

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littleley Green North End

April 2011

PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

LITTER PICKING

Yet again the residents of Great Waltham Parish have surpassed themselves. On Saturday 12th March the Parish Clear Up attracted the support of between 30 and 40 litter pickers. Some were our stalwarts who turn out year after year but it was good to also see some new faces and especially a young litter picker, Jasmine Driscoll. The whole job takes less than 4 hours and was finished by lunchtime with the volunteers returning home in the satisfied knowledge that the verges and ditches and the surrounds of our villages was litter free.

A very big thank you to all of the willing helpers who got involved this year – here are a few waiting to start. If you were unable to join in on this occasion then you will have another opportunity when the Autumn clear up day takes place on **Saturday 1st October** – so make a note in your diary now because with more people we could cover more of the parish..

You are also encouraged to carry out litter picking activities throughout the Summer. Great Waltham has once again entered the Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition so households, local shops, pubs and businesses are asked to keep their surroundings as tidy as they can. After the great success in 2010 let's see if we can do it again in 2011.

DOG FOULING – whilst generally the litter was superficial, mostly coming from traffic passing through the Parish there remains one real problem which attention is drawn to. This is with dog owners gathering up their dog droppings in bags and then indiscriminately dumping them. The worst area for this this year was the garage area between Cherry Garden Road and Duffries Close. Please, please whoever this is have some sense of decency – consider the health of the young children who pass this area time and time again on their way to and from school. There are bins at either end of Cherry Garden Road and another on Great Waltham Recreation Ground. There is no excuse for such laziness and filthy habits. Local residents are asked to remain vigilant. If the offender can be named and caught they could be fined up to £1000.



TREE PLANTING

Tree planting has been carried out in the Parish with two replacement flowering Cherry Trees Prunus Kanzan being planted to replace damaged trees in Cherry Garden Road. The first was carried out by Ian and Jo Gowers and family and pictured is Chloe Bennett a fairly new but keen resident of the area planting the second tree in Cherry Garden Road. Thank you all for your help - we now wait to see the trees grow and flourish to add to the beauty of Cherry Garden Road in the springtime.

More trees, Ash this time, were planted at Hyde Hall Lane, Howe Street, with the help of one of our tree wardens, Charlotte Bradley. The Parish Council sets aside a small fund for tree planting each

year so if you have any suggestions where trees should be planted please let Peter Bradley, Clerk to the Parish Council know. He can be contacted at the Parish Office, The Old Fire Station, Great Waltham or by telephone on 01245 362638 or email gtwalthampc@btinternet.com



Small native daffodils planted by the Community Network last autumn

**From the Vicarage
01245 364081**

Dear Friends,

Part way through March I had the privilege of greeting our new Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop Stephen to the Deanery of Chelmsford North. He wanted meet with all the clergy in the 14 parishes that make up our deanery, but also to have the opportunity of meeting as many people in the congregations from each of the churches as possible, as well as seeing some of the other things that happen in this lively deanery.

The Lay Chair and I spent time some while back, working out how best to use the time we had, to show him as much as possible, and let him meet lots of people. It was a busy schedule, beginning with me picking him and his Chaplain up from Bishopscourt at 10.30am, arriving at Holy Trinity Springfield for Prayers at 11am, followed by his inspiring address and then discussion with his clergy and lunch. At 1.15pm we left to go to Bishops' School in North Springfield, where the children sang some really lively songs to welcome him and he had them in hoots of laughter with the story of Mr. Grumpy. We then left for the Anglia Ruskin University, where we went around the William Harvey building and the very new medical research centre. This was an opportunity for the Chaplains from Broomfield Hospital to come and see where the nursing staff are trained and to meet some of the staff, as well as the University Chaplain, because it is so important that the nurses recognise the need for treating the whole person, and not just the physical needs. We went on to Farleigh Hospice, where he shared some of his experiences of working as 'the tea boy' as he described himself, when he was only 20, but feeling a strong 'calling' to the priesthood, even though he didn't go to church hardly at all at that time!!

