

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littleley Green North End

## January 2011

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2010

The third Great Waltham Christmas Tree Festival, organised by the Community Network and the PCC, was once again a resounding success. On Saturday morning, a record 17 local groups and businesses decorated their trees. Everyone had been busy designing and making new and imaginative decorations. With all the fairy lights switched on, it was a twinkling wonderland. In the afternoon, the viewers arrived and voted for their favourite tree (the Community Network's!) and many stayed to watch the various entertainers,

visit Father Christmas, make crafty things, and eat cakes! On Saturday evening the church was packed for the excellent Chelmsford Citadel Salvation Army Band concert and everyone enjoyed the chance to choose and sing their favourite carols. On Sunday afternoon, we went outside to Banbury Square to see the switching on of the Parish Council lights on the oak tree by local school girl, Ellen Radley, who won the draw at school to be our very own "celebrity." Carol singing followed, and we followed the candlelit path back to the church. Inside we had a presentation about the Children's Society and Lauren Radley played a very moving Little Match Girl. Then the Christingle candle was lit by representatives of village groups and businesses, and the children's Christingle candles in oranges were lit too. When the lights went down, it was a treat to see the church full of bobbing, glowing candle flames. We closed with mince pies and mulled wine, for a real Christmassy feel. Thanks to all of you who helped in whatever way, and we hope that those of you who came along had a jolly time. We would be happy to hear any of your comments or suggestions for next year.



### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar in support of Ford End & Great Waltham Churches was held in the Houlton Hall on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Those present were able to forget the wintry weather for a while and enjoy delicious refreshments whilst picking up a bargain or two from the many stalls presenting their wares.

Children were delighted to find Father Christmas in his grotto and to have a chat with him. Needless to say they didn't leave empty handed!

All in all an enjoyable afternoon during which approximately £1200 was raised. Very many thanks to all who supported the Bazaar in any way.

Wendy Proctor

### Ford End Senior Ladies Afternoon Tea

This month's tea will be at 3.30pm on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Woodstock as usual then afterwards we are going on an outing to see The Glen Miller Band in Chelmsford Civic Centre. We are hoping the weather will be kind to us. This event is fully booked but we would be delighted if you would like to join our tea parties and outings in the future. Please contact me Sheila Bearman on 01245237335.

### Howe Street Bus Shelter Update

ECC reports that there being overhead high voltage cables in the vicinity of the works the electricity board has been consulted. They have agreed to meet ECC on site to discuss their site specific requirements. This meeting has unfortunately been delayed due to the freezing weather conditions. Once requirements are agreed with EDF the shelter can be installed in accordance with their health and safety guidelines. ECC apologise for the delay and any inconvenience caused and will keep the Parish Council informed.

### Ford End Gardening Club

Our December meeting tested both our brains and our physical endurance as the cold weather penetrated the village hall even with all the heaters on full! However, it didn't spoil our enjoyment of a very varied quiz as we puzzled over some of Tony Culham's wonderful slides of wild flowers and native birds. The answers to Chris Culham's rounds on General Knowledge and Confectionary proved that many of us, as my teachers used to say, "could do better"! The evening rounded off with drinks and nibbles and a raffle where almost everyone was a winner. We meet again on Monday 10th January when you are reminded to bring in your bowl of Hyacinths for judging. Wishing all gardeners everywhere a Happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

Alan Adcock

### BT's Race to Infinity



Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. The Little Waltham exchange is not on the announced roll out plan The Race to Infinity gives us the opportunity to fast track our area to get BT Infinity next. Customers are being given the chance to vote for their area to be next. The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by December 31st 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project. The Little Waltham exchange area has 2467 broadband subscribers and we would need a very high percentage of these to vote. To vote simply go to 'VOTE NOW' <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/home> and enter your details (name, phone number and post code).

