

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

February 2011

Ford End Gardening Club

A larger than expected return of 'Three hyacinths in a Bowl' gave us a very good start for January's meeting. This has become a great competition for our gardeners. All the bulbs come from the same source, are given out at the same time and are all the same grade (size), so it's up to us to get them to perfection ready for our January meeting. This year's winner was Neil Dunphy and we are indebted to Tony Bugden for supplying the bulbs every year. Nobody in Ford End asks, "How are you?" but "How are your bulbs doing!" The main business of the evening was 'Rocket & Rhubarb', a local enterprise set up recently to grow and sell organic produce. Martin Yeates came to tell us how and why he and wife Kerry chose the name



'Rocket & Rhubarb' and how the business is going. After explaining some of the problems, like not being allowed to sell at the gate, the break-in and loss of all the machinery and not least the pests like rabbits, pigeons, and cabbage white etc. Martin made us earn our keep by asking us nearly as many questions as we asked him. This was well received and fully entertaining. A fun raffle rounded off the evening with a visiting lady, who had recently lost pretty well everything in a house fire, winning a stalk of Brussels Sprouts and saying, "This feels like the start of something better!" May we wish her and all gardeners a bountiful New Year. Alan Adcock

Parish News

The Parish News has nearly been running for a year and we hope that you have found it useful, informative and a good reading. However feedback to the editor has been very limited and we would appreciate to know what else should be included in the publication or what improvements could be made. We know that there are many parish events that are not advertised in the magazine and we would welcome not only this but also a small write up on of the events accompanied where possible by photographs, to brighten up the look. As we move into the second year it would be good to improve on what we hope you feel is a good start, to build it into something that the whole Parish can benefit from. YOUR INPUT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. Comments or articles should be sent to the e-mail address at the bottom of the page or dropped through the letter box at the Old Fire Station. Thank you to those of you who already contribute regularly, which is very much appreciated.

Great Waltham Parish Council Office Opening Hours

The Parish Office/Focal Point at The Old Fire Station, South Street, Great Waltham will be open to members of the public from Tuesday 1st February 2011 between 1pm and 4pm and thereafter every Tuesday between 1pm and 4pm. The Office will also be open on Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 12.30pm.

However it will not be open on Thursday 24th February 2111.

The Clerk will be in attendance on the dates above to answer queries or provide information to members of the public. Please ring the doorbell for attention.

Please feel free to make use of this additional service provided by the Parish Council.

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**From the Vicarage
01245 364081**

Dear Friends

This month I am going to share the words of our new Diocesan Bishop, The Rt Rev'd Stephen Cottrell in his New Year letter: "Before we leave Christmas completely behind for another year let us look at the wise men. They are an interesting bunch. And anyway they arrived at Bethlehem a long time after Jesus' actual birth. They follow a star. It leads them into unknown territory. They abandon their own judgement and let the star lead the way. But as they get closer to where the star is leading they start trusting their own judgement more. Believing that the star signifies the birth of a king they rely on human wisdom and go to a palace where they might expect a king to be born. But they are mistaken. By choosing their own destination they end up in the wrong place. The star has settled over a cow shed in Bethlehem, and a very different sort of king awaits them. Other stars are arising to guide us in Essex and East London today. Despite the gloomy state of the world, cuts for Christmas and cuts for the New Year, the perils of climate change, warfare, instability and violence there are bright lights shining that tell us it is possible to live differently and to find a different future. But this will mean change, and it will mean travelling to destinations that we wouldn't necessarily choose ourselves. But in Jesus the world is shown a way to live in peace with each other and with the whole of creation. It only takes one visit to have the course of your life changed, but I recommend regular exposure. Then the light will shine out for all the world to see. The wise men learnt not to rely on their own wisdom so much. This is a lesson we could all usefully learn. Anyone for star gazing?" I hope we can all think about his words – our world desperately needs all of us to change the journey we are on, however the economic climate develops – we can all be thankful for so much in our lives – a glass can be half full or half empty, depending on how we look at it. God bless *Carla*

Urgent Message For All Planning 2011 Weddings

If you are hoping to get married in either Great Waltham or Ford End Churches this year and have not made an official request yet, I must hear from you a.s.a.p, as Preparation Sessions begin on 6th February. It is imperative that all couples attend the 3 sessions on 6th, 13th & 20th at 3pm in the Vicarage, but there is some paperwork you need to receive before those sessions.

