



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

26th April 2024

Newsletter 28 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding children online – WARNING – this paragraph contains upsetting data

Quite often, as parents, we remain unaware of the dangers that our children face online. Each week I include a link for you to sign up to Alan McKenzie's e-magazine for parents, DITTO, which gives parents lots of useful tips and advice about websites, Apps and how to protect your child while they are online.

This week the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) published its annual report. Sadly, the frequency and severity of online child abuse incidents is increasing, while the ages of children affected is reducing. 92% of these images were self-generated; self-generated imagery refers to where a child has been coerced into taking imagery of themselves by another person via a screen (e.g. webcam or phone camera). This often happens in the child's home, e.g. bedroom or bathroom. This means that the overwhelming majority of children are making and distributing child abuse images of themselves and often their much younger siblings, from inside their own home. One of the most shocking findings is that self-generated imagery featuring 7-10 year olds increased by 65% (104,282 reports) in 2023. This is an increase of 1,816% since 2019. As awful as this information is, it is important that as parents and carers, you are aware that this is happening and the risks this can potentially pose to your children.

We know from talking to you that some households have a no phone policy in bedrooms and bathrooms, but equally we know of others that do not. With the findings of the IWF in mind it is easy to see why ministers are currently considering banning the sale of mobile phones to children under the age of 16. Whether this legislation comes about or not, as your school, we have a duty to work together with you now to do all we can to help you to safeguard your children. Offenders are often one step ahead and will use technology to their own advantage, therefore education always has been and always will be the most effective means of risk mitigation. This is as much about educating ourselves as parents and carers as it is about us educating your children in school.

As such we are organising a course of seven e-safety webinars, which I will embed into our weekly newsletters over the coming weeks. You will be able to access these at your own convenience. We hope that this will be a way that you can access information about keeping children safe online, as we know that not all parents can come to after school workshops.

Due to the fact that the information contained within the IWF report can be traumatising and you need to be in the right frame of mind to read it, I have provided you with the link to the report should you want to understand more about the current data report [HERE](#).

Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day

On Monday, Year 5 travelled back in time to experience what life was like in Ancient Egypt. We found ourselves in Thebes, which was under the rule of a very unkind pharaoh- Akhenaten. We made crafts for the temple of Aten (the sun god) and we celebrated the annual flooding of the river Nile, with a drama, dancing and even some wine. A great day was had by all.



Writing Parent Information Event

On Wednesday we hosted our Writing Parent Information Event. Parents and carers were provided with an overview of how we teach and approach writing at Kendall, as well as spending time in the classroom with their child/children looking at their writing in action. We hope that you found this useful and look forward to welcoming parents/carers to our Reading, Writing and Phonics PIEs in the next academic year.

EYFS Visit to Boydells Farm

On Thursday we went on our first school trip linked to our learning on farming. We visited Boydells Farm and had an amazing time learning about the animals on the farm, as well as getting hands-on with some of them. We milked Lady Autumn, the Jersey cow and found out facts about cows. Do you know how many stomachs they have? We learnt about donkeys, goats, sheep and pigs, met Lawrence the Llama, alpaca, ponies, horses and a range of poultry. We also got to bottle-feed and hold lambs and kids, see some new-born lambs and kittens, meet the resident farm cats, rabbits and guinea pigs. We also held chicks and met the male turkey, a cockerel and a goose!



A message from Eco-School Council



This week it was Earth Week with a theme of Planet vs. Plastics. On Wednesday we led a worship looking at ways that we could reduce the amount of single use plastics in our lunchboxes. We are keen to share the same ideas with our families and community and hope that together we can reduce the amount of single use plastic used during our midday meal.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Kendall Eco-Council.



Kendall SEND Support Group Reminder!

We would like to welcome all parents and carers to another SEND Support Group meeting at Kendall CE Primary School, on **Wednesday 1st May 2024, 9-10:30 am**. In this meeting we will be looking at local support for families for children with SEND (with or without diagnosis). We aim to build a supportive network for parents and carers to share experiences and best practice with each other. Mrs Smith (SENCo) will facilitate the meetings and will provide local SEND information to help parents and carers, but the support will be driven by what you need. Although it is a SEND support group, you do not need to have a child with any diagnosed need or on the SEND register within the school to attend. People with an interest or expertise in this area are also more than welcome. Coffee/tea and cake will be supplied.

Please note that this will not be an opportunity to discuss the needs of individual children with the SENCo. Parents/Carers are warmly welcomed to book an individual appointment to discuss concerns about their children with the child's class teacher and if needed, the SENCo.



