, George Gilbert Scott was a prolific workhouse designer who later designed the Albert Memorial and St Pancras Station.

The Union workhouse at Buntingford was built in 1836 to house 160 people from 16 surrounding parishes. It closed in 1933 and is now owned by a local housing association.

Linton built its workhouse in 1837 in Symonds Lane to accommodate 230 inmates. Today it is a retirement home.

Saffron Walden's workhouse, built in 1836 for 340 inmates, became a hospital and is now apartments.

Life in the workhouse was hard; families were split, husbands separated from wives and parents from their children - a stark contrast to today's benefits systems.

**Ken McDonald, Secretary**

## GREENFINGERS

Just picked up my 'homework' book and must begin on the tasks I set myself. 'Homework' you ask? My Gardenwork book of course. The jottings in it read: Remove *Euonymus* and replace with *Cistus* Alan Fradd, more in keeping with the white themed planting.

Carefully resite *Verbena bonariensis* seedlings, grow stiffer in gravel than jostling in a border with competition.

Dig up and split the *Phlox Blue Paradise* as it does not enjoy the very sunny present spot, half shade will suit it better.

The list goes on, a reminder to reorganise and reposition plants or ornaments. Just like buying a new pullover or having a haircut, there are benefits to giving your plot a fresh look. An easy way is to move pots to a new position or put up some trellis or lay a new edging to a border be it a line of small plants e.g. pinks or lay a row of bricks. New ideas come from observing other gardens, the telly or magazine pictures and my latest is from a visit to Audley End. Giant terracotta pots each sat on a square of bricks stretch across an expanse of grass, What impact! Five are going to march down the middle of my lawn all identically planted, writes Copycat Greenfingers.

### October Activities

- Time to plant bulbs Why not go theatrical and conjure up a theme? Try the 'bridal pot': White violas, *Convolvulus ceonorum*, silver evergreen with white flowers, and Tulip White Lizard, white with a silvery blue streak, a stunning combination. Or try the macabre look: black grass with black violas and a darkly mottled *Heuchera* with, of course, Tulips Queen of the Night.
- More practical jobs include cutting down spent plants. I do this to the Clematis Viticelli group, the type that make lots of growth and have masses of small flowers from July onwards; labels advise to chop down to 30cms in Spring but they look so untidy, so do it now.
- Remove to a safe winter haven those tender plants and/or take cuttings. Could you replace them with biennials such as foxgloves, wallflowers, stocks?

Finally a quiz question: Where does an apple tree flower in the autumn?

Answer: In Great Bardfield. Yes, there are two of them each in a different garden, does anyone know why?

Happy times! 🍎

## Private Passions

*Marilyn Edwards shares her passion for jewellery making and other crafts*

Having read Jenny Rooney's excellent article on her passion for butterflies, I thought: What am I passionate about? Immediately my jewellery making and craft work came to mind and I thought readers might like to know how this passion came about and developed into my jewellery and crafts business, "Mazza Crafts", which many will know through having visited my stall at events around the village.

I remember my mother being very proud of a recognisable drawing of a face I did with my crayons at the age of 2, so I suppose my artistic talents showed at an early age. Knitting was the first skill I developed. The first thing I knitted was a dishcloth. This was one of the things you did in primary school in the 1950s! My mother was a great knitter and over the years I became more adventurous and have knitted various jumpers and cardigans, more recently shawls, scarves, bags and even owls and Christmas trees for my stall. My next passion was crochet, but here lay a difficulty. I am left-handed and all printed instructions showed right-handed ladies crocheting. My cousin solved this by buying me a "How to crochet book", a hook, some yarn and a mirror! I love crochet as it grows quickly and I have crocheted many different things including shawls, coasters, cardigans and jumpers, baby blankets and recently, bags and a range of different sized storage baskets.

My mother did a lot of dressmaking and I quickly picked up sewing skills from her. She never liked doing the "fiddly bits" like zips and hems so I did those and thus developed many dressmaking skills. I don't do very much dressmaking now, but still sew and have made a collection of beaded clutch bags during lockdown. I was fortunate to do Art as my main subject at teacher



training college, where I learnt drawing, painting, lino printing, pottery and textile skills including machine embroidery.

