

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

September 2020

School pupils learn to love their marquee



Find out on page 3 how these pupils from Great Waltham Primary School were able to keep studying.

A message to all our supporters and advertisers

We recognise that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on almost every household and business throughout our parish and that many people continue to face financial and emotional hardship.

The Parish News team of volunteers has continued to do its best to produce and deliver a magazine each month (albeit sometimes online), providing information and support for the community.

As the magazine continues with its traditional print version (which we know reaches many more people, as you do not need to be internet-savvy to read it), we start with a plea to anyone who would be willing to support the magazine by taking an advert.

During the annual renewal period, we have lost several of our regular advertisers and, as we rely on the income from adverts to cover the print costs, without renewals or fresh adverts booked, there are concerns that printing a paper version may become unsustainable.

During lockdown, with the support of the Parish Council, the team was able to provide a very limited number of copies which were available in the village shop, and the speed with which these disappeared demonstrated just how much people value it.

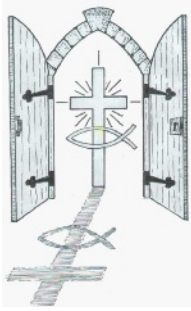
Currently the magazine is delivered to just under 1,000 households across Great Waltham, Howe Street, Ford End, Littley Green and North End and, for as little as £15 a month for an advertisement, it offers very good value indeed.

We fully understand that times are tough and budgets are under tighter scrutiny than ever, but if you have a business and could help secure the future of a much-needed community asset by booking an advert, it would be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, a huge thank you to those advertisers who have renewed existing adverts or taken out new ones - your support has come at exactly the right time.

If you would like to know more about advertising, please email gwparishnews@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

Thank you, the Parish News team



Church of England Services in September 2020

Our Churches are Open for Services and Private Prayer

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| Sunday 6th | 11.00am 10am – 6pm 2pm – 5pm | Service at Great Waltham Open for Prayer Chignals Open for prayer at Ford End |
| Sunday 13th | 9.30am 10am – 6pm 11.30 – 1pm | Service at Ford End Open for Prayer Chignals Open for prayer at Great Waltham |
| Sunday 20th | 11.00am 11.00am 2pm – 5pm | Service at Great Waltham Outdoor Service at Chignals, please bring own chair Open for prayer at Ford End |
| Sunday 27th | 9.30 am 10am – 6pm 11.30 – 1pm | Service at Ford End Open for Prayer Chignals Open for prayer at Great Waltham |

In addition to the above Ford End Church will also be open for private prayer every Thursday 10am to midday. Where possible, please phone Sheila Bearman 07977077945 in advance of attending Ford End Church Sunday services, to help with social distancing planning.

Given the on-going uncertainties about how COVID19 will progress during the coming months the above may be subject to change or restrictions, following national and Church of England guidance. Our primary concern is that worshippers are kept safe so anyone entering Church **MUST** follow the guidelines and the directions given to them by the Stewards and facemasks must be worn.

Facebook

Our online Sunday Services at 10.30am are available to be viewed on our Facebook Page

Little & Great Churches at Home

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator

Tel: 07957 228467

admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

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

New parish facebook group launched

Have you heard it on the grapevine? You can now with a new Facebook group which has been set up solely for the Parish called Great Waltham Grapevine.

An opportunity to bring all residents who use social media together sharing ideas, information and, most importantly, kind and constructive communication.

Please search for us and answer the required questions so we can build and strengthen our communities.

Cllr Jo Palmer and Cllr Heather Lockwood

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

2019/2020 was a school year we will find very hard to forget. With the support of the school and wider community we navigated troubled waters very well and sincerely hope that calmer seas await in 2020/2021. We have been open all through the lockdown and welcomed increasing pupil numbers back to classes when schools reopened on 1 June for the year groups identified as priority by the Department for Education – YR, Y2 and Y6. We were also able to accommodate Y5 from late June in a marquee on the school field. Huge thanks to Andrew Fitzwater at BSW Marquees Ltd for helping making this project work.

When we return to school in September, we hope things will be as normal as possible. The fundamental change is that we can welcome back all year groups. There will be some restrictions of course.

