

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End



## Winter 2019/20



### The parish remembers

Great Waltham Remembrance parade - residents, parish organisations and representatives of the armed forces, came together on Sunday 10th November for the annual commemoration of the Armistice. As usual it was well attended.

The parade marched from Duffries Close to the war memorial led by a piper and drummer. The service at the war memorial included the wreath laying by representatives of local organisations and representatives of those involved in the conflicts, the reading of the names of the fallen, a two minute silence and a piper lament and last post bugle call. Following the service in the Church, the parade reassembled for the march past.

This year, we were privileged to have the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mr Stephen Bennett, join us, and he received the salute along with Parish Council Chair, Mike Steel and the Rev



Neil Richardson. Tea, sandwiches and sausage rolls followed at the British Legion club and the opportunity to catch up with friends and relatives and remember those who sacrificed all. Thanks to those who organised the event including the marshals who kept the traffic back. Next year commemorates the 75th anniversary of VE day and local organisations have been invited to a planning meeting in January to organise events for the weekend of 8th May 2020.

(See page 3 for another photo)



### Lost Ford End soldier identified and buried after 102 years

L/Cpl Frederick Thomas Perkins, who lived and was married in Ford End, went to war in 1915. At the age of 25 he died where he fell on the 22nd April 1917 and, like so many of his comrades, was either hastily buried or had to be left behind in the chaos of the fighting. His remains were found near Lens, Northern France and identified by his army issue spoon and his Essex Regiment shoulder badges. He was buried with full military honours on the 7th November this year at Loos British Military Cemetery near Lens.

On the 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, he was honoured at Ford End War Memorial, followed by the Remembrance Service in the same church where he was married. Some of Frederick's family joined the procession to the war memorial followed by the Service of Remembrance. In a message of thanks his nephew Tony Brewer said: "The parade and the ceremony at Ford End War Memorial and the playing of the Last Post were, in my opinion, perfectly stated with more feeling than many larger occasions. " May He Now Rest in Peace.

**Happy Christmas to all our readers. Thank you to all the volunteers who help to produce and deliver the Parish News and the advertisers for their support.**

**From the Vicarage**  
**‘Tis the season to be jolly...’**



Jolly! can be a very elusive emotion unless you are Santa Claus! ‘Joy’ however is a fitting emotion, particularly at this time of year for Christians, when we celebrate the humble, mystical and divine birth of Jesus.

At Christmas the angel Gabriel declares to ordinary people, to you and me today, to the shepherds then, ‘I am bringing good news of joy for all people; to you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Messiah, Christ the Lord.’

The run-up to Christmas can feel so stressful and pressured and we can have unrealistic expectations for it to be ‘perfect’. Talking to others, people say they don’t have the money for the presents or the extra food. They want to make it a wonderful time for those they love and are wondering how on earth they are going to do it! The result is that December can zap our positivity, produce anxiety and conflict, and that’s without adding the usual personal struggles and stresses we carry. Joy? Humbug!

But then the real stuff of Christmas comes through. I love coming home after the midnight Christmas service to a still and quiet house. It’s then that I first feel the real mystery of Christmas. It feels as if heaven and earth are close enough to kiss each other.

Christmas interjects with its beauty, awe and wonder! Where heaven opens and earth glimpses indescribable things not of this world; of angels and heavenly beings, of God. And for a moment time stops.

This year, may you not be held captive by the anxiety to give the best Christmas gift to your loved ones. That perfect gift has already been given to us all. But may you have many ‘stops’ of wonder and joy this season.

Christmas blessings to you all,

Rev Sandra



**Church of England Services**  
**December 2019 - January 2020**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>No Morning Service at Ford End</b>	
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
	6.00pm Advent Carol Service	Ford End
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am Coffee with Christ	The Castle Great Leighs
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am Communion	Chignals
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.30am Celtic Service	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
	3.00pm Carol Service	Chignals URC
	3.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols	Great Waltham
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	3.00pm Crib Service	Great Waltham
	5.00pm Crib Service	Ford End
	5.00pm Crib Service	Chignals
	11.30pm Midnight Service	Great Waltham
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Christmas Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Christmas Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am Joint Service	Ford End
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am Communion	Chignals
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham

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**Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church**  
**December 2019 & January 2020**

Contact; Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654  
 Services Each Sunday 10.30am

