

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

June 2017

Record-breaking Art Show success

This year, the Great Waltham Art Show took place over the weekend of 29th and 30th April in Great Waltham Church. The show broke all records for sales and refreshments, and has enabled the Art Show Committee to share the profit of £1250 between Great Waltham Church, Great Waltham School and Great Waltham Village Hall.



The show was as popular as ever and drew many admiring comments from the people attending. In addition to the usual exhibition of art work and artists in residence we had our local historian Peter Wells available to answer the many questions that arise about the church from the visitors to the show. His contribution was much appreciated by visitors.

It takes over 50 people to organise and run the show over the weekend and the Art Show Committee wish to thank them all for their contribution.

Parish Volunteers Needed

This month sees a plea for more volunteers to support two of our parish "institutions". If you can spare a few hours, please get in touch.

Parish News

The Parish News still needs at least one more editor to support the two new editors who took over in March.

The more help there is, the less time needs to be committed, so please email articles@parish-news.co.uk. Potential editors should be computer-literate but plenty of help is at hand!

ParishWatch

Is anyone interested in taking over ParishWatch? It is not a huge task nor technically too challenging!

It reported the recent burglary in Howe Street and plays a valuable part in the community. I think perhaps a new administrator will give it a new push, but if no-one is interested, I am sad to say it will disappear. Anyone interested, please email crime@parishwatch.com with your contact details so I can touch base.

Thank you, Alexander Micklem.

Bank Holiday Boules

The village enjoyed the annual Boules Tournament despite the nippy Bank Holiday weather. Sixteen teams came, including some youngsters from the school, attracted by 5-year-old Cherri Moss's lovely design. The Twinning Association thanks everyone who came along.



(Above) Cup winners the Guilloux family - see page 11 for more photos.

From the Vicarage,

Be willing to be surprised and delighted

The other day I was crossing the river at Howe Street, and noticed some ducks quacking away so I stopped to look and watch them. Suddenly, out of nowhere, was the vibrant flash of jade blue kingfisher, and it shimmered in the air before darting away.

It was breathtaking and a real gift. It reminded me of the poem below by Ann Lewin about prayer. In the poem the kingfisher was waited for, and for me it was a surprise, unlooked for but I think prayer can be both ways.

Prayer is like watching for the

Kingfisher. All you can do is

Be where he is likely to appear, and Wait.

Often, nothing much happens;

Expectancy.

No visible signs, only the

Knowledge that he's been there

And may come again.

Seeing or not seeing ceases to matter,

You have been prepared.

But sometimes, when you've almost

Stopped expecting it,

A flash of brightness

Gives encouragement.

I was talking to someone recently about praying and waiting for the answer, being willing to be surprised and for the answer not to look what she expected, to be expectant that the prayer will be answered and to watch and listen and feel for a response to the yearning of her heart.

May you be willing to be surprised and delighted and may you listen to the yearning of your heart.

Revd Caroline Brown



Friends in Grief

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Church Community Room
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Great Waltham and Ford End Church Services in June

Sunday 4th June	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 11th June	8.00am	Traditional Communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Family Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 18th June	9.30am	Café church	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 25th June	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	5.00pm	Evening Space	Great Waltham

Family Services

11th June at Great Waltham The dancing family of God

25th June at Ford End God counts the hairs on your head

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator

Tel: 07957 228467

admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End June 2017

Sun. 5 th	Family Worship	P Hamilton	
Sat. 11 th	Queen's Birthday Coffee Morning	in the garden	11am
Sun. 12 th	Queen's Birthday Service	Rev S Bazinton	
Wed. 18 th	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom	8.00 pm
Sun. 19 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev T Pigrem	
Sun. 28 th	Morning Worship	Rev R Howarth	

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship

Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated

Enquiries: contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church June 2017

Contact: Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

Services Each Sunday 10.30am

June 4 th	Ian Chamberlain	
June 11 th	Rev Mark Meatcher	All Ages
June 18 th	Adrian Diaper	
June 25 th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	HC

Thursday June 1st Gossip & Guzzle 11am – 1.0pm

Thurs June 8th Pippins Parent & Toddler Group 9.30am – 11.30am

Sat 17th June Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am

Sat 24th June Rambling Group meet in Car Park 10.30am

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

Year 6 have completed their SATs. They were given a secret weapon to support their academic talents; two fruit pastels to give a little boost at the half-way point in each test! Most managed to get to that point before taking on some sugar!

