

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

November 2017

Chelmsford's Mayor Opens New Royal British Legion Club Bar at Great Waltham

Villagers flocked to the Royal British Legion Club on Saturday 14th October for the official opening of the new adult bar and patio area. Among them were representatives from almost all of our village organisations who enjoyed a drink and a chat prior to the short speech given by the Club's Chair, Lorraine McClement, who expressed an emotional vote of thanks to all the volunteers for their eighteen-month hard slog to provide firstly, disabled access and a family garden, followed by the complete refurbishment of an old store room and rarely used snooker room, to form a beautiful, contemporary new bar complete with its own patio. Lorraine also went on to say that the sheer overwhelming numbers of those who helped either by giving up their



time and skills to work or to raise much need funds for materials etc. was a testament to our village community. However, special thanks must be given to Edward Strutt, Robin and Teresa Harper, Les Patch, Paul Jarrett and Geoff Lee. It is the vision of all involved that the Club will benefit everyone in the Parish as it is a one of kind versatile venue, suitable for a range of events or just a quiet drink. Users will also be helping to keep the Royal British Legion Club alive as so many clubs up and down the country are closing.



The ribbon was cut by

The Mayor of Chelmsford, Duncan Lumley who was accompanied by The Mayoress, his wife Edna. The Mayor said it was important that he visited the villages of Chelmsford and was delighted to be asked. He thought the new bar was marvellous and was surprised at the size of the club overall, agreeing that it is indeed a fantastic venue for the whole Great Waltham community to enjoy.

Fundraising continues to be a priority in order to provide a new heating system to the new bar. Additionally, in the new year, works will begin to complete phase three of the project, installation of a disabled toilet, refurbishment of the existing toilets and the family room. So, look out for events on notice boards and our Facebook page and come on down!



MOBILE LIBRARY CONSULTATION

ECC is reviewing its mobile library service. The service costs in excess of £500,000 per annum and its use is falling. Use within the Parish is average one visitor per fortnight in Littley Green, ten in Great Waltham, one in Howe Street and four in Ford End. ECC are looking at a range of options and would welcome views.

More details and access to the survey are online at

<http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/mobile-library-service-consultation> or the Clerk has a booklet and survey form in the PC office. Consultation ends 6th Nov.

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From the Vicarage,

Enough food?

I am disgusted that we have to have food banks, and that people have to rely on them. As part of our harvest services at Great Waltham and Ford End, for both the church services and school services, we have been looking at the work done by the foodbanks and I have been shocked.

I wonder the reason why you think people need to use a foodbank? People can think it is mainly homeless people, but actually that only makes up 5% of those who are given food. The biggest reason is that people are having problems with waiting for their benefits to come through, or there has been a change in benefits. When I asked questions about this in the service some people came back with the answer that the people take drugs or drink too much alcohol. This may be true for some, and I wonder if we find this easier to bear if we think the people somehow deserved it, rather than thinking that actually the system doesn't work properly. It is shocking that in this country when we have so much that some people don't have enough to eat.

Chelmsford foodbank provides enough food for three days and they provided over 3,000 meals last year, 1,200 of which were for children, so a third of the children from an average sized secondary school couldn't be fed by their parents.

Someone said to one of the helpers that they had saved his life providing food, and they thought that was just a figure of speech, but the man said he felt so ashamed that he couldn't feed his children that he considered suicide. Others say that coming to the foodbank is the first time that they are treated with respect, and that's what makes all the difference.

The other thing was that on the specials table at the food bank people could choose what they needed, for example a toothbrush or loo roll. I wonder what you think about being without either of these? To me it is rather unimaginable! I would hate it if I couldn't brush my teeth at the end of the day and wouldn't consider a toothbrush a luxury item – I guess I'm lucky enough to be in that position.