Dec. 1st	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	Bring & Share Lunch	Leprosy Mission
Dec. 8th	Rev Hans Stein		
Dec. 15th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	Carol Service	
Dec. 22nd	Moirra Walker		
Dec. 24th	Rev Hans Stein	6pm Christmas Eve	
<b>Dec. 25th</b>	<b>Rev Geoffrey Griggs</b>	<b>10am Christmas Day</b>	
Dec. 29th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	HC	
Jan. 5th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs		
Jan. 12th	Rev Hans Stein	Messy Church	
Jan. 19th	Rev Hans Stein		
Jan. 26th	Charles de Lacy	HC	

**Thursday 5th December Christmas G & G 10am-2pm**  
**Thursday 2nd January G & G 11am-1pm**  
**Saturday 18th January Coffee Morning in School 10am**



## New Service Times at Blackchapel

In 'A Fresh Start' (Blackchapel Newsletter Summer 2019) it was announced that the Trusteeship of the Chapel has been transferred to The Church Society as 'Sole Trustee' as from January 1st 2019. At the same time a Management Committee was appointed by and responsible to the new Trustee. It has been working on the everyday matters of running the Chapel. Blackchapel (BC) will take opportunities to work in partnership with Holy Cross Church, Felsted (HCF) – a partnership of the Christian Gospel.

It has been noticeable for some while that it is increasingly difficult to find clergy and organists who are willing and able to take our services on Sunday mornings. The Management Committee decided to look into the possibility of changing the service times. We talked to those who worship with us at the moment, to some other residents of North End, and to clergy and keyboard players who currently lead the worship at the Chapel. The consensus was that services could normally be held on Sunday afternoons.

The Management Committee has therefore decided that as from January 2020, until further notice, Sunday services will be held at 3.00 pm. The format of the services will remain the same but we will harmonise our preaching programme with that of HCF. Thus we will welcome Rev Colin Taylor (Vicar of Felsted) who will normally preach at these services.' His theme during the weeks running up to Easter will be Jesus' teaching through parables.

Meanwhile on 5th January 2020 we shall start the New Year with traditional Family Worship; then a special joint 'Gathering' Service\* at HCF on 12th January at 11.00 am, followed by lunch provided in the church.

On 21st – 23rd February HCF has invited BC to join them at their 'away week-end' at which the principal speaker will be Rico Tice (Rector of All Souls, Langham Place, London. This is a rare privilege for us to hear such a well-known speaker.

\*Gathering together as the local Christian Church at the start of a new year to commit our Christian service to God's care and guidance.



Mr Stephen Bennett, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Essex, salutes the Great Waltham War Memorial during the Remembrance Parade.

Great Waltham village hall shook on Saturday November 16th to the sound of the Waltham Faces, with Rod Stewart



numbers from ballads to rock. A great night with thanks to the band: John Coventry on bass, Colin Reynolds on drums, Frank Spears on electric guitar, Kate Condren and Jill Tinsley on keyboards, Andy Tinsley on guitar and vocalist Alan from Doddinghurst, plus supporting engineers and friends. £600 was raised for the Village Hall and Great Waltham Parish Productions.

### Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End December - January

Please note, no Coffee Morning in December

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Worship	Mr P Hamilton	10.00am
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pigrem	10.00am
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev S Bazlinton	10.00am
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Carols		4.00pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Family Worship		10.00am
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	No Service		
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship	Mr P Hamilton	3.00pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	'Gathering' Service* at Holy Cross Church, Felsted		11.00am
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev C Taylor	3.00pm
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Worship (cw)	Rev C Taylor	3.00pm

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bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship  
Services start at 3pm unless otherwise stated  
Enquiries: contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095

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## A big thank you from Great Waltham Village Hall



I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped at the indoor boot sale on Sunday 3rd November. Thank you to those that booked a table, to the people that have supported both sales so far, the volunteers that ran the cafe, to everyone that came along to browse, shop and joined us for cake! The event was a huge success, we raised £250.00 for Great Waltham Village Hall, a registered charity - a wonderful amount.

I was asked several times over if we could hold further sales.....I am pleased to say YES WE CAN!

The next dates are:

