

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

June 2021



Great Waltham Horticultural Society Plant Sale

After waking up to pouring rain the committee met prepared for a disappointing turnout. But as usual the village turned out in great numbers to make the plant sale a huge success. Flowers and vegetables headed away for pastures new. Hopefully we will see some of the resulting produce at the annual show. At one point a queue formed but no one seemed to mind. This provided ample opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours in a relaxed fashion. We thank all of you who attended this event.

Howe Street Mini Library



Work has resumed on the conversion of the Phone box into a Mini Library. Shelving has been installed, the door and closer have been overhauled. Redecoration work is to follow. Details on how the Mini Library will operate will come later.

For the Love of Our Land

Alan Adcock, a well known resident of Ford End has written a book called 'For the Love of Our Land'. It tells his story "Its not just an account of one man's life on the land. I also reflect on some of todays big issues, climate change, pesticides, food production and the future of agriculture in the UK after Brexit. There were alot of laughs along the way."

All profits will be shared between Chelmsford Mencap and RABI (helping farming people). If you would like a



Alan and his wife Enid

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Notice

Great Waltham Parish Council wishes to gather expressions of interest from local companies that are interested in being contractors to the Parish Council.

Initially the areas of interest are fencing and tree works.

Contractors are to support the work of the Parish Handyman who has limited hours per week and be available on short notice for work.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

Invitation to all Great Waltham Village Organisations.

Here is your invite to join us in supporting our wonderful Village Hall. We'd love it if you could put on an act for the forthcoming Variety Show on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd October.

In the past many of our village groups have joined in the fun and that's exactly what is needed now more than ever. So, if you're up for it, send a representative to join us for a brief meeting on Tuesday 29th June, 7:30pm at the Legion to register your act or share ideas.

If you can't make it but would like to take part or need more information, please call Teresa on 01245 631918 or email teresaharper1974@sky.com Stay safe and well,

Great Waltham Parish Productions & Friends

From the Vicarage



I have been licensed to the Parish of Great Waltham and Ford End for a couple of months now and I have started to get to know people, not just through church services, but also via the websites and in person. It has been great to meet some of the teachers and children at the schools, and I hope that we will get to know each other better in time. I will usually try to be in the parish, at one of the churches or visiting people on a Wednesday, so do look out for me.

As I write this, we are just about to celebrate Pentecost, every year, seven weeks after Easter, we remember how Jesus disciples and the crowds gathered with them, experienced the rushing winds of the Holy Spirit. In theological terms, it is the Spirit who inspires us and challenges us, but also sustains us. People often talk to me about 'Spiritual' experiences, and spirituality is something which we all experience, even if we do not consider ourselves to be Christian or a member of another faith community.

Spirituality is partly our own sense of ourselves and how we relate to the world, and for Christians, how we relate to God. This is something that I have spent many years studying, both formally and informally. It interests me that some people will find themselves moved to laughter or to tears when a particular song or piece of music is played. Others will find themselves similarly moved by the sight of a new born calf or lamb, a rainbow in the sky or sunlight through the trees.

As we work our way out of the lockdowns associated with the Covid 19 pandemic, we have an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual needs, as well as our physical and emotional ones. We are whole people, so spiritual, mental and physical health are all just as important. So if you would like to reflect a little more on what it is to be a spiritual being in this world, do get in touch. Together we may just be able to work out how our spiritual wellbeing impacts on our health and how we can get in touch with our individual needs. I can be contacted by email at greatwalthamfordendrevcat@gmail.com or try calling me on 07464 321616. It is always good to talk.

God bless
Rev. Carolyn Tibbott

Celebrate 150 Years since Ford End Church and School were built

150 years to Celebrate in Ford End. Come and join us and make this a



special day. Ford End Church and School have been built now for just over 150 years. On Sunday 27th June the Bishop of Bradwell will be coming to Ford End Church to preside over a Celebration Eucharist at 9.30am and afterwards there will be refreshments outside. This is a village celebration, so even if you don't come to the service we still hope that many of you will enjoy walking up to the church, to join neighbours and friends with a glass of Prosecco or coffee/tea with savoury and sweet scones. What a great time to catch up after all we have been through and toast each other hopefully in the sunshine before returning for your lunch. The Church, the School and the

new Church Notice Board will be blessed outside at the end of the service about 10.30am. There will be a display of memorabilia dating back 150 years. Booking is essential for anyone who wishes to come to the Church Service due to limited numbers This is done through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/great-waltham-with-ford-end-pcc-31336068687>

