

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

March 2019

Pleas for volunteers & new members Two village institutions threatened with closure

Great Waltham Horticultural Society is desperately seeking a new show secretary and volunteers to help run this year's Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday, September 21.

The Society committee has set **Friday, March 22** as deadline day after which, if not enough support is forthcoming, a decision will have to be made to either scale back the show or cancel it completely. If that happens, it will be the end of a village tradition that began way back in 1873.

Held across both the village hall and the primary school, last year's event attracted more than 1,000 entries; showcasing everything from flowers to vegetables, cakes, wines and photographs, plus an array of entries from schoolchildren, including robots from recycled materials, miniature gardens, and handwriting competitions.

Previous show secretary Jane Moore stepped down in January after nearly 10 years in the role, and the committee has paid tribute to her hard work, saying: "Jane did a tremendous job organising the show and she has our sincere gratitude for everything she has done."

"While we very much want the show to continue, we are unable to fill Jane's shoes from within our committee, and that's why we want to appeal to anyone with great organisational skills and some time to spare, to come and join us and keep this great village tradition alive."

Although much of the early planning for the show has already been completed, the show secretary plays a vital role in helping to co-ordinate the event in the run-up to the big day and ensuring everything runs smoothly over the weekend.

In addition, volunteers will be required to help set up the show the night before (Friday, September 20) and on the day itself, with tasks including selling tickets on the door, serving refreshments and both setting up and taking down the displays.

The Society committee will take a final decision at its next meeting on March 26. If you think you can help save the show or would like to find out more, please contact membership secretary Helen Willis on 07747 847240 or email hnwillis@hotmail.co.uk before March 22. Or contact the Society via its Facebook page.



Turn to page 3 to find out why Essex pop star & TV performer Olly Murs popped into Great Waltham Primary School.

Walthambury Women's Institute

We have a crisis. Are there any younger ladies who would like to join us and revitalise our Women's Institute. If we fail to secure a treasurer at our **AGM in May** we can carry on until December but then we will have to close. There has been a WI in Great Waltham for many, many years. What a shame after all those years of success. If there is anybody interested in becoming a member perhaps in the future taking over the leadership to encourage younger ladies to join us please contact Pam Crouch on 01371 832986 or Sheila Williams on 01245 440581 or any other member of the committee you might know.. See page 4 for more WI news.

From the Vicarage,

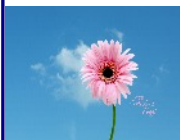
The month of March celebrates many things, from the beautiful spring flowers we see dotted about our gardens and countryside to end of the month where the clocks go forward an hour and Daylight Saving Time starts, giving us more daylight in the evening. For many this is a relief as we move away from the winter and the dark nights towards the Spring, budding with new life.

March is also Women's History Month, where heroines of history are remembered for shaping the modern world. Women including Amy Johnson, Rosalind Franklin, Ada, Countess of Lovelace and Eleanor Duchess of Aquitaine. These women forged new paths and discovered new grounds in the air, in the science lab and computer industry and politics.

March is also a significant time in the Church of England as the first 32 women were ordained as Church of England Priests. This change has seen many women step forward into leadership offering their gifts and service to the church and the wider community.

I remember going forward to the Bishop's Advisory Panel in March 2014 in Ely as my own call to Ordination would be decided upon, which would not even have been a possibility if it hadn't been for those first females who fought to make a way.

At the end of March, we celebrate Mothering Sunday and think about the women who have raised us, cared for us and given the best they could for us. These are the unsung heroes in our communities, an army of women who give sacrificially and selflessly every day of the year. It is a time to say thank-you and appreciate all the things they do day in day out which at times go unnoticed. Of course it is also important to acknowledge that Mothering Sunday is a difficult time of year for those who may have lost children, not had children or remember the pain of their own mother's not being with them any longer. This tide of loss sweeps in and out over the course of the year but it is perhaps made more poignant at Mothering Sunday. As a church we hold the two tensions together and invite you to come as you are where you will find a service to meet your needs because we serve a God that is compassionate towards us, and draws near to us wherever we may find ourselves. Whether we are joyful and celebrate or whether we are sad, lonely and feel like we are covered in darkness, His light and His love break in.



