

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

August 2018

Call to engage villagers in phone box future

Residents of Howe Street are being asked to come up with ideas for the newly-refurbished phone box at the top of Parsonage Lane.

Thanks to a group of volunteers, the phone box is now looking spick and span in traditional Post Office red, soon to be complete with its shiny gold crowns.

Now the hunt is on to find a use for the kiosk that can be shared by the local community, with a call for ideas to be submitted to Great Waltham Parish Council by the end of September.

Gill Mitchell, one of the painting volunteers, said: "Everyone has done a terrific job in coming together to make the phone box look like new again. We'd love to see it making a worthwhile contribution to the village, so we hope people will put their thinking caps on and come up with suggestions which will keep it at the heart of Howe Street."

Joining Gill with their paintbrushes have been Paul Church, Adrian Mitchell and Rachel Housden. The Parish Council adopted the phone box from BT in summer 2016, along with a number of others across the parish.

Elsewhere in the country, ideas have included using phone kiosks as a local tourist/information booth, a mini library or book sharing scheme, an exhibition space and even a coffee shop.

Suggestions should be sent to clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk no later than 30 September. The final decision will be made by the parish council.



Pictured hard at work (l-r) Paul Church, Adrian Mitchell and Gill Mitchell.

Great Waltham receives a funding boost from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

Great Waltham war memorial will benefit from a grant of £640 from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by the First World War Memorials Programme.

The money will enable the Great Waltham War memorial to be cleaned in advance of the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said, "War memorials are a tangible connection to our shared past creating a link between the fallen and today. It is vital we ensure all our war memorials are in the best possible condition for their age and the charity is delighted to support this project. The centenary of World War I is a wonderful opportunity for local communities across the country to protect and conserve their war memorials. If anyone knows of any other war memorials in need of help please contact us."

War Memorials Trust: 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 / 07586 920153
grants@warmemorials.org.uk

Open Invitation

To all who wish to attend the AGM of the 'Friends of the Great Waltham and Ford End Churches Trust' on 30th August 2018: This will take place at Great Waltham Church at 7pm.

A warm welcome is extended to all existing, and any new members, who would like to know more about our fundraising events, or contribute ideas for new ones. A sociable evening with cheese and wine thrown in, is promised for free.

September diary dates

8-9th GW Church Flower Festival
15th GW Flower & Produce Show

From the Vicarage,

Shame is powerful in limiting us. Most of us I'm sure has a memory as a child or more recently, when we have been shamed, our wings clipped. We look down, we look away, we don't want to be seen, we want a hole of open up and swallow us.

When I helped in the foodbank yesterday, one of the things that struck me was the shame of a number of people who had to come so they had food for themselves and their kids, and how people took this situation personally when there was a gap in their benefits and they had nothing, had used up all their savings, were struggling under the weight of debt, and debt getting worse.

One man Pete (not his name and circumstances changed) hadn't managed to talk to anyone including his 25-year-old daughter because he felt such shame. His business had gone belly up and he was in massive debt. His first wage in his new job had gone to pay debts and now he had nothing to live on. He had got depressed, unsurprisingly and gone to his doctor who had sent him to the foodbank. He got food to get him through about 3 days, a cup of tea, a listening ear and he was able to tell me what he couldn't tell anyone else, of his shame and pain and tears, of days when he doesn't want to get out of bed but knows he must keep going. He saw how easy it would be to give up. We told him about a debt organisation Step Change that would help him, manage his debts and debtors so he'd have money for food and the basics in life and get back on his feet. And we prayed together, we offered a little sliver of hope, a sense that he is loved and accepted and valued by God.

Thank you to all of you who have responded to Revd Sandra on facebook by leaving food and toiletries at the back of St Johns Church, Little Leighs. We have been so overwhelmed we have had to make extra trips to the foodbank. If you can add an extra item or two to your ordinary shop, that would be great, and bring it along – there is a box at the back of church. The list of items is on the Braintree foodbank website, but here are the items they most urgently need.

1LTR LONG LIFE MILK, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, INSTANT MASH, TINNED VEGETABLES, SUGAR, TOILET ROLLS

God bless you this summer, with love,
Revd Caroline Brown



Church of England Services August 2018

During the summer holidays we are having a joint service across all 6 churches and we do not have any family services during school holidays. Come and join us!