**From the Vicarage  
01245 364081**

Dear Friends

This will be a fairly short letter, as I am not long out of hospital and trying to be sensible by resting as much as possible, before I come back to the busyness of all the Christmas Services. So it seems strange to be wishing you all a blessed and peaceful New Year for 2011, with all the hopes for the future that I pray will be there for all of you, but I do send my sincerest wishes and prayers at this time. Although I could not be part of the celebrations, I understand that the Christmas Tree Festival went very well and I am glad that the church building is there to assist the community to come together for such celebrations, although we have to remember that it's prime purpose is to be a place of worship to the God who gives us everything – even when we don't recognise that fact sometimes. It was very important that the end of that festival had the traditional Christingle Service when many candles were lit to remind us of the Light of the World, that we see in the life of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. I believe that the community then joined together with a glass of mulled wine and mince pies – absolutely right and proper to 'party' over such an important Christian festival. As for me, I managed a private look on the Saturday morning at the various Christmas trees – and how hard the different organisations had worked to decorate them!! It is really hard to be sitting quietly at home while it all happens, because I am used to being involved in as much as is realistically possible in the village, but it has been so lovely to receive the cards, e-mails, phone calls and visits, wishing me well. Sometimes it is good for one's own ministry to be able to receive the ministry of others – so thank you to all who have taken the time and trouble to contact me. I look forward to another year when the Church Family is there at the heart of much that happens in our lovely community and that we continue to grow together in the way we care for each other in a more selfless way – especially for those who need more of our loving care because of the situation in which they find themselves. God bless you all in 2011

Carla

**From the Parish Registers**

**BAPTISMS**

19<sup>th</sup> Sept Georgina Walsh at GW

17<sup>th</sup> Oct Harry Blair & Harry Curtis GW

**WEDDINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Lisa Forbes and James Hatt at G W

**FUNERALS**

8<sup>th</sup> Oct Molly Wallis at the Crematorium

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct John Smith at the Crematorium

**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**

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

**11am**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Sung Eucharist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Family Service for all ages  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Eucharist {shorter and  
simple address} with hymns

**FORD END**

**9.30am**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Eucharist with hymns  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Family Eucharist {shorter &  
simple address} with hymns  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service for all ages.

The Great Waltham Sunday School for our children should take place on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Ford End and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Great  
Waltham. For enquiries about weddings, baptisms or pastoral matters please contact**

**Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church  
January 2011**

Minister Rev Jane Mortimer 01245 444931

Services 10.30am each Sunday – Sunday School during Morning worship

January 2nd	Douglas Wood	
January 9th	Rev Richard Mortimer	<b>5pm Praise</b>
January 16th	George Pegram	
January 23rd	Rev Jane Mortimer HC	<b>3pm Messy Church</b>
January 30th	Ian Chamberlain	

**Thursday 6th January Guzzle & Gossip 11.am – 1.00pm  
Saturday 15th January Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10.00am**

**Services & Events at Black Chapel North End  
January 2011**

January 2nd	Family Worship	Rev T Pigrim	10.00am.
January 9th	Holy Communion bcp	Rev. S. Bailey	10.00am.
January 16th	Holy Communion cw	Rev. Canon C. Sly	10.00am.
January 23rd	Morning Worship cw	P. Hamilton	10.00am.
January 30th	Family Worship	Gareth Davies	3.00pm.

( from CARE UK.)

**LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB**

Little Waltham Memorial Hall

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 7.30pm

"TREES AND COUNTRY LIFE"

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Neil will draw on his experiences as a professional arboriculturalist, and a Landscape &  
Biodiversity Officer and in addition will sing some of his country songs.

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Refreshments, raffle, stall.

