

December 2018 & January 2019

Centenary of World War One Armistice our Parish Remembers



The community of Great Waltham got together to mark the centenary of the Armistice on 11th November 1918 and to create a fitting tribute to the fallen of this Parish, whose names appear on our war memorial. A committee was formed from local organisations and individuals and Chaired by John Andrews and Joanna Steel, under the umbrella of the Parish Council.

Firstly, our own "Tommy" was made and installed by Mike Steel and Jason Buckley, on Banbury Square, facing the memorial. He was a striking and startling figure as people passed by the square in the three weeks running up to 11th November. As part of the "There but not there" campaign, Tommy disappeared from the square late on 11th November.

Deborah Poulton, who has been researching the lives of all the men on the war memorial, created a board with photographs and brief biographies of the thirty six fallen World War 1 soldiers, and a map indicating where they lived in the parish. It was installed at the back of Banbury Square. The board has now gone to the school for the children to see and discuss. More detailed information about the soldiers can be seen on Deborah's website www.greatwalthamwarmemorial.co.uk.

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Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers and a special thank you to all those volunteers and advertisers who contribute to our Parish News every month.

From the Vicarage,

Some gifts are more than just a gift



By the time you read this you will be well underway getting prepared for Christmas. The diaries are filled with Christmas activities such as nativities, pantomimes, carol singing, Christingle, crib service and of course Christmas Day...well that's my diary anyway!

In amidst that we think about who we will be sending cards to, what to eat and of course what gifts to buy. Gifts vary in families and in my family I do like to give the children things that light up their faces on Christmas morning.

Gifts can be home-made, bought, large or small and sometimes a gift can be priceless and change our lives forever. I wonder what you'd like to receive this year?

I think on Christmas day I will be looking forward to enjoying time with my family and putting on our pyjamas, eating whatever we fancy and perhaps watching a few movies together. There is usually a great selection to choose from on Christmas and Boxing Day.

Something I particularly enjoy watching are all the Christmas adverts that come out at this time of the year and today John Lewis' advert has been broadcast and I think it is really special.

It is all about Elton John's life from now and working backwards until he is child receiving his first piano on Christmas morning. It was a gift that changed the course of his life forever and millions of people have also benefited from the gift that he received too.

The strapline reads, 'Some gifts are more than just a gift.'

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Church of England Services in December

Sunday 2nd December NO 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	MORNING SERVICE at Communion Christmas Tree lighting Advent Service	Great Waltham
Saturday 8 th December 11 – 4pm 7pm	Christmas Tree Festival Concert	Great Waltham Great Waltham
Sunday 10 th December		
8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2 – 4pm 5.00pm	Traditional communion Communion Communion Viewing Christmas Tree Christingle	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 16 th December		
9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Communion Communion Carol Service Nine Lessons and Caro	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals Is Great Waltham
Sunday 23rd December NO MORNING SERVICE at Ford End		
11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Monday 24 th December 3.00pm 5.00pm 5.00pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Crib Service Crib Service Midnight Service	Great Waltham Ford End Chignals Great Waltham
Monday 25th December9.30amChristmas Day Communion Ford End11.00amChristmas Day Communion Great Waltham		
Sunday 30 th December 10.30am	Joint New Year Service	Little Waltham
Come and join us carol singing:		
	The Green Man The Three Elms The Beehive The Compasses	Broads Green Howe Street Chignal St James Great Waltham Littley Green Great Leighs
Usual pattern of services in January – Communion services 9.30 FE and 11am GW. Family services on 14 Jan at Great Waltham and 27 th Jan at Ford End. Last 8am service on 13 th Jan at Gt Waltham		
Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator		