Sunday 29 th July	10.30am Joint service	Little Waltham	CM3 3LJ
Sunday 5 th August	10.30am Joint service	Little Leighs	CM3 1PQ
Sunday 12 th August	10.30am Joint Service	Great Waltham	CM3 1AR
Sunday 19 th August	10.30am Joint service	Chignals	CM1 4TA
Sunday 26 th August	10.30am Joint Service	Ford End	CM3 1LJ

Sunday 2 nd Sept	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 9 th Sept	8.00am Communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am Communion	Ford End
	11.00am Pet Service	Great Waltham
	4.00pm Thanksgiving service	Great Waltham

Events:-

12 th August	3.00pm Picnic at Bradwell followed by Service 6.30pm
8 – 9 th Sept	Flower Festival Great Waltham

Contact Alison Bates for more details,
email: admin@littleandgreat.org.uk tel; 07957 228 467

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End

AUGUST

Sun. 5 th	Family Worship	B Croxton
Sun. 12 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev S Bazlinton
Wed 15 th	Prayer Meeting at Hannahs, Onslow Green	7.30pm
Sun. 19 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly
Sun. 26 th	Morning Worship	S Merrit

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

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church AUGUST 2018

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am each Sunday

August. 5th.	Rev Geoffrey Griggs
August. 12th.	Ian Chamberlain
August. 19th.	John Amos
August. 26th.	Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

Thursday August 2nd Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.00pm
Saturday 18th August 10am Coffee Morning in Schoolroom

Willow weaving

There's still time to book a place at the Willow Weaving Workshop on Saturday 18th August, organised by Great Waltham Horticultural Society. Tutor Deb Hart will be demonstrating how to make a garden obelisk and a sunflower - perfect for the summer garden. The workshop runs from 10am-3.30pm and costs £55pp. Call 01245 360133 to secure your booking - places are limited.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The school year has drawn to a close; so much to celebrate. The end of year assessment results are very pleasing and reflect the hard work of the children, the staff and the support they receive at home. 74 % of our EYFS children reached a good level of development. 73% of Y1 pupils passed their phonics test. In the table below you can see how Y2 and



Y6 fared in their statutory assessments, across reading, writing and maths, and all three subjects combined. The second row of data is the national averages from 2017 for comparison. Thanks to everyone whom helped achieve this success.

	Y2				Y6				
	R	W	M	R/W/M combined	R	GPS	W	M	R/W/M combined
GWPS	81%	62%	76%	62%	82%	82%	77%	73%	68%
2017 NA	76%	68%	75%	64%	71%	77%	76%	75%	61%

Our EYFS children can be very proud of their first year – the academic success was clear and the incredible enthusiasm that ensures they learn so well will continue to be nurtured at school and at home. They will return as Y1s very much ready for the next stage of their education.

Y6 children have said goodbye. They have been a credit to their families and our school. They have certainly enjoyed a great last half-term with the IOW trip (which was fantastic!), Activity Day, a brilliant party organised by their parents and of course their Leavers' Church Service. Good luck to all our Leavers and thanks to all whom helped them in their time at Great Waltham C of E Primary School. Thank you for being such good buddies to YR this year too.

Congratulations to the school football team for winning the league, culminating beating St John's Danbury 4-1 in the cup final – you can see them holding the trophy in the photo.....maybe football did come home after all! Well done to KS2 for placing 2nd in the June District Athletics competition too.

We have two staff members leaving this term: Mrs Mayell has been our EYFS teacher since 2013 and has given great service to school, helping children get off to great start. She is moving to China to teach at an international school – good luck and thank you Mrs Mayell. Mrs Salmon has worked as an LSA at Great Waltham for 26 years! She has made the decision to retire from work. We are sad to see such a kind, calm and dedicated member of staff leave but are obviously very happy for her as she will be able to spend more time with her family. Thanks for such dedicated service Mrs Salmon. We said good bye to Mrs Mayell at the Y6 Leavers church service and Mrs Salmon at our Celebration Assembly. From all at GWPS have a great summer break - school begins again on Wednesday 5th September.