For more information, please phone M Williams 01245 360042



## Bus Complaints

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Did you know that this Parish now has a supply of Passenger Transport Complaint Forms available from Walthamby Stores, The Parish Office ( Old Fire Station ) or Clare 01245 361996

## FORD END FOODIE

at Ford End Village Hall

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> June,  
17<sup>th</sup> Sept & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Many, many thanks to everyone who came along to the recent Foodie in November try out the delicious food from a great selection of local producers, it was a really successful day with a fantastic atmosphere, and we also managed to raise £150 for Farleigh Hospice thanks to your efforts! We enjoyed it so much we've decided to do it all again! So please keep a note of the above dates in your diary for next year, and we look forward to seeing you all there. Katy, Kerry and Sandra.



GREAT WALTHAM  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**December Speaker** Many thanks go to Alan Adcock who gave us a humorous and fascinating talk on the 6th December, reminiscing his days in farming over the past 6 decades. A strong turnout braved the cold and heard Alan talk passionately through the decades of farming. Dressed up in his working attire from the 1950's he amused the audience told us of how farm hands used to have to carry 18 stone bags of wheat and barley on the farms, long before mechanical equipment changed the farming culture.. We all could imagine those cold days out in the fields cropping sugar beets with bare hands over the winter months! Oh... how things have changed! We enjoyed a slide show and heard about Alan's recent quests to resurrect the traditional hedge laying process, seeing the results of a much-improved view from his home benefiting local wildlife. A thoroughly enjoyable evening washed down with a glass of mulled wine and mince pie! **Ben Wincott, The Chelsea Experience** Our next talk, not to be missed, will be on Monday 3rd January will be from our own Chelsea prize winner, and new Chairman, **Ben Wincott**. Ben will inspire us on modern day horticulture with a talk on his Chelsea show experiences to date and give an insider view on progress for developing the 2011 exhibition.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Village Hall. We are sure that this will be a popular talk so ensure that you arrive promptly at 8pm to get a good seat! Raffle and refreshments, Entry £1.50

## Monday Lunch Club

Next get together at the Beehive at 12 noon is arranged for Monday 10th Jan. This is because the first Monday falls on a Bank Holiday and we agreed to avoid these when they occur. Greetings to all those who have become regulars - there is plenty of space for more so see you there! Thanks to Neil and Brenda for the yummy lunches!!

Wishing you a peaceful, healthy New Year - Sue Piper, Pastoral Assistant.



## From the County Council, Cllr John Aldridge

Following an extensive consultation the County Council has announced that the 9am start for concessionary bus pass holders will continue from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 when the County Council takes over responsibility for issuing these bus passes for the over 60's and disabled people. In addition to the statutory minimum requirements set out by the Department for Transport, the concessionary bus pass will also have two discretionary elements: free travel between 9am and midnight during the week and all day at weekends and on bank holidays and a companion pass (for holders with severe disabilities). I should add that District / Borough Council offices will continue as contact points for people to collect application forms and ask questions. For more information contact Louise Alabaster in Communications on 01245 434216 or email [louise.alabaster@essex.gov.uk](mailto:louise.alabaster@essex.gov.uk). Recent research has shown 438 primary fires were reported as a direct result of faulty domestic electrical appliances, from which there were 75 casualties. The **County Council**, in collaboration with the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is able to provide a free electrical safety check on small domestic appliances in the homes of elderly residents. Those living in Essex over the age of 65, and also those with responsibility for the county's elderly, are being encouraged to call 0845 603 7626 or email [trading\\_standards@essex.gov.uk](mailto:trading_standards@essex.gov.uk) to request an appointment. For more information contact Karen Yates on 01245 434246 or email [karen.yates@essex.gov.uk](mailto:karen.yates@essex.gov.uk). Following the severe weather in December the **County Council** is advising everyone not to take unnecessary risks. Heavy snow and icy conditions affects the road and transport services and the **County Council** is advising residents to stay at home unless their journey is absolutely essential. Remember, there's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. You will not be held responsible for any injuries if you have cleared it carefully using common sense. For example never use water to clear snow! If you have any problems about **County Council** matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or [cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk)

## THE 'COMMUNITY CHRISTINGLE'

The prayer below was read at our successful 'Community Christingle'. This special occasion brought together villagers both 'young and old' to our Village Church, where against a backdrop of sparkling Christmas trees, our Village once again affirmed the wonderful sense of community that we have.

