

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

June 2018

**GREAT WALTHAM
Music & Arts
FESTIVAL**

Updates and information inside

Brilliant Achievement



Lucy Johnson and her brother Oli completed the London Marathon to raise money for the Havens Hospice. We would like to thank the amazing support of so many of you. You have helped us raise over £7,500 for Havens Hospices.

Thank you. You are brilliant.
Lucy, Oli and Harry x

Jill and the Beanstalk

Great Waltham turned out in force recently to watch Great Waltham Parish Production's Jill & the Beanstalk raising funds for Broomfield Hospital Cancer Unit.



More pictures inside

BOULES IN THE SUN

The sun beat down on the Annual Village Boules Tournament on Bank Holiday Monday. Ten teams fought it out and the spectators got stuck into the home-made cakes. The winners taking the cup home for the year were Florence and Phoebe Townsend. The winning children's team were Charlotte Blaber and cousins Emily and Josh.



The winners with Joanna Steel president of GW Twinning Association

The Great Waltham Art Show

The Art Show took place on the May Bank Holiday weekend this year and many new records were set. We had more than 60 artists exhibiting this year with more than 450 pieces of work on display. Over the weekend 400 people attended the show and record sales were achieved with over half the exhibiting artists selling a piece of work. The profit of nearly £1550 will be distributed to the church, village hall, the school and Community Network. A most enjoyable weekend was had by attendees and organisers alike. Many thanks to the forty people that helped to run the show and all those who attended.



I was talking to a neighbour of mine recently and she said that our area is not what it used to be. She has lived there for over 50 years and I have been there for almost 9 years, so I asked her specifically what has changed? Her reply was, "people are in such a hurry and when they're home they live behind closed doors. In my days after the war we didn't have a lot, but what we had we would share and you could always turn to a neighbour for help."

My road is a tight-knit community and most of the residents have lived there since the sixties with a few new families, like ours, moving in. When we first moved into the road we were really blessed by having an opportunity to connect with our neighbours and get to know them. It was the year of the Queen's Jubilee and we had a street party. A few years later this was followed by the Royal Wedding and another street party. We have had coffee mornings and also hosted a gathering at Christmas. All of these moments have built our sense of community and belonging in the place we live.

It is such a gift when our neighbours are those who could lend a hand in our time of need. However, it isn't always our immediate neighbours who we build community with. It may be with those who we work with, a social club we attend, a hobby we take up or a group of friends from a particular time in our lives. Being together and being community is how God created human beings to flourish. He created a helpmate for Adam, for it was not good for man to be alone.

Loneliness is a big problem in our society today and many people experience a sense of isolation at some point or another. Loneliness is not to be confused with being alone or solitude which can be beneficial to us, but rather a sense of being left out, forgotten, overlooked or unable to connect with others. If this feeling persists over time it can have a negative impact on our mental health and well-being.

So how do we come back together and join up the dots? I believe the early church as written about in the book of Acts had a lot to say about what a healthy community looked like.

Now I'm not suggesting we sell our houses and give away all we have to build a commune but we can become more intentional with the way we connect. We can identify things we have in common with each other, we can stop to notice the people around us and if we haven't seen someone out and about we can ask why? We can offer to share a cup of tea or even better a meal with a neighbour or a friend and give ourselves fully to that time together without the interruption of our phones. We can look someone in the eye and ask them how they are and even be real with how we're doing instead of putting on the 'I'm fine' face. I also believe in bridging the gap between the generations. Younger people offer the older generation a link to the future, but older people offer younger people a connection to the past and a pool of wisdom.

We are stronger when we're together, we have more when we share, we are blessed when we are a blessing.

With every blessing, Revd Jackie Thornton



Church of England Services in June

Sunday 3rd June	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
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	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Family Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 17th June	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
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	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 24th June	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator
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Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church June 2018

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30 am Each Sunday Evening Service
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June 3rd. Rev Geoffrey Griggs

June. 10th. Cristina McClure. 6.30pm Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

June. 17th. Martin Payne

June. 24th. Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

Thursday 7th June Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.00pm Thursday

14th June Pippins Parent & Toddler Group 9.30am - 11am

Saturday 23rd June Coffee Morning in School Room 10am

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Details of all listed buildings can easily be found on www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk. All listings, including parks and gardens and scheduled monuments, can be found on the official website, <https://historicengland.org.uk/>, but it isn't as easy to navigate.