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 **FORD END 9.30am**

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

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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

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church February 2011

Minister Rev Jane Mortimer 01245 444931

Services 10.30am each Sunday – Sunday School during Morning worship

February 6th Peter Robb
February 13th Tara Russell **FS** Bring & Share Lunch
 6.30pm Rev Jane Mortimer **HC**
February 20th Rev Lorna Bantock
February 27th Rev Jane Mortimer **HC**

Thursday 3rd February Guzzle & Gossip 11.am – 1.00pm
Saturday 19th February Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10.00am

Services & Events at Black Chapel North End February 2011

February 6th	Family Worship	P. Hamilton	10.00am.
February 13th	Holy Communion bcp	Rev. S. Bazlinton	10.00am.
February 20th	Holy Communion cw	TBA	10.00am.
February 27th	Morning Worship cw	J. Turton	10.00am.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Suggestions are welcomed for any ideas to celebrate the Jubilee, be it events or a permanent memorial. Volunteers to form a steering committee are also sought - **CAN YOU HELP.** All ideas or volunteers should initially contact Peter Bradley on 01245 362638.

Women's World Day Of Prayer

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Chile. It will be held on Friday March 4th at 2 pm at the United Reformed Church in Little Waltham. Our speaker is Mrs C. Creak from Danbury. All are welcome to join with us and stay for refreshments afterwards.



“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2011

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In 2011 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Monday Lunch Club

7th Feb, 12 noon at the Beehive - all welcome - see you there! Sue Piper, Pastoral Assistant



Great Waltham Cricket Club

Winter Nets are as follows:-

Colts and Ladies Nets start this week on Thursday (13th January) evenings at Chelmer Valley High School.

Under 11's are 5pm - 6pm
Under 13's and Under 15's are 6pm - 7pm
Ladies are 8pm - 9pm

Mens Nets will commence in February at the Writtle Cricket Centre and dates will be confirmed shortly.



Hello to you all and a Happy New Year!! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and that the snow didn't cause too much disruption. Unfortunately there has been a rise in Burglaries in Chelmsford over the last month. All I ask is you ensure your properties are left secure and that you also keep an eye out for your neighbours properties. Please, if you see anything or anyone acting suspicious do not hesitate to call us. A lot of the time people are reluctant to call the Police as they feel they maybe wasting our time. This is not the case and we would much rather ascertain what someone is doing then leave it to chance, so please call.

Thank you and take care Pc Jo Taylor



**Barnston Youth FC
Youth Football at Ford End**

There are currently 2 youth teams (under 9 and under 10) playing at Ford End Recreation Ground, Pleshey Road under the banner of Barnston Youth FC.

Training for the under 9's takes place on Saturday mornings at Ford End between 10.00 and 11.15am with the Under 10's training at Great Dunmow Leisure Centre on Tuesday between 7.00-8.00pm.

Details and match reports can be found on www.Barnstonafc.co.uk.

If anyone is interested in playing football in a safe and friendly environment please contact Bob Jenkins on 07920 234558



Royal British Legion, Great Waltham

- Friday 4th Feb** England v Wales Rugby KO 7.45,
- Saturday 12th Feb** England v Italy Rugby KO 2.30 Valentine’s Family Party 7 – 11
- Saturday 19th Feb** ‘2 till 4’ Family Activity Session
- Friday 25th Feb** ‘Fridays’ Coffee Morning 10 - 12
- Saturday 26th Feb** England v France Rugby KO 5.00 then - Band Night / Rock with *Crossbow* 8.00

CLUB NEWS

By the time you are reading this our new kitchen should be nearing completion and we have an event planned for March to celebrate it’s opening! Watch this space!!

Please remember our Club’s facilities can be hired to members for Parties/Celebrations. Please contact Geoff Lee on 360945 for more information.

For any information about our events or how to become a member (£15 per year) call Andrew Tinsley on 360653.

Please can I advise villagers that our Sunday opening hours have been changed to between 1.00 and 5.30 pm. Why not come along and have a drink whilst watching the sport on the big screen!