Of course, these tests over a four day period cannot be the only thing that measures the children as they get ready to leave for secondary school. We can value their talents in art, music and sport to name just three areas of school life. Year 6 played rounders, drank squash and ate biscuits after the last exam. Mrs Emblin arranged a little 'tea' party for them too. Class Australia made and delivered pizzas to Y6 during the SATs week to thank them for being such good buddies. Y6 have only 9 more weeks until they embark on the next leg of their school journey and we can all be proud of their accomplishments along the way.

Many children completed work for the recent Great Waltham Art show; there were some lovely pieces of work around the school ready to display.



Our netball team played at the finals of the Chelmsford High 5s this month, acquitting themselves very well against tough opposition. Our tag rugby team won a mini tournament at the Kings Rd School and our football team ended the year with another win. They have now won 5 league games in a row to finish with P6W5D0L1. The one defeat was to the Cathedral School who finished with 5 wins and 1 draw. So they end the league season with 16 points and we came second with 15. Well played all of you. Our final game saw us beat Trinity Rd 7-2. We actually went 1-0 down but soon settled and played some great football.

We said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Kirsty Williamson our cook; she

has changed careers. We welcome Miss Kirsty Sprawling in the kitchen as our new cook.

Community Worship, led by Revd Caroline, was excellent; the children sang beautifully and we explored the idea of the 'Power of Prayer'. Assembly themes in the past two weeks have been 'Doing the Right Thing' and 'Responsibility'. We spoke about the duty of care to look after planet Earth and reflected on the welfare of animals too. Noah's Ark was the Bible Story to aid this process.

KS2 children will soon begin rehearsing for their Summer Production, the second half of the summer term will be a busy one as usual.



Up, Up, and Away Preschool

This month has seen a big change, Jo Palmer has moved on from her role as supervisor to study at university. We wish her all the best. Rebecca and Michelle have taken over the running of the setting.

The children have been enjoying our theme of New Life. We have been watching our rapidly growing caterpillars and ladybirds, which have brought much excitement to us all. We have also been planting some lovely things in our garden, including potatoes and strawberries. We all enjoy observing the changes and look forward to tasting the end product if they are successful.

Great Waltham Friendship Club

There was a great turn-out on May 15th for a fun afternoon of simple games and a test on 'how well do you know your foliage' with samples from the garden of Elaine Shepherd. Stella Parker got ten out of ten.

Plans were finalised for the trip to Hunters Meet on May 24th and further plans were discussed for the June meeting when not only will Elizabeth I have been queen for 65 years but the Friendship Club will also celebrate 65 years in existence - Time for a knees-up, or two!

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(see over) or visit the Festival Website:

WWW.GWMMF.CO.UK

Two 'Hand Drumming' Workshops

Great Waltham Village Hall

ALF Drum Studios is hosting 2 'Hand Drumming' sessions for villagers interested in learning more about drumming.

Morning Session: 11am-12noon for children under 12yrs

Afternoon Session: 12noon-1pm for adults and children over 12yrs

The cost is £5 per person and a place can be reserved by contacting either Andy on 07715288345 or Sarah 07729397629

For more information visit www.braintreedrumlessons.co.uk

SUNDAY
4TH JUNE

Village Choir & Friends Concert

Great Waltham Church

Great Waltham Village Choir proudly presents a concert of popular music with guest musicians from across the county of Essex. The concert will be followed by cheese and wine, the cost of which is included in your ticket.

Time: 7.00pm start Tickets £5 from the Village Shop (children free)

For more info call Malcolm on 360149 or Claire on 361996

SUNDAY
11TH JUNE

'Night at the Opera'

Great Waltham Church

The Waltham Singers perform a magical 'Night at the Opera' featuring a medley of opera choruses and arias with guest soprano and tenor (Nessum Dorma).

