

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

August 2019

Beehive team creates a buzz to take top honours



The first two years of the GW Community Network Interpub football competition saw interruptions with showers of rain - whereas this year turned out to be the hottest day of the year!

However this didn't stop teams from the Beehive, British Legion, Compasses, Green Man and the Rose and Crown battling it out, with the Beehive emerging as the winners.

Big thanks to all those who refereed. It was also good that there were more ladies playing this year. Perhaps even more next year?

Multi Use Game Area (MUGA)

The Parish Council is looking at replacing the basketball facility in Great Waltham recreation ground with a MUGA.



The lowest cost option is to do this by locating it on the current tarmac base as a "one-ended" combined multi-sport facility.

This means the mini-football pitch won't change, along with

the main pitch, something that quite a few residents have said is important. The MUGA comes with a number of possible options including cricket, basketball and football. It can be used all year round, is suitable for all ages and uses a noise deadening construction. Email your comments, to clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk, or drop a note into the Parish Office.



School's out for summer - find out what pupils at Great Waltham Primary School have been up to on page 6.

Show your support for the show

There are just a few weeks to go before Great Waltham Horticultural Society's Annual Flower & Produce Show, on Saturday September 21st. Plans are well under way, judges have been booked, tables hired, programmes and entry forms printed – and now all the Society needs is plenty of people to take part.

Whether you're a fruit and vegetable aficionado, love baking cakes and making wine, taking photographs, arranging or growing beautiful flowers – there are classes for everyone. Children's classes include computer graphics, the largest sunflower head and the popular Lego challenge, with sections for under 8, and 8-15. Full details are in the Yearbook and Schedule, now on sale in the village store for just £3, and distributed to all Society members for free. Any volunteers with time to lend a hand on either the Friday afternoon/evening (20th), or on the day, would be much appreciated. Please contact Society chair Helen Willis 07747 847240 or email hwillis@hotmail.co.uk.

From the Vicarage,

A time to say goodbye

As I write this edition of the Parish news I am acutely aware that I am feeling all sorts of emotions. For those who don't yet know, I have been appointed as Chaplain to Anglia Ruskin University Chelmsford and will complete the last year of curacy training at Chelmsford Cathedral, making the Cathedral my spiritual home, moving on at the end of the Summer.

So I am excited, filled with anticipation of things to come but slightly apprehensive and wonder what my new post will have in store. I am also aware that moving on means saying good-bye to so many people who have shaped me and had an impact on me in time as curate across our parishes, and it is never easy to say goodbye. It means letting go of people and places, routines and familiarity in order to take up something new.

I wonder how you cope with change, letting go or saying goodbye?

There is a section in Ecclesiastes in the bible that talks about there being a time for everything; a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to uproot, a time to weep and a time to laugh. In my mind's eye I can see this being a bit like a paint-by-number picture creating the tapestry and colours of our lives. Every number corresponding to a colour and contributing to the final picture. Although rather brief, my time in our Parishes has been rich and full of wonderful experiences and people who have been woven into the tapestry of my life and for that I want to thank you. Thank you for the conversations, for sharing your time and community with me. As I move on I will remember you with fondness and keep you in my prayers. So here's to the Summer, to the season ahead and the assurance that there is a perfect time for everything and for every activity under heaven.

With every blessing, Rev'd Jackie

And it is time for me to say goodbye as well. I have so enjoyed my time over this last 6 years (and 4 for the Leighs and Little Waltham) in these parishes working with people in the community and in the church, being alongside people as we travel through our lives together for a while knowing about joys and sadness's across the communities, people with no belief in God, people with some, people whose relationship with God is growing and those who are angry or challenged by God and what is happening in their lives.

Cont'd



Church of England Services August 2019

During August we are having a joint service across all six churches and we do not have any family services during school holidays. Come and join us!

Sunday 4 th August	10.30am	Joint service	Little Waltham	CM3 3LJ
Sunday 11 th August	10.30am	Joint Service	Little Leighs	CM3 1PQ
	6.00pm	Evensong	Ford End	CM3 1LJ
Sunday 18 th August	10.30am	Joint service	Chignals	CM1 4TA
Sunday 25 th August	10.30am	Joint Service	Great Waltham	CM3 1AR
Sunday 1 st September	9.30am	Communion	Ford End	
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham	
Sunday 8 th September	9.30am	Communion	Ford End	
	11.00am	Pet Service	Great Waltham	

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End AUGUST

Sun. 4 th	Family Worship	P Hamilton
Sun. 11 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pigrem
Sun. 18 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly
Sun. 25 th	Morning Worship	Mrs J Turton

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship
Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated
Enquiries: contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church AUGUST 2019

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am each Sunday

Aug. 4th Rev Geoffrey Griggs
Aug. 11th. John Amos
Aug. 18th. Marina Price
Aug. 25th . Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

Gossip & Guzzle 1st Tuesday of each month 11am- 1pm
Third Saturday of each month Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom
10am-11am

It has been such a joy to live in such a beautiful place and it is now time to move on. I am going to St Augustine's in North Springfield (on the other side of the road from the new Beaulieu development) to work part time and so have more time for my art and pottery – the kiln and pottery wheel in my garage have been largely silent for too long, and my fingers itch to get my hands on some clay.