Church of England Services March 2019

Sunday 3rd	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Wednesday 6th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Great Leighs
Sunday 10th	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Service of the Word	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 17th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Communion Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals & Mashbury
Sunday 24th	9.30 am 11.00am	Service of the Word Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 31st	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Mothering Sunday Mothering Sunday Mothering Sunday Blue Mothering Sunday Service	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals & Mashbury G Waltham

Easter Services

April 18th	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm	Stripping of the Altar and Vigil	G Waltham
April 19th	Good Friday 10am–12noon 2pm	The Happening (for Children) At the Foot of the Cross	G W Gt Waltham
April 21st	Easter Sunday 9.30am 11am 11am	Communion Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator
Tel: 07957 228467
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Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End March 2019

Sunday 3 rd	Family Worship	P Hamilton
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev Stephen Bazlinton
Sunday 17 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly (tbc)
Sunday 24 th	Morning Worship (cw)	Sonia Merritt
Sunday 31 st	Join in Worship at Holy Cross Church, Felsted	at 11.00

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

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Like the fresh Spring flowers pushing their way through the earth and breaking the ground with their vibrant colours. Springtime is a wonderful time to remind that out of darkness comes light, out of the dust of the earth comes new life and wherever we may find ourselves, there is always hope. May your Springtime be blessed and may you be carried forward with joy!

Rev'd Jackie

News from Great Waltham C of E Primary School

We have reached the halfway point of the school year. Our Y6 children are now counting down their last 1.5 terms at primary school. They have much to look forward to.

The Collective Worship theme in the last week before half-term was 'Our Community'. We shared with children the various members of our local community such as police, fire brigade, doctors & nurses, volunteers etc. It was then the children welcomed a surprise visitor to school – Olly Murs! He was there for surprise for our finance assistant Mrs Emma Castle. To say there were some excited children and adults would be a quite the understatement. Easy to forget he is a local boy, from Witham.

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Cross Country teams ran well in the last races of the season. We had seven children with top ten finishes including a 5th for Jamie in Y3, 4th for Charlie in Y6 and 3rd (and bronze medal) for Brooke in Y6. Year 3 girls came 3rd, Y6 girls and boys 2nd and Y5 boys 1st in strong team performances. The season concludes with relay (yes relays of around 1000m) after half-term. Pupils from Y5/6 represented the school at an Indoor Athletics tournament and Y4 at a similar event called Superstars. Both groups thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities on offer.

Class North America delivered a splendid Class Assembly, very child led, to showcase many subjects in school including BODMAS in maths, expanded noun phrases in English, components of blood in science, playing the ukulele, gymnastics and hockey demonstrations, RE, PSHE, art and history.

Mr Andrews, a parent visited Class Asia to talk about his hobby of Bird Watching- the children enjoyed walking the school grounds to explore and try to spot different species of birds.

We concluded the half-term with a disco on Valentine's Day, two separate dance opportunities for EYFS&KS1 then KS2. Thanks to the FOGWS (our PTA) for organising this.

Next half term Y2 will take part in the Infant Music Festival at Christ Church to name many events taking place. We also look forward to our Easter Service at church in April.



Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church MARCH 2019

Contact; Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am Each Sunday

Sunday 3rd	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	
Sunday 10th	Christina McClure.	10am. Messy Church. 6.30pm HC G Griggs
Sunday 17th	Mike Shelbourne	
Sunday 24th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs.	HC
Sunday 31st	Vivienne Freeman	Mothering Sunday Favourite Hymns & Why?

Thursday 7th Gossip & Guzzle. 11am -1pm
Saturday 16th Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am

Ford End Gardening Club

John Walker visited the club on 11 February to give a talk on the pronunciation, derivation and meaning of plant names.

Of course we are talking about the Latin names for all our flora. By giving plants a Latin name means that it remains the same throughout the world and prevents confusion. For instance, what is called a buttercup in the Caribbean is nothing like our own and is in fact *Allamanda*. In Shakespeare's words 'That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet'.

Theophrastus (370-287BC) described and listed plants for illnesses and was the first to carry out any work of this type. So many learned botanists collected and catalogued plants over the centuries including Columbus and our own Essex boy (born in Bocking) John Ray (1627-1705) who attended Cambridge University, became the father of English botany. There is a brilliant section devoted to him in the Braintree Museum.

The speaker for our March meeting on the 11th will be Stephen Westover (from Gosfield Woodland Products) who will be talking about woodland management. This will be held in the Ford End Village Hall starting at 7.30 and, as always, we will be pleased to see new faces.