Time: 7.30pm start Tickets from Choir Members, James Dace or on the door.
£15/£13(concession) £5(under 16)

Legionstock

The Great Waltham Legion

The Legion's Mini Music Event featuring an exciting blend of bands from Rock to Jazz performing on the Marquee and Hall Stages. Food caterers Toasty Box & Jacket Spud will be on site.

Time: 12noon - 11pm Tickets available from Walthambury Stores, The Legion Club, Lorraine 360287 or Teresa 631918. £5 adults, £3 under 12s, under 5's free. Only a limited number of tickets available!

WEDNESDAY
21ST JUNE

Midsummer's Night Music & Dine

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Up, Up and Away Family Disco & BBQ

Great Waltham Village Hall

SATURDAY
24TH JUNE

Join us to dance the evening away to some family favourites helping raise money for our brilliant Village Preschool. BBQ and Refreshments.... so that's dinner solved too!

Time: 5-7pm

Adults £3, Children £2, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £8

Tickets from Laura Mitson at lauramitson@gmail.com or 633625

Jazz Night

The Rose And Crown

WEDNESDAY
28TH JUNE

From 7.30pm our Jazz Night, courtesy of Del Boyz and his band, playing a variety of trad jazz classics, Entry Free. Booking advisable if you wish to dine.

For more info or to book a table call Ben 360359

The Waltham Seekers in Concert

Great Waltham Village Hall

FRIDAY
30TH JUNE

Join us for a walk down memory lane with the Waltham Seekers who play the great folk tunes of the 60s band 'The Seekers'..... Georgie Girl, Carnival is Over, World of our Own and others.

Time: 7.45pm

Tickets £5 from the Village Shop.

For more info contact Community Network on 360653

Village Music Quiz

The Beehive

SATURDAY
1ST JULY

Test your musical knowledge with our Village Music Quiz. Teams of 6 or just turn up.

Time: 7.45pm Entry Free. Raffle for a local charity. More info phone Kevin on 361724

Village Barn Dance & Hog Roast

Lodge Farm Barn, Pleshey

SATURDAY
8TH JULY

The Friends of Gt Waltham Church's Barn Dance features the excellent 'Hose-pipe Band' and a gourmet hog roast guaranteeing an excellent evening's entertainment beside the magical Pleshey Castle Mound.

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IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE

We, in Great Waltham, are very lucky—lucky to live in such a charming, vibrant and community minded village. We have so much right on our doorstep. Walks through the park down to the river, our village shop, local pubs, an active British Legion, and of course the beautiful, ancient parish church. The primary school and preschool are highly respected and there are numerous welcoming clubs and societies.

Apart from all this, Great Waltham has become noted for local people's talent, enthusiasm and ability to present a variety of entertainment and to organise well attended events.

The entertainment dates way back to the late Eve Coulson's colourful pageants and continues on to this Midsummer Music Festival, offering an eclectic choice of events, often featuring local talent. There have been so many notable entertainments and events over the years. Walthamstock, village shows and a range of live music. Regular events such as the Christmas Tree Festival, Art Show and Horticultural Show bring visitors to the village, and there is a chance to socialise at Bingo or the monthly British Legion Coffee Morning. This year, the village presented an ambitious four day Passion Play, and who can forget the day when the Tour de France passed through the Village. No wonder we have previously won a County Village of the Year Award and hope to again. So much to be proud of and to cherish. This is what puts the 'great' in Great Waltham.

Sue Hooper April 2017

THE GREAT WALTHAM COMMUNITY NETWORK



The Great Waltham Community Network was founded in 2002 to 'enhance the community life of Great Waltham'. As such it has been the catalyst for many memorable social events including the Great Waltham May Festival that ran for many years, the Fancy Dress Pancake Races along South Street and more recently The Great Waltham Wheelbarrow Races held to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Our current efforts include the Art Show, the Old Codgers Cricket Match, the Inter Pub Football Competition, the Christmas Tree Festival and now our first Midsummer Music Festival which we hope will further build upon the community life of our Village.