And as I move on I am aware of those others who are moving on, starting school, changing school, going to university, changing jobs, all sorts of change – and also for those who are staying in the same place, particularly those who feel stuck in some way. And my heart goes out to the families who will struggle to eat properly over the summer and parents who dread this time as too long.

But I do pray for a good relaxing summer for us all

Thank you to everyone who has opened their heart to me, who has spoken with honesty, who has made things happen for the good of the community.

Jackie's last service will be Sunday 25th August and mine will be 29th September both at 10.30 at Great Waltham church. All very welcome – I am sure there will be homemade cake afterwards!

With love, Rev'd Caroline

FLUSHSTOCK - raising funds for Ford End loos!!



For those of you who aren't aware, Ford End Village Hall is about to undergo some works to improve the existing toilets - including the addition of a disabled toilet. Some of the funds have been very generously granted by GWPC (thank you!!), however the committee decided to hold a fundraising event on the 14th July, aptly named 'Flushstock', to provide additional funding.

Despite the cricket and also the Wimbledon finals being on the box, we still managed to generate around 80 - 90 guests who were determined to enjoy the beer, BBQ and the three bands who played on the day - first up were The Sun Rayz, an amazing rock'n'roll band who have quite a following and kept us entertained with their energy on stage - then Little Wolf, a group of local lads who have formed an indie band - they were absolutely awesome, and played brilliantly! Last up, for anyone looking for something a little bit different, were Raz, who played a fusion of funk and jazz - they were fabulous! Together with lashings of beer and wine and tonnes of BBQ food, and some gorgeous sunny weather, a great afternoon was had by all!! To top it all off, we made a handsome profit of £1,126 after expenses, which is brilliant!

Huge thanks have to go to the bands, plus everybody that helped out - too many people to mention here, but thank you all, it really is very much appreciated.

Howe Street picnic fundraiser



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in mid July the Howe Street villagers turned out in their numbers for the annual 'Big Picnic' at the village park.

The event, which started in 2014, has been a popular event in the diary for both the adults and children of the village.

As the adults chatted with their fellow 'Howe Streeters', the children took part in a variety of games - egg & spoon race, skipping and bean bag races.

Their finale being the customary water balloon game which had the adults in hysterics and the children drenched from head to foot!

As is usual at the 'Big Picnic' the final event was the penalty shoot out for the adults and the children. And it was to be a day for the ladies to celebrate as they showed their male counterparts how to take penalties.

The winner of the children's shoot out was young Freya Butcher who showed great composure in scoring all her penalties, and in the adults competition Michelle took the honours as she slotted 5 successful penalties past her husband to be in a couple of weeks time Martin Lane. He'll never hear the end of that one!

And so yet another successful gathering of the village drew to an end, and through the raffle £125 was raised for the Alzheimers Society. The village is now looking forward to the 7th 'Big Picnic' next summer.

Ford End Senior Tea

There will be no tea in August, the next tea will be held at 2.30 pm on Monday, 2nd September. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

Ford End Dancing

The club will meet at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

Great Waltham Village Choir Concert and BBQ

There was a full house at the village choir concert on Thursday July 4th at the village primary school and they were treated to a variety of fun and serious songs. Toni Cooper, the musical director, started the evening with a topical song 'Fly Me To The Moon' and continued with a selection of Gershwin songs, 'The Lord is my Shepherd' (Vicar of Dibley), a Doris Day favourite 'The Deadwood Stage' and finishing with 'Chatanooga Choo Choo'. Quite a journey for one evening! On a perfect summer evening the concert was followed with an excellent BBQ and glass of wine where choir and audience enjoyed a relaxing time chatting about the concert and village news.

If you would like to join our very welcoming choir then come along to our first meeting on September 5th at Great Waltham Primary School. A very warm welcome awaits and an enjoyable evening of singing.

We are also running a workshop on Saturday October 12th at Chelmer Valley High School for anyone interested in finding out more about the choir or just for an enjoyable day singing. Contact Malcolm Ward 01245360149 or Clare Lyne 01245 361996 for further details.