Waltham Singers

The Brilliance of Youth

Music by Puccini, Shostakovich and Verdi

Saffron Hall

16th March 2019 7.30pm



The Waltham Singers' forthcoming concert marks their debut at the award winning Saffron Hall in Saffron Walden. The choir looks forward to performing in the critically acclaimed acoustic of the hall, which has played host to the likes of the London Philharmonic Orchestra and The Sixteen, on 16th March.

Along with frequent collaborators the Salomon Orchestra, they will present a scintillating programme of youthful works, including Puccini's joyful graduation exercise 'Messa di Gloria' (composed in 1880) and choruses from Verdi's early operas - *Va, pensiero* from his *Nabucco* (1842), along with *Coro di crociati e pellegrini* from *I Lombardi* (1843).

Pianist Tim Carey, who lives in Chelmsford, will also play Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No.2 which the composer wrote in 1957 as a birthday present for his 19 year old son Maxim.

Please do come and join us for this exciting event. Tickets can be purchased online through Saffron Hall's secure website <http://saffronhall.com>, or by phone on 0845 548 7650.



To the new members that have joined us in recent weeks. Are you still thinking about it?

Then, be bold, be brave, come along to Great Waltham School on Thursday at 7.00 pm and give it a try. First night is FREE including coffee. We are currently getting up steam with "Chattanooga Choo Choo" as well as "Working on the Railroad." Another new one this term is the choral version of the Irish blessing with which Rev'd Caroline usually concludes the Sunday morning services. Have fun, make your Thursday evenings something special. We hope to see you there.

Walthambury Women's Institute

On the 6th February quite a few of our members met at the Spotted Dog at Barnston and enjoyed a very pleasant lunch.

At our February meeting we welcomed Revd Caroline Brown whose talk was entitled "The Secret Life of a Rural Vicar" Caroline entertained us with tales of rock climbing, sailing, painting and recently surfing. How she finds time is a mystery as she is also a very busy Vicar to 6 churches.

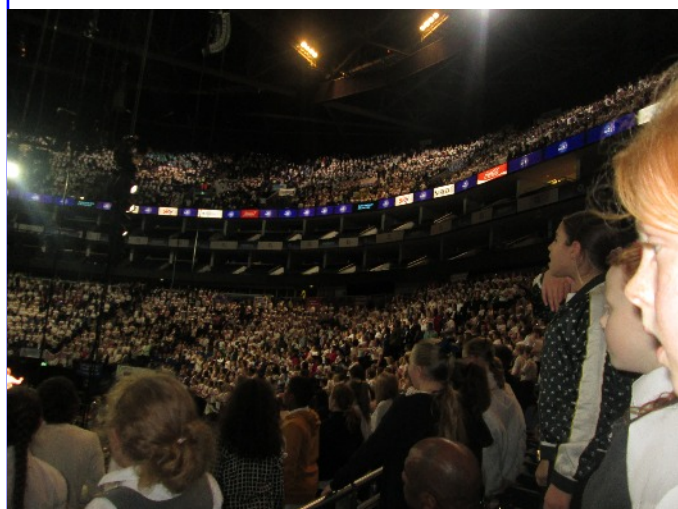


Our darts team have had success again winning their last match – well done ladies.

After refreshments Pam and Sheila outlined possible theatre outings and a visit to Easton Lodge on the 21st February to have a guided tour of the gardens including the wonderful snowdrops.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12th March 7.15 for 7.30 in the British Legion Hall.

News from Ford End Primary School



Twenty-four children from Ford End Primary School were lucky enough to go to the O2 to sing as part of the Young Voices Concert. We all had an amazing time, singing our hearts out for the 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2.

We sang a selection of songs by artists such as: Coldplay, Michael Jackson and Andrew Lloyd Webber - as well as medleys in the genre of swing, American Folk music, a pop medley and a Greatest Showman mash-up. We were lucky enough to be seated right at the front so got an amazing view of the stage.

Many thanks to all the parents who came all the way to London to support us. We hope you all enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday, 25th March at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. 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 on March for the dancing in Ford End are 6th and 20th at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

Bowling mats

Free to a good home....2 indoor bowls mats. Ideal for practice or for setting up a new Bowls Club. Although free a donation to our club would be appreciated, but not essential!

If interested phone Jacky Nott on 01245 361957.

LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

The subject of the February meeting was Bumblebees and their importance to horticulture and agriculture.