26th January 2020 29th March 2020 31st May 2020 26th July 2020

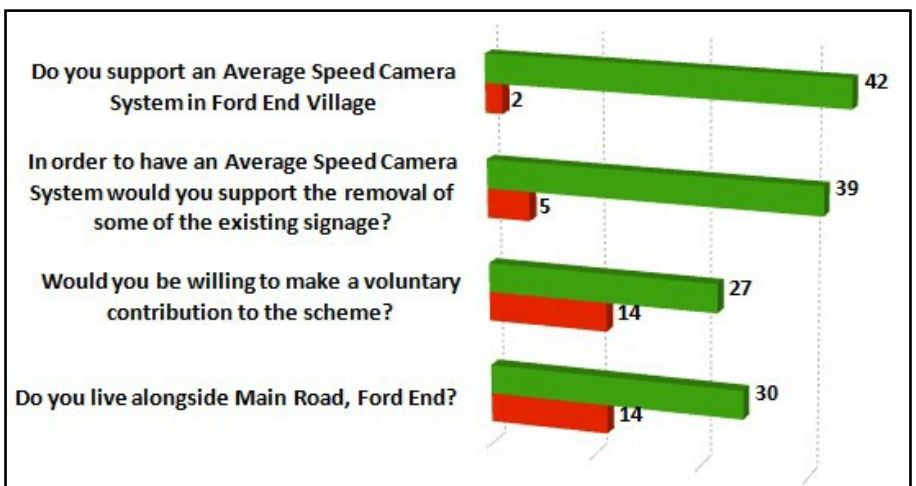
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All tables must be booked in advance. There are no facilities for sellers to just turn up on the day. The May and July sales will have five outside spaces available. (Own table needed). Contact Geri Roe [geri.gwvh@gmail.com](mailto:geri.gwvh@gmail.com)

## Ford End average speed camera consultation results

During September, Ford End residents were invited to complete a survey as part of the consultation process that will hopefully see an average speed camera system installed throughout the length of the village. Although the scheme could cost up to £150,000 it is supported by all the relevant bodies including Essex Highways, Essex Safer Roads Partnership, Essex Police and the Parish Council. It has been established as the only option suitable for the long standing problem of speeding and volume of traffic through Ford End village. The results of the consultation have now been submitted to the Local Highways Panel for consideration. However, while the scheme

is supported, there is no commitment for full funding and it is likely that local fundraising and grant applications will be necessary to contribute towards the overall cost to Essex County Council. Further details regarding the survey are available on the Parish Council website <https://www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/noticeboard/>



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## Ford End Gardening Club

Stephen Westover gave a very interesting talk at our November meeting about woodland management.

Our December meeting on the 9th will be a Christmas social evening, so please bring food and drink to share.

At our January 13th meeting, Darren Lerrigo will be talking about coping with the extremes of heat and rain in our gardens.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm in Ford End village hall and everyone is welcome.



The **Community Network** needs more people, either to join the committee or as helpers.

You may know that we help to organise many village events, such as –  
**Christmas Tree Festival**  
**Christmas Pudding Workshop**  
**5-a-side Pub Football Tournament**  
**Old Codgers Cricket Match**

We also give out small grants to clubs to help with expenses or equipment.



But you probably don't realise that we are quite a small group. We are very much in need of some **new committee members** and particularly a secretary to take minutes. We meet once a month at an informal committee meeting at The Beehive and we help at Community Network events when we can. If you can spare some time, however little, please drop me an email.

**Joanna Steel (Chairperson)**  
[joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com](mailto:joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com)

### Walthambury Women's Institute

At our November meeting. Steve Lester a self proclaimed Titanic anorak, told us the tragic history of Titanic 'Her story from launch to loss. A very sad end to magnificent ship. After refreshments, our President reminded members that our next meeting on Tuesday 10th December is our Christmas Party. Tickets are £15 and this is a members only evening.

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**DRAW - 3.00pm, Sunday 8th December 2019** at Great Waltham church.

Proceeds to GW Community Network & GW & FE Parochial Church Council. Registered under the Gambling Act by Chelmsford City Council.

*Thanks go to all the businesses above who have donated prizes and also to Chelmsford City Council, Tesco and Morrisons.*

### Ford End Dancing

For dates in Dec/Jan please contact Wendy on 01245 360362.

**Felsted Choral Society**  
 Roger Lawrence - conductor

**A FEAST OF CHRISTMAS CHEER**

FINZI - IN TERRA PAX (PEACE ON EARTH)  
 BERLIOZ - SCENES FROM "THE CHILDHOOD OF CHRIST"  
 CORNELIUS - CHRISTMAS CANTATA  
 CAROLS FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

Felsted Choral Society and Orchestra

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30pm**

Grignon Hall - Felsted School,  
 Steadings Road, Felsted, CM6 3JD

Tickets £15 (Programme and refreshments included)

Box office ticketing: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/felstedchoralsociety](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/felstedchoralsociety)  
[felstedchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:felstedchoralsociety@gmail.com) [FelstedChoralSociety](https://www.facebook.com/FelstedChoralSociety)

Tony Baker 07999 41591 or 01271 821651, Libby Hill 01245 363055  
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**Great Waltham Village Hall**

**INDOOR BOOT SALE AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

ON

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January

10am TO 1pm

£10 per table

Set up from 10am

**Free entry for buyers**

- Refreshments
- Bric-a-Brac
- DVD's
- Books
- Games
- Clothes
- Crafts
- & Lots, Lots MORE!