Academic Year 2024–2025 Calendar Non–Pupil Days

Our five non-pupil days have now been confirmed for the Academic Year 2024–2025. Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for these dates.

Child First Parenting Workshop



Your Invitation
Step by Step
Parenting Programme
FULLY FUNDED

**We welcome you to join us for an 8-week Step by Step Parenting Programme.
This is fully funded for you by Child First Charitable Trust.**

Venue: Brinkley Grove Primary School, Colchester.

Start Date and Time: Monday 22nd April 1- 2.45pm every
Monday afternoon for 8 weeks.

(The course will not be running during the half-term break)

For more information, or to book your place,
please contact Amanda Rowe 07772 268691 amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk or Jacky Curtis
jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk

Supporting Community Events

The Rowhedge Art Trail 2024:

Please find attached the Rowhedge Art Trail leaflet with information where the Backyard Artists are showing their own work in a number of Rowhedge gardens.

Bluebell Bazaar at Green Island Gardens:

Visit 20 acres of gardens and blue-bell filled woodland and discover the delights of an open-air craft fair set among the garden beds.

Reminder! Holidays Taken During term Time

We would like to remind parents/carers that we do not authorise term time holidays and the local authority may issue a penalty to both parents. Please find our attendance policy on our [website](#).

Please note: If you have previously received a Penalty Notice for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance or been the subject of a prosecution for any child in relation to irregular school attendance, you may not be given the opportunity to pay a further Penalty Notice; your case may proceed directly to court.

Forest School Diary 26th April 2024

Our children in EYFS have been busy preparing a tasty treat for our resident birds. The children attached cereal onto pipe cleaners before hanging them from the trees for the birds to feast. Meanwhile others were enjoying baking gingerbread men, this was done using the finest mud sourced locally from our woodland.



This week in Year 1 the children made bird feeders using cereal which they hung from the branches for the birds to enjoy. Some of the children found a baby tree growing in an awkward place so they rescued it and placed it in a safer spot where it had more space to grow and plenty of sunlight. The children also made some bumblebees using pinecones.



Year 2 spent time enjoying some leaf identification during their session. Using a picture guide to help them, they were able to find, identify and match each different leaf to the tree, the children then recorded their findings. While exploring the woodland we came across a bumblebee nest. We were lucky enough to admire the nest from afar, it was really quite fascinating.



The children in Year 3 celebrated World Earth Day this week and with the theme for this year being 'Planet vs Plastics', we decided to do our bit for the environment by taking part in a litter pick to see how much plastic rubbish they could collect. We were amazed just how much we managed to collect in a short space of time. As a group, we also enjoyed a quiz regarding World Earth Day and discussed various ways we could raise awareness on environmental issues in the future.



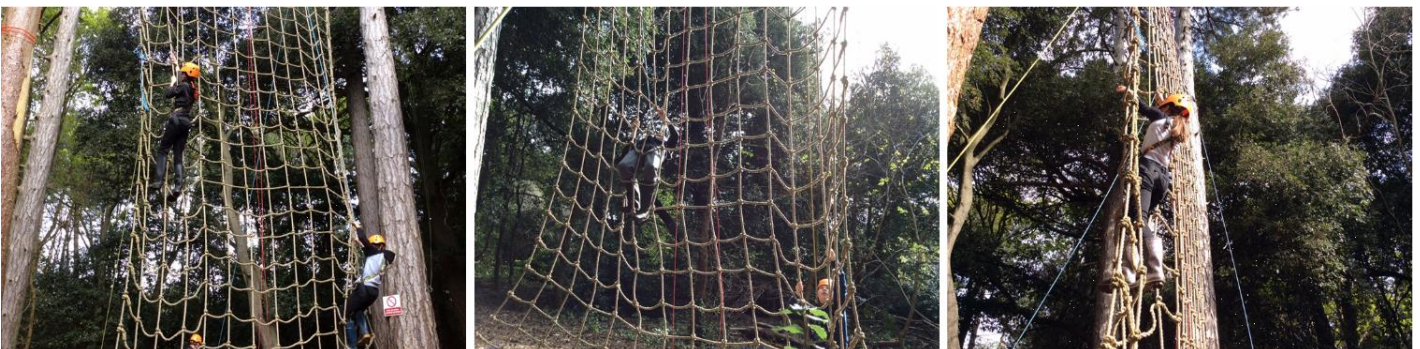
Following on from Year 4's electricity topic, Keith Kingfisher demonstrated how electricity and magnetism are related with a homemade electromagnet and simple motor, and how like charges repel, with a static electricity tin-can Van de Graaf generator. The children also enjoyed a spot of bird watching and managed to spot many of our resident birds such as robins, magpies, and starlings.