John Taylor, a member of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and keen amateur entomologist, gave a power point presentation outlining the various species of bumblebee found in the UK, their life cycles, habitats and optimum living requirements. Of the 18 species in the UK, many are under threat due to habitat loss, lack of flowers, predators, parasites and poisonous sprays.

Due to their long tongues (Proboscis), the bumblebees are more efficient pollinators than even honeybees as they can reach into diverse flower shapes and thereby achieve fertilization over a broader variety of plants.

In some areas of the world where bumblebees have become extinct, crops such as tomatoes and apples have to be pollinated by hand.

Hence, it is important that gardeners provide conditions in which bumblebees can thrive by cultivating suitable flowering plants over as long a season as possible. John gave a list of bumblebee friendly plants and stressed that due to warmer, shorter winters, the queen bumblebees come out of hibernation earlier and require early Spring flowers from which to collect the nectar and pollen.

The subject of the monthly Presidents' Trophy competition was 'a stem of any flower in bloom in the garden' and the winner was Doris Brown.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th March, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Little Waltham. An Annual General Meeting will be held, followed by the Gardening Club's version of 'Pointless'.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

For more information, please phone 01245 360042

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
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A brief history of Great Waltham Village Hall

The Great Waltham Village Hall is known as the HULTON HALL and is a registered charity.

The original building was constructed by the generosity of Reverend Henry Edward Hulton on former allotment land fronting South Street which he purchased from John Joliffe Tufnell for £53 and then gifted on 9th July 1889 to the trustees of the charity in his name for *"promoting the religious, moral, social and intellectual welfare and the rational recreation of the inhabitants of the Parish of Great Waltham"*.

The charity was administered by the vicar and churchwardens of Great Waltham as trustees and the village hall was used as a men's club, a school classroom and community hall until 1967 when the charity was registered with a formal constitution.

Since then the charity has been managed by a Committee of Management for the object of *"the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Great Waltham (as constituted on 9 July 1889) without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupations, with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants"*.

The trustees have legal duties and obligations towards the charity and its objects and are assisted by volunteer officers who perform great work keeping the Village Hall viable.

Towards the end of the 1960s the village hall was modernised and extended and on 5 February 1971 the extent was considerably enlarged by a gift of land comprising a large part of what is now the northern part of the car park as well as the abutting footpath from South Street towards Wolmers Hey, by Notal Limited.

On 4 September 1973, land at the village hall was leased at a rent of £1 per annum to Chelmsford Rural District Council for a public car-park but in recent years, Chelmsford City Council gave notice to end their lease, terminating public use of the car park and returning it to the trustees along with the burden of maintenance, repair and management.

The Trustees have an ongoing programme of maintenance, repair and improvement which has included the recent modernisation of the kitchen, refurbishment of the committee room, installation of double patio doors and LED lighting in the hall as well as tree management. The hall ceiling will be plastered and the hall redecorated with new curtains fitted in the near future.

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Farleigh Hospice launches new Hospice Outreach Project

Farleigh Hospice is proud to launch the Hospice Outreach Project (HOP) vehicle, designed to deliver hospice care directly to the community. This new bespoke vehicle will provide accessible information and support to people who are ill, bereaved, or worried about someone who is.

The HOP will serve a community of 377,000, including Chelmsford, Braintree, Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers, Witham and the surrounding villages.

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst attended the launch and said: "I am delighted to be able to join you all for this very special occasion to officially launch the new Farleigh Hospice Outreach Project vehicle, affectionately known as the HOP. The information team of specially trained staff and volunteers will provide much needed information and support for people who have a life-limiting illness, listening to their concerns and worries and sharing information about Farleigh Hospice and other services available to them.

"This service is also offered to support families, carers and people who are bereaved. The team work closely with other national and local charities and Broomfield Hospital to ensure information is up to date, relevant and easily accessible."

The HOP vehicle will be visiting communities across mid Essex. To find out more visit www.farleighhospice.org



VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE 2018

Elected Members:

Jo Palmer (Chair) Sarah Radley
David Chapman

Representative Members

None

Co-optative Members:

None

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS

Treasurer: Heather Hollamby

Secretary: vacant

Bookings Officer: vacant

Minutes Secretary: Tessa Rose

Health Safety & Energy: Alan Passmore

Volunteer without portfolio: Aisling Parry

CONTACT

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

Bookings: GWVHbookings@gmail.com

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Facebook: Great Waltham Village Hall

Please contact the Village Hall if you are

- willing to be a Trustee; or
- willing to be a Volunteer to help keep alive a vital local community asset; or
- involved in one of the specified local organisations wishing to appoint a Trustee; or
- involved in a local organisation which uses the Village Hall, wishing to be added to the list of specified organisations* entitled to appoint a Trustee.