People often say to me 'nothing ever happens in our village but things are always going on in yours' a wonderful compliment on the success of our community! It also always staggers me when I consider the number of village children who have chosen to settle in Great Waltham as adults and to bring up their children here we must have been doing something right!

So when I think of the future it has to include a continuing commitment to build on what we have already achieved. This will only happen if the new generation of villagers realise how lucky they are to be part of a successful community and then to commit their time to build an even brighter future for Great Waltham.

So, the Community Network AGM is due in September and it needs to recruit some new blood to continue its valuable work. If you would like to be part of creating an even 'greater' Great Waltham please call me on 01245 360653 and see what you can do to help.

Andy Tinsley May 2017

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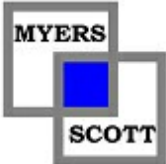
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at Felsted British Legion, 10 - 12

10 weeks from Thursday 28th September 2017
"Revolution, Rebellion or Civil War"
With ROGER COOKE
at United Reform Church, 19.45 - 21.30

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Casino Party

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Cash Prize



Pothole Plea

David Boyd says his car tyre was damaged by a pothole outside the Green Man pub in Howe Street, on March 11. He is in contact with Essex County Council about the issue and would like to hear from anyone who has had a similar problem with the same pothole. Email: davidboyd@outlook.com

LegionStock

Mini Music Festival

Live Music • Dance • Food & Drink

Great Waltham British Legion
Saturday 17th June - 1pm to 11pm

Adults £5 / Children £3 / Under 5s Free
(Children 5 years to 12 years)

Tickets available from the Legion Club or Walthamby stores. Tickets on door may be limited



In aid of  Farleigh Hospice

Registered Charity No. 986608

Open Gardens and Classic Car Display

Sunday 25th June



For further details contact: hawkltd@talk21.com or 01245 360513
www.farleighhospice.org/opengardens

PROJECT : DANCE

Summer Holiday Workshops

Project Dance will be running two fun-packed Musical Theatre Workshops during the summer holidays. No experience necessary, just a love of performing. There will be a performance at the end of the second day for family and friends.

WIZARD OF OZ -

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th July

TROLLS

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th August

Venue: Ford End Village Hall -
9.00am-3.00pm

Suitable for Reception to Year 6
£40 per workshop - 10% Sibling discount available

To make a booking please contact
rachel@projectdanceworkshops.co.uk

Project Dance delivers Dance and Musical Theatre Workshops, Courses and Clubs to Primary Schools across Essex. The Summer Workshops will be delivered by Rachel Squier, who currently runs the after school Dance Club at Ford End Primary School. For more information check out our website www.projectdanceworkshops.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

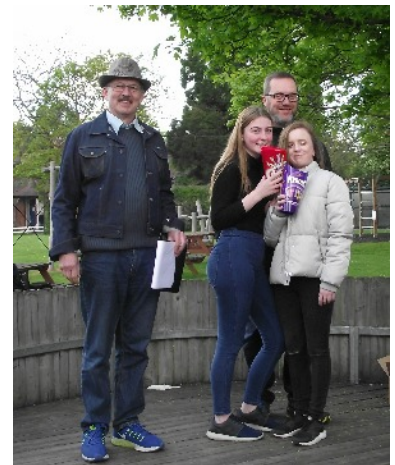
Boules Tournament - more pictures



(above) Families enjoying the games.

(Below) Overall runners-up Wendy and Michael Proctor

(Right) Winning Under 16s Ellen and Eleanor.



The winning team with children.



Little Waltham Gardening Club

The May meeting of the Little Waltham Gardening Club was a talk by Margot Cooper concerning Food & Flower Customs around the world. Margot is a very well travelled lady, having flown to the States when just a young woman. She flew into New York, down to Florida and then across to San Francisco, then Boston and finishing at Niagara Falls before returning home. Margot mentioned that all the cherry blossom trees in Washington were originally gifted by the Japanese. She has spent a considerable amount of time travelling with her husband around Japan and stated that you must not show the soles of your feet as this is considered disrespectful. Margot brought epimedium, alstromeria and phormium with her which she included in a flower arrangement she kindly donated to the raffle.

