

August 2021

Support Our Churches ~ Fundraising Appeal

I expect many of you will have read in the press what a complete financial mess the Church of England has found itself in at the present time. This is not new. The financial problems have been going on for a long time but it has now been made a great deal worse by the covid pandemic. The Chelmsford Diocese has had to borrow £ 2.75 million to shore up its cashflow. The hierarchy are debating, sometimes very passionately, where the cost cutting axe will fall. Reduce the number of Bishops, cut the number of paid priests, shrink the executive and administration staff, close the rural churches. As a Parish community we face a huge challenge and what I am suggesting is a big ask. The past 18 months have been challenging. Collectively, we need to find a way to help pay for the day-to-day running costs of our churches in Great Waltham and Ford End. Things like the insurance, the security alarms which protect the lead roofs, the boilers and fire extinguishers maintenance, the upkeep of the churchyards.

The congregations attending the church cover the cost of the services and make huge contributions to the cost of the buildings, but more help is needed from the whole community of our Parish to help preserve our two great churches.

If every family was able to make a donation of £ 3.00 or £ 4.00 per month towards the general upkeep of the building just as we donate to other preservation charities, it will help to ensure that they are kept in good condition for future generations to enjoy. If the donation can be gift aided and you are a taxpayer the Government will even give us an extra 25 percent!

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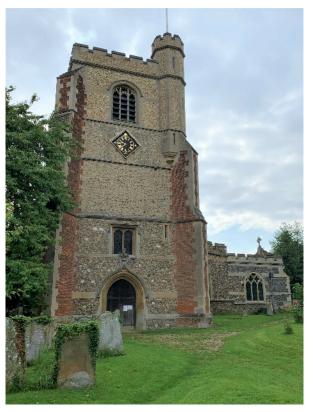
any other purpose and can be specified to be used for either Great Waltham Church or Ford End Church.

We do have a Friends of Great Waltham and Ford End Churches Trust in the Parish which is completely independent. It raises money for major projects related to the buildings and we are very grateful that the Trust can assist with some of the costs. If you prefer to donate to this Trust let me know and I will ask a Trustee to contact you.

If you wish to donate to our current appeal, then all donations can be made by setting up a monthly standing order in the name of **Great Waltham PCC sort code 20 19 95 account number 80936553**

Please call me if you wish to have some further information before making your decision and/or need a gift aid form. Thank you for reading this and have a great August. I think we all deserve one.

Roger Bearman - Chair Great Waltham with Ford End PCC. Telephone 01245 237335 or 07740880247



Is that a New Train arriving at Great Waltham Playground?

Councillor Jim Jenkins has been able to bring a much-loved item back to life with a small spend on materials and a lot of his free labour.

A thank you from the Parish Council and all those parents looking ahead to the summer holidays.

Don't Forget: Play In the Park on 11th and 20th August!!



Church of England Services in August 2021



1st August	11.00am	Joint Service	St John's Little Leighs
8 th August	11.00am	Joint Service	St John the Evangelist Ford End*
15 th August	11.00am	Joint Service	St Nicholas Chignal
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22 nd August	11.00am	Joint Service	St Martin's Little Waltham
29th August	11.00am	Joint Service	St Mary & St
_			Lawrence Great

* EventBrite Booking System for Great Waltham and Ford End Churches

Everyone is welcome to our services. Please do not come if you or anyone in your household have any symptoms of Covid-19. Please bring a mask and follow the national Covid-19 guidelines.

Please use the Eventbrite booking system to book a place at our Services at Great Waltham and Ford End Churches. Go to https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/great-waltham-with-ford-end-ppc-31336068687 Please see the Church website for more details: www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk. If you are unable to use Eventbrite please phone Sheila Bearman 07977077945 in advance for Ford End services or Jo Pritchard 07980292696 for Great Waltham services.

Private Prayer

Ford End: Sundays 10am – 4pm and the Chignals: Sundays 10-6pm - open for private prayer unless a service is taking place

Online Services

Online Sunday morning worship at 10.30am and Soothe your Soul night prayer on Wednesdays at 8pm, are available on our Facebook Page <u>Little & Great Churches at Home | Facebook</u> and can also be viewed on our

Lt and Gt Churches at Home YouTube Channel

Services at Blackchapel, North End August & September 2021

Services are now held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month.

