

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

October 2019

Great Waltham Horticultural Society Flower and Produce Show 2019



Some of the beautiful flowers displayed

Colour and creativity shine at the village show.

From giant dahlias to the most colourful of annuals; from garden tomatoes to recycled robots- Great Waltham Horticultural Society had something for everyone.

Held on Saturday 21st September, the show attracted entries from all age groups, especially local children who excelled themselves as they designed vegetable monsters and gardens on a plate, and showed off their handwriting and drawings.

Adult classes included fine-tasting cakes and bakes, while the jams, home-made wines and spirit classes produced a wide variety of flavours.

Local photographers showed off their skills on themes including Holiday and Harvest, and one of the highlights in the craft section was a beautiful flower-patterned



A winning craft entry in the childrens section

crochet blanket.

Society chairman Helen Willis, thanked all the entrants, supporters, judges and volunteers and said while the number of overall entries had been down, quality had not been compromised.

Just before the show opened, the Not-So-Serious-Dog Show proved entertaining with entry donations raising funds for the Danaher Animal Home, near Wethersfield.

Old Codgers Cricket Match

The annual Old Codgers Cricket Match, organised by the Community Network, took place at the cricket ground on August 18th. Eighteen players of various ages and skill stepped up to the crease for a relaxed afternoon of cricket which was fun for players and spectators alike. The Old Codgers won, scoring 83 runs against the Young Pretenders' 27 runs. For the Old Codgers, the outstanding players were Nick De'ath scoring 21 runs, Stumpy Turner with 19 and Steve Radley with 16. The top scorer for the Young Pretenders was Jonathan Rueben with 11.



The Old Codgers receive the winners' cup

Thanks to everyone who played, the Cricket Club for the loan of their pitch and opening the clubhouse, to preschool for the tea and cakes and to Peter Bradley for scoring.

A group photo of all the players



From the Vicarage

Autumn and change is in the air.

Autumn is in the air. Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. Fields are shorn and bumper crops are in our farmers barns. Children and teachers are back at school. It is time of new beginnings, the new school year, a time of change. This is often a time of looking back and looking forward. And it is a time of change for me, moving on from Great Waltham and Ford End and the other 4 churches, with many fond memories. I never thought I would be a rural vicar so I never went to any of the training about being a rural vicar at college (although I have done training since then in this area), but I have loved being here among you and hearing people's stories. It has been a real joy working with the folk in the church and community and it has touched my heart that these communities are so committed to the churches in their midst. I do love both churches; they have such a wonderful feel and it is great that teams of volunteers make sure they are open as much as possible, both set in the green spaces of their churchyards. And while our beautiful buildings are important, it is really the people who make sure that services happen, things work and have such a commitment to local people.

I have learnt so much and been so enriched by so many people. I have discovered the importance of village life and the local schools, preschools, shop, pubs, village hall and British Legion as ways of building up that all important thing – community. The church is such an important part of this village, for the services it offers, for special times like Christmas with the wonderful Carol service and crib service, for harvest, Remembrance – and particularly last year celebrating together the end of WW1 at the church and also up at the Rec. it is good to have walked alongside people at those times when they have brought their children to be christened, to get married and to say goodbye to their loved ones who had died. I love the way the churches are so integrated into the community with the art show and concerts and the Scarecrow festival to mention but a few.

Thank you to all of you in the community who have supported us in different ways. Thank you for everyone who helps with the church including the work in the churchyard and helping maintain our churches, ringing our bells, singing in the choir, serving in different ways, flower arranging and cleaning and providing refreshments. I also want to thank the PCC without whom so much would not have been possible.

And I know change can bring uncertainty about the future, about what will happen next. The PCC has been invited to a meeting with The Ven Elizabeth Snowden, Archdeacon of Chelmsford on 30 September and I am sure they will report back to you the outcome of this meeting.

So I wish you all the very best for the future, knowing that you, and all those you love, are deeply loved and blessed by God

With love and appreciation
Revd Caroline Brown

Just in case this comes out in time you are warmly invited to my last service at Great Waltham on Sunday 29th September at Great Waltham at 10.30pm



Church of England Services - October

Wed 2nd	8.30am	Coffee with Christ at The Castle Great Leighs	
Sun 6 th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sun 13 th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Family Service	Great Waltham
Sun 20 th	9.30 am	Harvest	Ford End
	11.00am	Harvest	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Harvest	Chignals
Sun 27 th	9.30am	Celtic Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham

