

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

MAY 2021

Waging war on litter

Volunteers throughout the parish have been getting out and about recently to help keep our countryside looking beautiful in the Spring sunshine.

In Great Waltham, Cllr Jo Palmer said: "On behalf of the Parish Council, a huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers who signed up and cleared up last weekend in our community and village of GW. It was wonderful to see so many new faces. An ongoing thank you and recognition to the regular group of litter pickers led by Sarah Dickie who got a well deserved month off."

Meanwhile, in North End, on a cold but dry Easter Saturday, a group of hardy Northenders sallied forth (socially distanced of course) to litter pick the village lanes – and what a haul we got! Although many people walk the roads and footpaths of the village for their daily exercise, the lockdown has reduced traffic considerably, so we imagined that there would be similar reduction in litter – how wrong we were!



Never before have we collected so many drink cans and bottles and the cry of 'More bags! More bags!' rang out quite quickly! Naturally, there were a few 'unusual items' amongst the collection, such as two portable radios and a perfectly good wine glass that was discovered amongst the remains of a barbeque that had been held between two lane-side hedgerows!

Many, many thanks to those who took part and may we ask people to take their 'empties' home with them in future!



Mack and Janine Willsher ready for the Duffries Close litter pick

Above: litter picking in North End

More litter picking photos page 8

Booking offer at GW Village Hall

Great Waltham Village Hall are pleased to announce that we will be offering discounted rates for regular hirers (old and new) and local community members until the end of 2021!

Please contact Laura at gwwhbookings@gmail.com for further information or to make a booking.

Annual parish assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly takes place on Wednesday, 7th May at 7pm via zoom. Your chance to hear what's happening in the parish and have your say. See page 6 for details of how to log on.

This issue includes the two-page Annual Report from Great Waltham Parish Council, see pages 6-7 to find out more.

A personal message to the parish from Rev. Carolyn Tibbott

I am writing to introduce myself and to explain how I am hoping to offer Christian Ministry across the villages of Great Waltham and Ford End. My name is Rev. Carolyn Tibbott and I have been the Vicar of Broomfield for 10 years now. Many of those who attend either of the Anglican churches in the Parish will know me anyway, as I have been part of the team who have provided support for Rev. Caroline Brown over the years and, since she moved, have provided some of the cover required during the parish vacancy. I am married to Jim, have four adult children and five grandchildren. I enjoy reading, swimming and baking. On my rest days I like walking by the sea. I can't wait until we can get out and about again.



The Parish of Great Waltham and Ford End are part of a larger, collaborative group of Churches known as the North Chelmsford Ministry & Mission Partnership (NCMMP). Over the last five years the churches in this group have supported one another in mission activities, providing cover when needed, encouraged our congregations to visit the other churches for worship or activities. We have also set up, with the help of the Diocese of Chelmsford, the Pioneer Ministry on the large Beaulieu and Channels Estates. There are many changes happening in the Diocese and churches are being required to find new and different ways to meet the spiritual needs of the people of God. In this same manner, as the parish of Great Waltham & Ford End have been in vacancy for a while now, the Church Wardens of the churches and the NCMMP Council

have been working together to ensure that there is proper provision for all those who live in the villages. In response to these discussions I have offered to have pastoral oversight of the Parish of Great Waltham & Ford End until such time as a priest is licensed to the parish.



Of course, I will work closely with Rev. Sandra Sykes who is licensed to the parish as a self-supporting Minister, Preb. Neil Richardson a retired priest who has been offering ministry during the vacancy and I hope to build a team to ensure a variety of ministry continues in the months to come. I hope that Local Lay Ministers who provide some non-sacramental worship in the churches will be encouraged and supported as we work together to build up lay ministry across the parishes. We will also have the opportunity to work with Rev. Dan who is the Pioneer Minister and Rev. Jacqui who is a Pioneer Curate on the Beaulieu Estate. I believe that God calls us to work together, using our individual God given skills and vocations to ensure that both pastoral needs and worship provision is varied and satisfying for all and gives glory to God.