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Midsummer Festival 2011

The Community Network will soon be planning this year's programme for the **Midsummer Festival**. We will be writing to all the usual clubs to tell them the time/date of the planning meeting and to see if they have any plans for an event and possible dates. Some organisations have events in mind already!

If you are a new organisation or an individual who would like to run an event or be part of one, you are welcome to come to the planning meeting. Please email me or phone me to give me your details, and I will contact you when the meeting is arranged.

Joanna Steel Tel: 360918
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Mobile Library Schedule with effect from 1st January 2011.

Every other Thursday
Great Waltham, Dannatts 1350 – 1420
Great Waltham, Cherry Garden Road 1425 – 1445
Great Waltham Hatchfields 1555-1615
Howe Street 1600 -1625
Every other Tuesday
Littley Green 1115-1130
Ford End, The Church 1250 -1305
Every other Wednesday
North End, The Green 1610 – 1625

Senior Ladies Afternoon Tea

The next tea will be held at 2:30 pm
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Pilgrimages Holidays Conferences

Whitby Conference 2011 – an invitation

Bishop Martin Warner, is extending a warm invitation to all clergy and laity to attend The Whitby Conference (Mon 11 – Fri 15 July). It is to be an international gathering this summer of clergy and lay people who are interested in looking at what influence the Anglos Saxon and Celtic Church had on the people of Britain. A range of top speakers brought together by Bishop Martin of Whitby will ensure a feast of theology and reflection. Speakers include Rob Mackley, Assistant Chaplain at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James, Piccadilly; Mark McIntosh, Professor of Theology at Durham University and Margaret Barker, a published biblical scholar. Accommodation is provided in comfortable guest houses with breakfast everyday. Dinner is either included or purchasable locally on one of the field trips. If you would like a brochure they are downloadable from www.ukltg.com or please phone 01482 562 455

Retreat to Iona – Reflection and Prayer

Led by the Venerable Bob Fitzharris, Archdeacon of Doncaster (Mon 4 –Fri 8 April). There is space for reflection and a chance to experience a pilgrimage led by the Venerable Fitz Harris, Archdeacon of Doncaster. This is an opportunity to discover the meaning of pilgrimage in a special break incorporating Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Oban and the Isle of St Columbia (Iona). The inclusive cost is £493 which is on a half board basis – included in this is four nights accommodation, breakfast and dinner on three nights, coach travel and all lectures and visits. If you would like a brochure they are downloadable from www.ukltg.com or please phone 01482 562 455

Retreat to Iona – Reflection and Prayer

Led by David Hope, former Archbishop of York (Sun 10 – Thurs 4 April). Time for prayer and reflection, discovering the meaning pilgrimage, led by the former Archbishop of York, David Hope. This is an opportunity to take in the significance of the life of St Columba and all those great northern saints who he influenced. Iona provides a perfect back drop for retreat, reflections and renewal. The inclusive cost is £493 which is on a half board basis – included in this is four nights accommodation, breakfast and dinner on three nights, coach travel and all lectures and visits. If you would like a brochure they are downloadable from www.ukltg.com or please phone 01482 562 455

Any contributions for the March 2011 issue by February 20th at the latest. These should be e-mailed to: articles@parish-news.co.uk. Enquiries and advertising requests should be e-mailed to: adverts@parish-news.co.uk



News from Ford End School

Our Key Stage 2 topic this term is World War 2. Our children are fascinated by the war and all that went on. Obviously the boys are interested in weapons, but there is plenty that interests the girls as well.

Can you remember the Second World War? Do you have memories of what it was like at school during the war? How did you survive on rations? Were you evacuated or did you have evacuees living with you? Do you have memorabilia from close family members who saw active service in the war or who were evacuated? If you can answer yes to any of these questions the children of Ford End School would like to talk to you.

We will be holding a coffee morning on Monday 7th February at 10:45am. Please do come and enjoy refreshments with our children, whilst talking to them about your experiences and possibly even showing the children any letters/ photos you have.

If you are not available for the coffee morning but would be willing to talk to the children at another time, please contact me at the school.