Tel: 07957 228467 admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

See page 9 & 10 for Blackchapel and Little Waltham URC services

Armistice Day commemorations



Left - Inside Blackchapel, Right, silhouettes at the Butcher's Arms



North End pays tribute

Anyone travelling along the Chelmsford to Dunmow road, will have noticed the striking silhouettes that adorn the lawn beside The Butchers Arms in North End. They were designed and created by Andy Hyde, the landlord of the Butchers Arms. As the son of an Irish Guard, Andy felt it particularly important to commemorate the Armistice Centenary so he used his skills as a carpenter to create this unique memorial. On the evening of Saturday 10th, the pub held a special event to commemorate the Armistice Centenary. Although the refurbishments are still not finished, Blackchapel was opened to the public for this important commemoration. Andy made the life-size 'Tommy' silhouette that was placed beside the path in the grounds of Blackchapel and the inside of the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by North End residents. On the morning of Sunday 11th, a well-attended service was held in Blackchapel where a two minute silence was observed to remember the men and women who gave their lives so that we can enjoy peace.





Great Waltham remembers

A special British Legion thank you

The Royal British Legion would like to thank the community for the overwhelming support given in the act of Remembrance on the Armistice Centenary Sunday.

Also we would like to thank those who helped to make it a successful event. There are too many to name individually but a special thank you to Rev Caroline Brown for the service and Mike Steel for providing the WW1 Memorial soldier.

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Great Waltham took part in the official "Battle's Over" worldwide beacon-lighting event. On 10th November, with much advanced planning, a team of local men and farmer, Ed Freeman, with his auger, dug the hole and hoisted the beacon into place on the Recreation Ground.

On 11th November at 6.45pm, around 250 people were greeted by Mike Steel, Chair of the Parish Council. The beacon was lit at 7pm by Michael Broom, descendant and relative of three of the men named on the war memorial. At 7.05pm, a peal of bells from Great Waltham church could be heard.

Rev'd Caroline Brown read the poem, "Man at the Gate," and local children read out names of the fallen soldiers. There was a one minute silence ended by bugler, Kerry Bennion, playing Sunset." The Tommy had been relocated to the beacon site for the evening and made a striking picture as photographed by Mark Francis. Refreshments were organised by Joanna Steel and Debbie Forshaw and donated by the Community Network.

GREAT WALTHAM COMMUNITY NETWORK CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2018 Christmas Concert

Essex Police Band Great Waltham Primary School Great Waltham Village Choir Dance Projection

Saturday 8 December 2018, 7.30pm Great Waltham Church Doors open 7pm Licensed Bar, The Big Village Raffle

Tickets available from Saturday 24 November from: Walthambury Stores, Joanna Steel 01245 360918 Malcolm Ward 01245 360149



Christmas Tree Lights in Banbury Square

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers that work behind the scenes to get the Christmas tree lights up on the oak tree in Banbury Square. This is usually done on a Sunday morning and the lights are ready to be switched on at the Grand Ceremony in December.

We are fortunate to be able to borrow ladders, electricity and obviously time from the team , who then get together again early January to take the lights down and store for another year.

The Parish Council.

THE BIG VILLAGE RAFFLE!

Tickets are on sale now from:

Walthambury Stores Joanna Steel, "Sycamores" South Street Gt. Waltham Tel: 360918

Florence Townsend, "Crowbush" The Village, Gt Waltham Tel: 362629,

Gordon Neilson, Ford End, Tel: 237292

...and at the Christmas Tree Festival on 8^{th} Dec and on 9^{th} Dec till 2pm.

FABULOUS PRIZES

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...and many more

DRAW - <u>3.00pm, Sunday 9th December 2018</u> at Great Waltham church.

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

From the Vicarage,

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For me Christmas is not just about all the lovely things that fill my diary but also about preparing for the 'gift that was more than just a gift.' The most unexpected gift that was given to humanity; the gift of a saviour given to us in the form of a baby called Jesus. This priceless and precious gift was first received by Mary, a young teenage woman and a carpenter from Nazareth named Joseph. This baby Jesus grew up and like the gift of music which Elton John has shared with millions, so too has the gift of God's perfect love first received by a young couple been given and shared with millions since the day he was born.