So thank you to everyone who donated something. By doing so you played your part in something that made a difference. Maybe the other thing we can do if we do have enough food is to give thanks for how lucky we are that we do have enough to eat, and the lovely variety of fresh food available to us that we can take for granted. So I wish we didn't have to have foodbanks, but I am grateful to those who help in them and make it possible for people to have 3 good meals for 3 days when things are tough.

Revd Caroline Brown



Church of England Services November

Saturday 4th	10.00am	Time to Remember Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	12.00	Discussion about paths	Great Waltham
Sunday 12th	8.00am	Traditional communion	Great Waltham
	9.15am	Remembrance Meet at War Memorial	Ford End
	10.15am	Remembrance Muster at Duffries Close for march to War Memorial	Great Waltham
	10.45am	Service begins in church	Great Waltham
Sunday 19th	11.0am	Remembrance	Chignals
	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 26th	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	5.00pm	Healing Evening Space	Great Waltham

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

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End NOVEMBER

Sun 5 th	Family Worship	B Croxton
Sun 12 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pilgrem
Wed 15 th	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom 8pm
Sun 19 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly
Sun 26 th	Morning Worship	J Pratt

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

NB Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 24th December at 4pm

Services & Events at Little Waltham United Reformed Church November 2017

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

Nov. 5 th .	10am	Rev Mark Meatcher. Messy Church.
Nov. 12 th		Remembrance Day at St Martin's
	6.30pm	Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC
Nov 19 th .		Rev Geoffrey Griggs. Shoe Box Sunday
Nov. 26 th		Charles de Lacy. HC

Nov 2nd, Thursday 11am - 1pm Gossip & Guzzle

Nov 3rd, Friday Quiz Night

Please contact Julie Warner 01245 360659

Macmillan Coffee Morning A huge thank you to everyone for coming along, helping or supporting in any way to raise the amazing amount of £702 for this very important charity. Also to anyone that donated by means of raffle prizes especially Morrisons, Walthambury Stores, The Green Man & many individuals Also to everyone for donations in any way. It was a rainy, windy morning but the support was still excellent Very Many thanks Vivienne

Christmas Coffee Morning in Schoolroom
Saturday 18th November 10am

Ford End Gardening Club

At the October meeting Brian Wickenden gave a very informative talk on Gardening in Winter and it was a real joy to see pictures of so many plants, trees and shrubs that provide colour during the autumn and winter months. Many of the winter flowering species are highly scented and include viburnums, mahonias, sarcococca (Christmas Box) and Ionicera fragrantissima. Prunus autumnalis is a winter flowering cherry and cornus shrubs provide coloured stems during the dark days of winter. The Mountain Ash trees have flowers in spring followed by coloured leaves and berries. The list was endless and inspired everyone to look at their own garden to see how it could be improved with some of the gems that are available to plant for winter colour, interest and scent.

The November meeting is on **Monday 13 November starting at 7.30pm** in the Ford End Village Hall and the speaker will be Paul Harrison talking about the best 50 small trees for small spaces.

Great Waltham British Legion's
Christmas Fair



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WALTHAMBURY WI

Our October meeting was held in the smart new surroundings of the British Legion bar and the speaker was Sandra Sparrowhawk who gave a talk entitled 'A Question of Colour'. Sandra explained how much difference using the right colour for a person's skin tone can make to their appearance and self confidence and she then demonstrated this with a willing model from the audience.

The speaker for our November meeting will be Hannah Bearman who will be talking about the Suffragette Movement. The date for this is **Tuesday 14 November and starts at 8.0pm** in the British Legion hall in Great Waltham. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings.



Up Up & Away Preschool

The new term is well under way with the weeks flying by rapidly. Our new starters have all settled in well, it feels like they have always been here with us. The children and their families kindly donated some goodies of tinned soup, biscuits etc. for us to present to our local Friendship Club at the Legion. We took our collection down to the club with our older children, where they confidently sang 3 of our 'Jolly phonics' songs to the club members and then enjoyed a quick drink of squash with them.