On 21 July, we bid farewell to the 'Lockdown' Leavers of 2020. They participated in the Leavers Service on the school grounds, in front of their class. It followed the same format as previous years with two notable exceptions. We missed the beautiful church setting we are so used to and family members were unable to share this special time with us. Children in school watched via the Google Classroom video link. Y5 were in attendance too, outside, on chairs. We



We certainly got used to doing things differently! It was lovely to still be able to say goodbye and wish the Y6 pupils well as they embark on the next stage of their journey in life. Thanks to Mr Gary Hunt, our Chair of Governors, for videoing the service. One of his final acts as 'Chair' as he moves to Devon over the summer. Thanks for all your support over many years Gary.

We also said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Sedman after 3 years of teaching in Class North America. She is stepping down from full time teaching but we will no doubt see her for supply duty and help with booster classes. From all of us - thank you and all the best. We welcome Miss McCullough to the school as class teacher and deputy head.

We look forward to sharing news and photos with Parish News readers in the new school year.

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church

Due to Corona Virus all Activities are 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.

While the church is out of use renovation work has been carried out and we look forward to being together again before too long

We are still planning a new venture for the first Thursday of each month and that will be an Afternoon Tea.

Time4Tea can hopefully be held in the newly renovated main part of the church where we can be more socially distanced if it is still needed. Obviously this is still in the pipeline so watch this space for more information

Recently a questionnaire has been sent to all Church members & anyone involved with the church asking for opinions & suggestions on when & how we may return to Church for worship

Obviously this will be very different & with restrictions but any suggestions will be considered

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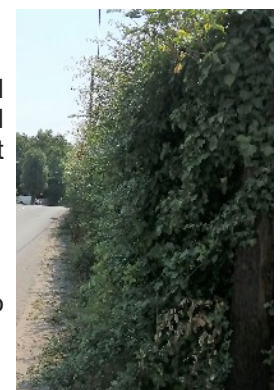
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Cut Back: Great Waltham Parish Council notice

GWPC would like to ask that residents of the parish make sure their hedges do not overhang and obstruct pavements. Hedges can be trimmed between 1st Sept and 1st March and they should be taken back to the boundary of the property so that even with later growth, they don't obstruct the pavement.

As well as a legal requirement, this ensures that people don't have to step into the road.

Where the obstruction is caused by Highways, you can report it to <https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-tree.aspx>



All is safely gathered in...



Around the parish, we are lucky enough to be surrounded by plenty of open farmland and beautiful countryside walks. Over the last few weeks, the farmers have been busy getting in the harvest, and anyone who has walked through Langleys recently may also have seen the cows and calves enjoying their summer pasture - although maybe this little calf (above) has ideas above his (or her) station!

For those willing and able to venture further afield, The Hundred Parishes Society has plenty of information on its website about new walks to try – please see the article below for more information.

The Hundred Parishes Society

We continue to add circular walk routes to the Society's website so I would like to repeat last month's encouragement for people to go and try them. There is no need to travel far.

The walks range in distance from 1 mile to 10 miles. The routes have been chosen for the quality of scenery or heritage, or both, and the route descriptions seek to add to your knowledge of the places you pass.

Each route description can easily be downloaded from the Other Walks section of www.hundredparishes.org.uk – and then printed. We try to make the route description as easy as possible to follow and we have a small team of volunteers who check them. We welcome feedback and comment.

Shorter walks tend to focus on a single interesting town or village, for example Bartlow, Clavering, Great Dunmow, Hatfield Broad Oak, Hildersham, Much Hadham, Sawbridgeworth, Stebbing or Thaxted. Some routes combine town and countryside, for example from Buntingford, Saffron Walden or Standon. Others are mainly countryside routes, such as those starting from Broxton, Henham, Little Hadham, Matching (pictured) or Wareside.



Some routes range over two or more parishes, for example 7 miles between Pleshey and Great Waltham or 8 miles between Albury, Braughing and Furneux Pelham. Two different routes run between Finchingfield and Great Bardfield. An 8-miler starting from Chrishall passes through four parishes and offers extensive views from upland paths in the Essex / Cambridgeshire border area.

These are just some examples to give you a flavour and to whet your appetite. If your favourite place isn't mentioned yet we are regularly adding new walks. Even if you think you know your local area, I assure you that, not far away, there is more to be found and enjoyed!

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Peter's ever-growing contribution is rewarded with a medal

The Royal Horticultural Society issues Banksian medals to worthy horticulturalists. A Banksian medal should be awarded to “the winner of the largest total amount of money in prizes in the whole of the horticultural classes at the show” or “the highest number of place points in the whole of the horticultural classes at the show”.