The ultimate gift of sacrificial love given to us not just at Christmas but each and every day if we choose to receive it.

My hope is that each of us will remember to open up that gift of God's perfect love and receive it. For us not to miss the gift of the baby Jesus which may be hidden beneath all the tinsel and the turkey, but to have our eyes opened to seeing what Christmas is all about – the gift of perfect love which has the capacity to change our lives forever.

With every blessing for the season ahead,

Rev'd Jackie



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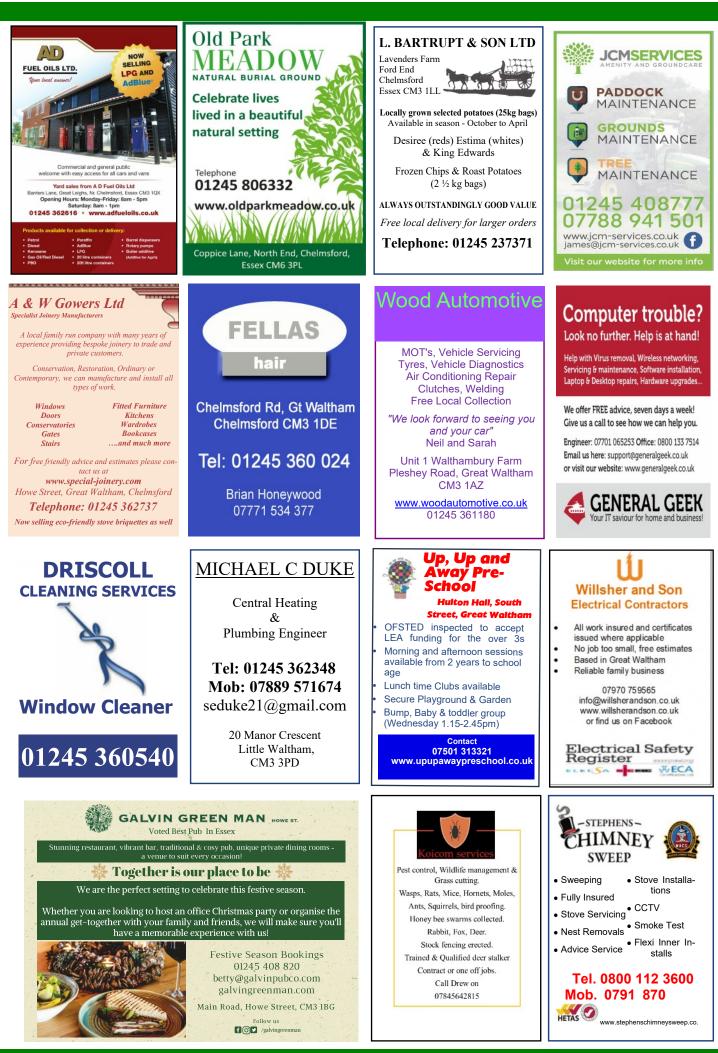
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Register now on the Farleigh Hospice website: www.farleighhospice.org/trees

We will collect on 5th and 6th January 2019 from: CM0, CM1, CM2, CM3, CM7, CM8, CM9 & CM77.

Suggested minimum donation of just £5 per tree, but please feel free to give more.

If you would like to help please call us on 01245 457411



It is because you care that we can Registered durity to 254670

Recycle your Christmas Trees for a good cause

Farleigh Hospice Christmas Tree Recycling is back and is once again staging its annual door-to-door collection. On the 5th and 6th January 2019, a dedicated team of staff and volunteers will be making their rounds throughout mid Essex, collecting Christmas trees for a suggested minimum donation of £5 to Farleigh Hospice, however please feel free to give more.

The trees will be collected from the following postcodes CM0, CM1, CM2, CM3, CM7, CM8, CM9 and CM77.

