

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

## March 2017

### A Good Response

We are pleased to announce that following the request to save the Parish News in the January- February issue seven people have volunteered to help. Please do keep your regular articles and adverts coming and new articles are very welcome and should be sent to [articles@parish-news.co.uk](mailto:articles@parish-news.co.uk).



### Skamite Plays Great Waltham!

The 8-piece Ska band, Skamite, performed in the village hall on Sat 11th Feb. They were brought to Great Waltham by their talented trombone player and our very own village-person, Kerry Bennion, who organised the gig for the benefit of the Twinning Association.

The appreciative audience was made up of youngsters who were way too young to remember ska the first time round but who seemed to know the lyrics; some middle-aged people who were definitely old enough to remember ska; some devoted hangers-on; and a lot of local people who mysteriously had all the right clothes! The music was incredible and everyone sang and danced the night away. DJ Alex "Skinny Boy" Webb also played us some good sounds to get us up and dancing.

Visit Great Waltham twinning facebook page for some more photos.

### The Great Waltham Village Choir

The Great Waltham Village Choir ended the year with a flurry of successful concerts and carol singing. In November the choir took part in the very entertaining village show and in December they made their second appearance at the Great Waltham Christmas Tree Festival Concert. The choir appeared alongside the Essex Police Band, Great Waltham Primary School choir and readers and the Boreham Ladies Choir. Although the children from the village school stole the show the village choir sang four items to a packed church in what was a most enjoyable and successful evening.

Later in December the choir descended on the Green Man in Howe Street along with church members for some hearty carol singing and were richly rewarded for their efforts with delicious sausage rolls and mince pies. The Village Choir met for the first time in the new year on the 5th January and will be meeting weekly on Thursday, as usual, in the village school hall. The choir numbers over thirty now but is always looking to recruit more members who just enjoy meeting and singing together. We are a cheerful, happy group who welcome new members, so come and try your voice out next Thursday and find out how good it makes you feel. You cannot possibly lose since your first night is free!



### Pothole Panacea for North End??

The photo shows just some of the van and lorries that clustered around North End green on Valentine's Day when Essex Highways descended 'en masse' to repair the many potholes in Bennetts Lane! These potholes had been caused (or made very much worse) last Summer during the five weeks when Chelmsford Road, Felsted was closed. This resulted in a high volume of traffic using the North End lanes as a shortcut to and from the A120. The 'mob-handed' approach meant that Bennetts Lane was only closed for a day and the very many potholes have been replaced with large rectangles of repaired tarmac whilst the passing places and road edges have been filled with recycled asphalt. The only downside was that

manoeuvring large vehicles in such a narrow lane has meant that the grass verges were well and truly chewed up! We understand that this work was in preparation for the road to be resurfaced in the summer – hopefully, the potholes will not have opened up again by then!



## From the Vicarage,

One of the services I love in the year is Mothering Sunday – kids singing songs that include love for their Mums, and giving flowers or simple posies to everyone who'd like one and saying thank you for the people round us who offer us love and care everyday, the ordinary stuff of ordinary lives.

And I remember a time when I hated Mothering Sunday services, and found them really difficult. When I was growing up I had just assumed I would be a wife and mother, it was part of the unexamined assumption of who I would be. Yes I wanted a career, but I assumed that this would mesh into family life. It was not to be. My first marriage ended in divorce partly because I discovered I was in an early menopause at 36 and we couldn't have kids. I remember going to a Mothering Sunday service full of flowers and how wonderful Mums are and I felt completely at sea and that where I was was being ignored. Then I realised it was a tough day for other people, like a girl who'd lost her Mum to cancer, and someone else whose Mum was still alive but they weren't on speaking terms.

Fast forward to now where I lost my Mum two years ago, as is true for many of us of about my age, and again it is good to be able to acknowledge this together with other people.

While I love the services we will have in the morning of 26 March (9.30am at Ford End and 11am at Great Waltham) celebrating Mums and their love for us, and how this gives us a great picture of how God loves each one of us, we will also pray for those of us who find this day difficult. This year for the first time we are trying something new. In the evening at 5pm at Great Waltham church we will have a reflective Mothering Sunday service, (which will include a simple communion but don't let this put you off), where you will have some space and time and we which will acknowledge that Mums aren't perfect, mothering can be painful and difficult for us, or we might miss our Mums because they are no longer with us. The service won't last more than an hour and will be followed by tea and cake. We would love you to come.

