



Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

April 2018

Walthambury Stores features in rural crimestoppers campaign

The campaign was launched in March by independent charity Crimestoppers and encourages people across Essex to speak up about crime in the countryside.

Pauline Newton, who owns the store and sub-Post Office with her husband Keith, spoke out about the devastating impact on their business of three break-ins or attempted break-ins over the last year.

She was pictured with Stuart Rawlins, Chair of Crimestoppers in Essex, outside the store with a poster and flyers from the new campaign. And, as a result, her story appeared in a variety of local newspapers and she was interviewed by Heart Essex radio.

Pauline said: "We were thrilled to be asked to be a part of the campaign. If it encourages more people to speak up when they hear or see something to do with a potential crime, then we certainly welcome it."

The Crimestoppers campaign focuses on rural crime in Essex, where nearly one third of all reported crime is classed as rural - with violence the most common category.

Crimes against property, crimes of violence, domestic violence, child abuse, trafficking and hate crimes all take place in rural communities; while rural crime itself includes theft of high-value agricultural equipment, vehicles, heating oil, metal, diesel and pesticides.

Serious and organised crime groups are often linked to rural, heritage and wildlife crime, such as hare-coursing and cannabis cultivation.

Stuart Rawlins said: "In countryside communities, people tend to know who's who and they may have information about crime which could be important. It could also mean they won't want to



Pauline Newton with Stuart Rawlins with posters for the new Crimestoppers campaign outside Walthambury Stores

tell police because they fear reprisals. Crimestoppers charity can give them reassurance thanks to our guarantee of anonymity." Crimestoppers believes everyone has the right to feel safe from crime, wherever they live. The charity gives people the power to speak up, stay safe and stop crime 100% anonymously, either by calling the professionally-staffed 24-hour UK Contact Centre on 0800 555 111 or by using the non-traceable Anonymous Online Form. There's no ID, no police contact, no witness statements, no courts. □Crimestoppers is not an emergency service and in the event of an emergency, you should always ring 999.



LAST CALL FOR CEYRAT TRIP

21st – 28th July

We have a few spaces left on this year's trip to Ceyrat. Look at March's Parish News for full details. If you are interested, email me on Joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com **NOW!**

From the Vicarage,



In the beginning is the end and in the end is the beginning.

If the artist Anselm Kiefer lived in Great Waltham he would ask to collect up the bricks

from the 2 walls in the centre of the village that has recently collapsed. He says 'Rubble is like the blossom of a plant'. He collects tarmac, old machine guns, tin baths and seashells. And then he creates them into art work.

One piece that interests me is a fighter plane filled with seeds, a symbol of death filled with life as expressed in seeds. In a book about Anselm Kiefer it had this sentence which really struck me, 'In the beginning is the end and in the end is the beginning'.

As soon as I saw this sentence I thought that does a really good job of summarising what Easter is all about, the contradiction of it. There is a beginning we celebrate at Christmas, the birth of Jesus and the birth of a child always seems to be new hope and love, new possibility. A new Dad told me recently of the first time he held his baby in his arms and he couldn't believe how smitten he was, taken completely by surprise. A new beginning for him, and an end to how he was before. And in the birth of Jesus we have a sense that this is a beginning, but it is also an end.

And on the cross when Jesus dies this is an end, and it is also a beginning of something new, something new is possible because of this outrageous act of God, this loving act of God becoming a bloke like one of us and suffering this pain and death. In this end a new beginning is possible for all of us. and sometimes we need to be willing to end something or who we have been in order for a new beginning to have space to begin.

And here are a few events and services you may be interested in:

Good Friday – 10-12 The Happening – the greatest story, Easter craft and refreshments

1.30 Royal British Legion – Mel Gibson's graphic telling of the Passion of the Christ with discussion afterwards – it really brings the crucifixion to life. Adults only

Easter Day – April Fools day – how is Jesus a fool for us and the fun of being a fool for Jesus. **Come and celebrate 9.30 Ford End, 11am Great Waltham** God bless you with good endings and good beginnings

With love Revd Caroline



Church of England Services - April 2018

Sunday 1st April



9.30am Communion Ford End
11.00am Communion Great Waltham
11.00am Communion Chignals

Sunday 8th April

8.00am Traditional Communion Great Waltham
9.30am Communion Ford End
11.00am Family Service Great Waltham

Sunday 15th April

9.30am Communion Ford End
11.00am Communion Great Waltham
11.00am Communion Chignals

Sunday 22nd April

9.30am Family Service Ford End
11.00am Communion Great Waltham

Sunday 29th April

10.30am Joint Service with Revd Dan Pierce Ford End
12.00pm Gt Waltham with Ford End APCM Ford End