Every penny that is raised will make a huge difference to those facing life-limiting illnesses. All of Farleigh Hospices services are free of charge and without the generosity of the local community we would not be able to care for nearly 4,000 people every year, help carers and families, offer bereavement support and continue to be an integral part of the local community. Registration will be open on the 1st December, so please visit www.farleighhospice.org/trees or call 01245 457 411.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School



The school children and staff returned from their half-term break refreshed and ready for their continued learning. The pupils were able to spend a good deal of time reflecting on a special Remembrance Day this year to mark the 100 years since the end of WW1. Prior to a very poignant church service the children assembled at the war memorial in the village to look at a map that highlighted where the soldiers taken by the war had lived. All classes made contributions to the service, including presenting wreaths and poppies at the altar

and the reading of actual letters from the front line in WW1. We ended with Mr Bennion's splendid rendition of 'The Last Post'. Thanks to Rev'd Caroline for welcoming us to and leading the church service that will live long in the memory. We continue to see Rev'd Jackie and Rev'd Caroline in school to lead Collective Worship once per month. At school, the children are continuing to flourish. English and maths skills are evident each day and the topics of Castles and Stone & Iron Age are keeping them focused. All

the pupils contributed to a whole school project and built a mosaic for our outdoor signage. Our new logo and the church cross are now proudly on display on the north side of the school. Thanks to the School House Trust and PTA for funding this initiative. Mr Paugh has now started his sabbatical year, back in his native Canada, Mrs Sally Fisk now teaches Class Africa with Mrs Welch.

We have welcomed a new catering manager, Mrs Rebecca Allison, she has settled in well, as has Mrs Kellie Stevens as kitchen assistant. Miss Lydia Milton has joined our LSA team.



Eight children in KS2 experienced bowls at Falcon Bowls Club, where they came 3rd a competition. The tag rugby (squad of 15) team came 3rd out of 21 teams at a local tournament, winning 4 and drawing 2 games. We were incorrectly placed in the wrong play-off group so lost the opportunity to play against the other pool winners. The winning school has been contacted about playing a friendly. The school football team came 3rd at the Essex Small Schools Competition. 19 players have represented the school team already this year.

The School Christmas Bazaar is nearly upon us – Friday 30th November, please come and support this annual fundraising event. As we enter December, Christmas very much become a focus with a combined EYFS and KS1 nativity play at church and of course our Carol Service (18th December) and Mrs Allison will be cooking 200+ Christmas dinners on the same day. Spare a thought when perhaps your potatoes are not quite ready on Christmas Day! The school choir have started practising in readiness for the Great Waltham Christmas Concert, Bazaar and Carol Service – Mrs Welch and Mrs Fisk are their lead teachers.

Snowdrops blooming already



Thanks to Ann McDevitt for this early seasonal photo of snowdrops already blooming in her garden - proof that while it may be very cold, spring is not too far away!

2018-19Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End
All services start at 10am unless otherwise statedDECEMBER 2018Sun 2ndHoly Communion (cw)Sun 9thHoly Communion (bcp)Sun 16thChristmas Carol Service4pm

Sun 25th Christmas Day Family Worship P Hamilton

Sun 30th No Service

All are welcome to our Christmas Carols on Sunday 16^h December at 4pm followed by tea

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

JANUARY 2019

- Sun. 6th Family Worship
- Sun. 13th Holy Communion (bcp)
- Sun. 20th Holy Communion (cw)

Sun 27th Morning Worship (cw)

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Pumpkin fever at village Hallowe'en workshop



Above: Ralph and Harriet Woodley and right John Barry with daughter Alice

Some 30 children attended Great Waltham Horticultural Society's annual Pumpkin Carving workshop just ahead of Hallowe'en. While Mums and Dads enjoyed seasonal pumpkin soup, the youngsters set to work creating some fabulous scary monsters!

The Society is holding a Christmas Wreath workshop on December 5th at the British Legion. It is almost fully booked but call 01245 360133 to check lastminute availability. Price £35 inc mulled wine and mince pies and the event starts at 7pm. Happy Christmas to all our members and supporters.



