

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

March 2020

Our thanks to Great Waltham Parish Productions



Representatives of the organisations who received donations from the production of 'The Waltham Witch'.

On Saturday 1st February Members of Great Waltham Parish Productions proudly presented donations to the following: Debbie Forshaw, **The Walthams Scout Group**; John Lattimore, **Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group**; Keith Derry, **Friends of Great Waltham and Ford End Churches Trust**; Bob Scott, **Cressing Temple Community Shed**; and Geri Roe, **Great Waltham Village Hall**. The money was raised from our last production, "The Waltham Witch", which was written and performed by members of Great Waltham Parish Productions and local residents with help from local historian Peter Wells.

Please lookout for our next production - Snow White.

For further information on how to be involved you can find us on www.gwpproductions.byethost14.com or on Facebook – Great Waltham Parish Productions

From Strength to Strength

Your Village Choir is now 38 in number! We have grown from the 14 nervous would-be choristers who turned up at the first gathering at the School 5 years ago. We have established sections of sopranos, altos and men – now 8 in number which is really great. We aim to perform at least 2 concerts a year, an informal one combined with a BBQ at the School in July and of course the Christmas Concert in the church where we share the evening with the Essex Police Band and others.

Our talented and fun loving musical director, Toni Cooper is this year cultivating our voices to perform an eclectic selection of songs including Freddie Mercury's '*We are the Champions*' sung with great gusto! Also we are doing Gershwin's '*Fascinating Rhythm*,' the lovely '*One Moment in Time*' and '*A Thousand Years*,' We are also singing '*Tonight*' from West Side Story and the delightful Irish blessing, '*May The Road Rise Up To Meet You*.'

Admission is £5 a session but your first evening is FREE as is the coffee in the interval. Tempted to join the fun? We meet at the school at 7pm every Thursday evening. No auditions. No solos. Come along and give it a try. You won't regret it! And that's a promise. Further enquiries from Malcolm on 360149



From the Vicarage

The Jewels in the centre of our Villages

You will have read in last months' Parish News how one person discovered the wonderful Church building which sits majestically in the centre of Great Waltham village. Well, there is another Church in our Parish not so old but even so, will celebrate its 150th birthday this year. This is the Church in the centre of Ford End. You cannot miss it when you drive through the village. It is eye catching simple in design.

These two buildings are our heritage, they are part of our lives, here for our use if we wish to do so or to just look at or look into, a place of quiet that we can escape to, but equally important to keep in good order so that they can be passed on to the next generations

It is important for everyone to know about the "The Friends of Great Waltham and Ford End Churches Trust". This is an Independent Charitable Trust originally set up 20 years ago, which raises funds for the sole purpose of assisting in the maintenance of these buildings. The aim of the Trust is to support the Church Council to ensure that the buildings are fit for use by the whole Parish community both now and for generations to come. The money raised by the Friends committee goes directly into the Trust fund. Every penny of it is spent on ensuring that the beautiful buildings that we have all inherited are passed on safe and fit for purpose.

The Church Council works together with the Trust but has a different remit. Their task is to ensure there is sufficient income flowing into the coffers to pay for priests, organists, candles and utilities etc. so you will see in both villages from time to time fund raising events to provide for these running costs.

If you would like to be involved either supporting the day to day running of our Churches or the Friends Trust helping to preserve our heritage or alternatively if you simply wish to make a donation to either cause you will of course need some further information so please contact Michael Proctor (07801438890) or Roger Bearman (07740880247) who will be pleased to discuss the Churches or the Trust with you.

Otherwise look out and support the fundraising events throughout the year or come to the Open Church Day at Great Waltham on 21st. March 2020. (See separate advert elsewhere in this magazine.)



Church of England Services March 2020

Sunday 1st	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	Coffee with Christ	The Castle Great Leighs
Sunday 8th	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 15th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Communion Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham Chignal
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am 11.00am 11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Joint Service	Little Leighs

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

Blackchapel Services

All services at Blackchapel start at 3.00 pm
unless stated otherwise

Sunday 1st	Family Worship
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion (bcp)
Sunday 15th	Holy Communion (cw)
Sunday 22nd	Evening Prayer
Sunday 29th	Worship at Holy Cross Church, Felsted 11.00 am

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship
Services start at 3pm unless otherwise stated
Enquiries: contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095

Coffee Morning
Blackchapel, North End
10.30 - 12.00
Last Wednesday in every month
Proceeds to North End Defibrillator

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church March 2020

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

Sunday 1st.	Rev Geoffrey Griggs
Sunday 8th.	Marina Price. 10am Messy Church
Sunday 15th	Christina McClure
Sunday . 22nd	Rev Geoffrey Griggs. H C Mothering Sunday
March. 29th.	Favourite Hymns & Why. Vivienne

Thursday 5th March Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.0pm
Saturday 21st March Coffee Morning in Schoolroom



Village & Hamlet

Clear UP!