Four years ago, last time we did World War Two, we ran a similar event that was very successful. We hope that this year's event will be as well attended and as interesting for all parties.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Hazel Arnill (Headteacher)



Great Waltham Horticultural Society

January Talk

The first talk of the 2011 was presented by Ben Wincott who gave us a fascinating insight to the challenges and jubilation of designing a garden worthy of a Bronze Medal at the Chelsea Flower show.

Many thanks go to Ben, the designer of Writtle College's entry, who took us through the journey (taking over well over 6 months!), to come up with the John Joseph Mechi garden seen at the 2010 show. The garden which was a joint collaboration between Writtle College, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and Tiptree Jam, incorporated many innovative ideas to celebrate significant anniversaries. We saw how the garden developed from paper design to the finish article – the crafting of the outstanding handcrafted willow fence, the challenges of upward water features in the shape of champagne glasses, unusual seating, and a custom made copper effect wall. Ben spoke passionately about the innovative planting, which included vertically displayed rhubarb and strawberries and how his working team embraced the challenge of transporting and building the garden onsite within 10 days, especially when some things didn't quite go to plan. However, the end result was fantastic for us to see and with the garden's motto engraved on the hand landscaping - 'the fruit of the land conserves life' – it couldn't be a more appropriate thought for us all to be inspired for our own 2011 gardening plans!

Next Talk – Monday 7th February 2011 with Peter Webb comes highly recommended. His talk and slide-show entitled "FROM SEMI TO SELF SUFFICIENCY" will describe the Challenges and Achievements during 40 years of living THE GOOD LIFE. Held at the Village Hall in Great Waltham at 8pm. Refreshments and Raffle. £1.50 entry to members/non members.



Great Waltham Neighbourhood Watch

There is a company who is cold calling, by telephone, householders locally. They prefer to target elderly people. They claim that they are working in conjunction with Essex Police, and because of the high number of burglaries in the area, they are fitting free burglar alarms and smoke alarms. The catch is that although the alarms may be cheap, they sign you up to an extortionately high maintenance contract. Essex Police have asked me to pass on that they do not work in conjunction with anyone selling alarms of any description. This kind of cold calling is probably illegal and if you receive such a call, please contact Essex Trading Standards on 08454 040506.



Waltham Wanderers

On Sunday 16th January 2011 thirty eight members of the Waltham Wanderers walking group celebrated the commencement of their 17th year of walking with a party held at Great Waltham Village Hall. Members brought along food and drink which was shared. A raffle was held which raised over £70 for Farleigh Hospice. The Waltham Wanderers is a very informal walking group meeting on a

Sunday each a month in various parts of Essex to walk a route led by one of the members over a distance of 5 – 6 miles. A packed lunch is usually taken. There are also two weekend events in other parts of the country. There is no membership fee, no committees and no commitments. If you enjoy walking why not come along. Further information can be obtained from Clare Lyne 01245 361996 or Peter or Maureen Bradley 01245 360293. The dates and meeting points for walks appear on the website www.greatwaltham.org.uk

Street Parking of Cars

Please could all parishioners who currently park on the street, please be considerate so as not to block footpaths, nor park where the sightlines are not good and effectively force cars onto the wrong side of the road on blind spots.



Do you have what it takes to be crowned quiz King or Queen?

Pit your wits and join the Farleigh Hospice Community Fundraising Team for a fun filled 'Bows and Bells Quiz Night' on Friday 4th February! This fabulous night of entertainment has been planned as an alternative to various events that had to be cancelled in December. If you would like to enter a team or find out more information please contact the Community Fundraising Team at Farleigh Hospice on 01245 457408 or email info@farleighhospice.org



Bus Complaints

Late Bus
Early Bus
No Bus

Don't just MOAN!

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

Parish Council Election

5th May 2011

COUNTDOWN FOR ELECTION

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?
DO YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?
DO YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

If the above sounds like you, then you sound like the right person to stand for Election to your local Parish Council Great Waltham Parish is divided into two wards with three parish councillors representing Ford End ward and eight parish councillors representing Church End ward. All eleven seats will be up for election next May.

The nomination period is short commencing on 28th March 2011 and ending at noon on 5th April 2011.

SEE NEXT MONTHS PARISH PRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATION.