Ford End Gardening Club

Maggie Piper gave a really interesting talk at our last meeting on the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas near Lichfield in Staffordshire. The Arboretum is an evolving, maturing 150 acre woodland site featuring 30,000 trees and a vast collection of memorials. It is a living, growing tribute to those from our Armed Forces and civilian community who have served and continue to serve our country. I visited the Arboretum during the summer and thought the main memorial to our Armed Forces simply stunning. I was impressed with the RNLI memorial garden and Maggie informed us that it was designed by Chris Beardshaw. The beautiful Millenium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness on the site has the Act of Remembrance observed there daily at 11.0am and has many wonderful woodcarvings created by craftsmen from Essex. The Arboretum is now run by the British Legion and is open every day with free entrance.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 December at 7.30pm in Ford End village hall when we shall be having a musical gardening quiz. As this is our Christmas meeting, members are invited to bring along a plate of food for sharing and also any drinks of their choice.

The gardening club would like to wish everyone in the Parish a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church December & January

Contact : Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 47199 Services 10.30am each Sunday

December 2nd Charles de Lacy. Advent Sunday Bring & Share Lunch December 9th Rev Geoffrey Griggs December 16th Christina McClure December 23rd Rev Geoffrey Griggs December 24th Christmas Eve. 6.pm December 25th. Christmas Day. 10am December 30th. Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC January 6th Rev Geoffrey Griggs January 13th Marina Price. 10am Messy Church January 20th Charles de Lacy January 27th Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

Thursday Dec 6th. & Jan 3rd Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.pm Thurs 12th January Coffee Morning in Schoolroom

Little Waltham Gardening Club

Cricket Bat Willows was the title of the talk for the November meeting. Colin Ashby, gave an excellent presentation which was both informative and entertaining.

Maggie Williams advised that Little Waltham Gardening Club had yet again won the InterSociety Quiz, hosted by Boreham. Members were reminded the Christmas Social Evening will be held on Wednesday 5th December.

We will have a Christmas Quiz followed by carols and members are encouraged to bring a festive table centre which will be judged for the December President's Trophy. There will be no meeting in January so the first meeting for 2019 will be on February 6th.

Parish Council Notices

Useful numbers and websites:

Chelmsford City Council Recycling – 01245 615800 (this includes Option 1 if you didn't get plastics/food waste bags) or https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/order-a-new-bin-box-or-sack/

Large Items for Collection and disposal – 01245 615800 or https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/special-collections/

Potholes / Blocked Road - 0345 6037631 or <u>https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-all-issues.aspx</u>

Reporting Fly Tipping – 01245 615800 or <u>https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment/report-a-street-problem/report-fly-tipping/</u>

Report a crime or anti-social behaviour - https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/

Or contact the Clerk at GWPC if in doubt - clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

Waste bins - We have noticed that some people are using litter bins to deposit their dog waste. Can they please stop doing it and make sure they use the dog waste bins, of which there are numerous around the Parish. The dog bins are emptied by specialist collection, which does not apply to the ordinary litter bins. If this practice continues, we will not be able to get the litter bins emptied.

Up Up & Away Preschool



We have been very busy recently with our different themes. For Hallowe'en we cut open some pumpkins, the children enjoyed discovering what was inside, some of them not so keen to touch the stringy goo, but many enjoyed scooping it out and picking the seeds out. We hid pumpkin stones around the village and took a group of children out to find them and a firm favorite was the exploding pumpkin experiment. The week before Remembrance Day we painted a wooden poppy which we placed on the village memorial cross. We were very lucky to have a visit from one of our dads who used to be in the army. He came in his uniform and brought in some of his equipment, talking about his time as a soldier.