Although my base will remain in Broomfield, I will try to spend a day a week in the villages. I would like to be able to support the schools, the businesses and the groups that meet across the parish. I hope to meet some of you, as soon as the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, and we can worship together again. In the meantime, I have set up a new email account greatwalthamfordendrevcat@gmail.com if you would like to get in touch please do email me and we can arrange a time to chat. Alternatively, you can call the ministry phone 07464 321616 if you need to speak to me urgently.

The restrictions of the last year have put a strain on us all, yet this has also been a time of new opportunities and finding different ways of worshipping together and offering pastoral support. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and hope

that we can enjoy worshipping God together. Do look out for me, as we come out of lockdown, and give me a wave. I am always happy to chat or pray with people and am looking forward to ministering amongst you. Carolyn

Blackchapel Services Spring/Summer 2021

We are delighted to tell you that, with the lifting of the most severe restrictions in April 2021 on church services, we have decided that services will resume at Blackchapel on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 3 pm starting on Sunday 2nd May 2021.

For the time being, COVID-19 rules mean that we can only accommodate 15 individuals (or bubbles) at each service. Thus, we have a booking system to help us to ensure that as many as possible are able to attend. Please phone Patrick Hamilton (01371 820095) or Billy Croxton (01371 820101) to book your place. We really look forward to seeing you! (PHH)

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The children returned from Easter ready for the summer term after the rather truncated spring term. Schools across England actually lost 8 teaching weeks. Due to the restrictions, we are not yet able to allow the children to assemble in the hall or at church, so we held our Easter Service via a video link instead. Each class made a contribution and we listened to hymns, the Easter story and prayers written by Y6 children.



The school PTA (FOGWS) organised a fun Egg Decoration competition with winners for each class getting a prize. FOGWS are planning some more events for the summer term, with a focus on fundraising for a new running track at school to replace the rather old paved track.

It was lovely to see the children re-connect as they returned to school and they certainly enjoyed attending Friendship Club for 3 weeks to aid the transition back to school. Outdoor clubs have re-started to give children access to exercise, skills and of course having fun with their friends.



Now we are back at school, 'Hot Chocolate Friday' has resumed – a weekly award for each class where the teacher nominates someone worthy of praise for the week at school – often a tricky task. So each week 6 children get a warming cup of hot chocolate (or squash / water if they prefer!).

Normally at this time of year the pupils in Y6 would be getting ready to sit their end of primary school exams (SATs) in early May, however for the 2nd year in a row, Covid 19 has caused disruption to this assessment process. The teachers will gauge the children's knowledge and skills to ensure local high schools are well informed prior to starting in KS3.



We look forward to sharing photos and news for the final 4 months of the school year with the Parish News readers.

Take care – all at Great Waltham Primary School.

Paying tribute to Prince Philip



On Saturday 10th April at Ford End Church, a bell was tolled 99 times in sympathy and respect for Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. May he rest in Peace.

This was carried out with dignity by Ford End's youngest ringer Matthew Stephenson.

Great Waltham Parish Council would like to offer its condolences to the Queen and all the Royal Family at this time of great sorrow and mourning.



Emotional Health and Well-being at Ford End Primary School

Emotional well-being is an essential part of a child's mental make-up and never more so than in our current challenging times.

Things that appear very minor to an adult with years of experience of life, may be a major issue to a young child, preoccupying the child's mind and affecting their learning. It is vital that we sort out their mental health if they are to achieve. However, we also have to ensure that regardless of their emotional state, that



they are working hard and continuing to develop academically.

It is often partly the solution that if children work hard and focus on their studies that they become happier and feel more fulfilled. They achieve success which builds their self-esteem and confidence and they become more robust in dealing with the issues that are playing on their minds.

At Ford End, I truly believe that the school should be a sanctuary in which children feel safe and secure. School should be a place where they can talk freely about their problems and know that there is always someone that they can go to if they wish to chat. Just knowing this gives the children an option and a safety net; somewhere to turn when they are unable to solve a problem for themselves.

