

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littleley Green North End

October 2020



Great Waltham Horticultural Society Annual Show with a difference



September 19th was the date for the GWHS Annual Show. However due to COVID-19 the format was changed and all those interested asked to send in photos of entries in different classes.

The committee would like to thank everyone who sent in a photo. They were all beautifully presented and those who were considered the best by the committee are below. One picture which didn't fit the categories but is worth a mention is on the back page. For more information about GWHS see page 5.



'Small arrangement in a pot of flowers, and/or foliage from the garden'
First (left) by Gill Mitchell,
Commended (right) by Janet Patch



'Vegetable or fruit on a plate'.

First (near right) by Alison Dewar, commended, (far right) by Gill Mitchell and above far right Helen Willis

'Sumptuous looking Victoria Sandwich Cake'
First (left) by Alison Bridge



Little Waltham and Great Notley Patients Participation Group(PPG)

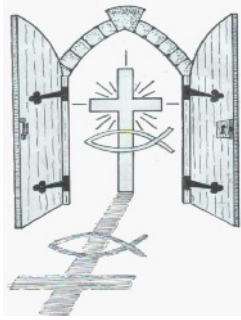
The PPG committee has made the decision to delay the Annual Patients Open Meeting that usually meets in October at the Great Notley Surgery until 27th January 2021. This delay is as a result of current Government guidelines that limit the number of people who can meet together.

The PPG Annual Open Meeting usually offers an opportunity for patients of Little Waltham and Great Notley Surgeries to 'have their say' and hear updates on any recent changes or developments to the services offered.

It is not clear at the moment whether this meeting will be able to go ahead 'face-to-face' or whether it will need to be online. If you plan to attend, please contact the PPG email: lw.gnpatientgroup@gmail.com to express your interest in attending.

Purpose of a PPG

- To give practice staff and patients the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual interest in their own practice.
- A forum for patients and staff to improve and develop services within the practice by co-production.
- To provide an opportunity for patients to make positive and constructive suggestions/ideas about the practice and specific medical conditions as an 'expert' or 'experienced patient'.
- To encourage health education activities within the practice.
- To involve further patients from the wider population.
- To involve patient participation in future commissioning of Health Provision.



Church of England Services in October 2020

Our Churches are Open for Services and Private Prayer

Sunday 4th	11.00am 10am – 6pm 2pm – 5pm	Service at Great Waltham Open for Prayer Chignals Open for prayer at Ford End
Sunday 11th	9.30am 11.00am 11.30 – 1pm	Service at Ford End Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service Open for prayer at Great Waltham
Sunday 18th	11.00am 11.00am 2pm – 5pm	Service at Great Waltham followed by APCM Outdoor Service at Chignals, please bring own chair Open for prayer at Ford End
Sunday 25th	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
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admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Services and Events at Little Waltham United Reform Church

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

Please feel free to contact either of these Ministers during these strange times

We had a very successful Open Air Service on Sunday 13th September with 20 people in attendance
Conducted by Rev Geoffrey Griggs

Our next planned Service will be on Sunday 3rd October being Harvest Thanksgiving 10.30 am all very welcome
Conducted by Rev Hans Stein

Keep Safe

From the County Council



Stop.Swap.Go!

According to the Essex Climate Action Commission a third of greenhouse gases in Essex come from transport and without action to reduce the County's carbon emissions, temperatures are set to rise to catastrophic levels in just 25 years. The impact of such climate change in Essex would lead to water shortages, more flooding and the degradation of agricultural land.

Essex County Council's Stop.Swap.Go! campaign aims to encourage a change in long term travel habits towards walking, cycling and using the bus. To meet the need to continue social distancing,

Stop.Swap.Go have created a suite of online information to support parents and young people as they journey to school and college.

The [ECC Website https://www.stopswapgo.co.uk/](https://www.stopswapgo.co.uk/) has a great deal of information to help families avoid traffic congestion and pollution by walking, cycling or even "scooting" to school, with helpful routes outlined for each school and 'Drive and Drop' zones highlighted to reduce congestion at the school gates. There are also updates for families using school transport provided by the Council.

While buses are still running, there'll be a continued need to socially distance on them, so buses will be running at reduced capacity. To avoid long queues at the bus stop, plan your journey early – you may also be surprised how quick it can be to walk or cycle to school instead.

Green Homes Grants

Homeowners in England can apply for a voucher towards the cost of installing energy efficient and low-carbon heating improvements to homes, which could help save up to £600 a year on energy bills. The government will provide a voucher that covers up to two thirds of the cost of qualifying improvements to your home. The maximum value of the voucher is £5,000. You may be able to receive a higher level of subsidy if you are a homeowner and either you or a member of your household receives one of the qualifying means-tested benefits, covering 100% of the cost of the improvements. The maximum value of these vouchers is £10,000.

