

The Passion of Christ

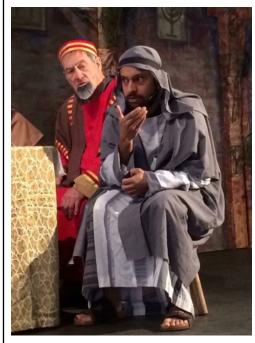
From 9th to 16th April, an ambitious production of four Passion Plays telling the Easter story was performed in Great Waltham. Written and produced by Michael Proctor, directed by Keith Derry and with Matt Bradley as Jesus, it portrayed the moving events from Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem through to the painfully realistic crucifixion scene and the joyous resurrection.

The play was performed both in the church and in the open air. The astounding sets were designed and built by Diane Hughes and the beautiful costumes were handmade by Carol Pritchard and her team.

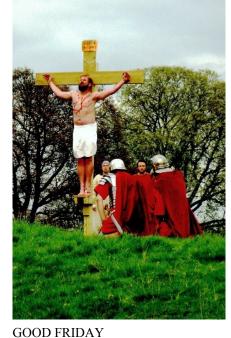
The whole, unforgettable experience was a fine example of the working together of many people, too numerous to mention, from our churches and also the wider community. Our heartfelt thanks go to them all.



PALM SUNDAY Jesus arrives at the Temple



MAUNDY THURSDAY Judas contemplates his betrayal of Jesus





EASTER SUNDAY Mary Magdalene cries, "He is alive! Jesus is alive!"

Spring litter clear up

The Crucifixion

The spring litter clear up took place on the week around Saturday 18th March throughout the Parish. Over 20 bin bags were collected and were uplifted by the City Council on Monday – along with an armchair, gas canisters and a couple of tyres.

The Parish Council thanks the great number of parishioners who turned out either before or on the day to pick up litter. The work of the Monthly Volunteer Litter Pick team co ordinated by Sarah Dickie has made a real difference.

We are seeing an increase of Fly Tipping – please report this to Chelmsford City Council as soon as you see it to either the Customer Services Team on 01245 606606 or on their on-line form.



Inter-pub football tournament



On the afternoon of Sat May 20, the Community Network is hosting the first **Great Waltham Inter-Pub Sevena-Side Football Tournament** in the GW Recreation Ground starting at midday.

The pubs will be the Beehive, Rose and Crown, Walnut Tree, Compasses and The Green Man. It will be a league system with each game being 10 mins so each pub will play all the others.

So if you want to have a go, contact your local as <u>YOUR PUB NEEDS</u> <u>YOU!</u> whether you are pub staff or a customer. There will be refreshments, a BBQ and a bouncy castle so come along and support your local pub.

If you have any questions contact Steve Huggins 07742304326



Calling all 5 to 8 year olds!

Great Waltham Cricket Club has been approved as a centre for the new ECB initiative, All Stars Cricket.

We'll be running our first 8 week course at Great Waltham Cricket Club commencing Monday, 22nd May 2017 starting at 5:45pm.

All children attending will need to preregister online at

https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars in plenty of time for all participants to receive their personalised kit, equipment and backpack in time for the first session.

Further details are displayed on the website but if you have any queries or for information on our thriving youth setup in Great Waltham please phone Catherine on: 07970 853338.

Great Waltham and Ford End Church of England services May 2017

Sunday 7th May 9.30am Communion Ford End 11.00am Communion Great Waltham

Sunday 14th May 8.00am Traditional communion Great Waltham 9.30am Communion Ford End 11.00am Family Service Great Waltham

Saturday 21st May 11.00am Joint Rogation Service Seabrooks Farm Little Leighs

Sunday 28th May 9.30 am Family Service Ford End 11.00am Communion Great Waltham 5.00pm Evening Space Great Waltham

Family Services 28th May at Ford End Jesus goes up to heaven and makes us promises

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

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End May 2017

Sun. 7 th	Family Worship	B Croxton	
Wed 10 th	Good Book Club	Schoolroom	1.20pm
Sun. 14 ^h	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pigrem	
Wed 17 th	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom	8.00pm
Wed 24 th	Good Book Club	Schoolroom	1.20pm
Sun. 21 st	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev C Sly	
Sun. 28 th	Morning Worship (cw)	Sonia Merritt	