Ken McDonald, Secretary,

North End

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Saturday 30th June

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Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday, 25th June at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on 27th June at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

Thanks to the 117 parents / families that complete the online parent survey—the results are very positive and give us valuable feedback. Well done to Kian and Brooke for representing Chelmsford at the county Cross Country Finals at Hadleigh Park in April – quite an achievement. Congratulations to the school football team, they



defeated Great Leighs 8-0 on 27 April to compete a 100% record in league fixtures and finish top of the table. They will now enter a play-off game against teams from another league.

The netball team played in the finals of the Chelmsford Competition after qualifying from a previous round. They won 2, drew 1 and lost 2 pool matches and proceeded the next 2 play-off matches to finish 5th overall, a superb achievement given that is all the schools in Chelmsford. Mrs Wilkinson, their coach was extremely proud of them all. Tigers were crowned Intra-House Rugby Champions a tournament for children in Y3-6.

Y6 children have completed their SATs (statutory assessment tests in case you did wonder!). It did not measure their life long values, their ability to be a friend, or look after someone in YR. It did tell you anything about their speed, agility and skills in sports or their talents in music or art. However, having solid core skills in English and maths are important and it does measure that quite accurately. They have worked hard over many years and I am sure they proved their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum during the tests. Thanks to all the adults whom have helped them over many years.

It was fantastic to have Jack Trelawny, the children's author here to talk to the children about story writing. He really focused on using experiences and images to create starting points for stories. For example, he showed the children a photo of a very small dog in a very small chair and reminded the pupils of key questions (where / why / what / how). Some children won a book prize by answering questions he asked in assembly.

Thanks to all the children who contributed to the Great Waltham Art show, Mrs Fitzwater was very positive about the creations and said there were plenty of compliments about the pupils' work.

Trustee and treasurer of The Parish of Great Waltham Almshouse Charity retires.

John Clark has recently retired as trustee and treasurer of The Parish of Great Waltham Almshouse Charity.



John has been treasurer for thirty years and has made a tremendous contribution to the success of the charity during that time.

He is seen receiving a painting in oils of Church Housen alongside his wife Sheila and presented by the charity chairman, John Lattimore on behalf of fellow trustees.

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GREAT WALTHAM Music & Arts FESTIVAL

As I write this article our first Music & Arts Festival has got off to a really excellent start!

The Village Art Show in Gt Waltham Church attracted a record number of exhibits, bringing a record number of visitors flocking to this annual 'gem of an event' raising money for our village community.

This was followed by the **Green Man's 'May Day Family Fun'** which from what I have heard, using youngster's words, was 'absolutely rammed'. This I gather means 'full to capacity' and judging by the cars parked along the roads in Howe Street this was evidently the case. Try visiting the Festival's Facebook Page ... GreatWalthamFestival and view the YouTube video which clearly shows everybody having a really great afternoon in the sun. (Pictures on page 8)

The next event of the Festival's Calendar was our **Village Pantomime 'Jill and the Beanstalk'** which, speaking as one of the actors, was as enjoyable to perform in as it sounded to watch. One member of the audience commenting that it was 'absolutely hilarious' and promptly booked tickets for the next night to watch it again! (Pictures on page 6)

So it's onto the rest of the Festival and with another twelve events to go, this should ensure that Gt Waltham continues to be one of the best villages to live in when it comes to having an excellent social life right on our doorstep. For more information about the Festival phone (01245) 360653 or visit the Festival's Facebook Page GreatWalthamFestival to view the Festival Calendar.
Andrew Tinsley

Village Royal Wedding Celebration at the Great Waltham Legion Hall



Great Waltham Royal British Legion
Saturday 19th May - 11.30am

Join us as the nation celebrates the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. Doors will open at 11.30am for the live screening of the wedding at noon on our BIG screen. Following this will be a buffet style high tea. Fancy dress is optional, but a prize will be awarded to the best Prince and Princess attire.