At 5.30pm we were due in Writtle for a supper with the retired clergy, who help us so much in the deanery, with covering services and sharing their wisdom, together with their spouses. This was followed by an evening service in Writtle Church, when we were treated to yet more inspirational {as well as extremely humorous} preaching. I eventually took him and his Chaplain back to Margaretting at about 9.30pm

WHAT A DAY!! But it was really good to see that our new leader of this enormous Diocese of Chelmsford has a real passion for meeting and listening to people and for the Gospel in equal shares. It was a delight to get to know him better so soon after his arrival. **He will be in the town centre on Good Friday – well worth hearing.**

Blessing and Prayers for the rest of this Lent
Carla

**Parish Of ST.Mary & ST. Lawrence Great Waltham with
ST.John The Evangelist, Ford End**

Parish Priest: The Revd Canon Carla Hampton

SUNDAY SERVICES:

GREAT WALTHAM

8am

4th Sunday – Holy Communion {Common Worship Order Two, with traditional language}

11am

1st & 3rd Sundays – Sung Eucharist

2nd Sunday – Family Service for all ages

4th Sunday – Family Eucharist {shorter and simple address} with hymns

The Great Waltham Sunday School for our children should take place on 1st & 3rd Sundays if there are children present and we are always needing more helpers to make this a lively time for their development in the faith.

10am - 1st Wednesday: "Bears & Biscuits" for carers and pre school age children

JOINT EUCHARISTS at 10am {alternately at Ford End & Great Waltham}

will take place in the months when there is a 5th Sunday and there will be some special occasions when we also join together to worship.

Every Thursday 10 – 10.40am

Said Holy Communion followed by **"Drop – in for Coffee & cake" until 12 noon** all welcome to either or both

All other services, Study Groups and other activities will appear in the Parish Press & on the Church Notice Boards.

Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd Sunday at Ford End and the 4th Sunday at Great Waltham. For enquiries about weddings, baptisms or pastoral matters please contact Carla 01245 364081, e-mail: carla@hamptonc.freeserve.co.uk

Services & Events at Black Chapel North End

April 2011

Sun.3rd.	Family Worship	Rev. S Bailey	10am.
Sun.10th.	Holy Communion bcp	Rev. S. Bailey	10am.
Sun.17th.	Morning Worship cw	Rev. S. Bailey	10am.
Wed.20th.	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom	8.00pm
Fri. 22nd.	Good Friday Meditation	12noon - 1.00pm.	P. Hamilton and P. Slater.
Sun.24th.	Easter Holy Communion	Rev. S. Bailey	10am.
Wed27th.	Good Book Club	Schoolroom	1-20pm.

Calendar announcements for April 2011 in the Parish Churches

3rd Mothering Sunday Family Service in GW and we are baptising a baby during that service at 11am, Family Communion at Ford End at 9.30am

4th The Church's Annual meeting to elect Church Officers and PCC at 7.30pm in GW Church

6th Bears & Biscuits at 10am and Bears & Biscuits Goes to School at 3.15 at GW School

8th End of School Term service at FE Church at 1.40pm

17th is PALM SUNDAY processions to both churches {9.15am & 10.45am}

21st MAUNDY THURSDAY Cathedral service at 11am, Agape Supper and Communion in GW Church at 7.30pm followed by the WATCH until Midnight.

22nd GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am Family Service in GW Church

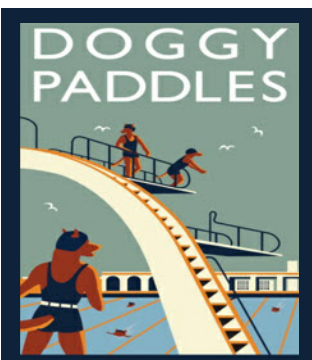
11am Procession of Witness in the Town Centre

2pm Quiet Reflection 'At the foot of the Cross' at FE Church

24th EASTER SUNDAY

9am Bonfire and lighting of the Paschal Candle followed by Family Eucharist in FE Church

10.45am Bonfire and lighting the Paschal Candle at GW Church with Sung Eucharist. *****A JOYFUL EASTER TO YOU ALL*****



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Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church April 2011

Minister Rev Jane Mortimer 01245 444931
Services 10.30am each Sunday – Sunday School during Morning worship