Services & Events at Little Waltham United Reformed Church May 2017 Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990 Services 10am Each Sunday

May7thCharles de Lacy227 Anniversary Bring & Share LunchMay14thDouglas WoodMessy Church 10am
6.30pm Irving & Rosemary StinsonHCMay21stRev Geoffrey GriggsHCMay28thMike Shelbourne

Thursday May 4th Gossip & Guzzle 11am – 1.0pm Thurs 11th May Pippins Parent & Toddler Group 9.30am -11.30am Sat April 20th Coffee Morning 10am in Schoolroom Sat 27th May Rambling Group meet in Church Car Park 10.30am

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The Spring Term was rather busy! Often considered the quietest of the three school terms I am not sure this has been the case at Great Waltham Primary in 2017! Having a church and Ofsted inspection may have affected that view internally I suppose but each week at our Monday staff briefing we always had plenty to discuss from Book Fairs, castle and museum trips to class assemblies and sports fixtures.

We are both pleased and proud that Ofsted found many positives at Great Waltham Primary School and continued to rate us 'good'. The report is now on the Ofsted website:

https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/115114

The report contains many positive comments and much to be proud of – here are some excerpts:

- The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the previous inspection.
- Pupils learn and staff teach in a very happy environment. Pupils clearly enjoy their learning.
- The assembly led by class 'North America' (Years 5–6) demonstrated a rich and wide curriculum.
- We saw pupils productively engaged in a range of lessons.

Recent assemblies have focused on the Easter story and the sacrifice Jesus made for us all. The children re-told the story brilliantly at church through acting, narrating, poems, singing and art work. As you know Great Waltham is twinned with Ceyrat in France and the Twinning Association will be welcoming families this summer. Sam and Alex Bennion did a splendid job of explaining that to pupils in assembly and promoted the Boules competition on Monday 1 May.

Well done to the Y3/4s that played in the Tag Rugby friendly against The Cathedral School. What a great first experience for some of those players. We played a Y4/5 team so everyone had to step up to defend against some of the faster players. I would give an in in depth account of all the tries but as referee it was hard enough to keep up and keep score! Final score was 85-75 to Great Waltham (17 tries to 15).

The school netball team have been invited to play in the next round of High 5 competition in Chelmsford as they played so well in the tournament at Great Baddow High School. That takes place in May.

The Science Museum trip was a success. For the children whom had never been to the museum the awe and wonder was certainly visible. In reality, 4 hours is not nearly enough time to explore but the children enjoyed their workshops and especially the Wonderlab. Class Europe and Asia visited the Cathedral in Chelmsford for 'Cathedral' Day last term. They worked with members if the Diocese Education Team and other schools to explore ideas and discus RE.

World Book Day reinforced the children's love of reading and the Book Fair was popular again.



Children in Y2 attended the Infant Music Festival on Tuesday and worked in collaboration with other schools to perform Eddie the Penguin Saves the World. This is always a great experience for our young children to perform offsite at Christchurch. Some of the Great Waltham children were chosen to narrate, dance and act. They got to deliver the play to parents back at school too.

Key stage 1 enjoyed a fantastic day at Hedingham Castle too. The weather was perfect allowing for activities to take place both inside and outside the castle. The children experienced life in a medieval castle through participation in a wide range of workshops. They found out about herbal remedies, jousting, attacking and defending a castle, music, food and drink, roles in the castle as well as the weapons used. Thank you to all of the adult helpers that assist in making the trips so successful.

Village Boules Tournament

Mon 1st May, 2.00 for 2.15 start at Great Waltham school field.

Come and have a go at boules! Beginners welcome! Fun for all the family!

- Teams of 3 adults, children, clubs
- £5 per team
- Boules sets available
- Winners' cup and children's prize
- Or just come and watch and eat cake!
- Contact joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com



Harry is 8 and lives in Great Waltham and has Leigh's Syndrome, which is a mitochondrial disease. In May, we are going to be taking part in the Rat Race. Some of us will be taking on 20 miles and 200 obstacles or 13 miles and 150 obstacles; both will be a huge challenge. We are raising money and awareness for the Lily Foundation which supports families affected by mitochondrial disease, for which there is no current

treatment or cure. If you would like to make a donation to this amazing charity via our Just Giving webpage, the details are: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-johnson34</u>

Support "Team Harry"