Margaret Williams finished the evening off advising that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 7th June and is an afternoon visit to NGS garden Little Myles at Stondon Massey.

Open Gardens at Little Waltham in aid of Farleigh Hospice will be taking place on Sunday 25th June and will be opened this year by Peter Seabrook. (See advert page 10)

Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on Wednesday, June 7th and 21st, at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday, 19th June at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945



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The following is a summary extract of the meeting of 24th April 2017. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website www.greatwaltham.org.uk. The Chair of the Parish Council, Mike Steel, presided over the meeting, which was held at Ford End Village Hall.

Ford End residents attended to hear that the 2 schemes were in "validation" with ECC Highways but there was some doubt about the need for both 40mph zones and the refuge crossing would be prohibitively expensive as it would require land purchase. ECC Cllr Aldridge said that he was awaiting a formal response for non-mandatory 20mph past the school. The residents proposed that the PC hire an independent highways consultant to challenge ECC on these and the lack of future improvements. The PC will investigate this possibility.

A letter from Springfield Planning and Development dated the 6th April 2017 was read out in full, proposing a housing development scheme, at King's Farm in Ford End, including suggestions for additional facilities like a new Village Hall, shop, play facilities and allotments (the full letter is included in the minutes). Local residents contended some of the claims in the letter. After consultation with members of the Ford End VDS at the meeting, the Parish Council stated that they do not support the proposed development.

The adopted phone boxes are in need of painting and volunteers are required. Cllrs Johnson and Huggins volunteered to do the one in GW one and a member of the public has volunteered for Howe Street.

The PC declined the webmaster's offer to continue to run the Parish website for a monthly fee and the PC decided to call for a new volunteer.

The controller of Parish Watch reported that the flow of information had dropped off and he wants to pass on to a new volunteer.

The proposal to add further bollards around the green at Broads Green was rejected because of the cost of £920 and the perceived reduction of the lack of benefit with them as Highways require them to be at least 0.5m from the road.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Parish Office, **Monday 19th June** commencing at 7.45pm; the Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

WALTHAM

SEEKERS

CONCERT

 **60's Folk**
(Seekers Tribute Band)

Carnival is Over, Georgie Girl,
Island of Dreams, World of our Own
I'll Never Find Another You etc

Fri 30th June @ 7.45

Gt Waltham Village Hall / Raffle & Bar Tickets
£5 from Village Shop

Organised by the Gt Waltham Community Network

Save the Date
Saturday, 16th September
for
Great Waltham Horticultural
Society
Annual Flower & Produce Show

 **Felsted Choral Society**
Sunday 18th June at 7pm
HOLY CROSS CHURCH – Felsted
We invite you to our end of term
SUMMER CONCERT
Songs of Springtime - E J Moeran
Verses, anthems with string accompaniment:
Gibbons, Amner, Morley & Tomkins
Cond **Roger Lawrence** accmp **Christopher Weston**
Informal light buffet with the world's tallest tower of strawberries,
refreshments, programme and a wonderful evening of entertainment a
Tickets £15.00 per person
Publicity - Tony Baker 07799 413191 or 01371 871658
Registered Charity No. 207351

TV presenter launches Open Gardens day for Farleigh Hospice



Peter Seabrook OBE, the renowned gardening TV presenter and gardening writer, will officially open Little Waltham Open gardens & Classic Car Display at 10.30 am on 25th June.

The event is in aid of Farleigh Hospice and there will be 14 open gardens in the village, plus some 50 to 60 classic cars and refreshments and stalls at Tufnell Hall, Little Waltham Sports & Social Club and at 138 The Street.

Thank you for all of the contributions to this edition of 'Parish News'. Please send your contributions for the next issue by email to: articles@parish-news.co.uk. Enquiries and advertising requests should be sent by e-mail to: adverts@parish-news.co.uk

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