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Jill and the Beanstalk

Great Waltham turned out in force recently to watch Great Waltham Parish Production's Jill & the Beanstalk raising funds for Broomfield Hospital Cancer Unit.

A commissioned script was hilariously brought to life with song and dance by our talented villagers and friends under the direction of David Chapman and Michael Proctor. One of the many jewels was a six handed comedy sketch featuring fake boobs and bottom - naughty but nice! Some in the sell-out Friday audience even bought tickets for the following night so they could watch it again!

Below are a selection of pictures from the production which give a flavour of the fun had by all. Congratulations go to all those who took part and enabled the production.



The Frog Island Jazz Band

Great Waltham Legion Hall

The band has built an international reputation during its 50 years existence appearing at Jazz Clubs in Holland, Belgium, Germany & even New Orleans as well as performing the UK. Doors open from 7pm Licensed Bar & a warm welcome guaranteed! Tickets on the Door - Members £2 / Guests £4 More Info: 360287

FRI 1ST JUNE

BBQ & Live Music in the Garden

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Join us for an evening of food & music at the Green Man BBQ. Food served from 6.30 pm with live music from Jamie McGuire at 7pm. More Info: 408820

SUN 3RD JUNE

Waltham Seekers Concert

Ford End Village Hall

A nostalgic trip back to the 60's with a concert of some of the best popular folk songs of the era plus a 60's music quiz to test your memory! Doors Open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. Licensed Bar Box Office £5 from Sandra 237335, Sheila 07736 965286 or on the door. More Info: 07736 965286

FRI 6TH JUNE

Beehive 'Live Band' Night

The Beehive

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SAT 9TH JUNE

Amavi Concert

Great Waltham Church

A concert of fantasias, madrigals & verse anthems for voices and viols by Michael East featuring Chelys Viols & the Fieri Consort @ 7.30 pm Tickets £16 (under 16s £10) from 360240 or on the door. More Info: 360240

SUN 10TH JUNE

Waltham Singers Concert

Great Waltham Church

Waltham Singers with the Orlando Consort present "Field of the Cloth of Gold" - an exploration of French & English music of the 16th century. Doors Open at 7pm. Tickets £16 / Concessions £14 available walthamsingers.org.uk or on the door. Wine & light refreshments available afterwards in Village Hall More Info: 440573

SAT 16TH JUNE

Legionstock Mini Music Festival

Great Waltham Legion Hall

Gt. Waltham's mini-music festival this year features eight live bands... so with a BBQ & 'Just the Jacket' to feed you, the Legion Bar to refresh you and 'hopefully' a nice summers day to warm your spirits... you can sit back and enjoy the music. Doors open at 1pm and close at 11pm. Tickets: Adult £5 / Child £3 (5 to 12 years) / Under 5s Free More Info: 360287

Murder at the Paris Opera Ballet

Murder Mystery Evening at Ford End Village Hall

Help Inspector Clueless identify the murderer in this cunning story of intrigue and deceit, with a cast of local actors. A great evening's entertainment guaranteed! Doors open at 7pm for curtains up @ 7.45pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets £15 which includes supper (no under 12s) Box Office: Sandra 237335, Sheila 07736965286

SAT 23RD JUNE

Village Choir Concert

Great Waltham Church

Our Concert this year includes sparkling items from our Village Choir, Dance Projection, Little2Big Voices and more. An occasion not to be missed. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 Start Admission £5 on the door. Licensed Bar & Refreshments More Info: 360149

SAT 30TH JUNE

GREAT WALTHAM Music & Arts FESTIVAL

May Day Family Fun at the Galvin Green Man

The Galvin Green Man has sponsored the Great Waltham Music and Arts Festival and hosted a Family Fun Day on May 9th between 11.30 and 6.00



MURDER MYSTERY

The return of Inspector Clueless Paris Opera Ballet has replaced its Ballerina. Let's hope she fares better than the last one! Book a table in our "restaurant," and should an unfortunate murder take place, consider the clues, ask the suspects some searching questions and decide who the murderer is.....

