

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

July 2018

Legionstock!



The Legion Club held its second annual mini music festival on Saturday 16th June and was a sell out! Eight bands delighted an audience made up of festival goers in their eighties to new-borns in prams. Luckily, the weather stayed dry enabling the outdoor space to be used to capacity. The bands performed on a stage under a marquee, with an eclectic range to suit all tastes. Some old favourites were welcomed back including the Wannabe Shadows, The Underscores, The Waltham Eagles and Fools Errand who had people dancing the night away under the stars.

With the completion of the works to install a new disabled toilet, the Legion Club is now the perfect venue for everyone and this was evident by the numbers and range of villagers in attendance. Food was provided by 'The Spud Shack' who you may have seen at our Christmas Bazaar, and a BBQ with gourmet burgers and hotdogs. In addition, there was a Fizz and Punch tent along with face-painting for the children. A

great time was had by all. If you missed it this time round don't worry, there's always next year. In the meantime, look out for our events advertised in the Parish Press and on our notice boards – there's something for everyone – if not let us know and we'll see what we can do. The Legion Club can also be hired at very good rates. You can contact Lorraine McClement (the Club Chair) on 01245 360287 or Teresa Harper (the Club Secretary) on 01245 631918.

Congratulations



to Janet Bloomfield who has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal, QPR in the Queen's Birthday Honours for distinguished service. Janet Bloomfield has dedicated 30 years to policing, she retired earlier this year as a youth and anti-social behaviour sergeant and now works in a staff role with Essex Police as the Children and Young People and anti-social behaviour manager. She joined Essex Police in 1988 to fulfil her dream of becoming a police officer and dedicated the majority of her career working with children and young people to help them achieve in life and to divert them away from offending.

Murder at the Paris Opera Ballet



Oh dear, another murder at the Paris Opera Ballet whilst on tour at Ford End Village Hall. Every time they put on a show, they lose a ballerina. The evening started off with a performance of Le Pas de Deux by world famous Cecile d'Ansalò, Sergei Stroganov et Helene de Generes. The tumultuous applause was interrupted by an unexpected murder, but fortunately Inspector Clueless was in the audience and with the help of the sell out crowd, he managed to solve the crime and arrest the culprit. Thanks to the local cast who put on the show. Well done to "Clueless But Trying" team who correctly identified the murderer, means and motive. In spite of the interruption, everyone enjoyed an excellent dinner served by VH Committee. Over £1,000 was raised towards the Ford End Village Hall and Church



From the Vicarage,

Sacred open space in the heart of our villages

Maybe you don't think of our churchyards in this way, but that is what they are and we are entrusted with maintaining them for this and future generations. We are blessed by not only having 2 beautiful churches in the centre of our villages, but also that they sit in peaceful and beautiful churchyards where fauna and flora can thrive right in the heart of the villages. In Ford End some areas are left more wild for the benefit of wild life. Both churchyards are sacred spaces and in Great Waltham it is situated in a Conservation Area. The churchyards though are not parks or memorial gardens and therefore are not maintained as such. Families value the importance of having such a space to remember their loved ones, and many of us whatever our beliefs value the space. There are strict rules about how we maintain the churchyards and what we can and can't do so that the space is kept in an appropriate way for everybody, and is fitting for a sacred space and they do come with challenges. At approximately four acres the churchyard in Great Waltham is exceptionally large and even for its size includes an above average number of trees, and of course the density of grave stonework all of which means cutting the grass which has to be done carefully with strimmers, brush cutters and smaller mowers. This is undertaken by a team of dedicated volunteers led by Russ Townsend and we do not receive any regular financial help from outside agencies. While grass cutting is the major challenge, we also have volunteers who maintain the trees, especially the Lime Walk and there are occasional Tidy-up days for removing ivy, pruning, raking and clearing gutters etc. There are no regular paid contractors that work in the churchyard to maintain it apart from those engaged to carry out essential maintenance or major tree work.