### Our Christingle Prayer

May the light energy from our candles shine into our hearts, to help us to be kind, caring and loving people;

- so we can look after our family and friends
- and help care for our neighbours
- and protect the beautiful World in which we live

May the light energy from our candles inspire us to value and improve our Village Life;

- to find more time to work together
- more time for each other
- and more time to enjoy the happiness that community life can bring

May the light energy from our candles symbolise a better future for us all;

- to help build a more peaceful World
- a World in which our children can grow and be happy
- a World in which people are more important than possessions

We are all responsible for shaping a new tomorrow .....

May the light from this ..... the final candle to be lit ..... inspire us all to play our part in creating a better World. Amen

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..... *Our tribute to Abba* .....

## Great Waltham

Sings

## MAMMA MIA

in

Gt. Waltham Village Hall

*Weekend of the 5th February*

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More information from Andrew Tinsley 360653



## Scamps Christmas and New Year's Letter

Hello friends, Scamp here! I have finally got my human-at-home to help me with the machine that lets me send you news of my life. I think you all know my human's-at-home decided they needed an adventure before they got 'too old' (I ask you!). We've been up here ever so many doggy moons now and I have to say it is fun! There are a lot of those 4 legged hoppy things in our Churchyard but just as I think I've got one it nips down a hole under those grey slab things. We have a long thing full of water near our house, which my human says is called a river which we sometimes have to go over a bridge. It gives me the wobbles so I run very fast. There's been lots of snow, I LOVE SNOW. When we came here there was lots of it and now there's lots more. When I jump in it, you can't see me it's so deep, so sometimes I hide from the h-a-h. I miss my friends, Bruno, Holly, Jimmy, Ruby (aah,... Ruby!) I have a few friends here but most of the four-leggeds run around chasing those white things in fields. My humans-at-home have been very busy since we came here. Sometimes he puts on what he calls a dog collar (ha-ha!) and goes out visiting, sometimes he takes me if I promise to be very good. He has got 3 churches which he goes to, and believe it or not they went and bought a shop full of boring old books. Why they couldn't have bought the butcher's shop beats me - it would have been a lot more useful. But there's no accounting for taste. My humans are telling me to hurry up and finish my Christmas and New Year letter. So here's snow in your eye. Love Scamp

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011

### Countdown for election.

In May 2011 elections will be held in Great Waltham and Ford End for Parish and District elections. Great Waltham Parish is divided into two wards Church End and Ford End wards. Ford End ward elects three parish councillors and Church End ward elects parish eight councillors.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR? - SEE NEXT MONTHS PARISH PRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**



## News from Ford End School

2010 has been a busy and productive one at Ford End School. December was no exception. After missing much of the first week because of the snow, we were behind with the rehearsal schedule. Nevertheless, the Christmas shows this year have been particularly moving. Both the Infant and Junior plays involved lots of songs with solo singers. It is always thrilling to hear our children sing at their best, but I am also amazed at the fact that a large number of our children not only have the ability to sing well, but the confidence to sing solos in front of an audience. The juniors' performance told the touching story of a homeless lady at Christmas time and the heart-warming compassion of two children who helped her out. The infants' performed a version of the nativity. Prior to the performances, we were lucky enough to be invited to Leez Priory once again to entertain the elderly people at their Christmas dinner. In the process, of course, we all had a thoroughly good time. It is a mutually beneficial event, with our children enjoying the opportunity to sing to an appreciative audience and the elderly enjoying seeing the children sing. Class one also entertained the residents of Alan Hasler House in Gt. Dunmow with a performance of their nativity. Next term our topic is once again the Second World War. We will be holding a coffee morning in February for the children to entertain those of you who have memories of it (and pick your brains!). Keep your eyes open for details of it in the New Year. Wishing you every blessing at Christmas and in the New Year.