As shows cannot safely be run this year, the RHS has informed us that we can present the medal to a member who has made a significant contribution to the local society.

With this in mind the GWHS committee came together (socially distancing) to present the Banksian medal to Peter Bradley. Over the last year Peter has completely revamped the Hut, clearing and cleaning it, reorganising shelves and sundries.

He has continued selling supplies during Lockdown and is continuing now. Congratulations Peter and thank you from the committee and all those who have used the Hut.

Peter is pictured (white t-shirt) with committee members.



Great Waltham Horticultural Society

GWHS Hut is now open

to members

(if you are not already a member, you can join for the sum of £4)

March - October

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Great Waltham Horticultural Society

ANNUAL SHOW 2020 with a difference

The 2020 show has had to be canceled due to COVID-19 however it is not forgotten.

There are 5 classes to make or do at home and send in a photo of each to be judged.
There are no prizes but winners will be notified after September 19th and the results in the October Parish News

1. Small arrangement in a pot of flowers and/or foliage from the garden.
2. Vegetable or fruit on a plate
3. A sumptuous looking Victoria Sandwich Cake.
4. Children- decorated cupcakes - most imaginative
5. Children - create a robot out of recyclables



Please send your photos with your name, address (age if a child) and the class you are entering to : Helen Willis, 3 Chapel Row, Howe Street CM3 1BG
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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meetings of **20th July 2020**. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/>

The County Cllr reported that Essex Welfare Service has now evolved into Essex Wellbeing Service. Park & Ride at Chelmer Valley is now open. Registrars are open again. ECC has made £1.1m available for Bursaries for Nursing and Social care. Majority of libraries are open. Consultation on the Chelmsford NE bypass is now open for comment.

The City Cllr reported that Local Plan was adopted 27th May and individual Masterplans are now in the process of approval. Of interest to this parish is the Bloor Homes Masterplan in Broomfield/Little Waltham. This went through the public consultation process in Jan and Feb, with a revised plan available April, and is going through the approval process – Policy Board 16th July, then cabinet then full council for adoption. City Council are predicting a shortfall of £9m to £10m in income this year, mostly from loss of income due to Covid-19 – car parks, Leisure Centre, Theatres. Car parks are open but income is at 22% of normal levels. Leisure Centres open 27th July. Theatres are still closed until further notice. Shortfall will be met by using reserves and internal borrowing.

GWPC will join with GWVH to fund bin collections for VH and parish waste. Overhanging hedges from private properties were discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs would make direct contact and ask for hedges to be cut back to boundary (in the appropriate season) to ensure pathways are kept safe for pedestrians. An update on the FE Average Speed Cameras included a potential reduction of the total cost to £120K, of which half comes from the Local Highways Panel, £10K from GWPC and the rest from grants and local fund raising. Grant applications had not resulted in any contributions (3 refusals with others on hold because of Covid-19).

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19:45 Tuesday 22nd September 2020**, details on the agenda, which will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

Great Waltham Village Hall

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Charity known as Great Waltham Village Hall (charity number 301320) will take place

8.00pm Wednesday 30th September 2020

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Because of restrictions on gatherings imposed during the Covid-19 Emergency Period, the AGM has been postponed from last May and it is possible that restrictions may be re-imposed forcing postponement again. Please check the Village Hall noticeboard or our Facebook Page for updates.

All inhabitants of the area of benefit of eighteen years of age and upward are entitled to attend and vote. The area of benefit is the Parish of Great Waltham as constituted on 9th July 1889.

At the AGM:

- The report and accounts of the Charity for the preceding year will be presented
- Not more than five trustees of the Charity are to be elected with their appointment to take effect at the end of the meeting
- The appointments of the presently elected trustees of the Charity will expire at the end of the meeting

David Chapman
Chair of the Trustees
10th August 2020

Village hall is ready for action

The show must go on and it will, thanks to a band of volunteers who were found treading the boards over the last fortnight.

In fact our wonderful volunteers were literally on their knees in the heatwave to paint the stage at the village hall in Great Waltham.

Previously sanded by volunteers Tim and Dave and painted by

members of the GW Parish productions (Paul is pictured above), our stage has been given a new lease of life, we can't thank them enough.

We look forward to the smell of grease paint in the not too near future.

Want to get involved ?

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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: gwwparishnews@gmail.com.

The last date for inclusion in the October issue is September 17.