Saturday 14th March 2020

Equipment (if required) available from

The Parish Office (at Great Waltham Village Hall) From 8.30- 09.00am

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

Local Co-Ordinators:

Howe Street – Cllr Peter Jackson – 01245 360067

North End – Cllr Alex McDevitt – 01371 820139

Great Waltham – The Clerk - 07880717329

Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group

The aim of the group is to provide short term and ongoing help to meet the needs of elderly local residents for whom there is no statutory provision. Predominately this will involve providing transport to doctor or hospital appointments.

If you require the services of the group, please call our co-ordinators who are:

Sheila Gillies Tel. 01245 360570

Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483

John Lattimore, Chairman
Tel. 01245 363818



GREAT WALTHAM CHURCH OPEN DAY

**Saturday 21st March
from 11.00am**

- call in for coffee or afternoon tea
- enjoy a historical talk & tour
- climb the tower if you can
- see the plans for the church paths

no entry fee but donations to help with the running costs will be appreciated



Little Waltham Gardening Club

Marks Hall was the title of the Little Waltham Gardening Club's first meeting of 2020. Peter Hickling gave an excellent presentation providing details of the history of the Hall over the centuries. Many of us were not aware that the property had been extensively used during WWII by both the RAF and later the US Air Force.

In 1952 it was decided to pull down the mansion house which was in a dilapidated state and a trust was created to develop the arboretum and improve the gardens.

The meeting finished with a reminder of a forthcoming visit to Buckhatch Nurseries and our AGM on **Wednesday 4th March** which will include a talk on Dahlias. The annual Spring Show is on Saturday 11th April. Show Schedules are available from Marion Lawson on 01245 361857. Please see our website for more information.

www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk

Fancy trying something new in 2020 or returning to singing after a gap?

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Tony Baker
07799 413191 01245 871658

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Graham Whicker 01245 362351 or Enid Adcock 01245 237 522

Main Course

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Lasagne with salad

Sausages mash potato and peas

Halloumi, chips and peas

Wild mushrooms and spinach pie with mash potato and fresh vegetables

Dessert Course

Eton mess

Cheesecake with ice cream

Profiteroles

Sticky toffee pudding with custard

GREAT WALTHAM FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The First meeting of 2020 took the shape of a quiz and plans were made for the coming year's programme which will include speakers, music, a cream tea and a trip which is yet to be decided upon.

The March meeting is our **AGM** and will take place on **March 23rd** with a Cream Tea served by The Committee.

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, 20th April at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

Ford End Dancing

We will meet on the 4th and 18th March at 7.30pm at Ford End Village Hall. For enquiries please contact Wendy Johnson on 01245 360362

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Walthamby Women's Institute

At our February meeting we welcomed Alan Pamphilon who gave us a fascinating insight into how Chelmsford High Street looked between 1860 – 1960. Alan's talk was illustrated with many interesting photographs.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10th March** at 7.15 for 7.30 in the British Legion Hall. New members and visitors welcome.

FORD END GARDEN CLUB

After storm Ciara on Sunday 9th and a foul day on Monday 10th February I was amazed at how many members turned up to listen to our speaker on Monday evening, but it was well worth coming to.

Our talk was given by Caitlin Willis. Caitlin is a local student who went to Durham University where she studied Biological Science before completing a Master's Degree in biopesticide development using naturally toxic compounds from spiders. She is now studying for a PhD at Rothamsted Research Institute in Harpenden where she is investigating insecticide resistance in UK populations of oilseed rape pests, specifically the cabbage stem flea beetle. Caitlin told us a little about the history of the Research Institute and suggested that visiting the area is interesting. She then gave a very informative talk about the cabbage stem

A Cabbage Stem
Flea Beetle



flea beetle and how it affects the oilseed rape crop. We had the opportunity to dissect some oilseed rape stems to look for cabbage stem flea larvae and see first-hand the damage they cause to this extremely valuable crop. Questions flowed, and the evening was most enjoyable.

Our speaker at the next meeting on **Monday 9th March** will be John Cullen talking on Dahlias and how to propagate. Come and join us. You will be very welcome. Cost £2 including refreshments



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Thinking about trying something different, having a little fun, meeting and chatting with others? Then how about popping along to one of the events I am organising over the next few months.

We have just had an evening of Turner V Constable. With only one space left on the raft for the preferred painter and his works, saved by the audience vote, presentations were heard from David “Turner” Chapman and Tina “Constable” Weavers. Each had timed slots to present an abridged Life & Times of each Artist, then they commented and tempted votes with further details on their preferred pieces of artwork and then took questions from the audience. On this occasion, we had to make room for them both – the vote was a draw!



Next we are off to the Church in Great Waltham on the **4th March** – pre booking for catering essential. There will be an hour tour of the Church with our very own expert - Peter Wells - starting at 2.0pm and then back to the Beehive Pub for some Cake and a Cuppa. Refreshments for this event are £5pp with donations for the Church/Thank you to Peter are gratefully appreciated over and above this charge.