*Please email for a list of relevant organisations

In today's world we are constantly struggling to do it all and have it all. Sometimes however, something just has to give or be sacrificed as there is only so much of you to go round. That's where I come in - I can be that extra pair of hands helping you fit everything in.



HANDY LITTLE HELPER

Do you need someone to help with:

- Garden maintenance/tidying
- Someone to walk the dog, give them a bath or pick them up/ drop them off at the kennels or vet
- Cleaning, tidying, painting or re-organising
- Going on holiday? Need someone to pet sit or just water the plants and take in the post
- Anything else you can think of – run it past me

Let me be your extra pair of hands, helping you create balance in your life

Contact Me:

Francesca Bradford

fbradford.handylittlehelper@gmail.com

07780614747

www.handylittlehelper.co.uk

Fully Insured & DBS Checked (Certificates can be seen)

**Children's Paint a Plant Pot
workshop - fill it with seeds and
watch it grow!
Saturday 30 March
3.15pm-5.15pm**



**Great Waltham Village Hall
Booking essential - Call 01245 364217
Age 6+ ~ £6 includes all materials
Organised by Great Waltham
Horticultural Society**

Variety Show

Great Waltham Parish Productions presents an evening of song, comedy and much more from local talent.

At Great Waltham Village Hall

on

**Friday 22nd March and
Saturday 23rd March
8.00pm**

Tickets £7.00 adults £5.00 children

Available from the Walthambury stores

A QUIET DAY

For the beauty of the earth ...

All are welcome to enjoy a day of rest and reflection in the beauty and peace of a rural church

Led by Revd Janet Nicholls
Rural Adviser and Agricultural Chaplain
Diocese of Chelmsford

Saturday 16 March 2019
10.30am - 3.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Shalford CM7 5HP

Jesus used many images of the natural world in his parables - on this quiet day you will be invited to reflect on these parables and on the beauty of the countryside



For further information and booking please contact Revd Janet Nicholls
jnicholls@chelmsford.anglican.org 01371 851317

LEGION VILLAGE CLUB



A LATE VALENTINE'S

QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 2nd March @ 7.45pm
(£5 includes a Ploughman's Supper)
Phone 360653 to book a table

Murder Mystery

In January, Great Waltham invited the Bolshie Ballet to perform in the Village Hall. Unfortunately, there was a murder during the performance. It was a good job that Inspector Clueless was working undercover as a ballerina and was able to take command of the crime scene. With the help of the audience, Inspector Clueless was able to identify the murderer, motive and means and award a prize to the winning table. The evening raised much needed funds for the Twinning Association. Well done to the cast Jo, David, Helen, Michael, Andy, Colin, Irina, Gill, Steph and Mike, Scriptwriter David Chapman and Director Mike Steel. Also to Joanna, Ian, Louise, Mark and Pauline and many twinning members for feeding and serving the audience of over 90 people. It was a fantastic and fun evening. Tickets sold out in advance of the evening, so book early next time!



Above: Inspector Clueless takes command of the crime scene



Left: The guests are interrogated, including the ghost of the murder victim

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The pond by the village green at Finchingfield is a much photographed and much painted example of the idyllic view of the English countryside where ducks swim and white clouds are reflected in its calm waters. The area of the Hundred Parishes has a variety of similar ponds. Those alongside roads were often formed from ancient extraction pits for clay or gravel; others appeared where earth had been extracted for building work. Some are surviving medieval fish ponds or the remnants of moats around old farm houses. Ponds on farms provided water for livestock, but following the reduction in cattle and sheep-rearing many have been filled in.

Fortunately, a number of private gardens have ponds where aquatic plants provide a haven for a wide variety of creatures that depend on such water bodies for their survival. Dipping a net into a pond will reveal snails, the assorted larvae of dragonflies, water beetles and midges. Larger ponds may support fish.

Amphibians such as frogs, toads and newts need to lay their eggs within water but will spend much of their adult lives on land, eating a range of garden pests if there is some dense vegetation and a rockery nearby. These creatures have become quite scarce in the wider countryside with the reduction in suitable habitats.