**Borough Councillor
Malcolm Taylor**

holds **WARD SURGERIES** on a regular basis around the area. These are advertised in the Parish News

If you wish to contact Malcolm at any other time please telephone
01245 440469
or email
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 Great Waltham Village Hall on Monday 13th December 2010. Chairman: Mr A Micklem

Clerk's Monthly Report

Traffic islands are to be installed at Appletrees corner.

The Parish News has been short-listed for the final round of the Essex Life Community Magazine Awards 2010.

Preparations are now being made for Parish Elections to take place on 5th May 2011. Arrangements will be made to hire Ford End Village Hall on 15th March 2011 to speak to potential candidates.

Mr Micklem Mr Braisby and Mr Bradley represented the PC at meetings with the School Councils of both Ford End and Great Waltham Primary Schools and, details of the topics discussed and the actions engendered are given in the unabbreviated minutes.

Borough Councillor Ashford has asked the CBC Planning Department to keep the PC informed of any information received about the possible development of offices and residential development on the former Hartford End Brewery site.

ECC have responded to a complaint made by Great Waltham Primary School about the condition of the highway in South Street during the recent snowy weather, advising that the Street is not on a designated gritting route. ECC also stated that the PC has some capability to carry out gritting. Following upon a request by the School the Clerk indicated that the PC were prepared to meet to discuss the matter. Mrs Slater referred to an incident at North End when the driver of a Helena Romanes school contract bus refused to drive into the village because of the condition of the road due to snow and ice, resulting in the children having to walk from the B1008 into the village. The PC advised that the parents should contact ECC about the incident.

County Councillor Aldridge has been advised that anyone who has taken a commonsense approach to the task of clearing snow and ice from their paths/pavements, on or outside their property, would not be held liable in the event of an accident. There is a Code giving guidance on the actions to be taken and copies are available from the Clerk upon request.

Borough Councillor Aldridge reported that funding for affordable housing projects was in some doubt.

The Co-option of a Councillor for Ford End Ward was deferred until January 2011. Mr Jackson, Mr Braisby and the Clerk are to meet with the prospective candidate before the meeting.

The Clerk indicated that CBC has £2,600 available for development in the Parish. The PC agreed to put forward the provision of children's recreational equipment at Great Waltham Playing field, with any surplus going towards the modification of the multi-unit at Howe Street Playing Field.

The Precept for the following year on CBC in the sum of £41,416.00 was confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the PC and the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. This is estimated as being £44.62 per Band D property pa. An increase of £6.44 pa.

Details of the budgetary requirements needed to rent and furnish the proposed Parish Office are given in the unabbreviated minutes.

A letter is to be sent to the Prime Minister drawing attention to the proposed levying of the sum of £200.00 pa on the voluntary Community Speedwatch Group. Copies will be forwarded to our MP, County Councillor, Borough Councillors and the Assistant Chief Constable.

Mr Huggins has suggested that subject to obtaining the agreement of the owners/occupiers of the premises, cycle racks could be purchased and installed at Walthambury Stores and Great Waltham Village Hall. The cost would be met by using part of the prize money received from the Essex Village of the Year competition and would be in the region of £40.00 to £80.00 plus installation costs.

I P Bradley Clerk to Great Waltham Parish Council (01245 362 638).

Diary Dates

Please make a note in your diary of forthcoming events.

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| 21st February | Parish Council monthly meeting 7.45pm The Old Fire Station, Great Waltham. (members of the public are encouraged to attend) |
| 12th March | Parish Clear Up – more details in next month's Parish News |
| 16th March | Parish Council Open Evening – Ford End Village Hall 7pm – 8pm for parishioners interested in standing for Parish Council election. |
| 17th March | Parish Council Open Evening – The Old Fire Station, South Street, Great Waltham 7pm – 8pm for parishioners interested in standing for Parish Council election. |
| 21st March | Parish Council monthly meeting 7.45pm The Old Fire Station, Great Waltham. (members of the public are encouraged to attend) |
| 5th April | Closing Date for nominations to stand for Parish Council Elections |
| 5th May | Public Ballot by Polling Stations for Election of Parish Council |
| 16th May | Annual Assembly - Great Waltham Village Hall 8pm. |