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

**Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End
APRIL**

Sun. 1st	Family Communion	Rev S Bailey	
	Easter Sunday		
Sun 8th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev K Holloway	
Sun. 15th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly	
Wed 18th	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom	8pm
Sun. 22nd	Morning Worship (cw)	S Merritt	
Sun 29th	Morning Worship at Felsted Parish Church		11 am

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
APRIL 2018**

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

April 1st Rev Geoffrey Griggs. **Easter Day H C**
April 8th Ian Chamberlain 6.30pm Geoffrey Griggs HC
April 15th Mike Shelbourne
April 22nd Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC
April 29th Steve Fenning

Thursday April 5th Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.0pm Thursday 12th April Pippins Parent & Toddler Group 9.30-11am Saturday 21st April Coffee Morning in School Room 10am

Ford End Gardening Club

Our members had a real taste of summer at our last meeting as our speaker was Linda Holdaway, a volunteer for the Essex branch of the National Garden Scheme (NGS), who showed wonderful photographs of some of the beautiful gardens that will be open to the public in Essex this summer.

We learnt from Linda that the scheme was founded in 1927 by William Rathbone to provide training and funding for district nurses. Hatfield House, Sandringham, Great Dixter and Sissinghurst are a few of the original gardens that were open under the NGS and still continue the practise today. Frogmore Gardens has raised more money than any other garden during the 70 years of being open. The NGS president is now Mary Berry and the scheme supports many nursing and caring charities.

A few of the local gardens that will be open are Barnards Farm, Dragons, Fudlers Hall, Furzlea and Elwy Lodge. Many of the gardens have tea and cake for sale plus a plant stall so what better way to end a stroll around a beautiful garden.

Talking of plant stalls, the garden club is having a coffee morning with homemade cake (of course) and raffle, plus lots of lovely plants, on **Saturday 28 April between 10.00 and 12.00** in the village hall at Ford End, so please come along

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on **Monday 16th April** 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 Wednesday April 4th and Wednesday April 18th at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

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



News from Ford End School

Our PTA have been busy raising money for the school by holding a Mothering Sunday Fundraiser, when the children were able to share drinks and cakes with their mums and carers on Friday afternoon.

They have also painted a blackboard in the hall which not only looks impressive, but also shows our school community what they are raising money for and what they have spent the money on.

Class 2 and 3 have nearly finished their very enjoyable topic area about Wild Weather. They have worked hard to produce some art work and projects that they completed at home.



Some of the art work produced by Classes 2 and 3





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We are holding a 'silent auction' on 12 June and are planning a visit to the Henry Moore Foundation at Perry Green on 6 June.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10 April** when David Webb will be recounting his life as a Hi-de-Hi Yellowcoat.

Our meetings start at 8.0pm and are held in the Legion Hall in Great Waltham. We are always pleased to see new faces.

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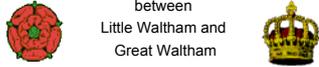


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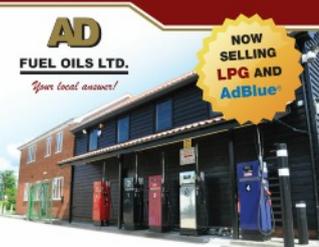
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If interested, please contact The Clerk to the Parish Council at



Great Waltham British Legion

Events in April



Easter Family Fun Day

Sunday 1st April, 11am -1pm, £3 per child
Come along for a fun event for the whole family, follow the egg trail around the village, make an Easter hat, join in with cake making, have your face painted and grab a chocolate treat!



Kids Bingo

Friday 6th April, 6pm, £3 per child.
This Bingo evening is designed for the KIDS! With 4 games of Bingo there are plenty of prizes to be won. Don't forget to grab your free hot dog and unlimited squash.



Casino Night

Saturday 21st April, 7.30pm, £5 per adult.
£100 cash prize. Over 18s only. Entry includes cocktail and playing chips. Cash prize will be awarded to the player with the most chips at the end of the night.

Follow us on Facebook for updates on all future events and activities. The club is also available to hire for private functions. Pop in to the club for details.

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Going potty at painting workshop

Thirteen local children (and their parents) braved the end of the snowy weather to join in the fun at Great Waltham Horticultural Society's Paint a Plant Pot workshop on Saturday, 3 March.

Under the watchful eye of Society member and former art and textile teacher Lucy Thorogood, the youngsters painted an array of colourful patterns and designs, including dogs, cats and lots of friendly, smiling faces.

After the workshop, the pots were varnished and have been returned to their rightful owners with a bag of compost and a selection of seeds ready to sow to brighten up those summer gardens.

Children are also being encouraged to save the date and enter their blooming beautiful pots into the Society's Annual Flower & Produce Show, which takes place this year on Saturday, 15 September.