Year 5 added the finishing touches to their Egyptian shadoof this week. We are pleased to report they are now complete and next week we will put them to the test and see if they work to gather up water from our forest school pond.



Year 6 took to the high ropes this week, and the challenge was to climb the cargo net. Great work as ever, children!



Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done **Year 5** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	95.65%	
Year 1	91%	
Year 2	99%	
Year 3	97.1%	
Year 4	96%	
Year 5	99.4%	★
Year 6	98.65%	
Overall Attendance	96.7%	

(Week ending 19/04/2024)

Online E-Safety Magazine for parents

#DITTO is a free online safety newsletter in PDF format for parents to keep you up to date with online safety risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. You can sign up for this newsletter at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Food Bank Vouchers

Please don't forget that the school is an agent for food bank vouchers. Please speak in confidence to a member of the school office or Mrs French if you need to use this service.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to:
Rezou B and Archie W.



Maths Awards

Don't forget to enter!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:
Anjeta B, Jana F, Aleesha A, Gabriel FB and Sereen F.

Yours sincerely,

Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates		
May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Wednesday 1 st – SEND Support Group Monday 6 th – Bank Holiday Thursday 9 th – Year 4 PGL Parent Information Event 5-6pm Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th – KS2 SATs Friday 24 th – PTA Pyjama Day Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st – Half Term Holiday	Friday 7 th – Pride/Rainbow Day Friday 7 th – Year 6 Bake Sale Friday 14 th – Year 5 Bake Sale Friday 21 st – Year 4 Bake Sale Thursday 27 th – Year 3 Visit to Harwich Friday 28 th – Year 3 Bake Sale Friday 28 th – PTA Curry & Quiz Night	Monday 1 st – Sports Day & Family Picnic Tuesday 2 nd – Year 5 St Helena Taster Day Friday 5 th – Year 2 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – Year 1 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – PTA Summer Disco Wednesday 17 th – Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express Thursday 18 th – KS2 Production 7pm Friday 19 th – Kendall Music Festival 9:40am to 10:45am Friday 19 th – KS2 Production 1:30pm Friday 19 th – EYFS Bake Sale Friday 19 th – KS2 Production 7pm Monday 22 nd – Year 6 Treat Trip Tuesday 23 rd – Leavers' Assembly 9:30am Tuesday 23 rd – Last Day of Summer Term

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2023/2024

Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. Sadly, with school funding being at an all-time low in real terms, the school is financially unable to subsidise trips and visits to the extent it has done in the past. If we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost, we will reluctantly have to cancel trips or visitors to the school. As promised, to help you with budgeting, please see Mrs Nicholson's schedule and the associated charge for each trip for the summer term below:

Quarter 3

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Boydells Farm	£22 (already taken place)
Year 1	Hyde Hall	£18.50 (already taken place)
Year 2	Colchester Synagogue (cancelled due to closure)	n/a
Year 3	Born Free Foundation Workshop	£2 (already taken place)
Year 4	Siege of Colchester Walk	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Egyptian Day	£19.30 (already taken place)
Year 6	No paid trips this quarter	n/a

Quarter 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton trip	TBC (approx. £6)
Year 1	Colne Valley Railway	TBC (approx. £24)
Year 2	St Stephen's	n/a
Year 3	Harwich Boat Trip	£38
	Pizza Express	No charge
Year 4	River Walk	n/a
Year 5	Plants & Nature Workshop in our Woodland	n/a
Year 6	Treat Trip	n/a



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Mac and cheese (v)	All day breakfast	Roast topside of beef	Packed lunch Ham roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Roasted vegetable and cheese quesadilla wrap	Vegetarian all day breakfast (V) (VE)	Cheese puff (V) (VE)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Garlic bread Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Mushrooms Beans Hash brown Tomatoes Scrambled eggs	Roast potatoes Stuffing Yorkshire pudding Fresh carrots, cabbage and broccoli Gravy (ve)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Chips Baked beans Peas Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Fruit cocktail and cream Or Yoghurt	Fruit Shortbread (ve) Or Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit – honeydew melon and pineapple Or yoghurt	White chocolate chip sponge cake Or Fresh fruit	Fruit lolly (ve) Or Fresh fruit

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DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Solve the calculations to work out how many eggs there are altogether.

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Dylan has saved £35 to spend on gifts for his family for Easter. He bought the following items. Can you work out how much he spent and how much change he got.