The Village Hall and the Church are working together again with this event and we would like to have an idea of how many people will join us for refreshments so please let Sandra Brown 07736 965286 or Sheila Bearman 07977 077945 know, with a text or call . We really don't want to run out of Prosecco!! All of these arrangements are of course still conditional on the future Covid Restrictions. For the latest update do keep an eye out for details on Posters or FordEnders Facebook page



Little Waltham United Reformed Church

Contact. Rev Hans Stein. 01371 875654 / 07763 169605
Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245471990

Services for June

6th June – Rev. Geoffrey Griggs
13th June – Rev. G. Griggs
20th June – Martyn Payne
27th June – Rev. Hans Stein. Holy Communion

Ford End Gardening Club

Not quite Gardening, but Ford End Gardening Club decided they would like to meet each other again after such a long break due to Covid, so to comply with all the rules we met at the Phyllis Currie Nature Reserve at Great Leighs on Monday 17th May. The showers held off and we had a very enjoyable evening. Surprisingly, only three of us had been before and all were amazed at the size of the area, the quality of the walkways and the sheer numbers of orchids.

There was a very good attendance and all agreed this was the type of meeting we all felt happy with at the present time, lots of space and fresh air. With this in mind we shall be looking for some similar sites to visit during the summer and will keep members informed via email with the details. Hopefully, we shall begin indoor meetings in the village hall come September.
Alan Adcock



WALTHAMBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



At our May zoom meeting Eve Regelous entertained us royally with what to expect should we ever be invited to a royal wedding. It was a most entertaining talk. We are not meeting on Tuesday 8th June but on **Wednesday 23rd June** at Pam our

President's garden. Fingers crossed for a warm summer afternoon. We will be having a plant swap stall. All contributions gratefully received.

An early notice for Monday 5th July to celebrate the NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers during the pandemic come and join us for a cup of tea and cake. All welcome from 2.30 at the British Legion Hall. £2 – 50 per person.

New Multi-play Equipment

The latest in a programme of improvements at the parish's three recreation grounds saw the installation of a new multi-play unit at the Ford End recreation ground in April. It replaces an ageing wooden unit and provides more exciting play options for young children. Within an hour of the installation team finishing work children were taking full advantage of the new equipment and were seen thoroughly enjoying themselves. The latest addition follows on from the recent goal arena installation at Great

Waltham and see-saw at Howe Street recreation grounds. More information on planned recreation ground improvement works is available from Great Waltham Parish Council.



A Patch of Peace , feeling lonely , bereaved or just struggling with how you're feeling especially after a long time of lockdown and isolation?

Maybe you're a carer for a member of the family that just needs some 'me' time or a homemaker that needs a different view. Maybe your a teenager who needs time away from study and social media?

Whatever your age (under 16's must be accompanied) this is open to everyone.

Would an opportunity to connect with nature and grow some food , a little potter and a chance to talk about anything and everything be of interest to you or someone you know.

Once a fortnight will be a 'gather together' to meet and talk and have a cuppa. But the patches can be tended to at anytime .

In conjunction with the Parish Council, Plot 1 at Brookmead allotments will become our ' Patches of Peace' - fresh produce that grows on the plot can be picked,taken and eaten at home for those are nurturing nature. Think of it as a community plate If you are interested please email cllrjop@gmail.com for time and date of first meet .

We also have smaller plots in Plot 2 that measure 2m square, available for rent , ideal for beginners or those who only need a small plot to grow flowers or veg.

Please contact clerk@greatwalthamparsihcouncil.co.uk

Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group

The aim of the group is to provide short term and ongoing help to meet the needs of elderly local residents for whom there is no statutory provision.

Predominately this will involve providing transport to doctor or hospital appointments.

