

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

May 2019

Local priority for new affordable properties

The new CHP housing development of 10 affordable rental properties off Cherry Garden Road, is due to complete around March 2020. The GW Parish Council have worked with Chelmsford City Council (CCC) and Chelmer Housing Partnership (CHP) so that residents and people with local connections of GW Parish can be given priority for half of the homes. Eligibility for these five properties will be determined by Chelmsford City Council's standard housing needs criteria and priority will then be given to applicants with a local connection to Great Waltham. Applicants with an established local connection will be prioritised in line with the local lettings plan as agreed with Chelmsford City Council and CHP. The local connection criteria applies to applicants already residing in GW, but also includes people with certain relatives living in GW or employment for a specified number of hours in GW Parish. Please see local lettings plan for further information.

Applicants who are interested must meet Chelmsford City Council's eligibility criteria and be registered with Chelmsford City Council in order to qualify. To register for housing or check the status of your application, contact Chelmsford City Council on 01245 606400 or apply online: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/housing/housing-register/join-the-housing-register/>

Allocation priority for the Council's waiting list is determined by an applicant's band (their priority need) and the length of time they have been registered, so it is important to register ASAP and keep CCC informed of any changes to your circumstances. This is a one-off opportunity for our eligible residents that shouldn't be missed, so if you know of any one that you think might be interested please make sure they are made aware of the application process, and that they apply to Chelmsford City Council as soon as possible. The website is self-explanatory but CCC will provide further assistance if needed. However, if you need any more info, contact Cllr Mike Steel, Cllr Steve Huggins, or Jo Palmer. We do have further detail on the "local connection" criteria if required.



Keeping the village entertained

In March, Great Waltham Village Hall hosted Great Waltham Parish Productions' 2019 Variety Show featuring song, dance and comedy with funds raised for Scouts and Great Waltham Friendship Club. All had a super evening and are looking forward to GWPP's next production of The Waltham Witch on Friday 11th & Saturday 12th October and their very own specially written panto Snow White in 2020. If you would like to

tread the boards or become involved behind the scenes, follow GWPP on Facebook and message them there.

Flowerpot painting fun



Six-year-old Summer Buckley was one of 17 local youngsters who joined in the fun at Great Waltham Horticultural Society's recent Paint a Pot Plant workshop. Dinosaurs, rabbits, cats and hearts proved popular choices and great fun was had by all.

SEE PAGE 7 FOR FULL DETAILS OF GW MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

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From the Vicarage,

One step towards a better world....

I want to share with you a dilemma I haven't found an answer to yet.

For Lent my husband Terry decided to give up single use plastic and quickly realised how difficult it is. Take a moment to look in your fridge and in your bathroom and see how much plastic you can see, most of which will be single use and non-biodegradable using a non renewable and precious resource – oil. We are literally throwing it away after very short times of use – sometimes 10 minutes – and it will take hundreds if not thousands of years to degrade. Plastics are complicated and a challenge to recycle.

I used to be proud of my big bag of recycled plastic, but now I discover that lots of it can't be recycled and when I look more carefully lots of bags say 'not currently recycled', as if it will be one day, which is debateable. I noticed too how I don't value plastic: I just think of it as something to throw away, until recently I haven't been conscious of where it goes.

If I start thinking how many bags of rubbish we will generate in a lifetime it is mind boggling. They reckon 177 million tonnes of rubbish every year, and the amount of packaging we throw away has grown exponentially over the past 50 years.

Of course we all care about leaving the world in a good state for our children – and yet we are not. Why as vicar do I think this is important? I think good stewardship of our planet is important, loving and caring for the world home we live in, passing it on to future generations. One thing for sure is that I don't think feeling guilty about it or burdened is useful – yet another thing to do, another way to fall short. But I do think we need to open our eyes to what we are doing and take small steps in the right direction.

Starting somewhere with something. Asking questions. We have started going to the farm shop and reducing the plastic we use, getting a box, not getting plastic bags, and taking our own tub to put fish in, being aware of what things are packaged in and can it be recycled. Terry tells them what we are doing and they say, oh yes more and more people are doing that.

Join us in creating a better world for our children and grandchildren.