Arts Festival bows out for 2018

The final concert of the Great Waltham Music and Art Festival was held on 30th June in Great Waltham Church and what an enjoyable evening it was. The concert embraced Great Waltham Village Choir, Little2Big Voices, a group of young people from Chelmsford and Dance Projection*, a group of young dancers based in Writtle. The audience was treated to some fine singing and spectacular dancing, while the village choir rendered its most ambitious collection of songs so far. The audience enjoyed fine wine and cheese at the interval, to complement the evening's entertainment. It was a fitting way to end the Festival which was co-ordinated by Great Waltham Community Network. Funds raised from the final concert will be donated to Great Waltham Church. Dance Projection will be appearing again in the village at the Christmas Concert. www.danceprojection.co.uk

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The future of the "talking bench"

Essex Record Office's project to put "talking benches" in 18 towns and villages across Essex has drawn to a close. Great Waltham Parish Council has formally adopted the bench in Banbury Square. Essex County Council made it a condition that the Parish Council had to install bollards in front of it. Local volunteers will continue to trawl through the reminiscences of village residents, recorded by Anne Cowlin in 2001, and make new selections to go on the bench. If you haven't been down to the bench lately, a new selection of recordings was put in in May, featuring tales of the war and the primary school.

Parish Council News

Table Tennis: The PC has provided a facility in the GW Recreation Ground, including free issue of bats and balls. However, these are being vandalised and 30 bats have been destroyed or gone missing over the last 2 months. We are considering whether to refresh our supply, but until then, we ask you to bring your own. It seems that the vandalism is not confined to the bats, but has also extended to the changing rooms and trees in the park. If you see anything or have any information, please let the Clerk know

clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

Dog Bins: The PC is considering the location of the dog bins around the Parish. If you are a dog walker or have a view, please let the Clerk know your thoughts.

Allotments: There are a number of vacant plots in the Bury Lane allotments. If you are interested, contact the Clerk.

Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on 8th and 22nd August at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

Ford End Senior Tea

There will be no tea for the month of August. Enjoy the summer and see you all in September.

By Royal Appointment

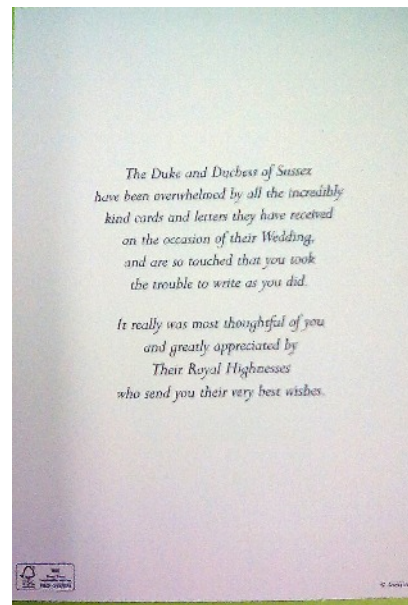


Unfortunately due to some technical issues we have absent from the parish news recently, hopefully this is sorted now and we will be posting each month.

This term has been extremely busy, the leavers have had 3 visits to school for lunch and a play, these sessions have gone really well and are very beneficial for the children to gain

confidence and a feel for the school routine. We had a lovely day at Lil Monsters in Gt Dunmow for our school leavers. It was a fun-filled afternoon in the soft play area, watching a film and eating a party lunch with music and dancing. We have been practicing our leavers' performance, which is one of their favourite stories 'Supertato'. The children perform this to their parents on the last week of term. We have been enjoying some home-grown produce from our preschool garden, with lovely raspberries, strawberries and potatoes. The children have been excited to watch these growing and understanding the difference in colour when the fruit is ripe.

One of the children's favourite topics this term was the royal wedding and we enjoyed many activities themed around this. We posted a handmade card to the Royal couple, Reverend Caroline invited us to the church and we all took part in a mock wedding, we made a beautiful wedding cake from cardboard, decorating it with ribbon and flowers and we decorated some pretty pots and made small silk arrangements for our role-play florist. This week we were lucky enough to receive a thank you message (above) for our card from Harry and Meghan, this was quite an exciting moment.



Church concert

Concert of madrigals and motets by Monteverdi and his contemporaries for voices and instruments. Introduced and directed by Philip Thorby. Great Waltham Church, Sunday 12th August 5pm. Admission free: retiring collection to defray expenses. Details: Annabel Malton 01245 360240.

Cllr John Aldridge reflects on his ECC chairmanship

My two years as Chairman of Essex County Council came to an end in May. I can now reflect upon the great privilege it has been to serve the Council and the people of Essex and in particular to preside with the Lord Lieutenant at regular ceremonies to welcome new citizens to Essex and the UK.