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

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End October

Wed 2 nd	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20 pm
Sun 6 th	Family Worship	Mr P Hamilton	10.00 am
Sun 13 th	Holy Communion(bcp)	Rev S Bazlinton	10.00 am
Wed 16 th	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20 pm
Sun 20 th	Family Service with Baptism	Rev S Bazlinton	10.00 am
Sun 27 th	Morning Worship(cw)	Mr J Turton	10.00 am
Wed 30 th	Coffee Morning	Chapel	10.30 am
Wed 30 th	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20 pm

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship
Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated
For all enquiries regarding Blackchapel activities please contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095

Services & Events at Little Waltham United Reform Church - October 2019

Contact: Hans Stein 01371 859756
Services each Sunday 10.30pm

Sun 6 th	Charles de Lacy	
Sun 13 th	John Amos	6.30 Geoffrey Griggs HC
Sun 20 th	Charles Croll	
Sun 27 th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	

Thursday 3rd October Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1pm
Saturday 19th Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom 10am



FORD END GARDEN CLUB

Robin Carsberg, who is a RHS judge, gave an enjoyable and informative talk on the trees, shrubs and plants he has in his East Anglian garden. The garden really came to life with the beautiful slides that Robin brought along. Our next meeting, which is on **Monday 14 October**, starts at 7.30 in Ford End Village Hall and Philip McKinder will be telling the story of Copt Hall.

Ford End Dancing

The club will meet 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, 14th 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

Calling Ford End residents!!!



Please come and help with a village litter pick on **SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 10.00am-**

12.00noon

(Alternative date 20th October if weather prevents above taking place)

We're meeting at the Village Hall, who are going to serve tea & cake

Litter pickers, Gloves, High Vis jackets and bags will be provided.

Any time you can give is very much appreciated to keep our village clean and tidy.

Thankyou!



Walthambury W.I.

At our meeting in September we welcomed Roger Smith who spoke to us about the invaluable service the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance provide. It was good to hear that in the event they are able to come speedily to the rescue. This month we have Eva Regeious whose talk is entitled the 'History of Harrods'. We meet on the **second Tuesday in the month** 7.15 for 7.30pm in the British Legion Hall. Guests and new members are always welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

**October 26th Children's Pumpkin Carving Workshop,
Great Waltham Village Hall
3.15 start.
Booking essential
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Village & Hamlet Clear UP! Saturday 12th October 2019

Equipment (if required) available from The Parish Office From 8.30am

All volunteers under the age of 18 will require adult supervision.

Local Co-Ordinators:

**Howe Street – Cllr Peter Jackson – 360067
North End – Cllr Alex McDevitt – 01371 820139
Great Waltham – The Clerk - 362638**

Harvest Supper at Blackchapel

On Saturday 14th September, a Harvest Supper was held in Black Chapel, North End. The chapel looked even more beautiful than usual, for it had been decorated with flowers and fruits both for this event and the Harvest Festival service that was held on the following day. We were treated to a sumptuous 'ploughman's' which included not only bread and cheese but also home-made pickle, sausage, pie and salad; in addition, we were served home-made apple pie with cream – Lovely! Through the evening, musical accompaniment was provided by Andy Lefevre. A raffle was held with prizes donated by local businesses and residents. The proceeds from the event are going to the North End Defibrillator Fund. It is hoped that this will bring the total raised up to the halfway mark. Thanks go to everyone who helped to organise this event, provide food and/or prizes – not forgetting those who participated.



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Up Up and Away Pre-School

Up Up and Away has had a fantastic start to the new term! We are delighted to hear that our leavers are all settling well into big school.

We have welcomed lots of new children who already feel part of the family. We've had some beautiful sunny days in the garden - we've been blackberry picking, bug hunting, chalk rubbing and generally getting our hands dirty!

We are now offering breakfast and after-school club for children up to the age of 8 - it's been lovely to see some of our school leavers return to spend some time playing and enjoying some snacks before and after school. Laura, our Manager, is a qualified teacher - her help with homework for some of our older children has been very welcome. The children now spend one morning a week at our new allotment. They are learning to grow their own food and are enjoying digging enormous holes in the ground!

We will be holding a parent-to-parent sale in the village hall on the 20th October from 11:00-14:00. (Advert on the left). please do contact and book a table on upupawaypreschool@gmail.com.

Planning is afoot for our fantastic halloween competition. (Advert on the left). Entry forms will be available from The Stores. Contact us for more details.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers and bank staff. If you have a passion for providing excellent childcare in a happy and supportive setting, do contact us on upupawaypreschool@gmail.com.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We look forward to the school year 2019-20. We hope all the Parish News readers had a good summer.

A huge welcome to our school 'family' for new children in EYFS and the 9 children that have joined us in other year groups.

During the first Collective Worship of the year we shared our new strap line, mission statement and aims and values with the children. The aims are very much written in adult language but the older children in school can understand their importance. The focus during the Collective Worship was on the strap line: '**Let Our Light Shine**'.