You may have noticed that areas of Great Waltham churchyard have become overgrown. This is because we have had a number of volunteers who have not been able to continue cutting the grass. We are keen to recruit new people. So, if you'd like to know more about helping to look after the churchyard and you're over 18 years old then why not phone Russ on 01245 362629 for Great Waltham and Roger Bearman on 01245 237335 for Ford End. We can discuss how you can get involved; perhaps as a grass cutter or as a volunteer to take care of other tasks. Please note that the churchyard is in a conservation area so it's protected by law against certain changes and stonework and other churchyard features can be easily damaged if care is not taken.

May you know peace this summer.
Revd Caroline Brown



Church of England Services in July 2018

Sunday 1st July	9.30am Communion 11.00am Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 8th July	8.00am Traditional communion 9.30am Communion 11.00am Family Service	Great Waltham Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 15th July	9.30am Communion 11.00am Communion 11.00am Communion	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals
Sunday 22nd July	9.30 am Family Service 11.00am Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 29th July	10.30am Joint Service St Martin's, Little Waltham	CM3 3LJ

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator
Tel: 07957 228467
admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End JULY

Sun. 1 st	Family Worship	P Hamilton	
Wed. 4 th	Good Book Club	Schoolroom	1.20 pm
Sun. 8 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev. T Pigrem	
Sun. 15 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev S Bailey	
Wed. 18 th	Good Book Club Prayer Meeting at Hannahs, Onslow Green	Schoolroom	1.20 pm 7.30pm
Sun. 22 nd	Morning Worship	J Turton	
Sun. 29 th	Worship at Felsted Church		11am

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 July 2018

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am Each Sunday -
Evening Service 6.30pm 2nd Sunday HC

July. 1st. Marina Price. Messy Church. 10am	
July. 8th. Marina Price. 6.30pm. Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC	
July. 15th. Rev Geoffrey Griggs	
July. 22nd. Charles de Lacy. HC	
July. 29th. Rev Geoffrey Griggs	
Thursday. 5th. July Gossip & Guzzle. 11am - 1.0pm	
Thursday. 12th July. Pippins Parent & Toddler Group 9.30am - 11am	
Saturday 21st July. Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am - 11am	



Ford End Gardening Club

On Saturday 2 June the garden club visited Beth Chatto's beautiful garden at Elmstead Market. I first visited the garden over thirty years ago and found it truly inspirational. I had never visited a garden quite like it and the memory of it has always stayed with me. The garden has been developed over the years with the addition of Beth's renowned dry garden, a large cafe and an excellent array of plants for sale. Sadly, Beth Chatto died recently but she has left behind this wonderful garden in her memory.

The club then went on to visit Abberton reservoir which was increased in size a few years ago and now has a new visitors' centre overlooking the reservoir itself. There are several bird hides quite close to the centre and a number of species of birds were seen and skylarks could be heard singing away.

The garden club's annual barbecue is being held on **Monday 9th July at Christine Hamilton's garden in Onslow Green and it starts at 6.0pm.**

Enjoy the summer and don't let the weeds get you down.

WALTHAMBURY WI

The June meeting of the Walthambury WI was more of a social event with nearly fifty members taking part in the President's challenge (a silent auction) to raise funds for our Branch.

The members' didn't disappoint with an array of items and a good as new stall raising a considerable sum.

Our July meeting will be a garden party at our President's house in Hartford End. There will be **no meeting in August.**

Sheila Williams

NEW RECORDINGS ON THE TALKING BENCH

A new selection of recordings is now on the talking bench. You will hear Rosemary Pitts and Walter "Sixer" Clift talking about their days at Great Waltham Primary; Doris Snow, Bridget Seymour, Walter Clift and Rosemary Pitts talking about the war; and an introduction by Peter Bradley. It's a real history lesson told with humour by the people who experienced it.



A reminder – there are 3 recordings on each button. Keep pressing to move on to the next recording.



Eight new Explorer Scouts

Anyone wandering around Great Waltham at sunset on 6 June wasn't hearing things, it was Magna Explorer Scout Unit at the top of Great Waltham Church Tower, a fitting venue to invest 8 new Explorer Scouts into the Unit.