April 3rd	Rev Jane Mortimer	Mothering Sunday
April 10th	Eric Amundsen	6.30pm Rev Jane Mortimer
April 17th	Tara Russell FS	Palm Sunday
April 22nd	Good Friday	7pm Rev Jane Mortimer
April 24th	David Pennicott	Easter Day HC

Thursday 7th April Guzzle & Gossip 11.am – 1.00pm
Saturday 16th March Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10.00am
Saturday 30th April - First ramble of year in aid of Turn on The Tap - Walk for Water - Meet 10am at Church

Little Waltham Gardening Club

The AGM of The Little Waltham Gardening Club held on 2nd March 2011 was well attended. Iris Diver remains as President; Pip Wickham retired for the second time as Chairman with Margaret Williams taking over this role. Pip will remain on the committee assisting the members with his wealth of experience. Peter Lawson as treasurer completed his first full year in this post and informed the members that the accounts were in good health with an increase in membership to 53. The members of the committee were thanked for all their hard work over the past 12 months and Pip Wickham gave special thanks to Margaret Williams for her excellent work in obtaining such good speakers during her time as Secretary. At the end of the official business for the AGM, tea and coffee was served followed by a vote on the best LOGO for the Little Waltham Gardening Club. Members had been working on suitable designs since the last meeting in February. The winner with the most votes was Peter Lawson, whose design was a flower with LWGC in the petals. There followed a Flower arranging demonstration by Jean Ridgewell. Jean was able to impart some very useful tips when arranging flowers. Always cut stems on the slant as it is easier for the plant to draw water and to put in an oasis. We also learnt that cut roses will perk up if given sparkling lemonade! Jean made two beautiful flower displays, one of which utilised a box used for toiletries. She mentioned that showing plants in threes or fives generally worked well. Jean included many spring plants in her display including pussywillow, dogwood, forsythia, pieces of conifer and crocuses. Jean Ridgewell is one of the judges for the **Little Waltham Gardening Club Spring Show**, which will be held on 16th April. Non-members are welcome to enter and forms will be available on the day for anyone wishing to join the Gardening Club.

Royal British Legion, Great Waltham APRIL EVENTS

Fri 1st ... FILM CLUB showing 'Brassed Off' 7.45 pm
Sat 9th ... COCKTAIL EVENING to celebrate our New Kitchen 8pm
Fri 15th ... POKER NIGHT all budding 'Poker Aces' welcome 8pm
Sat 16th ... TABLE TOP SALE with refreshments and bar 10 till 1
Wed 20th ... ANGEL WORKSHOP to help you find a Guardian Angel 8pm
Sun 24th ... EASTER EGG HUNT followed by Family Easter Activities 11pm
Fri 29th ... THE ROYAL WEDDING with Village Events throughout the day

CLUB NEWS

April will see lots of activity at the Legion. We have been awarded a grant to repair the front of the building which will allow us to complete much needed structural and aesthetic improvements. Inside we are to completely re-decorate the Hall & Bar areas with the help of labour from the Ford Community Services Trust. So by the end of April we should have a facility to be proud of in which to join together for the Village Royal Wedding Celebrations. We do however need new pictures for the walls of the Legion and would love to hear from any body artist or photographer ... who would like to donate any of their work. We would also consider using our walls as an 'Art Gallery' where pictures could be hung for sale to the public with the Legion taking a small commission. For more information about any of the above please contact Andrew Tinsley on 360653



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last two years that I have covered the Walthams and Ford End. I have enjoyed all aspects of it and have met some very nice and caring people along the way. Thankyou for always inviting the local team to events and keeping in close contact with us so we have

been able to resolve any ongoing issues. I sadly am leaving neighbourhood policing to pursue a role that has interested me for some time and will be working outside of Chelmsford but my replacement and your new neighbourhood Constable is Pc Rob Bentley who is already a neighbourhood constable and very efficient in his role. I hope you continue to support him and the team and I wish all of the best future, stay safe!!! Pc Jo Taylor

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Mama Mia

Having seen the film musical of Mama Mia and thoroughly enjoyed it, I thought I would buy a ticket for the local am-dram version of the film at the Village Hall and wondered at the same time just how are they going to replicate a Greek Island in Great Waltham but they did it!