To make our yard more welcoming the children helped plant up some of their old welly boots with pansies (above) to brighten our entrance. We are now getting ready for Christmas, starting crafts for the children to take home and tree festival decorations. Next week we are visiting the friendship club to present them with the harvest festival donations we have collected from our parents, we do this every year and the children enjoy performing a few songs to the club members. World Day of Prayer 2019 will be held at 2pm on Friday 1st March 2019 at St Martin's Church Little Waltham CM3 3LJ Each year, on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions and races in over 170 countries around the world unite in prayer. Please join us, everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available. For further information please contact Sally Stephenson 07962 223023 or Alison Bates admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Le Lac des Cygnes (Swan Lack)

74E BOLSHIE BALLET

The return of Inspector Clueless as you have never seen him before!

Following the closure of Paris Opera Ballet, due to the increasing number of murders, we have invited the Bolshie Ballet to perform in Great Waltham. It would be amazing if bad luck struck again and another murder took place! Join us, and if it does, consider the clues, ask the suspects some searching questions and decide who the murderer is......

7.30pm Sat, January 2019 Great Waltham Village Hall

Dinner, Licensed Bar and Rattle

for tickets contact, Joanna 01245360918 joenna2stee@blintemet.com

The evening includes Dinner, Picture Quiz, and Variety Entertainment

PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTION MAY 2019

Are you frustrated with potholes, fly tipping, recreation facilities in the Parish?

Join the Parish Council and get these issues resolved!

The Parish Council is the lowest tier of Local Government, but it holds legal powers to make changes in the community.

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE - GET INVOLVED

You Must be Aged 18 on day of election and Hold citizenship of the Commonwealth or of an EU member state.

AND

Be a local government elector in the parish (appear on the electoral roll) OR Own or rent land in the parish for the last twelve months OR Lived in the parish or within 3 miles of it for the past twelve months OR Worked in the parish for the last twelve months.

Your commitment is once a month – the third Monday of a month.

GO ON MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Contact the Clerk at the Parish office on a Friday afternoon or by Email on Clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co .uk



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 15th October 2018 and 19th November.** The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to <u>www.greatwaltham.org.uk</u>

15th Oct: A representative of the committee that had been formed to organise events on the 11th Nov (including a beacon lighting), attended the meeting in order to correct the misunderstanding that this was organised by the British Legion and that the committee would like the Parish Council to take the lead. This was agreed with the understanding that the committee would continue to organise the events on their behalf. The PC would investigate required conditions from their insurers for a beacon. Approval was given to site the soldier silhouette on Banbury Square. It was agreed that the PC would fund the cost of this year's War Memorial website.

The PC agreed to dispose of the older SID as it could not be made operational. Cllr Martin proposed the purchase of another SID as there were now 8 SID locations and it needed 2 SIDs to ensure regular operation at each site. The proposal was agreed by majority vote.

A request to add plantings to the area around the Ford End phone box, was agreed, and authorisation given to request a "licence to cultivate" from ECC Highways.

19th Nov: CCC Cllr Knight reported that the Chelmsford draft Local Plan is now being reviewed by the Govt Inspector.

The PC discussed their concerns that the twice yearly Parish Litter Pick was not well supported in the Great Waltham village and debated whether to continue it given there was a volunteer monthly group. The decision was to better promote the larger twice-yearly pick.

The PC reconsidered its approach to grant applications as its 100% approach was not resulting in grants being made. The decision was to make a judgement at the time of the application as to how much the PC would fund and how much was needed from grants, in order to maximise the probability of getting the grant.

Walthambury Women's Institute

On November 11th Walthambury Women's Institute joined other local organisations in laying wreaths at the War Memorial marking the end of World War 1. It was a poignant ceremony.

Brian Carline was our guest speaker this month entertaining us with memories of growing up in the 40s and 50s. How did we survive without mobile phones and computers!

Just a reminder for our December meeting, which starts at 7.00 for 7.15. Please bring with you cutlery, plate, pudding bowl, glass and any drink you wish.

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

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