We do, however, try to ensure that our children are developing some resilience to the metaphorical knocks that life invariably dishes out to everyone. It is always distressing to see children who are unable to cope with a problem and also unable to go and find help, fearing that they will lose face if they do.

At Ford End, we offer our children alternatives to the playground at lunch times.

They can access extra-curricular clubs, which are starting this term. We have a variety of sports clubs, run by specialist coaches for all children to attend if they wish. Not only is this good for them to do sport, this activity has been proven to help the emotional intelligence of both children and adults and they often return to classes refreshed and recharged for the afternoon session. Of course, staff are always available for the children whenever they need to talk. My office is a place where children often come if they wish to talk or just 'chill out' during playtimes when it can get overwhelming at times. They can bring in a friend and play a game or just chat.

The impact of participation in music and the Arts on social and personal development is regularly documented, and has been proven to have positive effects on attainment, self-esteem, social skills and enhanced relationships with adults. Proven benefits of classroom music lessons are an increase in social cohesion within the class, greater self-reliance, better social adjustment and more positive attitudes. These effects are particularly marked in children of low ability and who are disaffected. At Ford End, we are continuing to strive for this self-reliance, self-discipline and self-control. If the children are able to motivate themselves to become first class human beings, then I believe that we are on to a winner with their learning.

Alongside our three beliefs – courageous optimism, boundless creativity and heartfelt compassion – should be the three selves – self-motivation, self-discipline and self-control. If our children can accomplish these, then they will become exemplary citizens in the 21st century, of whom we should all be proud. We hope all our school community can start to feel more positive as restrictions are slowly lifted and life starts to return to some semblance of normality.

Maria Rumsey - Headteacher



Ford End Senior Tea Afternoons

Thank goodness the clocks have gone forward. It is so nice to have light evenings. I am so looking forward to all meeting up again. I hope that even if we can not meet inside then if the weather is ok we could meet in my garden. I think May could be a bit chilly but let's hope for June. We can all have a nice blanket on the seat to help and a warming cup of hot chocolate to keep us warm. Anyway do take care. We are on the road to recovery so we must not spoil this. Look after yourselves and I will give you all a ring soon.
Sheila Bearman

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.

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Introduction by Mike Steel, GWPC Chairman

Normally, I would be reporting on an active year in the parish, but this year many activities have been curtailed. Usually there would be something going on every week, but Covid-19 has meant we have had to make do with daily walks instead. We are blessed with being surrounded by beautiful countryside and footpaths and we have all seen their value this year. GWPC has become used to having on-line meetings and this year's Annual Meeting will also be held on-line. In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to all those volunteers, friends and neighbours who made a magnificent effort to help out those who had to shield.

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Report from Recreation Chairman, Alan Martin

In the last twelve months the Recreation Committee has made considerable progress in a number of projects. The Great Waltham (GW) changing rooms were in a very poor condition and we decided to change the building into a multi-use pavilion. The leaking asbestos roof has been replaced and work has started on the inside with a plan to remove the internal walls to create a single open plan room and reconfigure the space to create an inclusive toilet and a kitchenette area. We are grateful to Cllr John Aldridge who awarded £1,000 from the ECC Localities Fund to purchase the new kitchenette units. The GW Rec Ground has also seen the installation of an all-weather Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) which was being used from the moment the installation team finished work. A Communities Initiative Fund (CIF) grant provided 50% of the cost. We are pleased to report a big uptake in the allotments at