We welcome new staff to the school this year:

Miss Ellen Bloomfield, apprentice; Mrs Kerry Buckley, MDA

Miss Tatum Byford, class teacher; Mr Steven Radford, caretaker

The school came back to a 3-day mini theme, called take one picture, taken from The National Gallery. We used The Umbrellas by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The children discussed the work, completed some literacy, geography, history, maths, RE, computing

and PE and art work based around the painting. The theme is prevalent around the school displays Here are some quotes from the children:



Chloe in Y3—"It was really fun, messy and arty."

Seth in Y4—"It was fun because we did lots of art."

Topic themes for this half term are: KS1 Toys and KS2 The Romans

We have a new play area for our younger children at school – a Tyre Park. It has proved very popular so far.

Around 20 children in Y6 took part in Bikeability training in September, including Level 2 where children cycled on the roads.

CHESS If any parent / carer / member of the local community would be interested in running a chess club at school could they please contact the school office. This may include any 'young leaders' who we could offer support to.



FORD END VILLAGE HALL IS FLUSHED WITH SUCCESS

The Ford End Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce the completion of the toilet refurbishment project. The upgraded toilets now include disabled and baby changing facilities. We are very grateful to the Parish Council, local companies and a number of residents who contributed to the cost of the project.

Many thanks to you all.

Roger Bearman

Treasurer and Trustee

Ford End C of E Primary School

We have 11 new children that have joined us in Reception. They are called 'Caterpillars' and have settled in well and are already feeling confident around school, thanks to the support of their year 6 'buddies'.

We held our annual 'Crumble making' afternoon (below & left) last week and we all went home with a delicious dessert to cook and enjoy.



Little Waltham Gardening Club Ancient Orchards

'Orchards East' was the title of the September meeting. Howard Jones gave us an excellent presentation concerning this three year project covering six counties in the east of England. Funded by the Heritage Lottery, Orchards East was set up to identify surviving ancient orchards and assess the scale of loss. They are helping to restore important old orchards and create new community orchards, whilst teaching grafting, pruning and other skills necessary.

The winner of the President's Trophy for September was Jane Detnon with 3 home-grown tomatoes. Next month, the gardening club will be on **Wednesday 2nd October** with a talk concerning Natural, Renewable and Sustainable garden products and members are asked to bring 5 perennial blooms for entry in the President's Trophy.

Non-members welcome, please ring Maggie Williams for more information on 01245 360042.

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 19th August 2019**. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <https://www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/>

GW Royal British Legion requested that the annual Remembrance Parade become a GWPC led event so that it is covered by their public liability insurance. GWPC agreed to this in principle on the basis that a sub-committee be formed to organise the event. Final confirmation to be given after discussion with the PC's insurers (post meeting note – the insurers were okay with this providing their conditions were adhered to).

The PC has received a number of complaints about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). It was decided to put an article in the Parish news listing all the contact details of agencies that can respond to such complaints.

It was agreed to repair Ford End Recreation ground car park at a cost of £688.

It was reported that GW is on the "waiting list" for a volunteer Special Constable

The PC had received complaints about car parking at the Rose and Crown, blocking the pavement. The PC recognises the success of the business and the fact that the current car park has been extended but will request that patrons are advised not to block the pavement.

Concerns have been raised about the untidy state of the cobbled area at the shop in GW. The PC will write to the landowner and request proposals to address.

The Bury Lane allotment clear up was a great success with 14 volunteers and the local landowner lending a hand.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19:45 21st October**, at Ford End Village Hall. 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 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:

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A message from GWPC on Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

ASB is a blight which 'harms communities and can severely impact people's way of life'. Fortunately, we live in a parish where it's the exception and not the rule. We have seen some increases of late-night music/disturbances and inappropriate use of footpaths by noisy motorised vehicles.

While not everyone affected will want to take action, the details below may be helpful if you want to contact the agencies who have powers to respond to complaints of noise nuisances, vandalism and other anti-social behaviours:

- Report noise or nuisance to Chelmsford City Council at: [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/ environment/noise-and-nuisance](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment/noise-and-nuisance). The site offers advice on how to approach neighbours and the actions and options available. You can also make contact by phone - 01245 606606 and ask for 'Public Health' (for out-of-hours 01245 606200 option 2).
- Essex Police offer a service at: www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-anti-social-behaviour or call 101.
- If the disturbance emanates from rented property you can contact the landlord and ask them to address the matter with their tenant. City Council can help with identifying the landlord: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/housing/housing-associations.

If you are a victim of ASB, keep a detailed record of the date, time, duration and source of each incident as it will help to make your case.

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