The Hall was transformed into a Greek Taverna with little tables covered in pretty cloths, there were flowers, Greek music playing and I was there. I could have been on Zakynthos or Ithaca - almost! We purchased a bottle of wine and the show began. What an array of talent. I couldn't believe they were all locally grown. Jo Palmer sang her heart out in the lead role and the men and the chorus were equally as good with Janet Patch and Theresa Harper adding a comedic touch. They looked as though they were enjoying every minute. The band accompanied them throughout. It was brilliant. The only down side was I had Mama Mia songs in my head for the next fortnight!



News from Ford End School

It seems no time at all since I was writing last month's article, especially since half term was in between. However things continue to move on quickly here.

During half term Alan Adcock and Sandra Brown spent a day planting a new Willow Walk for us. Thank you very much to them both. The plants are already in bud, so we hope that they will grow quickly so that they can be formed into an archway and soon be yet another interesting experience for our children at playtimes.

At the beginning of March we heard that our school had been awarded the Silver Sing Up Award. This is a nationally recognised award to schools where everybody, including parents, sings together. It focuses both on the quality and quantity of the singing. Our children do sing beautifully. They are now confidently singing rounds in four parts and other songs in two parts. If you haven't heard them recently there is an opportunity to come and hear class 2 sing The King with Dusty Feet at 2pm on Friday 1st April. Their own performance of the Infant Music festival cantata is always a very special event, so do come along.

We have also been recognised for our sporting achievements. Our year 4 children attended the area Superstars competition and won it! They were also commended for their behaviour and sporting attitudes on the day.

Our end of term service this term is on Friday 8th April at 1:45 in Ford End church. Everyone is most welcome.

I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Hazel Arnill (Headteacher)

Monday Lunch Club

17 of us enjoyed our chat and Lunch Club meal together at The Beehive on 7th March - the next one will be on Monday 4th April, same place, same time, 12 noon onwards. You will be very welcome to join us! Sue Piper, Pastoral Assistant 364081

Church Opening

The Parochial Church Council plan to open the 2 parish churches during daylight hours from April. If you would like to spend some regular peaceful time meeting and greeting any visitors who happen to come along you would be much appreciated and welcome to join our Stewarding rota. Please contact Sue Piper, Pastoral Assistant, 364081, sue.piper.waltham@gmail.com.

IT'S WALTHAMSTOCK !

A not to be missed date for your diary. On Saturday 25th June, Great Waltham is hosting a festival of live music from 12 noon until 11pm on the Primary School playing field. Walthamstock will feature music with wide appeal, from rock and blues to jazz and folk - and much more.

Not just music. Good food, a tea parlour, a well stocked bar and a variety of stalls will all add to the day's enjoyment. Local arts and crafts people who would like to book a stall, call Keith Davies 01245360153. As this is a community event raising money for village organisations, the priority is to make sure that local people get the chance to come along. Look out for venues around the village where tickets are on sale - including family and concessionary prices. Don't miss out on the first ever Walthamstock.

Ford End Gardening Club

The Answer lies in the Soil! This was the title of John Walker's talk that we were privileged to hear when he talked about soil at our March meeting. We had asked John last year for a talk on soil, especially at the start of the growing season. Our speaker had certainly done his homework, right down to the detail of what sort of soil we have here in Ford End. Structure, Micro organisms, Fungi, Insects good and bad, Humus and even the composition of Guano were all explained in easy to understand language. This is a talk I would recommend to any Gardening Club.

Following on from the successful 'Pruning Day' in February, we have arranged a 'Lawn Workshop' at Bowersdale on Saturday 16th April at 9.45am until 12.00. The Lawn Doctor, Graham Wicks, will demonstrate and advise how to achieve a better lawn. For more information please contact Alan on 237522.

There will be no meeting on 11th April as the Lawn Workshop will take place the following Saturday. The next meeting in the Village Hall will be for the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th May, 10.00am - 12.00. Offers of help please!