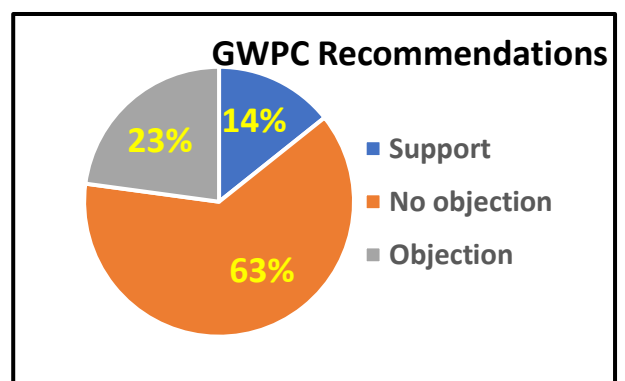
Bury Lane and Brookmead, due in part to the lockdown but also because GWPC have improved the facilities and upkeep. We have also made significant progress at Ford End (FE) Recreation Ground. Following a village consultation, we have an improvement plan. The first stage of the project saw the planting of around 500 young trees (whips) at the top end of the field (provided free by Chelmsford City Council who will continue to monitor and manage them). Thanks to another grant from the ECC Localities Fund, we were also able to purchase and install a picnic bench near the new trees. The protective fence will be removed once the trees have become established. The full plan can be viewed on the GWPC website. A replacement programme for some of the ageing wooden play equipment has also been agreed and work has already commenced with a new multi-play unit at FE in April. Improvements for Howe Street included a see-saw, donated by Broomfield Parish Council, installed in April 2021.

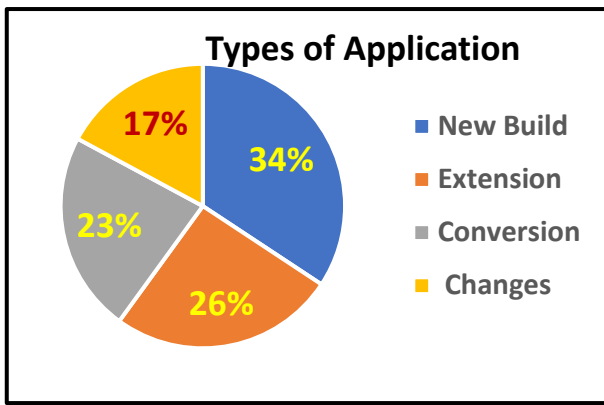


Report from Planning Chairman, Alex McDevitt

Our rural parish consists of the villages of GW, FE and seven hamlets. Only GW village and FE have defined settlement areas. Planning objectives are to manage building development according to Government policies, community needs and the wishes of residents. We also wish to maintain the beauty of the countryside, protect wildlife and limit global warming drivers. All Planning Applications must comply with the new City Council Local Plan, covering 2013 to 2036, which does not include any major developments in our Parish but there are major developments proposed nearby, e.g., Broomfield, Great Leighs, North East Chelmsford. Our concerns mainly cover the need for infrastructure

improvements such as Chelmsford North East Bypass, and the impact on traffic congestion. Whilst the Planning Applications are determined by Chelmsford City Council, GWPC is a Statutory Consultee, and our duty is to advise on any local issues, which includes aspects of the Village Design Statements, which are formal guidance material for planning decisions. All Parish



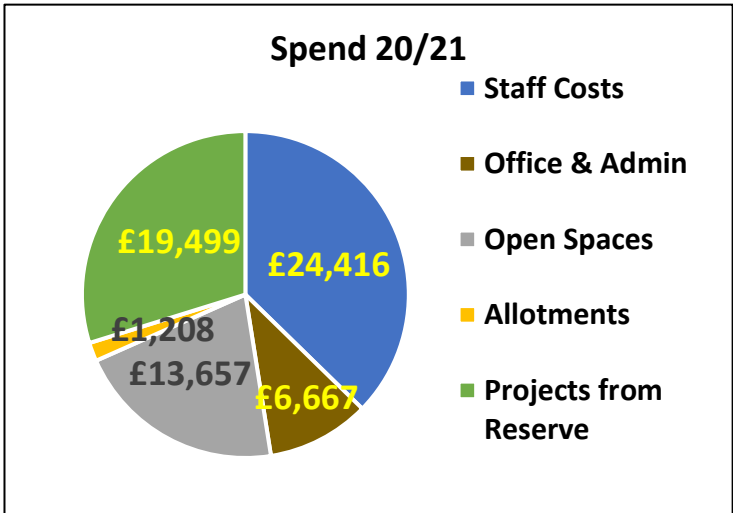


Council meetings are open for members of the public to attend and we encourage members of the public to make their views known. During 2020/21, our Parish Council reviewed about 40 applications, which ranged from new buildings, extension, conversion and changes to existing buildings. More than half of the applications resulted in an increase in accommodation amounting to 14 new dwellings because they were either new buildings or conversions of existing buildings. Overall, GWPC supported a quarter of the applications as appropriate and beneficial to the parish. Also, about a quarter of the applications were for dwellings located in the conservation area in GW Village or involved a listed building. More stringent planning regulations apply to these applications.