There is no need to book your place.

August 1st3pmAugust 15th3pmSeptember 5th3pmSeptember 19th3pm

Enquiries: contact P Hamilton 01371 820095

Register for Cycle for Life

Waltham*

Cycle for Life, Farleigh Hospice's sponsored cycling challenge fundraiser is back for 2021.

Featuring routes that make the most of the local scenery, Cycle for Life offers participants three routes with different distance options; 20, 50 and 100 km. There is also a virtual event. It relies on riders raising as much money as possible to enable Farleigh Hospice to continue to care for people in mid Essex affected by life-limiting illness and bereavement.

For more information visit www.farleighhospice.org/virtual-cycle

Services at Little Waltham URC

Contact - Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654/07763 169605 Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

Sunday August 1st Marina Price
Sunday August 8th Rev Geoffrey Griggs
Sunday August 15th Rev Hans Stein
Sunday August 22nd Rev Geoffrey Griggs HC

Sunday August 29th Rev Hans Stein

We are still, Covid willing, planning to start our new monthly event COFFEE & CAKE. Tea will also be available **Thursday August 5th**. 10am to 12noon. Please come and give us a try price £1. Covid precautions will be in place and masks will be worn except when seated.



Ford End celebrates 151 year anniversary

Last year plans were made for a big celebration to commemorate 150 years since Ford End Church and School were built, but as we all know plans last year had to be broken.

This year on the 27th June we were able to hold a very reduced Celebration Eucharist with Bishop John of Bradwell taking the service.

The children from Ford End School did some magnificent displays with pictures, writings and

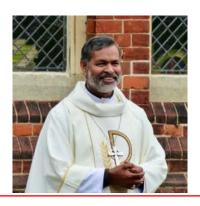
their own thoughts about the past 150 years. We

had displays of the history of both the school and church and beautiful flower arrangements.

Bishop John also dedicated the new notice board that was given in memory of Diana Stock a past member of the Church. Past priests were present and although we had to limit the numbers it was a very enjoyable and uplifting morning. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a lovely occasion.







The CHOIR is Back



We Are The Champions

No, this is not a boastful opinion of our Village Choir's performances but certainly a reflection of its fortitude and determination in meeting to sing in the open air in the playground of the Village School during those unnaturally cold days at the beginning of July. Great to see the sunshine now!

The Choir meets again at the School on Thursday 9th September. New



members will be very welcome for a free first evening after which the charge is a modest £5 a session including coffee.

Next term we will doubtless continue with some of our favourite songs such as "The Champions," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "One Moment In Time and "Rock around" The Clock" plus a few new songs to be announced on the first day of the new term.

Our evenings are enhanced by the keyboard skills or our fun-loving Musical Director, Toni Cooper. Tempted to give it a try? Please come along or give our chairman, Malcolm Ward a ring on 01245 360149 for more details.

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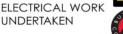
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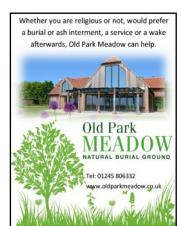
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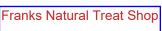














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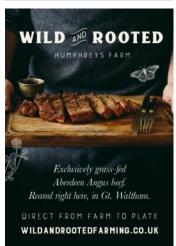
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Club news

Ford End Carpet Bowls Club: We are now meeting on Tuesday afternoons 2.30-3.30 in Ford End Village Hall. We welcome new members, so if you feel like having a go please come and join us, we're a friendly group and you will be made to feel most welcome. For further information phone: Jacky Nott on 01245 361957

Great Waltham Friendship Club: Despite numbers being low, maybe due to the exceedingly hot weather, a pleasant afternoon was spent with members catching up on the past difficult months. The AGM took place but was short and sweet with most time spent on the Club's finances and ideas for the coming year, Covid permitting. A trip somewhere would be good for everyone. Joan Lee

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The academic year 2020-21 has concluded. It has been a challenge. The school community has been resilient and worked together well. The children deserve credit for being so adaptable as they missed out on many events and experiences.