Our older children also joined Great Waltham school's Harvest Festival service at the church this week. It was lovely to watch the school children performing and seeing some of our leavers from previous years, the preschool children sat and watched beautifully throughout.

We have continued to have some lovely walks out around the village to find conkers and collect leaves, with a nice walk through Langleys in search of the waterfall and of course, some cow spotting on the way. The children found the waterfall very exciting. We threw some sticks from the bridge running quickly to watch them appear in the water at the other side.

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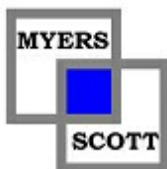
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will take place on Sunday, 12th November, 2017.

The Legion Branch and Club committees will be participating with the Waltham Scout Group and joined by invited guests including: - The Chairman of the Parish Council. We would like to see members of the parish community join us on the parade or at the War Memorial or at 11am at the Remembrance service in church.



The Parade, led by piper/s and Standards will march off from Duffries Close at 10.25am and go into Hatchfields then onto the main road to the War Memorial arriving at 10.35am for a short service and laying of wreaths.

We then march off to church for a service conducted by Rev Sandra Sykes. At the conclusion of the service the parade return to the Legion via the War Memorial for a march pass salute.

The parade members and church congregation and poppy collectors are invited to join us back at the Legion Club for refreshments after.

There will be road closure orders in place for the route as usual. Marshals will be deployed to assist in diversions for safety purposes.

GREAT WALTHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
2nd & 3rd December at Great Waltham Church

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Ford End School

Ford End has just had its Harvest Festival Service at the church, led by Rev. Caroline Brown. The children managed to sing a 'round' in the church and write and say their own prayers. Class 1 performed a harvest song, class 2 recited a poem and class 3 spoke about the unfair distribution of food around the world. The food we collected has been donated to a small charity called Sanctus based in Broomfield, Chelmsford. They distribute food to people in crisis. During the morning of the 29th September, we held our second MacMillan Coffee Morning, where we raised £102. Although the weather wasn't great, we still had a good number of people attend and the children enjoyed spending all their money on cakes!

We all enjoyed making apple

crumble in early

September. Years 1 – 6 all

had a cookery lesson in the

hall led by Mrs Cluff and

ably helped by teams of

parents, teachers and

governors. They

successfully made their

own apple crumble, which they then took home and cooked. We

say good bye to two members of staff this half term as they are

starting new chapters in their lives. Miss Francesca Leyde one

of our Teaching Assistants and Mrs Sue Frodsham, our Midday

Supervisor. We wish them well in their new endeavours.



Apple Crumble in the making



News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We have reached half-term and the children have a well-earned break from school but not from learning; the opportunities to learn are in abundance when spending time with family 'out and about'.

In our Collective Worship time in recent weeks we have focused on Harvest, Faith and Reflections. It was great to see such a packed church for our Harvest Festival – thanks to all the children for bringing food donations for Chelmsford Food Bank.

The Victorian Museum in Braintree proved to be a super day out for KS2. They toured the museum reading notices and completing specific tasks. Various objects were given to them to handle and they had to try and determine what each item was – there were some very interesting suggestions! Lastly, they sat for an hour in a Victorian classroom where they had a little taster of what it was like to be in school in those days – strict being the answer!



Our football team have started the season in fine form – including a tournament they have played 9 games, winning 8 and drawing 1. The draw was in the final of the Chelmsford Schools competition where they proceeded to beat the Cathedral School 3-2 on penalty kicks! They will now represent all the schools in Chelmsford at the county level event in Colchester – what a fantastic achievement.

Parent Consultations have given parents an insight into how well children have settled into their new classes – this includes EYFS who are starting to feel at home at school each and every day.

Last month, Chelmer Valley High School held their annual awards evening to celebrate academic achievement for the year 2016-17. Professor David Humber of ARU was their guest speaker. They sent us the programme for the evening as it contained so many former Great Waltham Primary Schools pupils.