Earlier in the evening we undertook some churchyard maintenance work and concentrated our efforts on the rose bushes on the Lych Gate approach to the Church that had become totally overwhelmed by some self-sown trees. The area was checked for any nesting birds, none were identified and we now have added significantly to the bonfire pile!

For the remainder of this term we have an American Theme Night, a 24 hour camp at Gilwell Park (24 hours of activities that is!) and will finish with the traditional Magna cycle ride and then last of all a raft building and Pizza night.

Magna Explorer Scout Unit meet at the Waltham's Scout HQ off Cherry Garden Road on Wednesdays from 20:00 till 21:30. No previous Scouting experience necessary. New Explorers and Leaders/Adult helpers always welcome. The programme is very wide and varied, if you have any interests and would be prepared to come to Explorers one night or have any innovative programme ideas that we could work up please get in touch. magnaesu@hotmail.co.uk or Matthew Bradley 07596 117417/Catherine Reed 07970 853338



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John Lattimore, Chairman

FLOWER FESTIVAL

SAT 8TH & SUN 9TH
SEPTEMBER

On the theme of



“SEASONS AND CELEBRATIONS”

At GW church

The Flower Festival returns after 14 years. Local schools, clubs, businesses and individuals are invited to do a display of flowers, formal or fun, on the theme below. *Not your sort of thing? Read on.....*

“SEASONS”

Choose your favourite season. For example, a summer display could be a beach towel with flowers in a bucket.

Or...

“CELEBRATIONS”

Celebrate a birth, a special birthday, anniversary, Easter or Christmas. Those who have lost a member of their family or a friend might like to do a display to commemorate him or her.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND HELP

In the church, you can use the window sills, pillars or large floor areas. Supply your own foliage, flowers, containers, and any props, but these can be simple and cheap. *Need help?* From the end of **JUNE**, there will be ideas, information and photographs on display in the church.

DATES

On **FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**, the church will be open for you to arrange your display. The church will then be open to the public on **SATURDAY 8TH and SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER**.

WANT TO TAKE PART?

There is no charge to take part, but please contact Joanna Steel on Joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com or Phil

Lilley on 01245 360615 no later than **JULY 15TH**. (If you would simply like to make a donation towards the event, please contact Joanna or Phil.)

Thanks – and let your imagination run riot!

Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on Wednesday 4th and 18th July 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 2 30pm on Monday, 16th July at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

2018 Great Waltham Community Network Inter - Pub Football Tournament

In May the GWCN held its second inter pub football tournament. This year's winner was the Green Man. There was plenty of tension, including a penalty shoot out worthy of the World Cup! Thanks to all the players, supporters and particularly to our referee Paul Gorrie. Also thanks to the GW School FOGWS and The Bee Hive for the refreshments and BBQ. We plan to hold the event again next year and already there are suggestions about perhaps including youth and senior matches. If you have any other ideas then let the GWCN know (joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com).



Hard fought action between the Green Man and The Rose and Crown



The Winners - The Green Man Team

GREAT WALTHAM FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A pleasant afternoon was spent this month with a plant quiz won by Joy Goddard who certainly knows her hardy perennials. There was also a 'Guess What's in the Bag' quiz where members were invited to have a feel followed by a confectionery puzzle. Refreshments were served and members enjoyed a good old 'chin wag'.

STOP STANSTED EXPANSION

We apologise that the article headed Stop Stansted Expansion in the June issue of the Parish News may have given the wrong impression about the views of the SSE campaign. We wish to set the record straight and make the point that the SSE campaign is against the expansion of Stansted and the Parish News is impartial. For more information, please contact SSE Campaign Office, Tel 01279 870558 or visit info@stopstanstedexpansion.com



Field of the Cloth of Gold

French and English music of the sixteenth century

The Waltham Singers with the Orlando Consort

Saturday 16 June Great Waltham Church

The Waltham Singers joined forces with the Orlando Consort on Saturday 16th June for a musical journey back to the sixteenth century, as part of the Great Waltham Festival of Music & Arts. The audience were entertained by the music and historical stories of the meeting of Francis I of France and Henry VIII of England at a political summit that has gone down in history as the "Field of the Cloth of Gold".