If you require the services of the group, please call our co-ordinators who are:

Gill Mitchell 01245 362215

Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483

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Ford End Senior Tea Afternoons

We still need to be patient with having a group tea inside as our numbers are still above the allowed people who can meet inside. I would like to wait to hear what is going to happen on the 21st June. If restrictions are lifted then I will arrange a tea in the first weeks of July or if not then hopefully. if the weather is warm enough we will have tea in the garden.
I hope you are enjoying a little more freedom now and that we can enjoy sunshine in the next few weeks although today it is torrential rain. My garden does need the rain though. Please look after yourselves and look forward to seeing you all soon.
Sheila

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Mike Steel - New County Councillor for Broomfield and Writtle division

After 16 years of being the County Cllr for Broomfield and Writtle, John Aldridge has retired. I would like to thank John for his dedicated service over that time. I was fortunate to be elected in his place on the 6th May 2021. I have a history of addressing ECC issues and now I can deal with them from the inside as a County Cllr. My background includes being a Parish Cllr for the last 20 years and I am also a City Cllr for Broomfield and the Walthams. The Broomfield and Writtle County Council division is physically large and covers a number of rural parish areas, namely Writtle, Broomfield, Great Waltham, Little Waltham, Great and Little Leighs, Chignal, Good Easter, Highwood, Pleshey, Roxwell, Mashbury and the new developments in Broomfield, Little Waltham and Chignal. I intend to join the many Parish Council meetings when I can, and have already started. I am a great believer in Parish Councils and their knowledge of the local issues. Like John, I will continue to send information on ECC initiatives and issues to future editions of your parish magazine. If you have problems about County Council issues, such as highways, flooding, overgrown verges, public rights of way, fly tipping etc, I would encourage you to report them, in the first instance, on the ECC website, <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us> If you need to contact me, email me on cllr.mike.steel@essex.gov.uk **Cllr Mike Steel Member for Broomfield & Writtle Tel: 01245 360918** I have adopted the Essex County Council Standard Privacy Notice for Councillors, this tells you what I do with your personal information. To view the privacy notice click on the [Councillor page](#)

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Join us for a brief meeting at the Legion on Tuesday 29th June 7:30pm where you can register your act or share ideas. If you can't make it give Teresa a call on 01245631918

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We are close to breaking for the Whitsun Half-Term break, leaving only seven weeks left of the school year. Similarly, to 2019-20 it has not been a 'normal' school year. We have been operating in 'bubbles' all year meaning the children are not really mixing with other pupils not from their class. We have also seen so many restrictions regarding the programme of events that children can access – schools trips, sport, visitors to school etc.

However, the children are to be commended for their positive attitude in 2020-21, including returning to school after the Lockdown between January and March 2021.

Now that restrictions have eased the school have managed to ensure our Y6 Leavers have some fun events to remember their time at Great Waltham Primary School. In the final few weeks they have a residential trip booked to Flatford Mills in Suffolk, an activity day at Skreens Park, learning a dance to perform, Crucial Crew – to help their transition to high school, picnic and rounders after their test week and a church service to mark their time at primary school. The Y6 parents have also organised activities for the children. We will share news and photos in July.

The school PTA (FOGWS) have been working hard to help fundraise for a running track to circle the school playing field. Over the May Bank holiday weekend children and their families participated in the Sir Capt Tom 100 – the idea being to gain sponsorship for activities related to the number 100! The children and their families were very imaginative and some of the 100s were: 100 rounds with my boxing dummy; 100 laps of the pond (a total of 2.25 miles); 100 bounces on the trampoline from two children; 100 fairy cakes baked and decorated; 100 star jumps; 100 km run in a weekend (4 people sharing); 100 oat biscuits baked; 100 netball goals; 100 times of writing "Tomorrow will be a good day"

So far, nearly £1000 has been raised!

We look forward to sharing photos and news for the final half-term of the school year with the Parish News readers. Take care – all at Great Waltham Primary School.



Louie boxing 100 rounds



Penelope and her 100 cakes



Rory's 100 starjumps

GREAT WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Throughout Lockdowns we have remained open for Up Up and Away Preschool and the Parish Council but, sadly, apart from brief interludes the rest of our community have had to keep away. With the easing of Lockdown, the village hall is delighted to welcome the return of our regular hirers and new bookings from our community with substantial discounts up to 50% on our normal hire charges for the rest of 2021.

For booking enquiries please email: gwvhbookings@gmail.com.