To book a table send a request email to [geri.gwvh@gmail.com](mailto:geri.gwvh@gmail.com) £5.00 deposit secures a table.

Great Waltham Village Hall South Street Great Waltham CM3 1DF

Free Parking Available.

**Christmas Concert**

**ESSEX POLICE**

**BRASS BAND**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**Great Waltham Church**

Doors open - 7pm

Gt Waltham School  
 Gt Waltham Village Choir

**Dance Projection**

Tickets: Adult - .05, Child - .02  
 Phone M. Ward on 01245 360119  
 or J Steel on 01245 360918 or  
 Walthambury Stores (cash)  
*Licensed bar*

## Great Waltham Friendship Club

This year has been a busy year with some great and varied meetings including a plant quiz, clothes show, craft lesson and local speakers including John Andrews and Peter Bradley. There was a trip to Tiptree too! At the October meeting, plans were made for the Christmas meal on December 9th. Sadly, we lost a dear friend and committee member, Mary Barber, who died recently and unexpectedly. She will be missed. Make it a New Year Resolution to join us.

# Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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/>

The Remembrance Sunday sub-committee reported back (as this is now a PC event). The parade will follow the usual format, starting at Duffries Close and then marching via Hatchfields to the memorial. There will be a short service at the memorial, followed by a service in the Church, then a march past to the legion for reception/buffet. PC volunteer marshals will be in attendance for the road closures (applied for and PC TPL certificate sent). Members of the public are invited to join the parade (at their own risk).

It was reported that the October litter picks across the Parish were successful and well supported.

The proposed changes to the allotment rents were discussed. The allotment income and expenditure assessment showed that the current loss (subsidy) would reduce from around £800 pa to £600 if the rents were increased as proposed. Feedback was received from 10 allotments holders in relation to the proposed increase and other changes. 8 were positive about the changes, 1 negative and 1 was after the date. 16 did not respond. The PC decided to increase the rents from £3.75 to £5.00 pa per rod from 1st April 2020

It was noted that the general waste bin outside the GW school is being used for dog waste. CCC confirmed that dog waste is collected separately as it needs to be handled differently to ensure that cross contamination of machinery is minimised. Therefore, it was agreed that new dog waste bin should be installed close by.

The PC is able to exit the current office 13 months early because it has found a tenant to take it over. Legal exit fees have to be paid and the office redecorated whether leaving early or Dec 2020. The new terms negotiated with GWVH were presented and agreed. The PC expressed their thanks to the volunteers who were decorating the new office in the VH

The PC has received complaints about someone (unknown) laying bricks in the “holes” along South Street between the bend and the entrance to Duffries Close towards the school. Someone has done this to make it easier to park on the verge, but this is the off-road footway . The PC agreed to ask ECC Highways to remove the bricks, fill the holes and reinstate the verge.

The survey results on Ford End Average Speed Cameras showed 42 of 161 households in favour. Disappointingly, 117 did not respond. The survey results will be forwarded to ECC Highways and the LHP for consideration of funding.

The CBB Low Level Design for FE and NE, showing location of new telegraph poles, has not yet been received. PC has sent several reminders and will send another one.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19:45 16<sup>th</sup> December**, 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.

## New village ‘hub’ opens



The Hub Farm Shop and Light Bites has now opened at 1 Court Yard, Warners Farm, off the Green Man roundabout. The opening night on Monday 4th November was a huge success with many of the shop's artisan food suppliers showcasing their range of delicious high quality produce. Proprietor Ruth Beenham was delighted at the response from the local community: “It was an amazing night with many locals coming to see what we are all about which is the finest local produce and a cosy place to meet friends.”

Ruth is excited by the shop's initial week's trading: “We have only been open a week now but we have already had such a hugely positive response. People are loving The Hub! We named it The Hub because we are a daily place to meet friends at the heart of our community so join us at The Hub and see for yourself. We look forward to seeing you soon.”

## Pumpkin Fever



Youngsters showed off their pumpkin carving skills this Hallowe'en, when Great Waltham Horticultural Society held its traditional fun workshop in the village hall. Parents enjoyed tasty pumpkin soup while the children worked on their fabulous designs.

The Society is also holding a Christmas table decoration workshop in the British Legion Hall on **Wednesday, December 11**, 7.30-9.30pm. Booking is essential, places cost £35 each, inc all material supplied, plus mince pies and mulled wine. Call 01245 360133 - place are limited.

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