Church summer fete on Saturday 21st July 1-4pm in Great Waltham churchyard

To celebrate the beginning of the summer holidays, the church is putting on a summer fete!

- ✚ There will be lots of games, tombola, Summer Punch, tea/coffee & cakes.
- ✚ You will have the opportunity to climb up the tower, have a look at the bells and admire the fantastic view over the surrounding countryside.
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Giant telecom mast threat averted

An update from Mike Steel on the proposed 20m EE mast at the junction of Cherry Garden Road and South Street – I am pleased to say that we have now had a letter from Waldon Telecom Ltd, stating that they are “not progressing with the works”. I believe that they have reached this conclusion due to numerous letters from locals, and my pushing CCC to argue that it does not qualify as permitted development and would need planning permission, and my lobbying of ECC to challenge the legality of the existing redundant mast. It is good to see that logic prevailed and the realisation that a 20m mast would have been inappropriate in the centre of our lovely village.

MIKE STEEL

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of 21st May 2018 (also serving as the AGM) and the Parish Annual Assembly 23rd May. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to www.greatwaltham.org.uk

AGM – Cllr Steel was re-elected as Chair. Cllr representations on the various sub-committees and external committees were determined.

The options for the Parish Office were presented, which will be discussed at the Annual Assembly. The three main options are: to stay in the current location (and pay a private landlord rent); share the village hall (and pay into a local infrastructure); create space at the changing rooms (which need to be updated – Opened 1975). During discussion there was a focus on the costs of the options and a costed proposal from the Village Hall is required.

The PC agreed to proceed with the installation of the bollards in Banbury Square, as required by ECC, on the basis of a single quote, subject to the necessary accreditations and road closures.

Following interviews for co-opted Cllr to replace Cllr Braisby, Cllr Jenkins was proposed and accepted. However, a further resignation (Cllr Allen) was tendered in writing, to the meeting.

Annual Assembly – For the first time, the Annual Assembly was held in Ford End.

An update was given on matters arising from last year's meeting. Table Tennis had been implemented in GW Recreation Ground, the Boules Court required more funds and grant options were being investigated, and the Skateboard Park had not moved forward due to lack of interest, support or plans. Car Parking will improve as GW will get 14 additional spaces on the garages site. Much of the Parish has been upgraded for Superfast broadband. Anyone can check their status at <http://essex.astuntechnology.com/atsuperfastsolophase2.html> .

This year's report by the Chair started with the financial position for the coming year with a statement that the PC had agreed to increase the overall precept by 2%. This means that we will collect £44,880 in total for 2018/19 but the effect is a reduction per household as there are more dwellings.

As the meeting was in Ford End it was appropriate to report where we are on the traffic issues. A small team (FERTC), have been successful in getting 40 mph buffer zones and 20 mph advisory by the school, past the feasibility stage, funding allocated and awaiting planning. Beyond this we run into the barrier that the B1008 is designated a Priority Route 1 (PR1), which inhibits any measures that form a physical barrier. The team are challenging this and pushing for a weight restriction or other means to address dangerous spots in the village.

The options for the Parish Office were presented. There appeared to be positive feedback in terms of having a focal point for the Parish, and keeping the money within the Parish was popular. The sub-committee will review the feedback.

North End and Great Waltham Charity reports were presented.

Organisations within the Parish were invited to make a presentations and the Community Network, Twinning Association, Ford End VH and VDS, GW and FE PCC, FERTC and GW VH, took the opportunity.



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Tuesday 7th August	13.30 - 15.30	Recreation Ground South Street Great Waltham CM3 1DF	Kids Kingdom Staff
Tuesday 14th August	10.00 - 12.00	Recreation Ground South Street Great Waltham CM3 1DF	Staff

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