Chocolate Easter Bunny - £3.45

Pack of Luxury Easter Biscuits - £5.25

Cuddly Easter Chick - £7.25

Easter Bunny Ears - £2.75

Bouquet of Spring Flowers - £6.20



If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Green Island Gardens

Bluebells Bazaar

Saturday 4th & Sunday
5th May

10am -
4pm

£7 Per Adult
£2.50 Per Child

This favourite annual event is a wonderful time to visit our 20 acres of gardens and Bluebell-filled woodlands, and discover the delights of the open-air craft fair set among the garden beds.

Email office.greenislandgardens@gmail.com

No dogs allowed except assistance dogs

Green Island Gardens, Park Road, Colchester C07 7SP

greenislandgardens.co.uk

Exhibitors



Andrew Webber ¹

Donyland Woods and Roman River Valley.
Oil and gouache [@andrewwebber_23](#)

Clare Smeed ¹

Black and white photographs: things that
catch my eye

David Piercy ²

Stone carving, constructions, painting,
collage [@david_piercy_artist](#)

Abbie Cairns ²

Text artist who plays with language, context
and audience [@abbiecairnsart](#)

Alan Woods ²

Paintings and Prints, landscape
and figurative

Kay Phillips ³

Hand dyed and stitched textile art
[@kay.phillips.textiles](#)

Maggie Leggoe ³

Textiles and Mixed Media
[@mostlypurplefelt](#)

Meg Prolingheuer ³

Textile art with free
machine-stitching

Laura Harvey ⁴

Ceramics - [lauraharvey65.wixsite.com/website](#)
[@laura.harveyceramics](#)

Cathy Constable ⁴

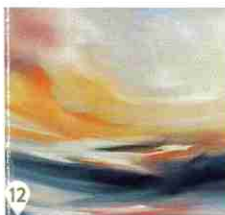
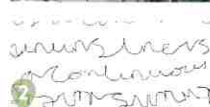
Fused glass
[@cathyconstablefusedglass](#)

Sue Bedford ⁴

Inspired by the natural world
[@dottybee93](#)

Simon Peacock ⁵

Block prints
[@simonpeacock59](#)



Geoff Lawrence ⁶

Shoots with Ray Winstone, John Cooper
Clarke, Mike Kane and more...

Shaun Whant ⁷

Oil Paintings : Aviation , Landscapes and Bird
Photography [swhant@outlook.com](#)

Wendy Fransella ⁸

Abstract art; acrylics, ink and charcoal.
[@wendyfransella](#)

Jayson Fletcher ⁹

Mixed media construction - wood
and metal [@colnecreek69](#)

Rachel O'Malley ⁹

Handmade Jewellery
[@rachelomalleyhandmadejewellery](#)

Angelina Whittaker Cook ¹⁰

Landscapes in paints, pastels and mixed media
[Angelina-Whittaker.pixels.com](#)

Carole Cornish ¹⁰

My work falls between semi-abstract and
figurative using mixed media and collage

Velma Guyer ¹¹

Textiles: Kimonos with Stories -Installations
and Wearable Art

Barbara Chaplin ¹²

Contemporary Mosaic Art for your
Home and Garden

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Contemporary abstract landscape painter
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The Rowhedge Art Trail 2024



