

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

## October 2018

### Village Show Extravaganza



Best in Childrens Show 'Monster'  
by Joshua Allen

Great Waltham Horticultural Society's Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, was a huge success. More than 1,000 entries showcased an extravaganza of talent, creativity, and gardening expertise, plus tempting cakes, bakes, jams and home-made wines and liquors.

Pupils at Great Waltham Primary School excelled themselves with their array of robots made from recycled materials, together with plenty of other classes, including miniature gardens, Lego models and the postcard and handwriting competitions.

Such was the quality of entries that the judges said a special thank you to the children and the teachers and parents for their support and contributions.

Despite the summer drought, all entries were of an even higher standard than usual, with the judges commenting that the decisions were incredibly tough.

Among the highlights were the outstanding winning dahlias from show regulars Malcolm Deacon and Alan Ripley; while Mike Abel won Best in Show for his stunning pink begonia pot plant. In the fruit and vegetable classes, Peter Bradley was a big winner and scooped The Challenge Bowl for the highest number of points in the show.

Six-year-old Joshua Allen won Best in Children's Show with his imaginative vegetable monster. The arts and crafts section saw a beautiful array of quilts, knitted items, soft

toys and other skills, and as ever there were plenty of entries in the photographic

classes. Show secretary, Jane Moore, said: "What a fantastic show! It was extremely well attended and everyone looked to be having a good time. As always this simply would not have been possible without the continued support of those dedicated and loyal individuals who do invaluable jobs and give up their time to make the show the brilliant success it is."

"We as a village should be very proud to still have an annual show which is so loved and well supported."

The main event was preceded by the Not-So-Serious Dog Show, in support of Essex Search & Rescue Dogs, and superbly hosted by Alan Adcock and Janet Patch.

It was great to see some new faces (both human and canine) and among the winners was Buster, who took Best in Show by Public Clapping Vote, while the Noisiest Dog was won by Comet for his solo barking.



Not-So-Serious Dog Show Winners and

### Fantastic Flower Festival

Great Waltham held its first Flower Festival for 14 years on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. The twenty nine arrangements, ranging from beautiful formal displays to interesting and amusing ones, were created by local clubs, schools, individuals and professionals, on the theme of "Seasons and Celebrations."

Thanks go to all those who created displays, manned the door and the kitchen, made cakes, cleared up, or who came along to enjoy the beautifully decorated church and made donations. More pictures on page 3



The NHS in flowers



Rosemary Pitt's Bicycle

## From the Vicarage,

I often have vivid dreams and find myself waking up in the morning and saying to my husband, "Guess what I dreamt last night?" After 15 years of marriage he isn't surprised by the nonsense he hears as I tell him! Dreams make no sense and are unreasonable but they often paint a picture about our inner world and emotions and it's during our deep sleep when our subconscious mind communicates freely with our heart. Through these pictures running like a movie on the screens of our minds our body is trying to get us to pay attention to these hidden thoughts, desires and emotions.

I had a dream over the last week which has been playing on my mind about someone talking to me and trying to explain that it is under great pressure, and testing that a person is refined. I think it has stuck with me because if I'm honest I feel like I have been under an inner pressure lately, not stress, but rather a process of things in the heart being revealed and exposed. It can be easy to ignore these emotions and not pay attention to them and busy ourselves with life and at times what surfaces can be rather painful and we'd rather not deal with it.

However, I think that when we are hard-pressed and feel like we're in the fires of life that God is doing a deep work within us if we allow him to. It's a bit like a silversmith and goldsmith refining their precious metals with fire to burn out the impurities. They start with the silver and gold ore and through a process of fire, shaping and more fire they keep a close and watchful eye until what they are left with is a metal so pure that they can see their reflection in it.

I believe that it is through life's adversities and difficult times that children of God are purified so that they come to reflect Jesus more clearly. What struck me about the refining process of gold and silver is that the silversmith and goldsmith watch very closely. They don't wander off and leave the metals in the fire. This is a real encouragement to me as I think about God keeping a watchful eye on me especially during the 'fires' of life. I will never be tested beyond what God knows I can handle under his care.

So if you feel like you're in a refining process, take heart because firstly, it won't last forever and secondly, the careful eye of the refiner is watching over you and producing a greater good.

With every blessing,  
Rev'd Jackie



## Church of England Services in October 2018

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Traditional communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am.	Harvest Service	Ford End
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	11.00am	Harvest Service	Great Waltham
	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Communion	Chignals with Mashbury
	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham

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## Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End October 2018

Sun 7th	Family Worship	B Croxton	Hannahs
Wed. 10th	Good Book Club	Schoolroom	1.20 pm
Sun 14th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev S Bazlinton	
Sun 21th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly	
Wed. 24th	Good Book Club	Schoolroom	1.20 pm
Sun 28th	Morning Worship	J Turton	

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship  
Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated

There will be a Blackchapel Prayer Meeting on 17th October at Hannahs, Onslow Green at 7.30pm.