God bless you

Revd Caroline Brown



## Great Waltham and Ford End Church Services in March

Sunday 5th March	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 12th March	8.00am	Traditional communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Saturday 19th March	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 26th March	9.30 am	Mothering Sunday service	Ford End
	11.00am	Mothering Sunday service	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Mothering Sunday service	Chignals with Mashbury
	5.00pm	Reflective Mothering Sunday service with simple communion	Great Waltham
		Tea and cake	

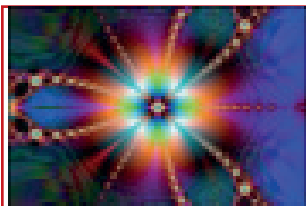
**Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator**  
**Tel: 07957 228467**  
**admin@littleandgreat.org.uk**

## Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End MARCH

Sun. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Worship	P Hamilton	
Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pigrem	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom	8pm
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion (cw)	tbc	
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship (cw)	Joanna Pratt	

**Mothering Sunday**

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship  
Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated  
Enquiries: contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095



**The Happening is happening again!**

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**Good Friday 14 April 2017**  
**Great Waltham Church 10-12**

## Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church March 2017

**Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990**  
**Services 10.30am each Sunday – Sunday School during Morning worship**

March	5th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	
March	12th	Tim Diaper	10am Messy Church 6.30 Rev Griggs HC
March	19th	Rev Mark Meatcher	HC
March	26th	Rev Jane Guest	Mothering Sunday

Thurs March 2nd **Gossip & Guzzle 11am -1.0pm**  
Thurs 9th March - **Pippins Parent & Toddler 9.30 -11.30am**

Coffee Morning in Schoolroom Sat 18th March 10am

## Chelmsford Front Garden Competition



Chelmsford's Front Garden Competition is back, and this year it includes more types of garden than ever before. The competition has been growing in popularity since it was first run three years ago. Now, the City Council are opening it up to gardens of all types and sizes, with prizes in three categories:

- Best Kept Front Garden
- Best Planter or Hanging Basket
- Most Sustainable Front Garden

If you're proud of your delightful daffodils, colourful crocuses or blooming borders, then enter for the chance to win a £50 voucher to spend at Abercorn Plant & Garden Centre!

Entry is free: all you need to do is submit up to four photos of your garden or planter, online or by post, and tell judges about its best features. Entries must reach us by **Wednesday 21 June**. Finalists will be invited to a presentation evening in July, where the winners of the First, Second and Third Place prizes will be announced.

For more information, please call the Council's Neighbourhood Improvement & Community Engagement (NICE) Team on 01245 615800 or visit [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/frontgardencompetition](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/frontgardencompetition)

### Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday, 12th March 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

The club will meet on 1st and 15th March at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

## FORD END VILLAGE HALL

A couple of updates from the FEVH committee – firstly, thanks to Janet Patch, we now have a defibrillator on the outside wall of the hall for use in a medical emergency. We also have installed a light above the defibrillator, so that anyone who requires it in an emergency can see what they're doing. It is fully up and running; in an emergency dial 999 and they will give you assistance and the code to access the security box.

We have some regular clubs/activities at the village hall you may be interested in:

**Garden Club** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every month (some summer meetings are held elsewhere), contact Richard Garvey, 01371 820024, or Alan Adcock 01245 237522  
**Bowls** – every Tuesday from February onwards, contact Jackie Nott, 01245 361957

**Dance Class** – usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays every month, contact Wendy Johnson 01245 360362

**Pilates** – every Thursday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm, contact Natalie Howlett, 07919 141320

**Ford End Pre School** – Monday to Friday, contact Joanna Mardell, 07754 876330/01371 874457

Other events this year include:

Garden Club Coffee Morning – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Ford End Scarecrow Festival – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Keep an eye out for other events in the Parish News. If you would like to enquire about hiring the hall for your own event or celebration, please contact Sandra Brown on 01245 237030 (evenings), 01245 237555 (work), or 07736 965286.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