Parish Directory

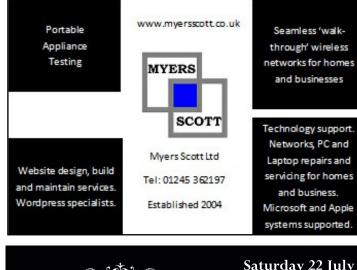
To advertise in the Parish News, please contact us by email on adverts@parish-news.co.uk







adverts@parish-news.co.uk





Great Waltham British Legion

Events in April & May



Race Night

Friday 14th 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 16th 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 22nd 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'



Kids Bingo

Friday 5th May - 6.00pm - £3 per child This Bingo evening is designed specifically for the KIDS! With 4 games of Bingo there are plenty of prizes to be won. Don't forget to grab your hot dog and squash too.



Bingo!

Saturday 13th May - 7.30pm - £1.00 per game book Adult's bingo with cash prizes. Come on down for good fun game of Bingo. Make sure you come with the 'bingo lingo' - quack quack, wobble wobble!!



You and your friends are invited to book a table in our "restaurant," watch as the murder mystery unfolds, consider the clues, ask the suspects some searching questions and decide who the murderer is......!!!!!!!



Walthambury W.I.

Essex W I. Centenary

The Federation of Essex Women's Institute is celebrating its centenary year and Walthambury W.I remains a thriving institute. We are a lovely group of like-minded women who enjoy varied activities and embrace new experiences.

The National Federation is holding its Annual Meeting this year at the Echo Arena in Liverpool and we have two Walthambury members attending, one as a delegate and the other as an observer.

Two resolutions, which we will have discussed and debated at our May meeting, will go forward for the final vote at this meeting. The first resolution is Alleviating Loneliness: W.I's and the NFWI would be asked to work alongside health and social care providers and their local community to raise awareness of the causes and impact of loneliness thus identifying lonely people in our community and offering the appropriate assistance and support.

The second resolution is Plastic Soup: keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans. Microfibres are shed from synthetic and man-made clothes. When laundered, fibres end up in the sea and are ingested by aquatic life. The W.I believes that one of its roles is to raise awareness on topics that can affect our population.

Our June 13th meeting will transport us to Beautiful Barbados in a talk by Debbie Skeete. So come along and join us. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, apart from August, at the British Legion Hall Great Waltham, 8 pm start.





JUNE

Sun. 4th June Drumming Workshops - Gt Waltham Village Hall Sun 11th June Village Choir & Friends Concert - Gt Waltham Church Sat 17th June A Night at the Opera - Waltham Singers in Gt Waltham Church Sat 17th June 'Legionstock' (Live Bands & More) - British Legion Wed 21st June Midsummer Night Music & Dine - Green Man Sat 24th June Up Up & Away Family BBQ & Disco - Gt Waltham Village Hall Wed 28th June Jazz Night - Rose & Crown Fri 30th June Waltham Seekers 60's Folk Concert - Gt Waltham Village Hall

JULY

Sat 1 st July	Village Music Quiz - Beehive	
Sat 8 th July	Village Barn Dance & Hog Roast - Lodge Farm Barn, Pleshey	
Sat 8 th July	The Best of them All Music Spectacular - Rose & Crown	

The Gt Waltham Community Network working to ensure 'GREAT' Waltham continues to be a 'GREAT' place in which to live ! For more information keep an eye open for the Midsummer Music Festival Brochure due out during May or contact Andy Tinsley on 01245 360653.

Little Waltham Gardening Club Spring Show

The sun shone on the day of the annual Spring Show for the Little Waltham Gardening Club. Possibly partly due to the lovely weather, we had an excellent turnout at the Memorial Hall selling quite a number of plants and our ladies on teas



were kept busy all afternoon.

Thanks to Marion and Peter Lawson who were busy organising the event but were unable to attend due to a prior engagement. Nevertheless, Marion still managed to win the Banksian Medal and two cups for her Narcissi. Peter won the Club Certificate in Craft for a carved model of his Austin 7. Our Chair, Margaret Williams won the Silver Jubilee Cup for her tulips and two trophies for her flower arrangements. Margaret Taylor

received Best Entry for her tulips. Bill Bryden won the Club Shield and the Don Diver Cup for best entry in the vegetable Section and his wife, Lesley won the Garden Club Cup. Vicky Weavers did well in the cookery section winning the Club Cookery Shield and a Rosette for Best Entry. Peter Phillips was presented with the Margaret Rose Cup in Craft and Jean Hatley excelled in the Photography section receiving a Rosette for Best Entry.