Report from Finance Chairman, Gary Dunn

GWPC derives income from several sources, with the main one being the precept (allowance from Council Tax). The precept for the financial year 20/21 was £49,898. In addition to this, GWPC were successful in receiving grants of £5,098 plus £2,000 of ECC locality fund (received 21/22) plus income from allotment holders. For the previous financial year (19/20), we reported a spend less than income which meant being able to carry forward a large amount for reserves and future capital projects. Consequently, we were able to spend £65,447 in the year 20/21, with even more focus on making repairs and improvements to our three main recreation areas and much more. We finished 20/21 with a General Reserve of around £16,000 (equivalent to 4 months of operating costs which is a recommended amount). Other reserves, set aside for capital projects, have

decreased from £34,371 at the start of 20/21 to £16,384, as a result of completing various projects. The spend on parks/open spaces and projects from reserve equates to over 50% of the total spend and includes £10,003 for a MUGA in GW (of which 50% was a grant), £8,467 refurbishing the GW Changing Rooms and £790 on the bench at FE (of which £2,000 will be recovered from grants) and £1,565 for repairing the FE vandalised fence. GWPC decided upon a 6% increase in the precept for 21/22, which equates to an increase to Band D council tax of £3.60 pa. Howe Street will be the target for some of the additional spend with a multi-play unit and a new bench. We are estimating that these will cost a total of £15,800, but grants will also be sought. We retain a £10,000



commitment to the Average Speed Camera project at FE (to supplement the £75,000 allocated by the Local Highways Panel).

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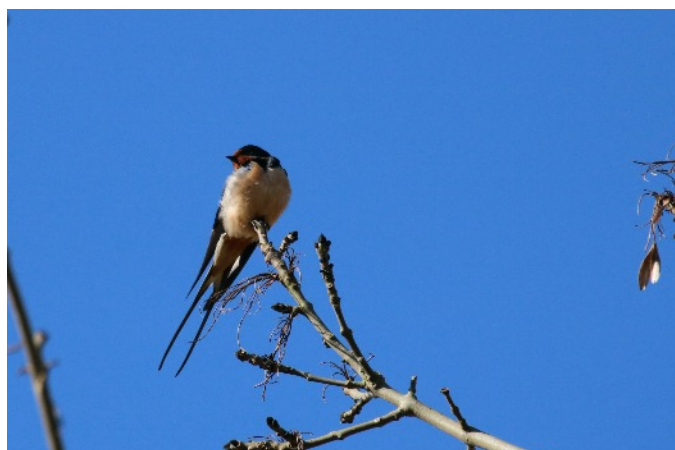
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With thanks to Mark Francis for sharing some of his photos - we always enjoy receiving local pictures at the Parish News so, if you would like to share some, please email hi res images to gwparishnews@gmail.com. We can't promise we will be able to use all of them as it is space permitting, but we will always do our best.



GREAT WALTHAM CORONAVIRUS VOLUNTEER GROUP

If you are self-isolating, live in Great Waltham, Broads Green or Howe Street, and have no one to do your shopping, fetch prescriptions or do any other errands, or if you would just like a chat, we have a group of reliable and trustworthy volunteers who will be happy to help. We can also help with driving you to a vaccination centre if you haven't got your own transport. **Ring one of the group coordinators:** Joanna Steel 01245 360918, Wendy Proctor 01245 360483 or Phil Lilley 01245 360615.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS We will abide by all recommended safety precautions. **Please do NOT share this list with anyone outside the area or post it on social media, due to privacy issues.**

Vaccination update – 15 April 2021 From Cllr John Aldridge

Details on the vaccination programme.