Hazel Arnill (Headteacher)

## PARISH NEWS IN COMPETITION FINALS

The success of the Parish News was highlighted recently when after only five issues it was short-listed for the final round of the Essex Life Community Magazine Awards 2010. This competition was open to all community magazines across the whole of Essex. This astounding achievement was praised by the judges who said that the Parish News was a most professional publication and an excellent monthly production which was a pleasure to read. Although not reaching the final honours of certificates and cheques high praise was given to the standard of community magazines. The editor of the magazine, Alexander Micklem, is to be congratulated upon the success of the publication. However it is up to members of the community and organisations in the community to underpin this success by contributing your articles for publication. The Parish News has been an outstanding success and is delivered free to every household in the Parish. So far it has also been self-financing.

## WINTER MAINTENANCE- CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many enquiries have been received regarding why this or that area had not been salted or cleared. The situation is that Essex County Council has a rigid policy regarding their winter maintenance programme. For Great Waltham Parish this means that the gritting lorries will operate spreading salt on the B1008 between Essex Regiment Way and North End and beyond and the main road through Howe Street and Great Waltham from Warner's Farm roundabout to Ash Tree Corner. In addition the road from Pendon Hill Corner to Pleshey will receive treatment. This year for the first time Essex County Council is running a pilot project to provide one tonne of salt for use locally. The use of the material supplied is for highways and footpaths. It could be used for such areas as South Street where many mum's dropping children at the school experienced difficulty in pulling away uphill in the icy conditions. Essex County Council announced their pilot scheme for local winter maintenance in November and the Parish Council decided that in view of the timeline there was not insufficient time to allow the scheme to be organised in Great Waltham Parish for this winter, but try and organise something for the winter of 2011/12. **So, what needs to be done:**

- Volunteers are required to come forward and be available when the weather conditions prevail to spread salt in an allocated area.
- For training to be given to those volunteers ahead of next winter.
- Identification of the areas which need to be attended to. Please feel free to suggest areas for the Parish Council to consider. Obviously the constraints are the amount of material supplied and the amount of volunteer labour available. So if you were troubled by the experience of this winter why not put your name forward to Peter Bradley, Clerk to Great Waltham Parish Council, The Old Fire Station, South Street, Great Waltham CM3 1DF. Telephone 01245 360293 or E Mail gtwalthampc@btinternet.com.

## Pet Health – considering acupuncture

Happy New Year to you all – we are now in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the third millennium! Lots on as [Estonia](#) is set to adopt the [euro](#); the [Space Shuttle](#) will undertake its final mission before retirement and apparently two important people will be tying the knot! But life goes on as normal so here is the first 2011 instalment on Pet Health. The use of alternative medicine is an interesting subject whether used on people or animals. In the



veterinary world we consider such treatments as complimentary as it is important that a vet is involved in the pet's treatment and where appropriate used along side conventional medicine. Finding out what is wrong with your pet initially is the first step to any treatment. Our animals can't speak for themselves so it is important that we do the right thing for them. My colleague, vet Annette Duffy, explains one type of complimentary treatment - acupuncture. Acupuncture has been practiced in China for 3000 years and is an integral part of traditional Chinese medicine. We in the west have adapted it over the centuries since it was