"But what about the jewellery?", you may be asking. I have always enjoyed learning new skills and going on craft courses. I saw a one-day beadmaking course advertised at Hylands House in Chelmsford, so thought I would have a go. It was really inspiring and we made polymer clay, felt and metal beads. The trouble was, I had made the beads but had no idea how to make jewellery with them. A second course fixed this, where I made a necklace, bracelet and earrings, learning many skills in one day. And from there my passion has just grown! At first it was just a hobby, something I did on a Sunday on the dining room table as relaxation from work, but when I retired, I had more time and I started selling at events. I continue to develop my skills through courses and the many marvellous videos on-line, which also inspire me and give me ideas, which I develop into new products. I have been on courses on wire-wrapping, beading and pearl stringing to name a few. The great thing is, I never get bored! I can pick up my notebook and develop ideas, work on a new project or just watch a video for ideas and I always have knitting or crochet on the go. I am often asked to do jewellery repairs too. The best thing though, is that my passion not only gives me great pleasure in the making, but also gives others pleasure when they wear articles I have made or they are able to once more wear jewellery I have repaired for them. I am so looking forward to attending craft events again whenever they are allowed to take place and sharing my passion.

**Marilyn Edwards**

*Ed: If you have a passion or interesting hobby please share it with us.*





# Countryfile

**A**s I reported last month we have had only a very short period last year in which to get the autumn drilling done and February proved to be the wettest on record, so we have had to change some autumn varieties to spring ones and that work did not get done until the end of March. Then we did not get March winter frosts, so it was a difficult job to create a good seed bed and we had to change some varieties so as to be more suitable for spring sowing. Therefore the end result was that the yields were much lower than we had hoped for, we did not finish harvesting until the 10<sup>th</sup> September and the yield of wheat was only half what we had achieved in previous years when conditions were more favourable. I have never known a season when results have been so variable. Consequently, some prices have also started to rise to compensate for the shortages, but I don't know whether they will rise enough to cover for the shortfall. Spring varieties are usually better in quality but much lower in yield but this year March was a dry month so that did not help. We shall just have to hope for more favourable growing weather during the rest of the summer.



I started writing this item of news on the 11<sup>th</sup> September which was chosen as the date on which we would start the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, and it should all have finished by now, so I hope we can see the result for now and we can make a habit of doing it every year so we can always "Keep Britain Tidy". It is not really so difficult. It is just a matter of disposing of our litter in a responsible manner into a receptacle designed for the purpose and not just throwing it around. Some other countries seem able to do it effectively and so should we.

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It is not usually the farming industry that is leaving the litter in the countryside.

The two pictures that appeared inside the back cover of last month's *Bardfield Times* are a little before my time and are more typical of farming in grandfather's time and a much larger proportion of the rural work force worked on the land and the machinery had not been invented until the early 1920s - still a little before my time!!!

Now I see another change coming in the poultry industry since the introduction of the maximum size for Christmas parties has been reduced to six there will be a demand for smaller turkeys, so they will be killing them at a younger age to meet the demand for smaller birds. It will be interesting to see what the outcome is.

Now is the time of year to be planning the cropping for next year, but in the present political climate it is becoming more difficult to forecast what the future will be, and I am not going to try to guess. So, at present I have not got much more to say.

**Tony Hayward**

## Do you know where these are?



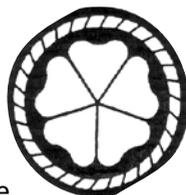
Do you regularly walk the routes round the village?

Can you read a map accurately?

The crucial, fast approaching date of 1 January 2026 is buried deep in the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000) which will affect the status of our well used routes. In order to ensure no surprises, the Parish Council is reviewing the Definitive Map of Rights of Way and they need some support. If you are interested and would like to know what would be involved then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Kate Fox.

**Nigel Hill**

## Great Bardfield Primary School



It was wonderful to welcome all of our fantastic children back to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We missed them so much and are grateful to the parents who worked hard during lockdown to manage home learning. This was a huge ask of our parents but in true Bardfield style, parents showed resilience and got on with the task at hand. It is evident that the children have come back in a good place emotionally and academically; a result of the partnership between and support from home and school.

Things at school are a little different to how they were this time last year! We are operating each class as an individual bubble and the bubbles cannot mix. This means staggering drop off, pick up, break time and lunch. Children haven't been able to see their friends in other classes and there are some restrictions on how they move around the school. Being Covid safe is a top priority and we have put together and are following a robust Risk Assessment, in line with the guidance from the DFE and Essex County Council. We are all following rigorous cleaning and sanitising procedures and have gone back to our Victorian roots, with the desks organised in rows. The children are not phased as they are delighted to be back together and have welcomed with enthusiasm a return to their routine.

Sadly, many of our usual key events are either not happening this year or we have had to creatively rethink them. One of the most important things to happen at the beginning of the Autumn term is our youngest new children joining Reception. These children haven't been able to follow the normal induction programme but are taking it all in their stride. They are now staying for lunch and from the middle of September we will begin to be at school for full days. Our new Unicorns are a lively group and are keeping us on our toes.