1. **Total numbers:**

- i. **First dose:** As of 15 April, around 762,111 people across Essex county have received at least one dose – a small increase from 755,600 last week. The rate of increase of new first doses has slowed this week due to temporary national supply issues and also an increased focus on second doses.
- ii. **Second dose:** Around 173,000 people in Essex have now received both doses – an increase from 112,000 last week. District level and parliamentary constituency level data is listed at the end of this briefing or via: [Statistics » COVID-19 Vaccinations \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

2. **Vaccination supplies:** these have been lower due to national supply issues. However, supply increases are expected to take effect from w/c 26 April. All vaccination centres are now taking bookings again following the recent supply issues.

3. **By age:** Everybody over the age of 50 has now been offered/had the opportunity to receive a first vaccination. Adults aged 45-49 are now formally being invited to receive a vaccination. It is expected that people aged 40-44 will be invited from early May.

4. **Social care:** the current position is:

- 79% of care home workers vaccinated (or 81% among older people care homes)
- 74% of homecare workers vaccinated

The Government has this week published a consultation (ending 21 May) on whether to make it mandatory for a care worker who works in an older people's care home to have a vaccination (defined as any home where at least one resident is over 65 years old). This would include some exemptions for those who cannot be vaccinated on medical grounds. The Government is also asking whether the requirement should extend to other care givers who visit the homes (for example, other professionals and also professions such as hairdressers). Care providers and local authorities are asked to respond by 21 May.

5. **Second dose bookings:** The advice for people in instances where they have not been contacted, or where they are concerned the date is being missed, is that the individual who is due a second dose needs to contact the provider who gave them the first vaccine or alternatively to call the helpline number 03442573961.

Once again, a reminder on the advice for the process for second bookings that the vast majority of people should experience:

- a) If a person has had their first dose at a primary care network centre/GP practice, they should be contacted by their GP/primary care network with a date for their second dose. This may happen in the week before the due date. Many people will have been given the second appointment date when they attended for their first appointment.
- b) If a person has attended a large vaccination centre for their first dose, they can book their second dose via the National Booking System or by calling 119.

6. **National Booking System (NBS) – update on recent changes for healthcare workers and unpaid carers:**

- a. For health and care workers: This is due to re-open in the near future. The exact date is still to be confirmed. They are currently able to make appointments via a local booking system (shiftpartner).
- b. For unpaid carers: bookings via the NBS will not be reinstated. The advice and continued message to them remains for them to access the vaccine via their GP. This will involve them needing to register themselves as unpaid carers with their GPs first if they haven't already done so.

Cllr John Aldridge

For advice on Essex County Council's response to the current Coronavirus situation please visit www.essex.gov.uk/coronavirus or our facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/essexcoronavirussupport/>

Thank you to all the litter pick volunteers



Left: Matt Duggan, Susie and Florence were happy to lend a hand at the Great Waltham litter pick, collecting bags of waste from the paths and fields around GW Cricket Club, the reservoirs and the ford.

Right: some of the North End volunteers take a well-earned break.

Well done to all the volunteers.



Success for local business



Old Park Meadow Natural Burial Ground at North End, is delighted to have won the 2020 silver prize in the Natural Burial Ground category of the Cemetery of the Year National Competition Awards for the second year running.

Philip Potts of the CYA said: "The awards are an excellent opportunity to reward hard-working staff and demonstrate the central role Natural Burial Grounds can play in the community. They provide places of peaceful contemplation and beauty, as well as their ecological importance.

"The team at Old Park Meadow performed exceptionally throughout the extensive judging period which is focused on Industry Standards, Environmental Issues and Good Practice."

Delyse Jackaman; Natural Burial Ground Manager said: "This award is wonderful for our team, it acknowledges that we really go above and beyond to try and provide a reliable, friendly and quality service. My team and I are thrilled."
www.oldparkmeadow.co.uk

Walking for Farleigh Hospice

Nearby Farleigh Hospice is drumming up support for a sponsored walk to raise money to help those in mid Essex affected by life-limiting illness.