God bless
Revd Caroline



Church of England Services - May 2019

Wednesday 1st	8.30am	Coffee with Christ	The Castle Gt Leighs
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals with Mashbury
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Rogation Service	

For venue please see Church noticeboard or contact Alison Bates

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator
Tel: 07957 228467
admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End MAY

Wed 1 st	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20pm
Sun. 5 th	Family Worship	P Hamilton	
Sun. 12 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev Canon C Sly (tbc)	
Wed 15 th	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20pm
Sun. 19 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev S Bazlinton	
Sun. 26 th	Morning Worship (cw)	Sonia Merritt	
Wed 29 th	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20pm

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 May 2019

Contact; Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am

May 5 th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	229th Anniversary. Bring & Share Lunch
May 12 th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	Messy Church 10am
May 19 th	Steve Fenning	6.30pm Geoffrey Griggs HC
May 26 th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	HC

Thursday May 2nd Gossip & Guzzle. 11am -1pm
Saturday May 18th Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am

Ford End Dancing

For dates in May please contact Wendy on 07889597879.

Ford End Gardening Club

The club has arranged a visit to Marks Hall, Coggeshall on Monday 13 May. Please meet at 3pm in the car park at Marks Hall and from there we shall have a guided tour. If anyone needs a lift please contact Alan Adcock. This outing is in place of our normal May gardening club meeting in the Ford End village hall.

Our annual outing this year is to the RHS garden at Wisley on Saturday 29 June. We shall travel by coach which will leave the Ford End Village Hall at 9am. There are a few seats still available on the coach so please contact Enid Adcock if you are interested in joining us. The club has visited RHS Wisley before and you may also have visited this amazing garden but there have been major changes there and it will be interesting to see all the new additions especially at such a wonderful time of year.

Enjoy the springtime in the countryside and your gardens and make the most of the lighter and, hopefully, warmer evenings.

ART SHOW

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SATURDAY 4 MAY ~ 11.30 AM - 4.30 PM

SUNDAY 5 MAY ~ 12.30 PM - 4.30 PM

ADMISSION £1

HOMEMADE REFRESHMENTS

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, 20th May at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Please ring Sheila Bearman 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

Renovations completed at Blackchapel, North End



The renovations at Blackchapel are finally complete after 8 months! In 2018, it was surveyed using the same 'quinquennial' (five-yearly) system that is used on Church of England buildings and looks beneath the surface and assesses the state of the structure, which has stood for 600 years.

The survey identified several areas for repair and others requiring further investigation. The most obvious was the front wall, which was very damp and sagging badly. We found evidence of multiple superficial repairs but the fundamental problem was that the timber soleplate was rotten at its base and bricks added beneath had rotated in the wet clay ground, plus substantial roots from the adjacent yew tree inside the wall. After installing a better brick foundation, new oak soleplate, new drainage plus repairing and re-plastering the timber wall, it now stands straight, much as it would have done when the chapel was built. Due to the Grade I listing of the building, all repairs had to be made using traditional materials, wherever possible, so the wall was finished with walnut laths covered in lime plaster.

Additional work included critical structural repairs to the key corner-post by the kitchen, to the windows, roof and tower, new rainwater drainage and electrical upgrades. In the ceiling, we found old repairs made with cement bags and a 1947 copy of Amateur Gardening Gazette, probably following bomb damage in the Second World War.

After this fundamental overhaul, the building should be good for another hundred years, as well as being a bit warmer and less draughty!

Walthambury Women's Institute

We were delighted to welcome Lucy Thorogood to our April meeting. Lucy talked about her career and passion working with textiles, bringing many examples of her fine work. Our Annual Meeting is Tuesday May 14th and we would urge members to attend to select our new committee and vote for our chosen resolution to go forward to June's Bournemouth Annual Meeting. As an incentive there will be cheese and wine along with our usual tea, coffee and cakes. It starts at 7.15 for 7.30. New members welcome.

Up, Up and Away Preschool

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11:00-15:00

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We look forward to meeting you!

Up, Up and Away Pre-school Saved!

We are delighted to announce that Up Up and Away Pre-School will continue to run under a brand new committee. We have LOADS of exciting ideas to implement, just watch this space! Come and join us on our Open Day on the 19th May!

Parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents all welcome to come and play!!! See our Open Day advert or contact upupandawaycommittee@gmail.com for more details.



Ford End Clean Up

Thank you to everyone involved. Now we can admire our beautiful village. Please can everyone help us by picking up the odd bits of litter that appear around their houses and help to continue keeping our environment clean. Thank you so much.