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Doors open at 2pm with the Presentation at 4pm

Cookery Craft Flower Arranging Tulips
Photography Narcissus Spring Blossoms
Vegetables

Children's Classes

4-7 years & 8-11 years

Entries must be lodged by 9pm on the Wednesday immediately preceding the show with any member of the committee, namely, M Williams on 01245 306642 or Peter & Marion Lawson on 01245 361857

Margret Woods Fishery

Stocked Trout Lake



Annual Membership
Available

For further details contact:

Tel: 01245 360239

Mobile: 07887 991835

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DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER IS COMING AND HELP IS AT HAND

For older and disabled viewers who may find making the switch difficult, the Switchover Help Scheme is at hand to provide practical help and assistance to turn one TV set to digital.

The Switchover Help Scheme can help you convert your TV to digital if you:

- Are aged 75 or over, or
- Have lived in a care home for six months or more, or
- Get (or could get)
 - o Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or
 - o Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or
 - o Mobility Supplement, or
- Are registered blind or partially sighted

Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help. This includes easy to use equipment to switch one TV, an approved installer, an aerial upgrade if needed and a 12 month aftercare service, including a free helpline. The service is free for people who are eligible and who also receive pension credit, income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance or income-related employment and support allowance.

If you are eligible, the Help Scheme will write to you directly and in plenty of time to ask if you want help. All you need to do is respond to our letter by sending back a completed reply form or to make things even easier you can call the Help Scheme free to respond.

Eligible people in our local area have been identified and should have received a letter to explain the switchover programme, and the people must respond to get help. There will be 2 further reminders. Many of the eligible people will be fortunate to have relatives, friends or neighbours to assist them with their response. However, some are not so fortunate, and the concern is that these people are amongst those least likely to understand the process.

If you feel that you know of people that are most in need, and who may not be aware of the Switchover or where to go to get help, then please contact: Jo Metson, Village Agent Telephone: 07540 720 609, Email: jo.metson@vaessex.org.uk

Pastoral Team report to the APCM 4 April 2011

The Team continues to telephone/visit/support those who are bereaved or who need a listening ear and we are always ready to respond to such needs, if and when, they are requested. We have benefitted from 2 training sessions in the past year: the first was a session on "Spirituality and Mental Health" when Revd Simon Garwood helped us to understand the close connections between these for all of us, but particularly when our mental wellbeing is under threat from stress or when diagnosed with a mental health problem. Secondly we met with Jo Metson who is the Village Agent (funded by the Rural Community Council for Essex) for this group of villages and hamlets. She explained how she is often able to advise and support those of us who may be in need of a service or a contact, and where the isolation of village life adds to problems, for some people. We have a training session in the process of being arranged in April.

Our Team members have a varied range of gifts and our involvement in the community reflects this. We continue to visit Dannatts monthly, and run our Thurs morning coffee shop; some of us make regular visits to some elderly parishioners and also take regular HC. Just before Christmas some of us began a Lunch Club which meets in the Beehive on the first Monday of the month. It began as being advertised "for those who live alone" but all are welcome to come to chat and eat together. Several Team members have again had valuable input into Carla's marriage prep sessions.

Some of us have been joined by others to form a church steward rota last summer - this has enabled the church to be staffed whilst being open to visitors and it is intended to continue this again in the better weather.

We give thanks for those who are always willing to listen and my prayer is that during the coming months, a new Team Leader will be identified to carry the Team forward after I leave at Easter 2012.

GREAT WALTHAM
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Sat 16th April

10am to 1pm

Refreshments and Bar

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16th and 17th April

10am to 5pm

Admission £2



Great Waltham Horticultural Society

Don't miss our April meeting
on Monday 4th at 8pm in the
Village Hall - Repeated from last year
by popular demand, we will have our
'Fun and Not very serious' Plant
Recognition Quiz. Bring along any
guests and don't forget any plants that
you would like some help identifying!
Our annual, brief AGM will also be run
on this evening. Followed by refreshments
and a raffle.

Date for your diary! Our Annual Plant
Sale will be held on Saturday May 14th
from 10am - 12 noon. Any plant
donations welcome. Refreshments in the
Village Hall and a WI Cake Stall.

Thank you

The Parish Council are very grateful to all
of those both in the Parish and from outside
who have helped to donate or loan
equipment and furniture for the new Parish
Office. These donations have helped to
create a useful new community asset.
Donations and loans have included, but not
exclusively limited to, tables and chairs for
the meeting room, office chairs, computer
monitors and printers, pictures and legal
advice for the Lease.

