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New Parish News email address

Please note that GW Parish News now has a NEW email address – gwparishnews@gmail.com. Please use this in all correspondence as we will no longer be monitoring the previous email.

In view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the social distancing restrictions etc., this smaller May issue of GW Parish News is only being produced as an online version. We will continue to monitor the situation regarding future issues, please email us with any questions.

Thank you, the editors.



Twins Benji and Sebbi, four, are among many local families who have supported the NHS and other key workers with rainbow pictures and Clap for Carers

Coronavirus support - See the back page for details of who to contact if you are self-isolating and need help.

Message from your City Cllr Mike Steel

(mike.steel@chelmsford.gov.uk)

Everyone should have received a City Council leaflet on the Coronavirus outbreak, including where to get help. A number of volunteer organisations have been set up in the parish and contact details circulated, but you can always contact Essex Welfare Services 0300 303 9988 https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/. I would like to thank all volunteers, local and county wide.

Most Chelmsford City Council services are operating as normal - Waste and recycling collections (including dog bins and large item collections); Benefits; Business Rates (£25K support grants available). Some operating with changes - Cemetery is now open for visitors and the Crematorium for funerals but with limited number of mourners; some Car Parks; Retail Market closed (but food stalls 8.30am to 1.30pm, Tues to Sat); only Market Road public toilets are open; Planning and Building Control over the phone rather than physical site inspections; Licensing; Pest Control for rats and mice only - the stray dogs service is closed; Noise and nuisance enforcement with essential visits only; Housing register open for bids, but allocations delayed; Parks and Green spaces, including Hylands Park, remain open for daily exercise but their toilets, play areas and car parks closed. Some stopped - Leisure Centres; Theatres. ECC have closed their Recycling Centres, Country Parks and Park and Ride service.

This is a rapidly changing situation so check latest at https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/coronavirus/

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Unfortunately, the VE Committee cannot provide its weekend of events to celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of peace in Europe in 1945. However, we would like our residents to still mark the occasion by putting up bunting and flags in their front garden or windows, on the 8th May. We would have been involved in the national events of the Last Post (2.55pm), Piping the Battles O'er (3pm), the Nations Toast (3pm), a Cry for Peace around the World (6.55pm) and Ringing out for Peace (7pm).

https://www.veday75.org/programme/ gives more details if you want to want to get out in your garden and mark the day. But please, observe social distancing rules. It is possible that the events may be moved to the weekend of 15th – 16th August according to the website, but who knows how long the current situation will last!

Mike Steel - Chair GW VE Committee



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GREAT WALTHAM CORONAVIRUS VOLUNTEER GROUP

If you are self – isolating, live in Great Waltham, Broads Green or Howe Street, and have no one to do your shopping or any other errands, or you would just like a chat, we can help.

To talk about what you need, ring either -

Joanna Steel 01245 360918 *or* Wendy Proctor 01245 360483 *or* Phil Lilley 01245 360615.

WHO ARE WE?

We live locally. You may know one or other of us.

Joanna Steel – I run Great Waltham Community Network and I am the wife of the parish council chairman, Mike Steel.

Wendy Proctor – I am a member of Great Waltham church and one of the coordinators of Great Waltham Community Care Group.

Phil Lilley – I am a member of the Parochial Church Council and a member of Walthambury WI.

And not forgetting the rest of the team - 20 reliable and trustworthy local residents.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

We will abide by all recommended safety precautions.

Don't be embarrassed to ask – the team is willing to help and just waiting for your call.

Please do <u>NOT</u> share this list with anyone outside the area or post it on social media, due to privacy issues.

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church

Due to coronavirus all church activities on hold until further notice.

Contact: Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654 / 07763 169605 Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

Please feel free to contact either of these Ministers with any concerns or questions during these strange times. Keep safe & well until we can be together again.

Ford End Senior Tea Just a message to you all. I hope you are all keeping well and looking after yourselves.

I look forward to when we can all meet up again for a lovely chat, cuppa and a piece of cake.

If in the mean time you would like

to have a chat or need help please phone me on 07977077945 or 01245 237335. Sheila Bearman.

Thank you for all of the contributions to this edition of Great Waltham Parish News. Please send your contributions for the next issue, together with any enquiries or advertising requests, by e-mail to: **gwparishnews@gmail.com**.

The last date for inclusion in the JUNE issue is May 14.