The annual meeting of the Women's World Day of Prayer will take place at Little Waltham UDC. This year, the service has been written by the ladies of the Philippines. Everyone is most welcome to join us for the service and to enjoy the refreshments afterwards. If you need any information about this

## Great Waltham Cricket Club – Players wanted

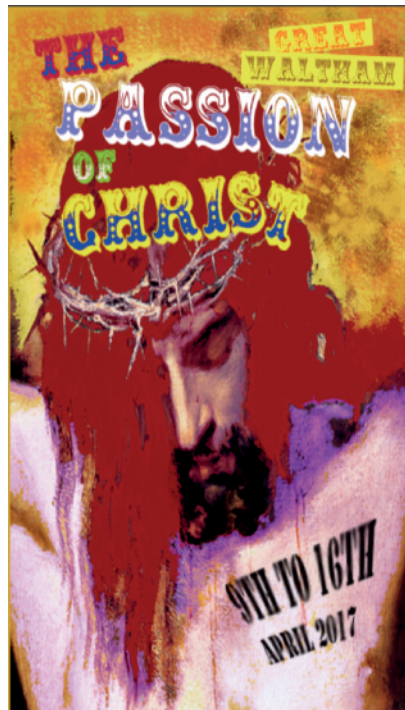
Come along to one of the prettiest Village grounds in Essex. We have two senior teams who participate in Division 2 and 4 of the T Rippon Mid-Essex Leagues.

We also run a thriving COLTS section, for under 11s, 13s, 15s & 17s.

In Addition we also run a dedicated Ladies team with games most Friday evenings during the season.

We are current running pre-season indoor nets every Thursday evening.

For further information, please contact the Club Secretary Atul Patel on 07960 850 852.



## THE PASSION OF CHRIST - *the play that really nails it!*

Come and see Great Waltham's very own version of the Easter story, enacted over 4 days in the village. You can come to all the plays or just one – each one stands alone. No charge on the day.

Cast members are still needed, speaking and non-speaking parts. Contact Keith Derry - 01245 361701.

**Sponsors needed. Any amount, large or small, is very welcome. Contact Michael Proctor on tel: 07801 438890 or send a cheque (to 'Great Waltham and Ford End PCC') to Claremont, South Street CM3 1DP.**

A booklet with the background to the Passion Plays will soon be available at Walthambury Stores, price £2.

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### ALL YOU NEED TO DO

Deliver your donation to Great Waltham Church during the month of March, leave your items in the designated place and they will be taken on your behalf to the event.

(Great Waltham Church is open everyday)



## Friends in Grief MEET ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY IN THE MONTH

(Except when it falls around  
a Bank Holiday)

Church Community Room  
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6.30pm to 8.00pm

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27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Beehive Pub\*

24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## GREAT WALTHAM LEGION CLUB

### NEW OPENING TIMES

As from 3<sup>rd</sup> February the Legion Club will  
now open every Friday from 7pm!

So why not start the weekend off with a visit to your local friendly club, where you can enjoy cheap prices on all beers, wines and spirits? You can order a take-away (we'll supply the plates and cutlery), have a few laughs with friends or perhaps enjoy a game of cards.

### Our regular opening hours are:

Thursday 7:30pm – 11:00pm (Bingo in hall but the bar is always open for those not wishing to play)

Friday From 7:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Timings are flexible over and above regular hours as we are also open for special events and Sky Sports e.g. Rugby and Football games



## Great Waltham British Legion

### Events in March & April



#### Quiz Night

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm - £5 per person  
Join us for another fun Quiz. For your Ploughman's supper please register your team of 6 by adding your name to the list at the Club during opening hours or email [helen.mansfield007@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.mansfield007@btinternet.com)



#### St Patricks Day – LIVE MUSIC

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm  
£3 Members / £4 Non Members  
Green Velvet return for a night of Irish music. Sing along, dance, and grab a Guinness or Magners at this Irish night for all the family



#### Race Night

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00pm - Free Entry  
Back by popular demand an evening at the races on the big screen. So come on down and cheer the on the horses. You can even buy a race horse or sponsor a race!



#### Easter Family Fun Day

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 11.00am to 1.00pm - £2 per child  
Come along for a fun event for the whole family, follow the egg trail around the village, make an Easter Hat, join in with cake making and have your face painted.