During March, the croaking of male frogs hoping to attract a mate is one of the sounds of spring. Local records of any adult amphibians and locations of spawn provide valuable information about their distribution and behaviour. If you are fortunate to see frogs, toads or newts in your local ponds, then please do pass this information to either the Essex Field Club or the Freshwater Habitats Organisation. Details are on their websites: www.essexfieldclub.org.uk and www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk.



Royal British Legion thank you

Proceeds towards the 2018 Poppy Appeal amounted to £3965.57 which includes £1154.35 collected in Pleshey.

This is a substantial increase of £855.66 on last years total and is made up from house to house and static point collections, sale of wreaths, donations and the church collections on Remembrance Sunday.

The Branch Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us to achieve this excellent result.

Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group

The aim of the group is to provide short term and ongoing help to meet the needs of elderly local residents for whom there is no statutory provision.

Predominately this will involve providing transport to doctor or hospital appointments.

If you require the services of the group, please call our co-ordinators who are:

Sheila Gillies Tel. 01245 360570
Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483
John Lattimore, Chairman
Tel. 01245 363818

The Crucifixion by John Stainer

A note for your diary

In the Church of the Holy Cross,
Felsted.

On Good Friday 19th April
at 6pm

The Church Choir
Directed by Bryony Rees Organist
Andrew Beaton

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS

Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Old Fire Station, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF
Tel 01245 362638 clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 21st January 2019**. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to www.greatwaltham.org.uk

CCC Cllr Knight talked about the 19/20 Council tax rate and pointed out that only 11% goes to the City Council, 78% to County and the rest to PCs and Police. ECC Cllr Aldridge discussed the “Hot Spots” traffic report for Ford End and will chase Highways for a response. Cllr Martin reported back on the meeting he, Cllr Steel and FERTC had with Safer Road Partnership in relation to Average Speed Cameras in Ford End. This was a positive meeting and the Partnership would give their support. However, these would not be funded by ECC and initial investigations has shown costs to be prohibitive with at least £75K installation cost although the Partnership would fund ongoing maintenance (Revenue goes to Central Govt). More accurate costing to be sought

The offer from CHP to GWPC, for 14 car parking spaces on the old garages site in GW, was discussed. Cllr Steel summarised the 26 page T&C/Proposal from CHP which is for public parking (with 4 spaces allocated to Scouts) and would require GWPC to maintain and administer. Prior to the meeting, Cllr Steel had sought answers to some specific concerns; e.g., What would happen if GWPC did not take them on. CHP responded that they had no firm plans. Whilst the PC would need to review and agree terms in detail (possibly by using Legal support), the main decision of the meeting was to agree whether GWPC would be willing, in principle, to take this on. It was agreed that such a decision was dependent upon an acceptable level of ongoing cost and removal of certain conditions. Cllr Steel to respond to CHP.

Regarding the Changing rooms on the Rec Ground, Cllr Steel and Huggins presented the work they had done outlining possible options – refurbish with or without office and total rebuild. The local football team had been consulted on the requirements and very budgetary estimates had been looked at (local builder for refurb, and Sport England for rebuild). Sport England suggested £150K to £200K for a rebuild. Refurb would be £60K to £100K. Given such high costs, there was a long debate about the need, but “do nothing” was not an option as the current building was in a poor state. Sport England costs are based on a green field site and likely it would be lower and a more accurate costs should be sought. Also to consider a smaller facility – e.g., office + toilets + locker room

With regard to broadband in Ford End, Cllr Steel presented an overview of the history – CBB currently provided wireless system as alternative BT FTTC quote was prohibitive and fell on the community. CBB now aiming to bring Ultrafast ‘True Fibre’ broadband which will deliver fibre to houses. However, CBB needs people to pre-order the service with a 30% of contractual commitment (FE and surrounding proposed area - round 67 users required). Apparently, the target has been met and design work will commence – surveys Spring 2019 and construction Summer 2010.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **18th March 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.

Great Waltham Friendship Club

After a quiet, cold January members will meet again on Monday February 18 at the Legion Hall at 2:30 and start another year of enjoyable companionship. Plans are being made for this year's programme which will include some favourites, such as musical quizzes, cream teas, bingo and local speakers. If you are interested in joining us, please call Joan on 631536 or Elaine on 360000 for more details.

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