The village hall trustees and other volunteers have been busy during the pandemic planning for the future. The long-awaited overhaul of the main toilets with the creation of an accessible toilet and more storage facilities at the hall is due to take place this summer part funded by grants from Essex CC and the National Lottery. The stage has been repainted and the stage curtains will be replaced part funded by a variety show on the evenings of Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd October.

The hall fire exit doors are being replaced and improved and new hall chairs are being ordered. The rear lobby to the Parish Office, staircase and landing have been redecorated and the upstairs room will become a relaxed space for smaller meetings and away from office working. An integrated electronically controlled smoke alarm system is planned and Wi-Fi is to be upgraded throughout. New signage has been designed, the front landscaping overhauled and a quote for comprehensive remote monitoring CCTV system is awaited. Longer term, we are looking to increase the number of parking spaces and create a lighter and brighter entrance lobby to the main hall.

Our pandemic led hygiene policy will continue and all users are asked to take their litter home. Bins in hireable spaces and the front porch have been removed and a larger waste bin installed on our boundary wall for the passing public. We have also entered into a joint arrangement with the PC for the commercial recycling of waste from their public litter bins, at the village hall facility. The trustees believe these measures will make the village hall and neighbouring public spaces cleaner, healthier and more environmentally friendly. Out of desperate times comes opportunities and we believe the village hall will become an even better place for the community to share.

We want to communicate better with our community and are planning a dedicated website. Meanwhile you can follow us on Facebook and check out our noticeboard at the village hall and feel free to email us on greatwalthamvillagehall@gmail.com

All residents of the parish are very welcome to attend our **Annual General Meeting** which will be held in the main hall on **Monday 12th July at 8.30pm**. If you'd like to help us out from time to time as a volunteer or become a trustee, please let us know, we'd love to hear from you.

Great Waltham Village Hall

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Charity known as Great Waltham Village Hall (charity number 301320) will take place

8.30pm Monday 12th July 2021

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All inhabitants of the area of benefit of eighteen years of age and upward are entitled to attend and vote. The area of benefit is the Parish of Great Waltham as constituted on 9th July 1889.

At the AGM:

- The report and accounts of the Charity for the preceding year will be presented
- Not more than five trustees of the Charity are to be elected with their appointment to take effect at the end of the meeting
- The appointments of the presently elected trustees of the Charity will expire at the end of the meeting

David Chapman Chair of the Trustees 17th May 2021

Little Waltham and Great Notley Patients Participation Group

The Aims of the Patient Participation Group

"To work with their practice to provide practical support, to help patients take more responsibility for their own health and to provide strategic input and advice. PPGs are based on cooperation between the practice staff and patients".

Purpose of a PPG

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

Benefits for the patient:

- Patients will be more responsible for their own health.
- Patients will have a better understanding and knowledge of the practice and its staff.
- This allows up to date information to be given to patients and will inform what decisions can be influenced and what cannot. It will also allow the practice staff to gain an understanding from the patient's perspective.
- Patients will have a forum to suggest positive ideas and voice concerns
- Patients will benefit from improved communications between patients and staff

If you are interested in joining this group, head over to the Surgery website where there is an online form and then a member of the committee will be in contact with you.



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)
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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meetings of 26th April 2021. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/>

ECC Cllr John Aldridge stated that he was stepping down and not standing for re-election. The Parish Council thanked him for his 16 years of service.

The erosion and narrowing of pavements in Ford End and Great Waltham village, were considered and a request will be sent to the Highway Rangers to clear back the verges.

GWPC were notified that the Asset of Community Value listing for the Walnut Tree Public House had lapsed and agreed to renew it.

An update on the Recreation Ground projects was given: GW Changing rooms - the builders are booked from July 5th, 2021 – 2 to 3 weeks work. The Kitchen units are delivered.

Ford End Multiplay should be complete by next week. CIF in 2021 will be used for the perimeter path for Ford End Recreation Ground. The new trees have had the water bags checked and topped up. The vast majority of the whips are starting to bud. The Howe Street seesaw is installed and in use. Broomfield Parish Council have received a letter of thanks for the donation.

GWPC agreed to use Brook Mead allotment plots 1 and 2 as a pilot for beginner use and as an accessible growing garden for therapy purposes.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **7pm Monday 14th June 2021**, details on the agenda, which will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

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