At this time of year, we always take part in the national campaign to raise money for MacMillan Cancer. This year we set our first homework of the term as a Bardfield Bake Off challenge, to make cakes and sell them to family and friends to raise money. We also held a non-uniform day and asked for donations. We have been staggered by the amount we have raised; a gigantic £446.21! Such an excellent outcome and we thank our whole school community for their support for this charity.



*Our new Unicorn (Reception) children.*

We have chosen our new School Ambassadors (Head Boy and Girl) for this year. These are two of our Year 6 pupils, Alice and Charlie. They have written a few words which encompass the feelings of all of the pupils,

'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 a routine. We like being back in our classrooms with the class displays on the walls to help us. We are grateful to have hot school dinners again instead of just cold sandwiches and we like having a bigger space to play on instead of being in our garden. 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**

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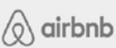
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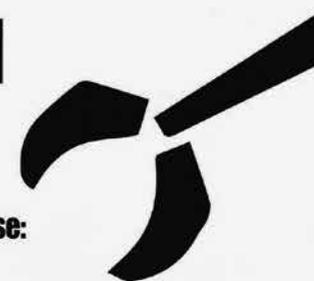
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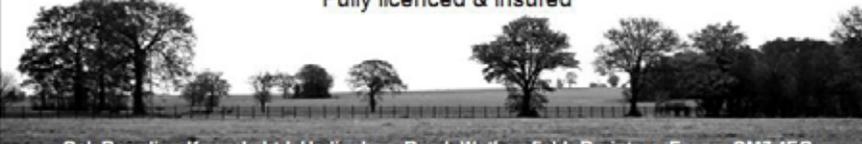
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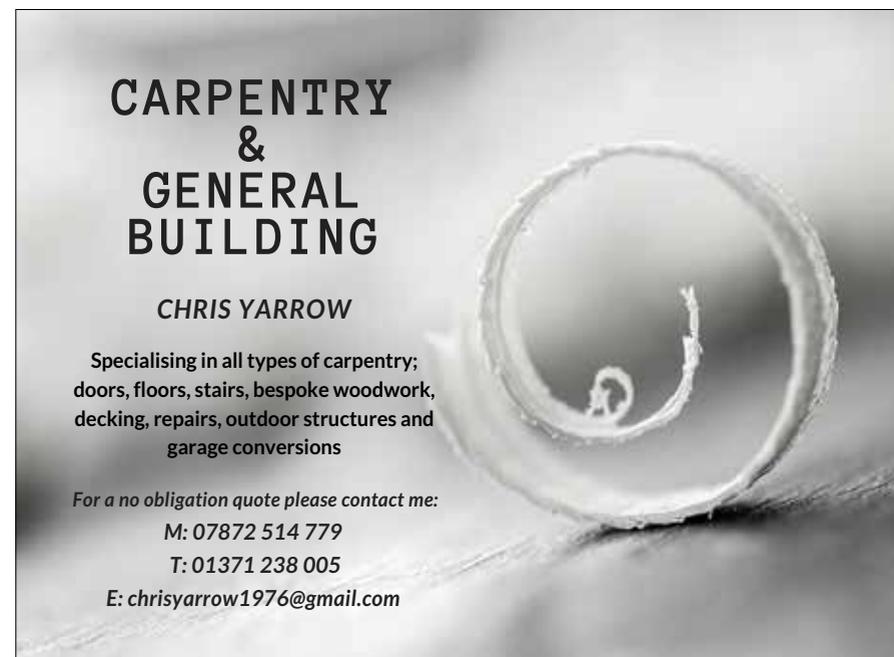
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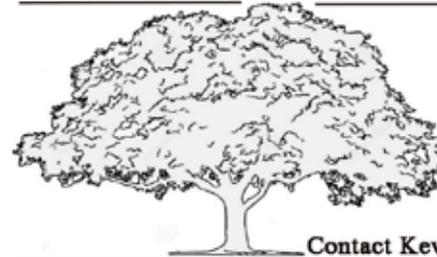


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Mary is the Manager of our Breakfast Club which is open 7.30-8.45am and we will drop them off at the top playground with their teacher. We offer a delicious Breakfast between 7.30-8am only (due to our ratios of qualified staff to children being affected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

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Pat is the Manager of our After School Club and children can be picked up from their classrooms or from the School's Clubs and brought back to us. Children from other schools can be dropped off directly at ours. Tea is served at ours 4.15-4.30.

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