Local Authorities will also be making support available for low income households in their local area through the Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery. More information will be available on:

<https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant>

However, be on your guard against any "cold call" promoting this scheme. The "caller" may be a "scammer" seeking to defraud the unwary. If you have any problems about these and any other County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.

John Aldridge CC October / November 2020



Village & Hamlet Clear UP!

Weekend of 17th and 18th October 2020

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

Local Co-Ordinator's

Howe Street –

Cllr Peter Jackson – 01245 360067 Litter Pick Saturday 17th

North End –

Cllr Alex McDevitt – 01371 820139 To be arranged

Great Waltham –

The Clerk – 07880717329 / Cllr Jo Palmer Litter Pick

Saturday 17th 9am at the Parish office Great Waltham Village Hall

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:

Gill Mitchell Tel. 01245 362215
Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245
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John Lattimore, Chairman
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Great Waltham Parish Council are inviting expressions of interest from local building companies.

The Parish Council is looking at various options to refurbish the Great Waltham Recreation Ground changing rooms by removing the showers. The building is very old and needs work done to it, with the idea being to make the building more usable for other community activities.

Any local companies interested should express an interest with the Clerk by email clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

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GREAT WALTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Future dates and events

Next Annual Show September 18th 2021

Carving a Pumpkin for Halloween?
Please send a photo for our Pumpkin competition.
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Save the date - Plant Sale May 15th 2021

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We look forward to the school year 2020-21 – something that feels especially welcome given the very difficult second half of the academic year 2019-20, where, sadly, many of our children missed 14 weeks of school – nearly 40% of the school year! It was great to see young smiling faces again as school re opened. I am sure that is a feeling echoed across the land. The majority of schools opened their gates to pupils on 3rd September - it was both an important and enjoyable day.



A special welcome to our new EYFS children (left), they have settled well and have enjoyed their first full time week. They take the place of the Y6 Leavers(below), who have all started the next phase of their education at high school.

We welcome new staff to the school: Miss McCullough – new Deputy Head Teacher and Class Teacher for Y5/6.

The children have settled back into routines well this week. Lessons across the curriculum have started and it is great to see computing, art, PE, music etc being practised again. The teachers will be adding some assessment tasks in English and maths in the early weeks of the term to assess standards to better inform the content of lessons. KS1 children's topic this term will be 'Incredible Me'. KS2's topic is 'Ancient Greece'. Both age groups look forward to sharing their learning with you as the term progresses.

In this first week the children have really enjoyed learning about Van Gough and the techniques he used in his paintings - we have seen some super artwork as result.

Y6 children took to the local streets to learn about safe cycling on their Bikeability course – they had a super time improving their skills.

There have been changes to routines in school, drop off / pick up arrangements, use of equipment and keeping in our 'bubbles'. And of course, lots and lots of hand washing! So far the children have adapted really well to the new 'rules'. We look forward to sharing events, achievements and news with you during the school year. Stay safe everyone.



Below Bikeability course in action and right childrens artwork inspired by Van Gough



FORD END VILLAGE HALL AGM MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm

The Ford End Village Hall Committee would like to extend a very warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for the AGM on the above date.

Depending on Covid limitations at that very time, the meeting will either be held in the church (with social distancing and other Covid precautions in place), or via an online meeting. This will be confirmed to those interested in joining us nearer the time.

If you wish to join us you will need to register your interest, please do get in contact for further details and/or an online link, by emailing either Sandra Brown (soil1@btinternet.com), or Roger Bearman (roger.bearman@btconnect.com). Look forward to hearing from you!

Ford End Primary School

Here at Ford End CE Primary School, our new EYFS children (The Robins) are enjoying our new and improved Early Years Outdoor Area. Lots of work was carried out during the summer holidays and when the children came back, there was a new seating area, a huge sandpit, and mud area, a 'mud-kitchen', newly painted play areas as well as new equipment and resources.



Play area



Mud kitchen



Playboat



Huge sandpit

Update from your City Councillor



The 4 Leisure Centres opened Monday 27th July, with special hygiene measures in place. You need to book in advance for gym use and swimming, so need to have an OurChelmsford card. As a regular gym users, I was back in the gym on the first day and I was impressed by the cleaning and distancing regime. Having to book in advance is very easy and most of the time I can get the next session,

Ford End traffic

The 40mph zone at the Southern end of the village has been in place for several years and I have been pushing for similar at the Northern end. This has been on hold pending traffic surveys at both ends which will judge the impact of the 40mph buffer at the Southern end and assess the degree of the problem at the Northern end. The traffic surveys were delayed because of the reduced traffic levels during the peak of Covid, but with traffic levels approaching pre-Covid levels, the surveys can now go ahead.