#### St Georges Day – LIVE MUSIC

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 7.30pm  
£3 Members / £4 Non Members  
The 23rd April should be a day when all English people come together to celebrate our great nation and have fun! We will even see the return of our 'tea cup cocktails'

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## LEGION CLUB PRESENTS WALTHAM SEEKERS IN CONCERT

### 60's Folk Classics

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.45

Re-arranged from February when the concert had to be cancelled due to illness.

## Little Waltham Gardening Club

Our speaker for the February meeting of the Little Waltham Gardening Club was Peter Miller of Kings Seeds. He is the third generation of his family to work for Kings and kept us entertained and informed throughout his presentation.

Kings, who specialise in sweet peas, started in the 1700's in Coggeshall as brewers and seed merchants and expanded quickly exporting seed all around the world using their own farm plus many small farmers and smallholders around Essex to produce seed. .

Our secretary Maggie Williams rounded off the evening with a presentation of a birthday cake to our President Iris Diver who had recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Mention was made of the Show Schedule which is now available for the Spring Show which will be held in the Memorial Hall on 8th April. An additional class will be included for our male cooks. Our next meeting will be the AGM in the Little Waltham Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st March.

## Great Waltham Midsummer Music Festival 2017

The Great Waltham Community Network is organising a 'Midsummer Music Festival' this year and village organisations and businesses are invited to organise a 'musical event' which can be included in the programme. We already have several events being planned which are scheduled to happen between 10<sup>th</sup> June and the 8<sup>th</sup> July. All genres of music are encouraged with jazz, classical, folk and pop performances already in the pipeline.

If you would like to stage an event to raise funds for your organisation or indeed just for the fun please contact Andy Tinsley on 360653 to discuss how your idea can be developed and added to the festival schedule.



**Tweeting about home sweet home**

Parish birdlife will be spoilt for choice this Spring, after 14 children attended Great Waltham Horticultural Society's annual Children's Bird Box workshop on Saturday, February 11. There was a fantastic atmosphere as youngsters showed off their creative skills and decoupage artwork. Among the attendees were sisters Iris and Florence Johnson (pictured) with their colourful bird boxes. All the



boxes will be varnished ready to put outside in the garden to help attract birds in the coming months.



Looking ahead, the Society has a raft of events lined up, so please make a diary date

for: **April 3 - AGM at the British Legion hall, with a guest speaker**

**May 13 - Annual Plant Sale 10-12 noon at the Village Hall**

**June 5 - visit to Fuddlers Hall, home of the Society's vice-president**

**September 16 - Great Waltham Annual Flower & Produce Show**

For those snap happy parishioners who like to plan ahead, the themes for this year's photographic classes at the show will be Friendship, Home Sweet Home, Landmarks and Leaves. Full show details will be published in due course.

Don't forget that joining the Society costs just £3 and brings you a number of benefits, including a free visit to RHS Hyde Hall and a 10% discount from Guy's garden stall in Chelmsford Market

**Walthambury WI**

At our January meeting one of our own members, Sheila Bearman, gave a talk entitled 'look good feel better'. Look Good Feel Better (LGFB) is an international charity operating in 25 countries worldwide. The aim of the charity is to help women combat the visible side effects of cancer treatment and has free skincare and makeup workshops available at over 70 hospitals and cancer care centres around the country. LGFB is supported by over 40 member companies of the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfumery Foundation who provide generous funds as well as donations in the form of products and expertise of their volunteer consultants. The women being helped are given a bag of products from different brands all donated by the cosmetic companies.

On 23 February some of our members are going to the theatre in London to see the musical 'Girls' at a matinee performance.

Members are going for a meal at the Green Man in Howe Street on 21 March and will be selecting their choice beforehand.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14 March at 8.0 in the Legion Hall, Great Waltham and Lucy Lewis will be giving a talk on TV Quiz Shows.

We have received our church inspection report this term and we have maintained our 'Good' status. The report is on our website if you would like to read it. We also received a very pleasant letter from the diocese saying how pleased they were with the comments in the report.

During assemblies we have been exploring families and communities in recent weeks with obvious links to our Parish. Our Life-Long Value this half-term is Integrity.