We hope an enjoyable summer awaits albeit still in the shadow of the pandemic. We sincerely hope we can welcome normal routines back to school in September.



We said goodbye and good luck to two staff members at the end of term as they leave for new challenges: Caretaker - Steven Radford and class teacher Adam Brady. Thanks,



and all the best for the future.

Miss Katie Clydesdale joins our teaching team as Y1 / Class Antarctica teacher, starting in September. She enjoyed meeting the children in July.

When we return in the autumn KS1's topic is Toys and KS2 will focus on The Victorians. All classes have been given some holiday home learning via the Google Classroom for them to explore.

It was lovely to welcome a small number of family members to school for our Leavers' Service. The children's memories, possible future employment and their performance of 'Schools Gotta Dance'; have been recorded for them to keep. Our thanks to Revd. Carolyn and Revd. Neil for blessing the children as they received their Bibles. Good luck and prayers to Y6 from all at Great Waltham School. Enjoy the journey children. They leave as confident pupils ready for the next set of challenges and can be proud of their achievements here. 80% achieved the expected standard in reading, and nearly 70% in Writing and Maths.

In EYFS over 70% achieved their Good Level of Development which a super achievement. They were a very mature and fun class to teach and are very much ready for Y1!

A very quiet year ends but a big thank-you and well done to the children for participating in PE / exercise this year. We hope to see more competitions return next year, including some intra-house activities.

Remember its important children stay active over the holidays - walking, running, swimming, cycling and of course 'playing'. The Department of Health recommends that children participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity (raised heartbeat) per day.

Whether you stay home, travel in the UK or venture further affeld, we wish all the Parish News readers a pleasant and safe summer.



A New Use for the Phone Box in North End

A life-saving community defibrillator has now been installed in the North End phone box. The equipment is live and is available should anyone suffer a cardiac arrest.

You do not need to be a paramedic to use this "Lifeline View" semi-automatic defibrillator. Upon receiving a 999 call, when appropriate, the ambulance service will direct the caller to the machine and will issue the access code to open the locked cabinet.

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID 19 situation, face-to-face awareness sessions are not available. We hope to offer these sessions later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising over the last few years. Sadly, the pandemic put a stop to our regular events, so a particular thanks must go to Great Dunmow Round Table who made a large contribution to make the purchase possible.

Defibrillator refresher Training - coming to a place near you.

If you are interested, please let Jan Patch know - sixpencejpatch@gmail.com



Great Waltham Horticultural Society recently organised a visit to Fudlers Hall.

A perfect evening and a beautiful garden. Members and friends spent a lovely couple of hours wandering around the Meacocks' immaculate garden. It was a pleasure to see the many flowers, shrubs and plants thriving thriving in the borders round the house and beyond. Following the wander we ended with tea/ coffee and cake and a chat. A delightful evening.



Ford End Garden Club



Over the last two months, the garden club has met twice. On Monday 21 June members braved the rain for a tour around Gosfield Wood. Stephen Westover, who manages the wood, took us on a long walk pointing out the different species of trees and how they are managed. There is a section of ancient woodland with seven different species. We were shown wood from trees that have been coppiced

or removed and turned into rails and posts for fencing, bean poles and firewood. Despite this wet and muddy experience on the Summer solstice we all found it interesting and enjoyable. It had a glorious warm sunny evening for its Summer meeting. The group visited three beautiful gardens in Ford End and the owners

obviously all had a great love of gardening and the design, setting and combination of the planting was wonderful. Everyone took their own picnic which we had in the grounds of the church.

As the Ford End Village Hall is unable to accommodate the club on a Monday evening,

the next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st September starting at 7.30 pm. You are welcome to bring along your gardening problems and the experts will hopefully solve them.