It is a unique role that enabled me to visit a great number of amazing charities and voluntary organisations, to witness how they make community in our County not just a word but reality. It has, on many occasions, also been a very humbling experience, where I have witnessed at first hand so many members of our community committing themselves to the support of others.

My Chairmanship has also allowed me to maintain the strong bond between the County, the Unitary, District, Borough and City Councils. I have endeavoured to foster community identity and recognise many of those organisations that work so hard for the good of all our Essex residents. I have hosted receptions for recipients and nominees for the Queens' Award for Voluntary Service, the armed services and the cadet organisations, the Order of St John for the bereaved families of organ donors and more recently the County Cricket Champions, Essex County Cricket Club and its staff. And for the past 2 years I have attended commemoration services for the Essex Regiments and Yeomanry in France. I have been able to work closely with the Duke of Award Edinburgh's Scheme and the National Citizenship Service to improve the life chances of our young people. I have also had the honour to support our previous Lord Lieutenant Lord Petre and new Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, in many of their responsibilities including in welcoming royal visitors to the County. This year I helped to organise a service at Chelmsford Cathedral marking the 100th year of the Commonwealth of Nations and hosting British Empire Medal award ceremonies in the Council Chamber.

For the past four years, as Vice Chairman and Chairman, not only have my eyes been opened to what a great place our County is to live in but, what wonderful people we live among and try serve. For details of my term as Chairman view <http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx> If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 4121524 or email cldr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk. John Aldridge CC August 2018

Ford End Gardening Club

The club had another successful and jolly annual barbecue with food cooked and provided by our members and guests. It was held in the beautiful and peaceful garden of one of our members in Onslow Green. Although it had been a really warm July day the evening became quite chilly but there were games in the garden and a quizz which kept us wandering around the garden. We have no meeting in August but the next one is on the 10th September at 7.30pm in the Ford End village hall. Brian Carline will be coming along to talk about organic vegetable growing. In the meantime, some of us will be digging around for ideas for our display at the Flower Festival on 8th and 9th September at Great Waltham church.

Walthambury Womens Institute

On a warm summer evening members of Walthambury WI visited the garden of our President at Hartford End for our annual garden party. On arrival we were offered a cool drink and the chance to solve Pam our President's cryptic quiz. We enjoyed a delicious cold buffet followed by a short business meeting.

At our next meeting on Tuesday September 11th we are having a talk by Peter Wells on Great Waltham Church Windows and Treasures. This will take place in the Church starting at the earlier time of 7pm. New members always welcome.

Great Waltham Friendship Club

On a very hot afternoon in July members took their seats in a very cool Legion Hall and, after welcoming visitor, Dawn, settled down to hear John Andrews tell of his 'adventures' as an Essex policeman. His tales were interesting, humorous and sometimes jaw-dropping. It's no wonder he uses art and music to relax. Next month there will be a music quiz which is always a lot of fun, so think about joining us on 20th August at 2.30pm at the Legion.

Celebrations at North End

On a beautiful Saturday morning, people from North End and surrounding villages gathered for the annual Coffee Morning-cum-Fete at Blackchapel. The grounds of this beautiful building were resplendent with marquees and bunting whilst the spreading branches of the horse chestnut trees provided very welcome, dappled



shade. Neighbours chatted over tea and biscuits, the Tombola and raffle did brisk business, plants and cakes were sold, flavours of crisps and the weight of a cake were guessed, coconuts were shied, marbles were poured into flower pots and the North End History exhibition (compiled by a Heather Morecombe) was on display for all to see - all in all, a lovely village event. At the end of the morning, some excellent raffle prizes were distributed and prizes awarded to the winners of the various competitions.

Thanks go to everyone who took part in the event, donated prizes or attended and thus contributed to the excellent sum of £472, which will be distributed to four charities.

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Great Waltham Horticultural Society

Annual Flower & Produce Show 2018 takes place on Saturday, 15th September and organisers hope to attract plenty of entrants and visitors. Classes range from those for traditional fruit and vegetables, through to flowers, grasses, shrubs and pot plants, as well as speciality dahlia and roses sections.

Cookery fans can show off their chutneys, carrot cakes and sausage rolls, while other classes include flower arrangements, photography, home-made wine, beer and spirits, and arts and crafts.