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Great Waltham Church

From 7th-24th June 1520, Francis I of France and Henry VIII of England held a political summit that has gone down in history as the "Field of the Cloth of Gold". Lavish fabrics weren't the only way the two countries strove to impress: music-making was at once a weapon in their cultural one-upmanship and a point of contact. The Waltham Singers will be joined by the internationally renowned Orlando Consort, in a concert exploring some of the music, sacred and secular, that would have been heard at the event, by composers including Jean Mouton, Claudin de Sermisy, Robert Fayrfax, William Cornish and Henry VIII himself. The concert forms part of the Great Waltham Music & Arts Festival.

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John Lattimore, Chairman
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SEASONS & CELEBRATIONS! Return of the FLOWER FESTIVAL



Great Waltham church
Sept 8th & 9th 2018

Please put this date in your diary!

Local clubs, groups, schools and individuals are invited to create a display, formal or informal, large or small, on the theme of "Seasons and Celebrations," or to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary. Watch out for further information. Contact Phil Lilley on 01245 360615 or Joanna Steel on Joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com for more information, advice, suggestions or help.

The Pew Auction was a great success

The Auction took place on Sunday 13th. May. Thank you to all those who helped to make the event so successful and thank you to the Lot contributors. The present funds raised towards the purchase of new chairs for Great Waltham Church was £ 2,443.05 with the potential for further profit if the sale of withdrawn Lots can be achieved.

Great Waltham Friendship Club

At the May 21st meeting members will have celebrated the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle although the actual wedding would be done and dusted two days earlier. They will have enjoyed a right royal picture quiz, cream tea and singing just like the old street parties of yore.

Hunters Meet was the venue on May 9th for members who enjoyed lunch and entertainment there. A good time was had by all.



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Are you aged 7-15? Interested in CRICKET...



Here in Great Waltham we have one of the prettiest village cricket grounds in the County. We have a thriving and successful colts section. We are looking for boys and girls aged between 7 and 15 of all abilities to come along on a Monday night from 6pm and join in the fun. Bring your friends.

The first session is completely **FREE of charge**.

Interested, call our Chairman, Graham Brown on 07932 067 388 or email:

graham487@btinternet.com



Plant Sale Success

Great Waltham Horticultural Society held a very successful plant sale on Saturday, September 12, raising around £150 towards the cost of running its 2018 Annual Flower & Produce Show.

A big thank you to Beryl Furley for organising the event and to her team of helpers on the day.

Villagers turned out to snap up vegetables and fruit including strawberries, blackcurrants and tomatoes, as well as chillies and peppers; while trailing petunias vied for attention with perennials such as pink geraniums and anemones.

The Society is keen to generate as much interest as possible in this year's show, which takes place at the village hall and the school on **Saturday, September 15**. There will be a range of classes, including flowers, vegetables and fruit, home-made wine, jams and photography, plus many classes just for children to enter.

Full details will be published in the Society's Yearbook which will be available shortly. As always, anyone volunteering to lend a hand on show day or to become a member of the hard-working Society, will be very welcome.

In the meantime, for those interested in learning the art of willow weaving, save the date for **Saturday, August 18**, when a willow weaving class is planned. More details to follow next month, look for posters coming soon and check the Society's Facebook page.

Ford End Primary School

Sats Tests

Year 2 and 6 have been working incredibly hard this week completing their Sats papers. I think it is widely thought that children as young as they are should not be put under the pressure of taking tests. However, the children have never complained about this process and never moaned about the past papers they have had to complete.

We have had lots of treats this week to try and make the week vaguely enjoyable!!

Football Match Report

Written by Oliver Bond and Max Jaggard – Sports Ambassadors



After school on Tuesday 15th May 2018, Little Waltham Primary School came to our school to play a football game. Fortunately, our team won 10-3. Everyone enjoyed it and we all had a great time. Luckily the weather was great and didn't rain this time!