Pavement Parking

I have received a few comments about pavement parking. The Government is currently running a consultation to tackle this at a local authority or national level. 3 options are being proposed:

1. Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.
2. A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'.
3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

If it's an issue close to your heart, you can take part here (closes 22nd Nov):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking>

Further detail on the above can be found on the City Council website: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/>

I can be contacted at mike.steel@chelmsford.gov.uk for individual help

Mike Steel City Councillor

THE FRIENDS OF GREAT WALTHAM & FORD END CHURCHES

Annual General Meeting 2020

So many aspects of our lives have been disrupted as a consequence of COVID-19. Sadly the AGM of the Friends' Trust cannot take place as its venue would become a place of assembly thus banned by Government's directive. As a consequence, trustees have decided the most appropriate alternative would be to make a written presentation of the chairman's report as agreed by the trustees with reference to the accounts as produced below. Hopefully you will accept that trustees have fulfilled their objective of public accountability by this means. Minutes and matters arising will be considered by the Trustees at the first appropriate date following the Government's withdrawal of the restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2020

The objectives of the trust are to raise and hold funds and to make grants for the preservation, repair, maintenance, restoration, improvement, beautification and extension of the churches and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass and furniture in the churches and churchyards.

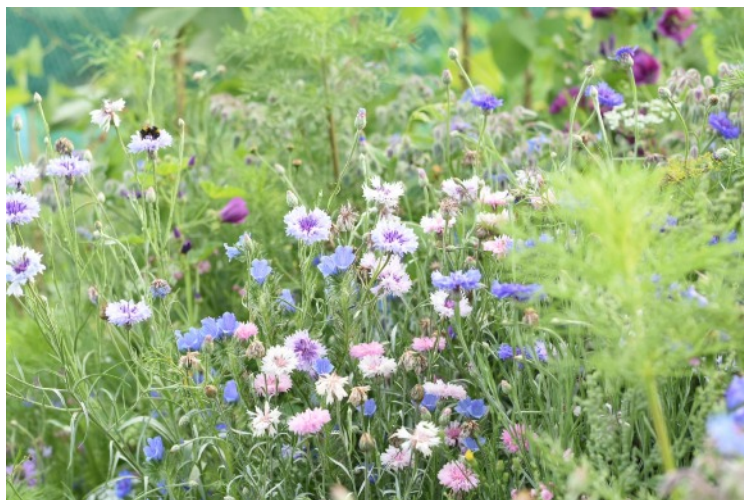
Donations and tax recovered during the year amounted to £1,330. The net profit of various fundraising activities was £272 and the net investment income for the year was £984. Total income for the years therefore amounted to £2,586 net.

As regards grants made to the churches, Great Waltham was awarded a grant of £7,453 for new guttering and £871 for the purchase of a robust safe.

Our independent examiner has analysed our accounts and declares our accounting records accord with the legal accounting practices. The annual report and Accounts were agreed by the meeting.

Progress is being made as regards increasing the Trust's publicity and the need for a colour brochure and display in the churches. Michael Proctor agreed to look at this along with Roger Bearman. There continues to be a need for new members to join the Fundraising Committee. Anyone interested to contact the Chairman of that committee, Michael Proctor on 01245 360483.

Any questions or comments regarding this written report or other relevant issues concerning the Trust to be addressed to Keith Derry, Chairman of the Trust Tel: 01245 361701 or by e-mail to: the.derrys@yahoo.co.uk



Wildflowers and foliage from Kyria Bird's garden

Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Great Waltham Village Hall, South Street, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meetings of **17th August 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 stated that he had arranged a Broads Green traffic survey to log speeds and type of traffic following complaints of HGVs using the route.

The City Cllr outlined that Government has published its white paper on the future of the planning system - to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed. People may respond by going to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>. It is unclear how this will affect Chelmsford, especially as they have just adopted a local plan.

City Council have started an informal consultation on parish Councils closing 25th Sept – covering current boundaries and possibility of central Chelmsford

parishes. <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/parish-council-consultation/>

Following a public consultation and a revised plan, the PC agreed to proceed with the proposal to implement a tree planting and a woodland walk in the Ford End Recreation Ground. City Council will fund the trees, fence and planting. GWPC need to maintain the area including keeping the water buckets topped up.

The PC considered complaints from the public in relation to cars blocking the pavement on Chelmsford Road. The PC will approach the Landlord of the pub to discuss options to alleviate the issue. (See page 7 for update)

The PC considered a request from a member of the public to extend the double yellow lines on South Street slightly beyond the point where the road starts to widen and agreed to make the request to South Essex Parking Partnerships.

The PC agreed to the proposal from GW Village Hall to jointly fund a larger collection of general waste and Dry Mixed Recycling.

The October litter picks are planned to go ahead adhering to social distancing rules. Each Village or Hamlet will coordinate its own litter pick and where any equipment is shared it will be disinfected or new. Please see notice.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19:00 Monday 19th October 2020**, with joining details included in the agenda, which will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

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 November issue is October 15th.