If you are feeling crafty, how about making an Easter Egg tree – if that takes your fancy, keep the 8th April free and your £5 at the ready. Let me know if you would like a space reserved for you so I can be sure to have enough supplies in to make this Easter treat.

Then how about a pamper event? I have pencilled in 3rd June – let me know. Jan Patch 07760 240 550

The Parish Council has moved and thanks go to all the volunteers

The PC Office is now located in the Great Waltham Village Hall, in the room that used to be known as the Library. Access is via the rear gate. The move is a win-win for the parish, with the Council paying rent to the Village Hall at about half its previous rate so both parties get a benefit. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to decorate the room before we moved in (Peter Sheldrake, John Whitehead, Robert Chambers, Paul Church, Adrian Poulton, John Andrews, Teresa Harper, Andy Tinsley, Geoff Lee, Graham Anstee, David Chapman, Steve Huggins, Dave Excell, Mike Steel). Materials funded by GWPC. We have tried to retain the character of the room and also decided to refurbish the parquet floor, for which we needed professional help (Multiflooring) which was jointly funded by GWPC and GVVH.



Our Parish website has also moved because the platform we use is being discontinued. You can now find us at <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/> This is a free of charge site available to voluntary organisations. Our site covers the Parish Council as well as other parish organisations who have asked us if they can be included. Webmasters are our Clerk for the Parish Council elements and Mike Steel, for all the rest.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We have reached the half-way point of the spring term which also marks the halfway point of the school year. Our Y6 children can start to think about the transition from KS2 to KS3 and secondary school.

Our Life Long Value for this half term has been Perseverance, next half term it will be Integrity.

In Collective Worship we have shared many Bible Stories: The Good Samaritan, Joseph and the Coat of Many Colours, The Prodigal Son to name three.

World Safer Internet Day saw the children learn about the possible dangers of being online at a time when increasingly large numbers of young children are having 'screen' time. Y6 also enjoyed their visit to the Civic Theatre to take part in Crucial Crew – a council initiative to help keep them safe as they become more independent.

Our Cross Country teams are nearing the end of the season and they have represented the school with pride as always. We have tag rugby, football and netball fixtures to look forward to in the coming weeks. Y4 participated in Super Stars and Y6 Indoor Athletics - all the children had a great time.

You can probably all try to remember going through puberty but perhaps not the conversations with adults (if any) before the changes started. Y5/6 are to be commended for their mature conduct and attentive nature in their lessons this term.

Y2 have started learning their songs for the Infant Music Festival that takes place in March. The PTA are looking forward to supporting the children with some curriculum events in the last 1.5 school terms.



YFS completing the Chinese Dragon dance for the Chinese New Year

We know the children enjoy dressing up for special curriculum days. KS1 have The Great Fire of London to look forward to and KS2 have their WW2 Day.

Parking and traffic remain problematic for many local (a national issue) schools. Generally, our family members are respectful of traffic rules but we still have the occasional parking on zig zag lines or on the double yellow lines opposite the school gates. We have started an initiative that Essex County have introduced called 3PR (3 parking rules: care, consideration and caution). A representative from the local authority visited the school to start the process. The main focus is to improve safety around the school drop off areas. This will include:

Banners and mannequins to remind drivers of safe parking. Tokens given to children seen walking to school.

The school and the Parish council have met and we hope to have a 'Street Party / Family Picnic' on Saturday 9th May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.



Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meetings of **20th January 2020**. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website (note – new website) <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/>

Residents of Howe Street requested funds to set up a book library in a phone box. GWPC agreed to fund a bookcase (and repairs) to see how well it works then they will consider a second bookcase.

Cllrs Steel, Martin and McDevitt have been dealing with County Broadband (CBB) in FE and NE to try and control the proliferation of new telegraph poles and have been asked to do likewise in Littley Green and attend meetings with residents and CBB. Note - that telegraph Poles are permitted development, and that we (parish council, or City Council) have no ability to refuse them. However, we can influence their positions.

Cllr Steel reported back on the VE Day meeting - 1st meeting held 8th Jan 2020 – 20 attendance representing Parish Council, Twinning, Legion, Littley Green hamlet, Scout Gp, Community Network, Friendship Club, Bowls, School, GWVH, FEVH, Choir, Waltham Wanderers, GW & FE Church. Programme of events over the weekend include: Scout Breakfast, Last Post bugler, Piper, Nations' toast, Bellringing, 40s dance, tree planting, Family Picnic, ENSA tea party, WW2 Quiz, Church service. Each organisation will organise its own event and run it. GWPC agreed to request for £150 contribution towards cost which would supplement GW Commemoration Committee contribution (£140 left over funds) along with Community Network contribution of £80..The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19:45 Monday 16th March 2020**, at GWVH. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.



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2pm Great Leighs
Free Church

Great Leighs, Chelmsford Essex

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