For the younger generation, there are separate classes for pre-school age, under 8s and 8-15-year-olds, including a collage, the sunflower with the largest head, and a painted or decorated flower pot.

Show secretary, Jane Moore, said: "This summer's hot weather has proved really challenging for many gardeners, but we very much hope they will come and support the tradition of our great British show.

"There really is something for everyone, so if you enjoy being part of our wonderful village community, please bring along your entries and join us. We'd also love to hear from anyone who has a few hours to spare and can lend a hand on the day."

Full details are available in the Yearbook and schedule - which includes a show entry form. The Yearbook is currently on its way to Society members and is also available for just £3 from Walthambury Stores.

It is packed full of fun features, recipes and interviews with Society stalwart Gerald Smith, who talks about the history of the show, while award-winning gardener Peter Bradley shares the secrets of his success.

The Show takes place at the Village Hall and the school from 2pm to 4pm, and is preceded by the 'Not Very Serious' Dog Show, starting at 1.30pm outside the Village Hall. All dog owners are invited to bring their four-legged friends, entry is by donation and all proceeds go to Essex Lowland Search & Rescue. For more details or to volunteer, please contact Jane Moore on 07952 387286 or email Jane Moore (rjmoore440@googlemail.com)

Flower Festival Plea CAN YOU LEND US AN OLD BIKE?

The Flower Festival organisers would like to borrow an old-fashioned bike with a basket, to decorate and chain up on the pole at the end of South St opposite the church. It would act as an advertisement for the Flower Festival and would be needed for the weekend of 8th and 9th September. If you can help, please contact either Phil Lilley on 01245 360615 or Joanna Steel on joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com.

LAST MINUTE ENTRIES? If you missed the deadline but would like to do a display, contact us NOW on the details above.



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.

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

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 18th June 2018**. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to www.greatwaltham.org.uk

The PC considered the issue of the GW rec ground car park which floods when it rains. A single quote to add road planings and gradient causing water to run off, was considered. The Clerk was instructed to seek alternative quotes and solutions.

An update was given on the refurbishment of the area between shop and Beehive. The Landowner has decided to withdraw support for this initiative. The Council recorded their disappointment with this decision as it has been raised several times by the public. The item is now closed.

Ford End Road Traffic Committee (FERTC) have volunteered to look after the Ford End SID. However, they do want the new SID to be deployed on the downward slope on Sandon Hill and data collected on what is considered a faster stretch of the road. They have also registered for Speedwatch training. Discussions continue with ECC pushing for clear answers on 4 questions in regard of ECC or DoT policy. A follow on meeting has been set up with the ECC Highways Network Assurance Group Manager.

Response from the public on the Parish Office options paper strongly supported the GW VH option. Cllr Steel was asked to arrange a visit to the VH for the sub-committee.

Following responses from CCC on the questions in regard of 14 parking bays to be installed on the garages site in GW, it was agreed that CCC would be requested to move forward on the lease from CHP to GWPC for the 14 spaces.

The PC reviewed how it could get ECC to abide by GWPC preferences for verge cutting every year, which often lapses back to the full cuts. It would appear that the PC needs to send regular reminders. A proposal for GWPC to join the Plantlife.org.uk Campaign to protect wildflowers on roadside verges was agreed and best served by members of the PC signing up as individuals to provide Plantlife with the leverage to lobby ECC. Cllr Jackson will provide an article to the Parish News to get parishioners to also sign.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at GW Parish Office, **Monday 20th August 2018** 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.

Farleigh Hospice's Cycle for Life

Farleigh Hospice's 'Cycle for Life' will take place on Sunday, 16th September. Offering three scenic routes through the beautiful mid-Essex countryside, it includes a 20km route through Mashbury, Pleshey and Great Waltham as well as 50km route and 100km routes.

To register simply visit fareleighhospice.org/cycleforlife or call: 01245 457 408. Registration closes on Wednesday 5 September at 5pm. Limited places will be available on the day: £30 per adult / £15 under 18s.

Crime report

A group of 16/17-year-olds, having been told off for insulting an elderly couple whilst trespassing on their land, decided to return and set fire to a stubble field. Luckily it had been baled earlier and the bales removed, but had it not been for some kind passers-by reporting it it could have turned very nasty. The youths were on bicycles and were last seen heading into Cherry Garden Road. If anyone knows who they might be PLEASE can you let Essex Police know on 101 and give them the incident number of 1190 of 15/07/2018.

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