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News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The school year has drawn to a close; so much to celebrate. The end of year assessment results are very pleasing and reflect the hard work of the children, the staff and the support they receive at home.

78% of our EYFS children reached a good level of development – a nationally reported benchmark - and 70% of Y1 pupils passed their phonics test. Our EYFS children can be very proud of their first year – the academic success was clear and the enthusiasm that ensures they learn so quickly will no doubt continue in Y1.

Y6 children have said goodbye. They have been a credit to their families and our school. They have certainly enjoyed a great last half-term, Activity Day, Sports Day, Schools Gotta Dance, The Glint of Gold and of course their Leavers' Service at church. Good luck to all our Leavers and thanks to all whom helped them in their time at Great Waltham C of E Primary School.

Well done to KS2 for placing 3rd in the June District Athletics competition and pride of place for sport this term has to go to the 'Schools Gotta Dance'. 32 of our children from Y5 and Y6 danced to a sold out Civic Theatre in Chelmsford. Y5 danced first, the 5th act on stage - from High School Musical 2, a beach theme – street / jazz dance - We Are Breaking Up For Summer. Their costumes were fabulous and their dancing very polished - well done all. Y6 were the 12th act to dance - from Mary Poppins Returns, musical theatre. The children loved their costumes and dancing with props and really 'lived' the dance. A real sense of teamwork between 18 children (75% of the year group). A lovely lasting memory from their final year at primary school. Thanks to the staff whom helped and especially Mrs Squier for her brilliant coaching to prepare the children so well. Well-done to 92 children in KS2 for performing so well in the summer production of the Glint of Gold - a play based on their Egyptian topic.



We have six staff members leaving this term. Huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Fairchild for all their hard work over many years as the caretaker and mid-day lead respectively. Enjoy your retirement.

Mrs Fisk is leaving after covering Y2 for one year, team teaching with Mrs Welch. We are also saying goodbye to three LSAs, Mrs Farrel, Mrs Goodier and Miss Milton. Good luck to you all. Mr Paugh will not be returning from Canada after his sabbatical year. We wish him all the best too.

Sadly, Revd. Caroline and Revd. Jackie will no longer be able to support the school as they both have new posts starting in the coming months. It has been lovely to see them for Collective Worship, PTA events, in the classroom, playground and of course at church. Good luck both of you. From all at GWPS have a great summer break - school begins again on Wednesday 4 September 2019.

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Great Waltham Alternative Thinking Group

After the success of the Gong Bath Relaxation held as part of the Midsummer Music & Arts Festival, it is intended to set up a regular monthly meeting for people who wish to think 'out of the box' on a range of issues regarding spirituality and health. The programme starts in September with Essential Oils for Health. The Group will meet in the Legion Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45 pm and will be open to all Legion Club Members. To find out more, contact Andrew Tinsley - Co-ordinator (01245) 3690653 or e-mail - office@dental21.co.uk.

THE GREAT WALTHAM MIDSUMMER MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL 2019

The Astara production of OZ brought to an end ten weeks of our busiest Midsummer Music & Arts Festival yet! With 17 events ranging from a Consort of Viols to a Sing-a-Longa Mamma Mia, a play reading of Teechers to an evening with the The Frog Island Jazz Band and a classic Village Art Show to a soothing Gong Bath Relaxation the folk of Great Waltham had plenty to keep them busy without even leaving the Village during the Midsummer period!

My thanks go to all the organisations and businesses that took part in the Festival and especially to Ben & his staff at the Rose & Crown for sponsoring this year's programme.

So it's time to put my feet up and enjoy what's left of the Summer whilst reflecting on what a 'gem of a village' we have here in Great Waltham. Only the other night my wife and I were counting how many children who grew up in the village have actually returned to set up home and raise yet another generation of Great Walthamers we must be doing something right!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee for in-part resolving the issue of the Village Hall Car Park with their six month 'community spaces' trial which will hopefully be adopted in the long term. Also can I say how encouraging it is to hear that the Parish Council is moving one step closer to using the 'Library' in Great Waltham Village Hall as their new Parish Office once their existing lease on the Old Fire Station expires. If this comes to pass it will mean that all of the rent that the Parish Council pays will be invested directly into a valuable village facility rather than to a private landlord in my opinion an excellent use of our Parish Precept Money in what is a win/win situation for the residents of Great Waltham.

Let's keep building and improving our community!