Well done to the following students for being presented with an award:

Isaac Holmes, Harry Johnson, Katie Mitson, Katie Gray, Joe Bates, Eloise Martin, Courtney Mandell, Olivia Burton, Lucy Moore, Franchesca Brampton, Michael Edwards, Alex Turhan, Benjamin Dodd and Lauren Radley.

Date for your diaries – please support our **annual school PTA Christmas Bazaar on Friday 1st December from 17:00-19:00**. It would be great to see you all.



Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract of the Parish Council meeting of 18th September 2017. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website www.greatwaltham.org.uk
Broads Green residents attended the meeting and complained about cars parking on the green. It was decided to renew damaged bollards and fill in gaps, completing the circle around the green.

ECC Cllr John Aldridge reported that the provision of mobile libraries is under review. Usage has halved since the last review and there are suggestions to consolidate stops and change frequency of visits. Public consultation open until 6th November. Article to be added to next Parish News to encourage feedback.

CCC Cllr Barry Knight reported that the Cherry Garden Road garages site had still not been transferred to CHP.

An invitation to complete a survey on ECC highways service delivery will be completed by the Clerk, highlighting concerns about Ford End traffic calming issues that have all been raised previously, footpaths not being maintained, and poor communications especially as email contact has been withdrawn.

GW Church would like to see the footpath between the Gate Lodge and Old Priest's House refurbished, but ownership is not clear as it appears to not be registered. The PC is willing to consider meeting costs from CIL funds but the Church needs to establish ownership so permission and agreement can be obtained.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the GWPC Office, **Monday 20th November** 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.

From the County Council

The Essex Lottery

The Essex Lottery was launched on 10 October. It has been set up by ECC to support community projects up and down the County, on the principle of raising money within the community, for the community. 60p from every £1 goes local good causes; 20p goes back to the supporters as prizes and the remaining 20p goes towards admin and VAT. The designated good causes need to be based in Essex and provide a service which directly benefits Essex residents. Go to www.essexlottery.co.uk to register and buy tickets for your chance to win a jackpot prize of £25,000 along with other guaranteed prizes. What's more everyone who buys a ticket for the first draw on 25 November will also be entered into a prize draw to win an iPad.



New Essex Community Reuse Fund

Recycle for Essex have launched the Essex Community Reuse Fund through the crowdfunding movement Essex Crowd. This fund is available to support local projects The maximum grant from Essex Crowd is £10,000 - with up to £1000 match funding. To find out more email go to waste.management@essex.gov.uk

Top tips to prepare for driving in cold weather · Check live traffic and road closures on www.essex.gov.uk/traffic before leaving the house · Track our gritters in real-time at www.essex.gov.uk/gritters · Report issues on Essex roads quickly and simply by visiting www.essex.gov.uk/highways

If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 4121524 or email cldr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk and see my blog <http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx>

The Annual VILLAGE QUIZ



This year once again in
FORD END VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 11th November 2017
7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start
QUIZ MASTER: KEITH DERRY
Enter your team of 8 players NOW!
£12.50 per person including Supper
LICENCED BAR
PLEASE do NOT bring your own drinks. Thanks.



Book your table NOW by phoning Keith on 367 701
Please bring a plate, knife and fork.

FRIDAY 10th November
A NIGHT AT THE RACES!



Starts 7:30 First race 8:00
Great Waltham British Legion

4 Video Races 8 Guest Races

Watch traditional races on the big screen and bet on your favourite horse. Then join in and pull your own horse to win. This interactive guest participation horse race night is guaranteed to get you laughing. Plus it is free to attend, you simply spend on your bet.

The Ford End Village Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Wednesday 22nd November at 8pm
in the Village Hall.

We would welcome anyone along to the meeting with an interest in the village hall.

PLEASE DO COME ALONG!

Tea and biscuits will be served.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved but cannot make the meeting, please contact Sandra Brown on (07736) 965286, or Roger Bearman on (01245) 237335.

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