Our KS2 musicians had a fabulous time watching and participating with the Essex Symphony Orchestra two weeks ago.

Well done to Mrs Savage for playing the bassoon so well! Some of our children helped play a piece of music called the Queen's Almain at the end. All the children had a great time.

M and M Theatre Company delivered a superb version of the Hunchback of Notre Dame to the whole school. We hope this all helps with the children's imagination and writing skills. They may return next year to support one of our history topics.

Year 3 would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Mills who visited their science lesson - the children loved learning about rocks and getting to have some hands on experience. They were interested to hear how stone can be cut and polished to create kitchens, fireplaces and



ornamental pieces.

Our Y2 girls had a great time at the Football Festival on Thursday 2 February at Riverside. Some of the girls enjoyed the day enough to attend another girls' festival last weekend at the impressive dome at Great Baddow High School. We entered 4 teams of 4 players and the girls named their own teams: Lightning - Superstar - Girls Cupcake - Cool Girls -



Each team played 6 games lasting 10 minutes each. The nature of 4v4 football meant the girls ran a lot! No scores were kept but there were some great goals, passes, and plenty of good tackles too. The girls all received a certificate. Well played all of you.

Y4 enjoyed their morning at Superstars in Melbourne at Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre. They competed well across many different running, throwing and jumping events. They competed so well that they came 1st! What a great achievement!

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### Howe Street Defibrillator

Ahead of the next defibrillator being installed in Howe Street, you are invited to come along to Great Waltham Village Hall on the 4th March, starting at 3pm, to find out how they work and brush up on basic First Aid in an Emergency.

All welcome - and it's FREE. For more details or any questions, contact Jan Patch 07760 240 550.

### Ford End Gardening Club

Peter Morris, who is an RHS judge, gave a talk on 'Growing Vegetables' at our January meeting. He is an extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic grower of vegetables and gave us all sorts of tips on their cultivation. He recommended covering the vegetable beds with polythene before sowing to increase the temperature of the soil; volcanic dust for feeding vegetables, also chicken pellet manure, and potash for flowers. Peter recommended two varieties of courgette, Venus and Defender and advised not to overwater.

We have many dates for your diary, the first being a coffee morning and plant sale on Saturday 29 April. A visit to Wickham Place Farm on 15 May and a coach trip to Bressingham Gardens on Saturday 3 June. Names for the visit on 3 June will be taken at our next two meetings.

Our March meeting is on Monday 13th starting at 7.30 at the Ford End village hall and the speaker will be John Taylor who will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Weeds, our Bane or Bedfellow'.

### Summary Minutes 16th January 2017

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The full minutes of the 16th January 2017 meeting are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website [www.greatwaltham.org.uk](http://www.greatwaltham.org.uk). The Chair of the Parish Council, Mike Steel, presided over the meeting, which was held at Ford End:

Members of the public attending the meeting raised 3 issues:

- Response to the appeal in the Parish News for more volunteers
- Progress on Ford End traffic calming – Cllr Steel said he would contact ECC to see what progress had been made on the 2 proposed schemes and other proposals.
- Request to move the Ford End dog bin near to the yellow bin as it seemed that this bin was incorrectly being used for dog waste.

It was agreed to add all 3 items to the next agenda.

The state of the footpath from Howe Street Lucks Lane to the Green man was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would log the poor state with Essex Highways.

The PC agreed to replace the GW recreation car park entrance gates with two wooden gates that span the entire width, and also to get the Handyman to reduce the vegetation around the sides, thus making the car park more useable.

The PC considered its options given the Parish webmaster has decided to stand down. It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with the webmaster and determine what is required to keep it going. It was noted that the site receives 4,000 hits per month, so is very popular.

The March meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Great Waltham Parish Office, Monday 20th March 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

### Great Waltham Parish Council YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR PARISH CLEAR UP DAY Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Volunteers may wish to clear an area around their home or a favourite walk or join the team of litter pickers who will meet at Great Waltham Parish Office

Starting at 8.30am

Or other venues – see contacts below  
Great Waltham – Peter Bradley 01245 362638

Howe Street – Peter Jackson 01245 360067

Ford End – Ian Leyde 01245 237127  
North End Alex McDevitt 01371 820139  
All volunteers under the age of 15 will

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