If you cannot attend but would like us to pray for anything for you, please phone Jennifer on 10371 873626 or Pat 01371 820095.

## Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church - October 2018

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

October 7th	Tim Diaper	
October 14th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs.	6.30pm Geoffrey Griggs. HC
October 21st	Adrian Diaper	
October 28th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	

**Thurs 4th October Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.0pm**  
**Thurs 11th October Pippins 9.30am - 11am**  
**Sat 20th October Coffee Morning**

## Ford End Gardening Club



Ford End Gardening Club's Display at the Flower Festival

At our last meeting on 10 September Brian Carline gave us a very entertaining and informative talk on organic vegetable growing. He recommended the organic fertiliser blood, fish and bone as it contains nitrogen for leaf growth, phosphate to encourage root growth and potash for rooting and healthy blooms. Pelleted chicken manure is good for adding nitrogen. Mushroom compost is not in fact organic as the growers spray the mushrooms with a pesticide. The soil does need oxygen so if your leeks are not doing too well he suggested lightly digging around them to incorporate some oxygen into the soil. Nettle leaves and also comfrey can be soaked in water to produce a tonic for plants although this does need to be diluted in the ratio of one part nettle juice to ten parts water and for comfrey the ratio is one part to 20 parts water. The club's next meeting is on **Monday 8th October** and the speaker will be either Lorna Shaw or Dave Fairlamb from Essex Wildlife Trust giving a talk entitled 'Wildlife Gardening, Your Very Own Nature Reserve'. At the November meeting which is on Monday 12th, Maggie Piper will be coming along to talk about the National Memorial Arboretum. The meetings are held in Ford End village hall and start at 7.30pm.



## Ford End Primary School

At this time of year we are always excited to see how quickly our new Reception children settle in. Our 10 new children are collectively called 'The Squirrels'. They have each been allocated a year 6 child who 'looks after' them during break times: they play with them and help them to feel at home. The oldest members of our school are rising to the challenge and it is wonderful to see the bond that they have with each other already.



Three children from the reception class who started this term

## More Flower Festival Photos



Great Waltham Primary School Display



The Community Network Display



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## CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR ONE ARMISTICE



On 11th November 2018, the nation will be acknowledging the centenary of WW1 armistice. This will be a very special time to remember and commemorate the men from our parish and

beyond who gave their lives. Gt. Waltham will pay tribute to those men at the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Also in commemoration of the many who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, approximately a thousand Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm on 11th November 2018 throughout the United Kingdom.

Gt. Waltham community organisations have agreed to light a beacon at the cricket ground at 7pm that night. There will be a peal of bells at 7.05pm. The Beacons will symbolise the 'light of hope' that emerged from the darkness of war.

The Parade in the morning will be marching from Duffries Close to the War Memorial by the usual route along Hatchfields and into the Main Road. The service at the memorial will be longer as the names of the WW1 men who gave their lives will be read out. The Last Post will be played at 11am and wreaths laid. Prayers will be read and the Piper will play a lament. The parade will then follow the choir into the church.

There will also be a service at 9.30 at Ford End at the war memorial and then in the church. Precise details will be published in the November edition of the Parish News.



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## THE VILLAGE CHOIR. New Term & New Songs

Our new year has started with Toni, our Musical Director, presenting us with a few new songs to sing. The first is the signature tune to 'The Vicar of Dibley' otherwise known as 'The 23rd Psalm' as arranged by Howard Goodall. It's hard to sing whilst you're smiling but we managed it. Next we have Robbie Williams' 'Angels' (*I sit and wait - does an angel contemplate my fate?*) This, followed by George Gershwin's 'Let's Call The Whole Thing Off.' You may know it by the lyric. "You like to-mayto and I like tomah-to" - however, Toni has adapted it to give us an Essex version which is hilarious.

As you might guess, singing in the Village Choir is a lot of fun. Come on and give it a try. It's open to all; no auditions, no solos! What's more your first night is **FREE** as is your interval coffee! **7.00pm on Thursdays in the School.** Hope to see you there!



The Choir Performing in the Church as part of the Summer Concert

### Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on **3rd and 17th October** at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

### Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday, **22nd October** at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

## Great Waltham Friendship Club

A beautifully sunny warm day brought everybody out, even though they would be eating Elaine and Joan's cakes and trying to spot the unusual ingredient.

Members sampled lavender biscuits, chocolate and beetroot cake, cheese scones with hidden spices, citrus sponge with added spice and all sorts of weird and wonderful combinations.

Next month will be a talk on recycling and how we can all do our bit to save the planet. The Christmas meal will be discussed at this meeting and menus available.



## Walthambury Women's Institute

Our September meeting was held in the Church, we had a very interesting talk by Peter Wells, the husband of one of our members, entitled 'Great Waltham Church Windows and Treasures'. Who knew we used to have witches in the area.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September some of our members visited the Henry Moore Garden.