brought back by travellers in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to suit our own needs. As well as its uses in human medicine, it has been shown to be effective in the treatment of certain conditions in animals. It is most frequently used in the alleviation of pain particularly that associated with osteoarthritis of the joints or muscular pain due to soft tissue trauma. Very fine needles are inserted into the skin along certain *meridians* and *trigger points* associated with the structure that is painful. The treatment or needling usually lasts 10 minutes and is generally painless. Some animals find it very relaxing and will lie quietly while the needles are applied. Acupuncture on animals can only be carried out legally by registered Veterinary Surgeons and a thoroughly worked up diagnosis is necessary before embarking on treatment. A list of Veterinary surgeons who carry out Acupuncture can be found on the Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists website [www.abva.co.uk](http://www.abva.co.uk). Treatments are adapted to the needs of the individual pet and are usually weekly for 4 to 6 weeks. Subsequent treatments are then tailored according to their response. Both dogs and cats respond to treatment. There are very few side effects when carried out by qualified practitioners. One of my recent cases was a lovely little Westie called Oscar. He had pain in his left knee due to an old injury. His owner had noticed that he was lagging behind on his walks and sometimes didn't want to go out at all. He started limping on his left leg, so we x-rayed his knee and diagnosed arthritis. He was prescribed painkillers and the owners were keen to try acupuncture. I felt that Oscar would be a good candidate with the aim of being able to make him more comfortable and in time reduce his painkillers. He started a 6 week course of acupuncture. Five sites were chosen around the knee joint as well as several in the adjacent muscles that were tender when touched - indicating pain trigger points. I am pleased to say that towards the end of his treatment he started to walk more freely, was keener to go on walks and his painkillers could be dropped to the minimum dose. He now has periodic treatments for 2 to 3 weeks every couple of months, just as soon as his owner notices him becoming stiff. Oscar is now a happier dog with a spring in his step! 2011 has also brought with it a change of name for us after 10 years as The Veterinary Practice. We are now the **Millennium Veterinary Practice**. New Year, new name and new logo but same old people in the same place! Dot Creighton RVN, Registered Veterinary Nurse, Millennium Veterinary Practice

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION

## Royal British Legion, Great Waltham

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January .... *Music Quiz*, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January .... '*Fridays*' Coffee Morning 10 - 12

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January .... '*2 till 4*' Family Activity Session, .... '*Posh & Nosh*' (New Kitchen Opening)

### CLUB NEWS

Our new 'Entertainments Committee' is now up and running with some exciting events planned for our Social Calendar. '*Fridays*' Coffee Morning is a new monthly gathering at The Legion between 10 and 12 which is open to all villagers. It is intended that as well as the usual refreshments and a chance for a chat, there will be a variety of activities, ranging from Board Games to Knitting to keep people occupied. For more information call Sue Joyce or Sue Hooper on 360769.

The '*2 till 4*' Family Activity Session is another monthly event which will provide constructive activities for young families. Sessions will include 'hands on' practical activities to appeal to younger children. For more information contact Ben & Laurie Wincott on 361256

Our '*Posh & Nosh*' Evening is designed to celebrate the opening of our new kitchen. Members and Guests are invited to a 'Dinner Party' followed by some 'Village Entertainment' ... watch out for our posters nearer the date. Also don't forget to book your table for the ever popular Music Quiz on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

Andrew Tinsley 360653

Borough Councillor  
**Malcolm Taylor**

will be holding a  
**WARD SURGERY**  
on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
at  
**Great Waltham Village Hall,**  
**South Street,**  
**Great Waltham**  
between 9.00 am & 11.00 am.

Telephone  
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## Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, I P Bradley, The Old Fire Station, South Street, Great Waltham,  
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Readers should note that this is an abbreviated report, prepared by George Hassan from seven pages of A4. A full report may be read on Parish Council Notice Boards, and at the Parish Website [www.greatwaltham.org.uk](http://www.greatwaltham.org.uk).

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council (PC), was held at Great Waltham Village Hall on Monday 15th November 2010. Chairman: Mr A Micklem.

### Public Open Session

Mrs Clare Lyne the Parish Passenger Transport Representative reported on her attendance at a meeting at County Hall Chelmsford on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010. PCSO Jon McDonald reported on incidents involving young people in North End, Great Waltham and Pleshey Road. The Police were thanked for their attendance and control of the Remembrance Day events in the Parish.