Beautifully painted pots



Diary dates

Tuesday, 3 April - AGM: Please note change of venue, the meeting will now start at 7.30pm in the Rose and Crown pub in Great Waltham. All members welcome so please come along and support us.

Saturday, 12 May - Plant Sale: Your chance to buy summer bedding and perennials at great prices, all donations welcome, so if you have surplus plants thanks to your own green fingers, why not bring them along. 10am-12midday on the veranda of the village hall.

Every Sunday 10am-11am: the Hort Soc Hut at Brookmead Allotments is now open for garden supplies to kick start your gardening year.

Despite the weather in February most members came and enjoyed an afternoon of Bingo. Plans were made for this year's trip and the new programme for the rest of the year was discussed over delicious tea and cakes.

Meetings take place on the **third Monday of the month** at 2:30 in the Legion Hall. For 10 pounds a year you too could be a member.

Snow – What Snow!



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We need more volunteers to help clear the snow that falls to allow our elderly residents free passage to local facilities and to keep our schools open. Usually, the afternoon before wintry weather is forecast, the areas to be cleared are treated with rock salt by our handyman or other volunteers. If snow fall is experienced then all volunteers receive a text message / e-mail early on the morning of snowfall to indicate that snow clearing operations will be undertaken.

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The AGM of the Little Waltham Gardening Club was well attended and our treasurer, Peter Lawson was able to advise that the number of members had increased, together with the number of guests attending our monthly meetings. The members of the committee were voted in for another year and we were pleased to welcome another two new members to the committee, Bill and Lesley Bryden. Bill mentioned that he would be happy to arrange a Facebook page for the Gardening Club that can be used to promote future events.

After the official business of the AGM, the members took part in a team quiz based on Pointless which was won by Peter Lawson, Iris Diver, Rosina and Marian.

The winner of the President's Trophy was Marion Lawson with Iris Diver coming second and Lesley & Bill Bryden in third place.

Our Secretary, Maggie Williams reminded us that there will be a flower arranging workshop held on the 22nd March to prepare us for the Spring Show on Saturday April 7th.

The Spring Show will be held at the Memorial Hall in Little Waltham and we encourage entrants in our Cookery, Craft, Gardening and Flower arranging Sections. Please contact Marion Lawson on 01245 36857 or email pm@marionandpeter.plus.com for the Show Schedule or more information.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract by Mike Steel, Chairman) of the Parish Council of the meeting of **19th February 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 Finance and General Purpose Committee minutes were adopted. Specifically, a number of recommendations were made to accommodate the resignation of the RFO, effective 28th Feb 2018. The PC thanked Cllr Micklem in his work to adopt a new accounts software package and entering the 17/18 accounts. It was agreed that the Clerk would assume the duties of the RFO.

The PC confirmed the £300 cost of repairs to the Ford End car park fence. The PC decided to implement an attempt at a short term solution to the problem of the flooded GW recreation car park by boring a drain hole. Additional bollards have been installed around Broads Green.

The PC agreed to adopt the Talking bench located in Banbury Square, when ECC ownership runs out in May. Cllr Steel reported that the bench had recorded 5,490 messages played between its installation in Aug 2016 and Dec 2017

Cllr Steel reported that Ford End Road Traffic Committee (FERTC) met with ECC, 7th Feb, to follow up on the ECC report (Nov 2017) and FERTC's written response. Neither of these have moved us forward, so the meeting of 7th Feb was to push hard for some real changes in relation to weight restrictions or physical barriers:

The 2 proposed schemes are still on the cards (40mph buffers and 20mph advisory). 3 actions were agreed at the meeting:

1) Highways to make a statement as to why weight restrictions, and traffic calming measures cannot be implemented.

The objective being to confirm (or not) that it is DoT policy that restricts action

2) ECC/FERTC/GWPC to challenge such policy via its MP on the basis of the specific environment in Ford End.

3) In parallel with this, and on the basis that it may not be feasible to implement a weight restriction/physical restrictions, GWPC, in conjunction with FERTC to nominate a handful of "hotspots" and request options from ECC for safety improvements. These would be specific areas where large vehicles cause a potential hazard to pedestrians and where solutions could be implemented that are allowed within policy – e.g., railings.

The PC had been informed that the Mobile Library service would continue to visit GW (Hatchfields) every 3rd week, but would be ceased in the other Parish areas. Whilst an interest had been expressed in a Community Library in GW, this was on the basis that we might lose our mobile service, and since this was not happening, it was agreed not to pursue such an option.

The PC considered the request for improvements to the path between GW Church Gate Lodge and Old Priest's House that leads to the church. The footpath is in urgent need of re-surfacing. However, the PC does not own the path and recommended that the Church attempt to get the path adopted as a public footpath.

The next Parish Council will be held at Ford End Village Hall, **Monday 23rd April 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.

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