At our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30** in the British Legion we look forward to welcoming Rev. Jackie Thornton talking about 'Why do you think the way you do'

## News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

Welcome back to another school year. We hope all the Parish News readers had a good summer. Our new children in EYFS have completed their first few days in school and have settled really well; 100% attendance for the first week, a



Some of the Early Years Foundation Class 2018

great start. Special mention to Thea Rose from Class Australia who was interviewed live on Radio 2 by Chris Evans about her first day at school. She remembered eating a Yorkshire Pudding at lunchtime very clearly!

Collective Worship began with New Beginnings to welcome in the new academic year. We read Zacchaeus and the Tax Collector and spoke about the message behind the story. We have focused on Aspiration too; some Y6 children recounted the Creation Story and Revd. Jackie led Collective Worship on, quizzing the children about the beautiful and special world we live in.

At the staff INSET day in September we reviewed the previous year's successes and discussed targets for 2018/19 and allocated time for crucial Safeguarding updates. There were many successes to celebrate from 2017-18 and since the start of term the Progress Measures have been published. Great Waltham Primary School scored in the top 25% in the country for reading and maths progress for our Y6s and in the top 40% for writing.

KS1 are learning about Castles this term and already have a trip planned to Hedingham Castle. They will then have a great learning base to explore the topic back at school.

KS2 are learning about The Stone Age – Iron Age. They also have a trip planned to the Discovery Centre in Notley to take part in some educational workshops.

We welcomed local MP, Kemi Badenoch on September 14. She toured the classes, outside areas and met with the leadership team about the important subject of school budgets. She also met with and answered questions from four children in KS2.

Lastly, huge congratulations to Jake O'Brien who left Great Waltham Primary School in 2011. He performed brilliantly in his 'A' levels after studying at King Edward Grammar School. He attained 4A\*s and 1A. He will begin the next chapter of his education at Trinity College, Cambridge where he has chosen to study Natural Sciences; good luck to him.



MP Kemi Badenoch being questioned by four children from KS2

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Gill Mitchell on 01245 362215

## Ford End Community Speed Watch (CSW)



We now have 17 members who have been trained to carry out Speed Watch in Ford End. The group was only formed in July and already it's been out 15 times catching over 170 drivers exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

All offenders are sent a letter by Essex Police for the first and second offence and on the third instance the Police take further action. CSW not only reduces speeds when the volunteers are present, but also there should be a lasting effect on drivers who receive letters. All our results are logged by Safer Essex Roads Partnership and they will arrange visits to problem areas with the power to issue speeding tickets! Our group also joined and supported European Day Without a Road Death (EDWARD), on the 19th September and did a half day session, so by the time this is published, the number of recorded violations will have significantly increased. EDWARD is a European initiative to reduce death, serious injury and crime on Europe's roads. Its activities are guided by research, intelligence, information and experience, to produce measurable results that contribute to reducing casualties and making roads safer. More information at <https://projectedward.eu/>

If you want to join Speed Watch, contact Gary or Sandra at [gmdunn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gmdunn@hotmail.co.uk) or [soil1@btinternet.com](mailto:soil1@btinternet.com)

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to [www.greatwaltham.org.uk](http://www.greatwaltham.org.uk)

In response to a request for extra dog bins in the Parish, the PC requested further public opinion, via the Parish News, and reviewed a map of current bins. The outcome is that an extra bin should be located in the Bury Lane area.

The Parish Office sub-committee for relocation of the Parish Office reported back to the main meeting on the proposal from the Village Hall committee for use of the Blue Room and it was decided that the PC would still like to see a quote for the upstairs room. Cllr Steel will request it.

Cllr Micklem reported on the meeting with the Policing Coordinator regarding a new scheme whereby volunteer Special Constables are contracted directly by Parish Councils. It was agreed, in principle, that GWPC would sign up to the process and advertise for volunteers.

The Parish Council agreed to fund the £40 annual cost of Parish Watch.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at GW Parish Office, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Parish Office, commencing at 7.45pm; 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 COMMUNITY NETWORK AGM

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 7.45pm at The Beehive

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a brief Community Network AGM

as above. The Community Network aims to enhance community life by organising or helping other groups to organise social or fundraising activities. Any profits we make are ploughed back into future events and small grants for local groups.

You may have been to some of our great events... *the Christmas Tree Festival, the 5-a-side Pub Football Tournament and the Midsummer Music and Arts Festival.*

Representatives of village groups and individuals are invited to come along to our AGM to see what we do. If you are interested in joining the committee, you would be very welcome. We meet about once a month at a relaxed committee meeting.

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**TV  
Gameshow  
Night**

**GW Village Hall**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Adult - £10, Child - £2.50**

**Supper, bar, raffle.**

**Tables of 6 to 8. Reserve your  
place by Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Nov by emailing**

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**Birds and Beasts**  
a musical portrait

Church of St Mary and St Lawrence,  
Great Waltham, CM3 1AR

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £12. £6 (under 16)  
Available from Walthambury Stores,  
Annabel Malton 01245 360240  
James Dace, or on the door  
Licensed Bar

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