Its virtual Tails and Trails event will take place over the May bank holiday weekend (1-3 May) and is an opportunity for people to meet outside with up to five friends to get some fresh air and exercise with their canine companions.

With both 5k and 10k options available, participants can choose to walk, run or jog this sponsored challenge. The aim is to raise a minimum of £25 in sponsorship per group to match the average number of 25 patients Farleigh's hospice at home care teams visit each week, providing care and support to both patients and their families.

Farleigh Hospice Fundraising Manager, Debbie de Boltz, said: "As we ease out of lockdown and up to six people can meet outside, we thought our Tails and Trails event would be a great way for people to celebrate being able to socialise outside again while raising money. Participants don't have to have a dog to take part, this event is suitable for lone walkers, families and dog owners. It's a relaxed, friendly way to get outside in the spring air and support Farleigh Hospice at the same time."

Registration is open now and closes on the 29 April. It costs just £15 per household to take part which includes a celebratory medal for each participant, a stylish bandana for their dog as well as additional goodies in the welcome pack kindly donated by Marriage's and Fish4Dogs.
To register visit www.farleighhospice.org/events/tails-trails



We're opening!

We are so excited to welcome our members and guests back to our club this month. Our beer garden has been open for guests and members since the lockdown rules changed last month and we will open our doors to accommodate people inside from 17th May should the roadmap to recovery go to plan.

We will be following all government guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. As such some events and screening of sports fixtures will be limited to current members only. All events and sports fixtures will be advertised on social media and displayed on posters. Please contact us for any information. When guests are welcome, they will need to be signed in by a member and pay a donation.



BINGO!

Every Thursday – 7.30pm
Members ONLY

Our weekly offering of Bingo returns for our Members commencing 20th May. Don't forget to brush up on your calling out – "Wobble Wobble", "Quack Quack", "The Brighton Line Woo Woo."



Monthly Coffee Morning

Last Friday of every month – 10am -12pm
Members Free – Guests signed in (donation required)

Join us as we restart our monthly coffee mornings from Friday 28th May. Grab a cuppa, a cake and a raffle ticket and catch up on the village gossip with friends old and new.



Quiz Night

Saturday 5th June – 7.30pm
£5 per person

Join us for our first event post lockdown! Following the current guidelines, we can have up to 6 people in a team. Whilst enjoying a ploughman's supper you will answer 10 rounds to win prizes! Please register your team of 6 by adding your name to the list at the Club during opening hours or contact us via social media. Your team fees can be paid on the evening. Only registered teams can be admitted as we will need to ensure we limit numbers to comply with government guidelines.



Sunset Soiree – Live Music

Saturday 17th July – 3pm to 11pm

Ticketed event - Free Entry to members, guests signed in (donation required)
Join us for an afternoon and evening of live music. Grab a drink, sit back, and relax as we welcome local musicians to perform for the first time in over a year! Tickets can be collected from the club during opening hours. Ticket numbers will be limited to ensure we comply with government guidelines.

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Classic Vehicle Meet

We all love to drive our classics and where better than the beautiful Essex countryside.

Join us to show off your vehicle – all makes, models & years welcome.

Saturday 26th June 2021

11am – 2pm

Pleshey Village Hall, CM3 1HB

£8 donation to park & display including unlimited tea & coffee for vehicle owners.

Free entry to spectators.

Refreshments – Ice Creams - Prizes

Email to confirm your classic vehicle parking spot
kevina.goodchild@cysticfibrosis.org.uk

100% of the profits donated in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Supporting
Cystic Fibrosis Trust

Brighten up your garden
this summer

GREAT WALTHAM HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY'S ANNUAL



PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 15th
10 am -12 noon
Great Waltham Village Hall

Plant donations welcome



SAVE THE DATE!

GREAT WALTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S

ANNUAL SHOW 2021

Saturday September 18th

Details to follow

Advanced information on

Photography themes:

Adult's themes

Rain, rain, rain

Garden Visitors

Growing Vegetables

Having Fun

Children's themes

My Best Friend

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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: gwparishnews@gmail.com.

The last date for inclusion in the June issue is May 20.

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