The referee was Dan, our P.E. teacher, from Premier Sport who did a very good job. As sports captain, Oliver Bond managed and captained our team, rotating the players time as substitute. 4 people scored goals:

Max Jaggard = 4 Oliver Bond = 1 George Ford = 4 Vincent Quilter = 1

Hopefully, we can play again soon before the year 6's leave this year.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

Ford End School have been making the most of the Royal Wedding celebrations by holding their own celebration in the school hall. We made bunting and painted Union Jack Flags to decorate the hall with. Then we all enjoyed eating some party food and playing party games.



PROGRESS AT THE LEGION ?



Waltham ladies should not panic when they see the above photo showing workmen taking a well-earned rest on the new ladies' toilets at our Legion Hall. Even though the prospect of having a good chat whilst 'seated on the throne' might appeal to some, the completed toilet facilities will have two cubicles for the ladies and a disabled toilet, all with hot water (yes, hot water!) from the newly installed hot water system. Once completed, the final stage of the refurbishment will begin with a Family Room being created in the old bar with activities to keep the children occupied whilst parents enjoy a social drink in the new bar, patio and garden. Villagers are reminded that the Legion is available to all for private hire and is ideal for small to medium sized gatherings a recent family event saw the majority of people outside enjoying the sun on the newly constructed patio. If you should like to make more use of our Club, membership is £18 per annum to join the National British Legion plus a £10 Club Membership Fee. Members can then use the Club whenever it is open and take advantage of reduced entrance fees at our functions plus the extremely well priced bar! For more information on hiring our facility or joining our Club please phone the Club Chairman, Lorraine McClement on (01245) 360287 Andrew Tinsley

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chairman) of the Parish Council meeting of 23rd April 2018. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to www.greatwaltham.org.uk

GWPC have received two applicants for the vacant Cllr position. Cllrs Steel and Burton will carry out interviews with the two applicants and make recommendation to the next meeting.

We have now received a second licence from Chelmsford City Council (CCC) for the Banbury Square garden area, including the requirement for bollards (as both the garden and bench are on Highways designated land). CCC decided to split the licences in to two and previously sent a licence for the talking bench, which GWPC signed. Whilst the main objective was to ensure that the talking bench was legitimised, it was agreed that GWPC should also look to signing the second licence and the item was deferred to the F&GP committee to see if budget was available to fund the required circa £1,000 for bollards.

The Clerk is unable to attend the Parish office on Wednesday afternoons. There was a desire to try and keep the office open on these days by a rota of Cllrs. However, the few Cllrs who might be available couldn't give a firm regular commitment and given few public visitors were recorded on recent Wednesdays, it was decided to limit the published opening times to just Friday afternoons.

GWPC are trying to improve the "cobbled" area by Brook Mead. It is privately owned and the PC have offered to refurbish it in exchange for a right to use. The Landowner has agreed, but requires the PC to contribute to the cost of setting up the lease. However, GWPC have been unable to obtain a firm quote for the cost of the refurbishment work in spite of contacting several suppliers. Alternative quotes will be sought.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at GW Parish Office, **Monday 18th June 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.

COMMUNITY NETWORK - how can we help you?

It is our aim to enhance village life and one of the ways we do that is by giving small grants to local clubs and groups in the Great Waltham parish council area. Let us know if your group needs a contribution towards something specific. We can also help clubs with running fundraising events. Email Joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com for more information.



Little Waltham Village

Open Gardens
Classic Cars
& Crafts



Sunday 24th June 10:30am - 5pm

Entry by programme £5 per person

(Under 16s free).

The lovely village of Little Waltham will welcome visitors with a day of unforgettable gardens, classic cars, crafts, plants and refreshments

Tickets available in advance from www.farleighhospice.org/gardens or 138 and 142 The Street, Little Waltham CM3 3NY or on the day from 138 The Street. (Tickets bought in advance can be exchanged for programmes on the day)

For further details or to register your classic car call Hazel Clements 01245 360513 email: hawkltd@talk21.com

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