The next meeting of the Little Waltham Gardening Club will be on Wednesday 3rd May and is a talk on the **Food & Flower Customs of the World** by Margot Cooper. Visitors welcome.

MAKE YOUR GARDEN BEAUTIFUL THIS SUMMER Great Waltham

Horticultural Society's Annual Plant Sale



Saturday May 13 10am - 12 noon Great Waltham Village Hall

Essex Voices

Directed by Annabel Malton in unaccompanied vocal music of the 16th - 21st centuries

> Church of St Mary and St Lawrence, Great Waltham, CM3 1AR

Essex Voices in: Songs of Angels Saturday May 6th 2017 at 7,30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £12, £6 (under 16) Available from Walthambury Stores, Annabel Matron 02245 30204 James Dace, Allegro Music or on the door Liensea dia Proceeds to Great Waltham & Ford End PCC and Angle Entry Music Charty No.15:ess

Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Old Fire Station, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF

Tel 01245 362638 clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

The following is a summary extract of the meeting of 20th March 2017. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <u>www.greatwaltham.org.uk</u>. The Chair of the Parish Council, Mike Steel, presided over the meeting, which was held at the PC Office.

The Clerk reported that he had investigated the ECC Highways requirements in respect of replacement and additional bollards in Broads Green, and that the they had to be sited at least 0.5m from the highway. A quote was being obtained to install the bollards. The Clerk reported that a dog bin had been ordered for Hoe Lane and the Handyman would install it.

Cllr McDevitt briefed the PC on the proposed Chelmsford Development Plan and a discussion followed on how GWPC would participate in the consultation process. It was agreed to call a Planning Meeting when the consultation period starts.

The PC agreed to arrange for the Handyman to attend a training course on tree surveying/works to support the monitoring of trees on PC land in the Parish.

The PC considered a letter from the Community Network suggesting that the PC should pay someone to keep the Parish website updated. The PC decided to consider its position after the 23rd March presentation of the website to Parish organisations and will discuss at the April meeting.

The PC considered a letter from the Community Network suggesting that the PC should take some responsibility for the Parish News by employing someone to edit/manage it. The letter expressed concerns about the risk of losing such a valuable facility if no volunteers were available, A representative of the Parish News stated, during the Public Open session, that they do not wish for any financial support to hire an editor. They thanked the Community Network for its concern but with the recent volunteer of 7 editors there is no reason for concern.

Cllr Bell raised the topic of the PC giving financial support to GW and FE Churchyards which are currently maintained by volunteers. It was noted that, in previous years, such support had been budgeted but this had been discontinued as such support had not been requested by the Churches. It was agreed that any such requests should be made following the standard PC grant process.

The **Annual Meeting** of the Parish Council will be held at the PC Office, **Monday 15th May** 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. The **Annual Assembly** will be held in GW Village Hall, **Wednesday 24th May** commencing at 8pm.

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to represent it at the Essex County Council transport meetings which occur every few months. The main duty is to make sure ECC are aware of Great Waltham Parish requirements and to feed back changes and issues to the PC. Contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Village Summer Events

SAT 29 & SUN 30 April – ART SHOW Sat 11.30am – 4.30pm, Sun 12.30pm - 4.30pm Great Waltham Church. Entrance - £1

MON 1 MAY – VILLAGE BOULES TOURNAMENT 2pm, Great Waltham School field. Teams of 3, all ages, £5 per team. Boules provided.

SAT 13 MAY – GW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL PLANT SALE 10:00 - 12:00, Great Waltham Village Hall

SAT 20 MAY – INTER-PUB FOOTBALL GW recreation ground. Check posters for details. **SUN 21 MAY – SCOUTS BREAKFAST** 9-11am Scout hut

WED 24 MAY – PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 7.45pm. Great Waltham village hall.

SUN 25 JUNE – FORD END OPEN GARDENS AND SCARECROW FESTIVAL 12 noon till 5pm, throughout Ford End.

SUN 16 JULY – OLD CODGERS CRICKET MATCH Cricket ground. See posters for details.

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 to: adverts@parish-news.co.uk