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- May 4th & 5th - The Village Art Show (GW Church)
- May 4th - Gin & Beer Festival (Legion Club)
- May 8th - The Piano Girl (Rose & Crown)
- May 11th - Chelmsford Male Choir Concert (GW Church)
- May 15th - Life on the Wicked Stage (Legion Club)
- May 20th - Folk Night (The Compasses)
- May 22th - Play Reading Club (Legion Club)
- June 7th - Music Quiz (Legion Club)
- June 14th - Frog Island Jazz Band (Legion Club)
- June 15th - Waltham Singers Concert (GW Church)
- June 22th - Legionstock Music Festival (Legion Club)
- June 26th - Jazz Night (Rose and Crown)
- June 28th - Sing-A-Long 'Mamma Mia' (Legion Club)
- June 29th - Concert of Medieval Music (GW Church)
- July 3rd - Gong Bath for Relaxation (Legion Club)
- July 4th - Gt Waltham Choir & BBQ (GW School)
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Great Waltham Village Hall

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8.00pm Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Great Waltham Village Hall, South Street, Great Waltham CM3 1DF

All inhabitants of the area of benefit of eighteen years of age and upward are entitled to attend and vote. The area of benefit is the Parish of Great Waltham as constituted on 9th July 1889.

At the AGM:

- The report and accounts of the Charity for the preceding year will be presented
- Not more than five trustees of the Charity are to be elected with their appointment to take effect at the end of the meeting
- The appointments of the presently elected trustees of the Charity will expire at the end of the meeting

Jo Palmer, Chair of the Trustees

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LICENSED BAR
Sunday 14th July 3pm-7pm
We're raising funds for new toilets for the Village Hall. Join us at 'Flushstock', a fun day at the hall with great rock 'n' roll live music courtesy of the fabulous Sun Rays. Have a drink at our bar and some delicious food from the barbecue.
Adults #12 Children #8
To book tickets contact: 01206 254444 or 07722 312399

Colts Cricket training

Colts cricket training for ages 9 to 15 starts on Monday, 29th April and is open to all budding cricketers. Those new to GW Cricket Club can try their first session free of charge. For ages 5 to 8 the club are running the ECB All Stars initiative starting Monday, 3rd June. Details and booking instructions can be found on <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>. For more information ring Catherine Reed on 07970 853 338.

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 18th March 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/>

A sub-committee of GWPC reported that they had met with GW VH trustees to discuss their offer of making 9 car parking spaces available for public use 5 days a week between 8.30m and 5pm, with a 2 hour limit, for an annual fee of £1,250. The PC agreed to proceed with a trial period but on the basis that the limit be set by the PC for the trial period. The sub-committee will respond to GVVH on this basis to see if they wish to proceed.

Following comments about the state of GW football pitch, the PC arranged for an FA pitch Inspector to produce a report on a maintenance programme. The report should be available for the next meeting, with associated costs.

It was reported that the PC continued to negotiate with CHP on the lease of 14 car parking spaces on the new GW "garages" site (with an allocation for Scout use). A marked up lease had been sent to CHP. In parallel, the PC initiated obtaining quotes for legal support to finalise the lease. However, it was noted that the building work would not complete before March 2020 so such parking would not be available until then.

Options for a Multi Use Games Unit (MUGA) were presented, either to replace the current basketball area in the GW Recreation Ground, or a more ambitious arrangement covering the mini-pitch. It was agreed that the options should be costed and reported to the next Recreation Meeting.

The PC responded to the invitation by ECC Highways to nominate a small number of Footways in need of repair. 7 locations were identified across the whole Parish with a priority assignment.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **20th May 2019**, at the Parish Council Office. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

New surface for car park

Those that use the Recreation Ground car park will be pleased to see that it has been totally refurbished by Great Waltham Parish Council with a new surface. The work also includes drainage so that surface water can soakaway. For most of the winter, the car park has been more of a lake than somewhere to park, whilst using the Recreation Ground. Over many years the shingle had compacted down and was so compressed that water would not drain away. Hopefully, the problem is now solved.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The spring term has drawn to a conclusion and there was much to reflect upon and celebrate. Parent/teacher consultations saw 96% of our children's parents visit to discuss progress – always an important part of the year.

Chelmsford City Football Club visited assembly before Easter—the children enjoyed the presentation and were all given free tickets for a game. Our football, netball and rugby teams all played and won some fixtures.

Our Easter Service was well attended and it was lovely to share this special service with the community. The children shared poems, reading, artwork and singing as we reflect upon this most important time in the Christian calendar.

The Florence Nightingale Day was a great opportunity for the children to become immersed in history and imagine what life may have been like over 100 years ago. The various workshops were popular and the children showed good energy and attentiveness all day.

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