The Ford End Village Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Thursday 30th September at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

We would welcome anyone along to the meeting with an interest in the village hall.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved but cannot make the meeting, please contact Sandra Brown on (07736) 965286, or Roger Bearman on (01245) 237335



Farm Walk Fun

Sam Squier at Humphreys Farm, Great Waltham, took a group of invited people on a nature walk around his pastures which have been planted with a mix of legumes, grasses and herbal ley. He talked about sustainable and traditional farming and his herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle. Sam has changed from

arable farming to sustainable farming producing craft meat and the pastures are already showing an increase in the insects and pollinators that live in and around them. The nature walk and talk was followed up by a sample of his produce by way of a BBQ in Sam's garden and everyone agreed it was a very interesting talk on this type of traditional farming, and happy to see this way of farming becoming a way of life.

Sam was overwhelmed by the number of people wanting to attend and is likely to be organising another nature walk, see @wildandrootedfarming for more information.

Photo: Barry Teader

Could this be you?

At this time of year with trees/hedges and shrubs in full growth the Parish Council receives many complaints about hedges, shrubs and trees overhanging footways and roads through our villages impeding pedestrians and creating a hazard to road users.

Could this be you? May I ask that all parishioners have a look at the boundary of their property to see whether you are causing pedestrians to take action to avoid overhanging vegetation maybe by stepping off the footway or obstructing pushchair, wheelchair, or mobility scooter users or possible causing a vehicle to move over to avoid an overhanging hedge and creating a hazard for other road users.

This matter is strictly a Highways problem, but it is annoying and time-consuming to get caught up in the realms of officialdom. Let us be sensible and sort out our problems locally, timely, neighbourly and in the spirit of true community.

So, spare a minute – have a look – take some action if necessary. Thank you.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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 John Lattimore, Chairman Tel. 01245 363818

Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Great Waltham Village Hall, South Street, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF Tel 07880 717329 clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of 28th June and 20th July 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/

28th June - County Cllr Mike Steel reported Chelmsford LHP budget for 21/22 has been fully allocated and there are £2.3M worth of schemes in the "unfunded" queue amounting to 4 years' worth of projects and that he could escalate dangerous pot holes, etc, but low priority ones had to wait their turn. In relation to the Butcher Arms Change of Use Planning Application, the PC made the comment that they would prefer that it continue in its current use but understand the concerns about its viability. They would prefer that this continues as a business as a licensed Tea room rather than be lost

It was noted that the turning to Ringtail Green now had a derestricted sign on entrance as a result of it being the reverse of the 40mph sign on exit – concern that this encouraged faster speeds. Requests to be made to LHP to change road to 40mph and/or get designated as a quite lane. It was also agreed that another request would be made to LHP to change Dunmow Lane to a Restricted Byway.

Local residents have raised an Asset of Community Value (ACV) for the Butchers Arms which seeks to reopen the pub and prevent the it being converted to a dwelling. The PC support an ACV in principle that protects the building being continued as a viable business, although it does not agree with the stated objectives.

20th July – County Cllr Mike Steel reported that an LHP request for Ringtail Green (40mph and Quiet Lane) had been submitted and a speed/volume survey would be done. Also request for changing Dunmow Lane to a restricted Byway, but this presented several challenges and asked GWPC to collate its response to these. Cllr Steel had also received concerns raised by residents of GW and other parishes about overgrown Public Right of Way (PROW). Investigation reveals that this is an ECC responsibility but they subcontract to CCC. It's a 5 month schedule which is changed every year. GW is about ¾ in. Currently in month 2. Not possible to obtain extra resource and each parish will need to wait its turn. There is a Volunteer process whereby Parish Councils can take over the role. Cllr Steel to pass on info for investigation.

The Ford End petition for the Rec Ground was discussed and it was agreed that any future proposals would need take this into account but a full consultation would need to be carried out.

GWPC considered an offer of a Rowan tree for the green at Broads Green but decided to decline the offer on the basis that it was not a suitable tree for the location and that residents had previously rejected the addition of trees to the green.

It was agreed that GWPC would request a Tree Survey for tree maintenance at the GW Rec Ground and Broads Green.

There was a discussion on the concerns raised by landowners about walkers not adhering to the official PROWs and it was agreed to promote the PROWs through social media and the Parish News.

Vandalism at the GW Rec Ground was causing a significant ongoing cost and it was decided that this would be collated and reported to the public.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **7.30pm Monday 16th August 2021**, details on the agenda, which will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

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The last date for inclusion in the September issue is August 11.