**Borough Councillor
Malcolm Taylor**

will be holding a
WARD SURGERY
**on Saturday 9th April
2011**
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am.
01245 440469
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malcolm.taylor@chelmsford.gov.uk

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Great Waltham Parish Council

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Great Waltham Parish Council News

Readers should note that this is an abbreviated report, prepared by George Hassan from five pages of A4. A full report may be read on Parish Council Notice Boards, and at the Parish Website <www.greatwaltham.org.uk>

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council (PC), was held at the Old Fire Station Great Waltham on Monday 21st February 2011. Chairman: Mr A Micklem.

Mr Ian Leyde has been co-opted to fill the vacancy at the Ford End Ward.

Clerk's Monthly Report

Work on the surface of the footpath from Broads Green to Partridge Green has now been completed and it is currently a permissive cycle route.

The paths over Great Waltham Recreation Ground to the children's play area have been installed.

Parish Elections will take place on 5th May 2011 and nomination papers are now available. Open evenings have been arranged at Ford End Village Hall on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 7pm and, at the Parish Office on Thursday 17th March 2011 at 7pm to speak to potential candidates for election. Nine people have volunteered to carry out snow clearance in the Parish.

Battery recycling points have been provided at the Old Fire Station and at Walthambury Stores.

ECC have informed that a 100% grant in the sum of £8,430 has been awarded from the Community Initiatives Fund for additional play equipment at Great Waltham Recreation Ground.

Other Business

County Councillor Aldridge spoke of cuts in hours to public libraries but stated that the Mobile Library service would remain the same. Car Parking Charges were generally set to increase. He was hopeful that the proposed Community Speedwatch charge would be scrapped. The theft of drain covers is currently a problem and vigilance was called for. It was anticipated that there may be a rise in the number of travellers in the area and, once again vigilance was called for.

Borough Councillor Ashford indicated that a suggestion had been made for a public consultation to take place at Ford End Village Hall, regarding the proposed development of the former brewery site at Hartford End.

He also affirmed that a report into the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan

Should be ready by 21st April 2011 and would be made public after the Borough Council elections had taken place on 5th May.

The Parish Clean Up will take place on 12th March 2011 and details will be given in the March issue of the Parish News.

The Chelmsford Borough Council Street Care Service will be asked to cut back the grass which is overgrowing on footways between: Ash Tree corner and Great Waltham, Great Waltham Village and Howe Street, Ringtail Green and Ford End School, Ford End Village and Kings Farm.

Mr Bell suggested that the gutter should also be tidied up in Pleshey Road Ford End to Woods Road Ford End.

The Annual assembly will take place on the 16th May 2011 at Great Waltham Village Hall. The speaker and theme for the evening will be chosen from the following subjects in order of priority: Sir Alan Haselhurst MP to speak on 'The Big Society and Localism', A representative from Broomfield Hospital to speak on the development/services at the hospital, A representative from CBC to speak on 'Emergency Planning'.

In order to deter parking on the Greensward areas in Cherry Garden Road, a request is to be made to ECC to replace the ramped areas with kerbstones.

The Willow tree between the Beehive Public House and the Walthambury Stores is diseased. It was agreed that Greene King should be asked first to apply to CBC for permission to fell the tree and then, (once permission had been given), to arrange for the tree to be felled. Greene King would then be encouraged to finance the planting of a replacement tree in another area of the Parish.

Two separate requests have been made for additional bus stops in the areas of The Green Man Public House Howe Street and, Wall Farm/Kings Farm Ford End. It was agreed that these would be considered and, form part of the Transport Needs Assessment Survey due in late April 2011.

Mr Tony Sidwell the present temporary handyman has found alternative employment and has resigned. An advertisement will be placed in the March edition of the Parish News for a new handyman.

ECC are to be asked why all the lights at the unopened Park and Ride Facility at Essex Regiment Way are operating every evening, when the County Council are seeking to make savings.

The Clerk agreed to complete the entry form to enter the 2011 Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition for Great Waltham Village. There were no other offers to enter the other villages or hamlets within the Parish. I P Bradley Clerk to Great Waltham Parish Council (01245 362638)