Saturday **11th** & Sunday **12th** May

11am-5pm

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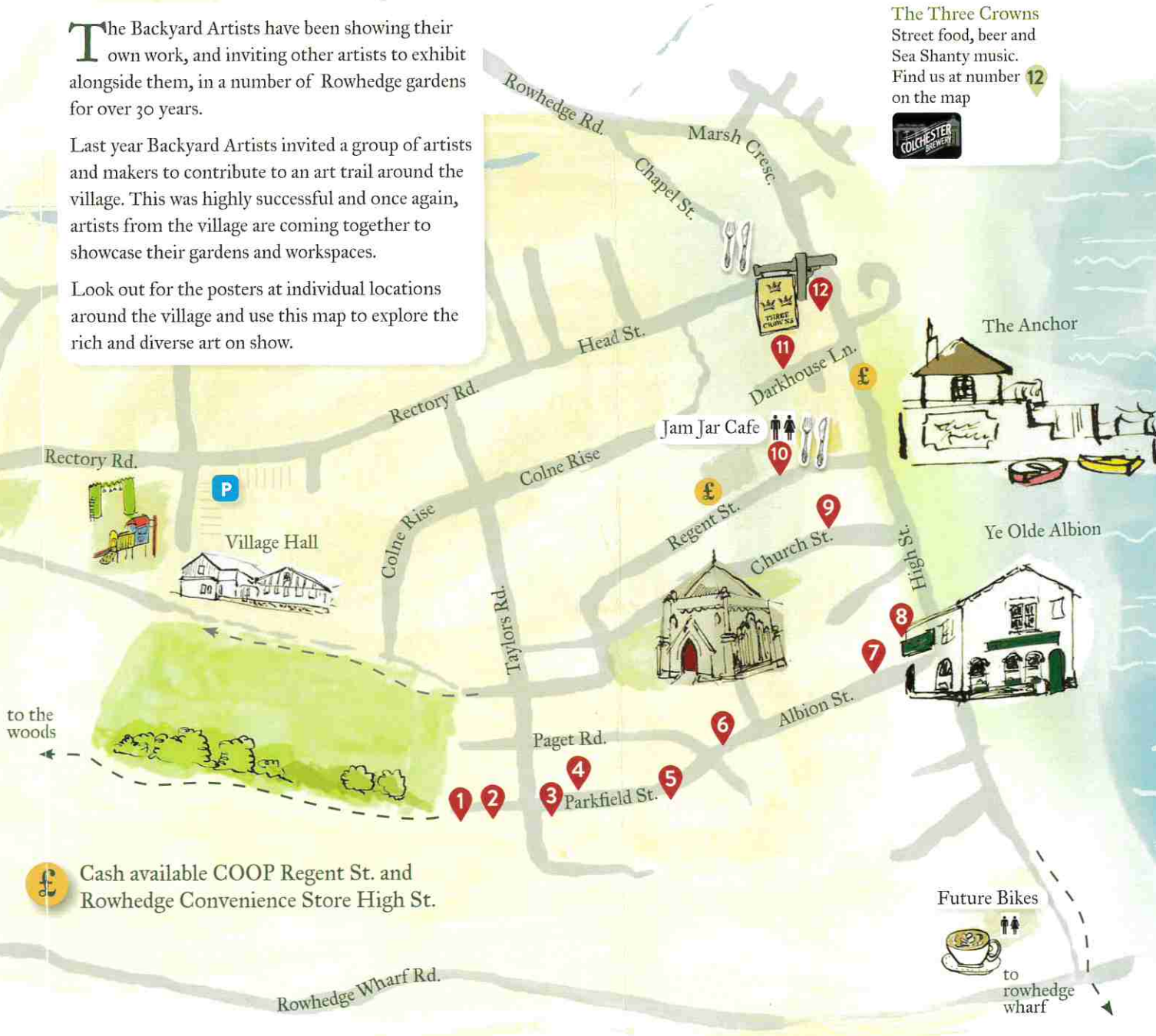
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The Backyard Artists have been showing their town work, and inviting other artists to exhibit alongside them, in a number of Rowhedge gardens for over 30 years.

Last year Backyard Artists invited a group of artists and makers to contribute to an art trail around the village. This was highly successful and once again, artists from the village are coming together to showcase their gardens and workspaces.

Look out for the posters at individual locations around the village and use this map to explore the rich and diverse art on show.

- 1 Andrew Webber
Clare Smee
50 Parkfield Street
CO5 7EL
- 2 David Piercy
Abbie Cairns
Alan Woods
46 Parkfield Street
CO5 7EL
- 3 Kay Phillips
Maggie Leggoe
Meg Prolingheuer
32 Parkfield Street
CO5 7EL
- 4 Laura Harvey
Cathy Constable
Sue Bedford
23 Parkfield Street
CO5 7EL
- 5 Simon Peacock
10 Parkfield Street
CO5 7EL
- 6 Geoff Lawrence
59 Albion Street
CO5 7ER
- 7 Shaun Whant
15 Albion Street
CO5 7ER
- 8 Wendy Fransella
Upstairs at the Ye Olde
Albion pub CO5 7ES
- 9 Jayson Fletcher
Rachel O'Malley
The Sail Loft, 2B Church Street
CO5 7EX
- 10 Angelina Whittaker Cook
Carole Cornish
The Crow's Nest
Courtyard, Regent
Street, CO5 7EA
- 11 Velma Guyer
The Boathouse
20 Darkhouse Lane
CO5 7HJ
- 12 Barbara Chaplin
Kate Campbell
Three Crowns
High Street CO5 7HG



The Three Crowns
Street food, beer and
Sea Shanty music.
Find us at number 12
on the map



£ Cash available COOP Regent St. and
Rowhedge Convenience Store High St.

Future Bikes