### Clerks Report

The owner of the land over which the Great Waltham Cycling Initiative proposed cycleway is planned, no longer wishes the cycleway to cross his land.

Mr Martin Herbert delineated various grass verges as being suitable for the natural propagation of wild flowers and, has suggested that next spring, they should not be mown beyond a single width cut. Mr Bell reported on work which has been carried out on the goal posts at Howe Street and Ford End Playing fields.

Mr Braisby attended a meeting organised by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE), entitled 'The Essex Village Shops and Pubs Day', and reported in detail on the topics discussed.

The Clerk reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund would not fund the proposed building of the wall at Great Waltham Primary School.

A second accident has occurred at the newly modified junction at Appletree Corner and representatives of the the PC have asked ECC Highways to hold a meeting on site.

### Other Business

Borough Councillor Ashford reporting on local topics, mentioned that the results of a traffic management survey carried out in Little Waltham indicated that 96% of those responding were in

favour of a pedestrian crossing of the main road in the area of Chelmer Avenue and, also, an extension of the 40mph limit across Ash Tree corner. He thought that the latter suggestion would tie in well with the proposal for a reduced speed limit on the road from Ash Tree Corner to Great Waltham Village.

A letter of resignation was received from Parish Councillor Mrs Angela Dickinson who had served on the PC for 11 years. A vote of thanks was recorded for her service to the community over this period.

Mr Blaber reported that Mr John Blake the Chairman of Broomfield Parish Council Planning Committee, had received notice from a developer for a large development between Broomfield and the Walthams. His committee were not in favour of this, preferring the CBC development plan, which was also preferred by Great Waltham PC. Mr Blake was proposing to produce a Statement of Common Ground between Broomfield, Little Waltham, and Great Waltham to counter the developer's proposal. The PC agreed in principle to support the proposal.

Mrs Patch suggested that two Parish Clean Up Events should be organised, one being in March and the other in October. It was agreed to undertake a trial of this during 2011.

Of the four quotations received to construct the path across the Recreation ground, that from J F Knight was accepted in the sum of £2,159.00 plus VAT. An order was placed for the work to be carried out.

It was agreed to request ECC to secure a grass verge cutting program in 2011, on the same basis as that of 2010. The application for a grant of £10,000.00 from Essex Community Foundation towards the cost of purchasing the Former Cricket Field at Ford End has not been granted. The owner had indicated that a member of the family now wished to buy the land and would then propose to lease the land to the PC. Following upon a report from Mr Bell a further meeting is to be arranged with Fiona Clark from ECC to try and resolve

## Conservation Areas

A conservation area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is important to preserve or enhance. The local authority is responsible for designating conservation areas. Groups of attractive buildings, a historic street pattern, attractive commons, greens or other open spaces, registered parks and gardens, may also be suitable for designation as conservation areas. A conservation area is designated to allow planning policies to be directed towards preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of an area. The emphasis is on the area as a whole, rather than only individual buildings. The setting and grouping of buildings, the spaces between buildings (both public and private), and trees all contribute to the essential character of an area.

**Demolition** Conservation Area Consent (a similar process to a planning application) is required for demolition of certain buildings, this includes total or substantial demolition of any building with a volume greater than 115 cubic metres or of a boundary wall or railing higher than 1 metre where it adjoins a road, footpath or open space, or 2 metres high elsewhere. Due to the need for new buildings and the spaces around them to preserve or enhance the character of an area outline applications will rarely be acceptable. Siting, scale, height, form, details and materials will all need to be carefully chosen.

**Domestic Buildings** The extent of works which can be undertaken without the need for permission is reduced for domestic buildings within conservation areas. Normal permitted development is restricted, so that most external changes require planning permission.

**Trees** Trees in Conservation Areas are also protected. Felling or works to any trees greater than 75 mm diameter measured 1.5 metres above ground level need prior agreement from the council.