Andrew Tinsley, (Festival Co-ordinator on behalf of the Great Waltham Community Network)

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North End Summer Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who helped, donated or supported the North End Summer Fete and Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th July. It was a lovely, sunny day and Blackchapel - recently renovated and decorated - made a fabulous setting for a very successful morning. We raised £486.32. This is a great start to our fundraising for a village defibrillator which will cost in the region of £2,000. Our next big fundraiser will be a Harvest Supper on Saturday, 14th September.

Twining Association - Apology



Last month's issue of Parish News featured an article and a photo of a presentation made at the commencement of the Twining Association in 1979. It was sent in by Joanna Steel, current presidente of GW Twining. Unfortunately, Joanna did not recognise the man on the left of the photo, Mr John Clark, the then Chair of Great Waltham Parish Council and therefore she did not name him in the article. In response to Mr Clark's request, Joanna would like to offer her sincere apologies.

GW Village Hall car parking

To the Village Hall and Parish Council for working together and getting a trial period of a shared parking solution at the VH. I live local and can walk from mine to The Stores, but have a friend who can't walk far (without the aid of oxygen) so to be able to park close and have a shorter walk made for a more enjoyable lunch as we were able to use the Blue Bays for a couple of hours. A great team effort and better for the village. If you think this is a good thing, then please let the Parish Council know. A decision on whether to continue will be made in December. Thanks, Jan Patch

Correction to car parking times: The trial parking at the Village Hall is limited to a two hour maximum (no return within one hour) free public car parking between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday. There are nine allocated bays – the 4 bays fronting South Street and 5 (including one accessible bay) adjacent to the exit. The trial began on 1 July 2019 and lasts until midnight on 31 December 2019 and, if successful, the intention is to continue the arrangement.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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From your City Councillor, Mike Steel:

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The main thing occupying me this month was the travellers moving into Ford End Recreation Ground on Sunday 23rd July. I was able to initiate the eviction process straight away on the same day using the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit (ECTU) which is a partnership of Essex County Council, local councils, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Police. Notice to Leave was served Monday 24th, summons obtained in court and served Thursday 27th with 24 hours compliance, and bailiffs ready to go in on Friday 28th. The travellers left on the evening of Thursday 27th. I have sent my thanks to ECTU and congratulated them on a smooth and fast process.

The City Council Meeting of 16th July considered a motion to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency that requires urgent action to make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030. Quite a few District and City Councils are signing up to similar initiatives. The motion, which included aspirations across the Council's range of functions, was supported cross party and passed unanimously.

At the same meeting, the modifications to the Chelmsford Local Plan were approved and a recommendation made for these to go forward to public consultation.

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of Monday 17th June 2019. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <https://www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/>

It was reported that Cllrs Steel and Martin met with ECC Highways Cabinet Member Cllr Bentley on May 21st and discussed the suitability of Ford End for an average speed camera system. The proposal was well received by Cllr Bentley who stated he would support the request but made no commitment to make the necessary funds available. He did however, agree to pay the costs of his officers to develop a design plan which would confirm the suitability of the site.

The Parish Council discussed the various proposed capital projects GW MUGA, FE MUGA, GW Changing Rooms refurbishment, and Bury Lane allotments mains water provision and considered the available budget from Section 106 and CIL provisions, supplemented by grant applications. Noting that the GW MUGA may take some time, it was decided to get a quote to repair the current basketball area. It was agreed that a new MUGA would still be considered in GW, but the public feedback was against anything which removed the mini-football pitch and a MUGA on this site was ruled out. The concept of MUGAs in GW and FE to be put to the schools to see if there was a need. It was agreed that the Changing Rooms refurbishment should proceed and quotes obtained and application for grants progressed.

The Parish Council have been negotiating with the GW Village Hall trustees to move its Parish Office to the VH. In principle, the level of ongoing rent/costs were acceptable but there was still a debate to be had around how the decorations for the office are funded.

The verti-quaking, weed and feed, and sanding and seeding the goalmouths, had been done on the GW football field and a review would be done in a month. A number of improvements to the allotments were discussed – communal compost area, timing of invoices, plot numbering, smaller plots communal decking area and adding mains water to Bury Lane.

It was agreed that GWPC would lead a sub-committee, comprising other parish organisations, to look at the 75th VE celebrations planned for next May.

Following successful interview of 4 prospective candidates for the 4 Cllr vacancies, it was agreed to co-opt all candidates.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19th August 2019**, at the Parish Office. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

OLD CODGERS CRICKET 2019

Sunday 18th Aug
2pm Toss



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£5 subs each player

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Office to let

The Old Fire Station in South Street will become available for lease when the Parish Council moves to the Village Hall. It has two offices, a central meeting room, a kitchen, a toilet and one parking space. To enquire, contact a.weedon@sky.com.

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