



Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

October 2021

Annual Hort Soc Show returns

What a joy it was to once again be able to hold the Great Waltham Horticultural Society Annual Show, this year entirely based in Great Waltham School. The enforced long break due to Covid-19 has not resulted in any loss of quality in the entries. If anything people have striven hard to produce exhibits of the highest standard. The standard of the wines and liqueurs, in particular, was exceptional making judging challenging (in a good way). The flowers, vegetables and handicrafts all created wonderful displays. The children have clearly worked hard producing some awesome work. Congratulations to all the prize winners. Also to Mr Malcolm Smith for winning the Best Entry in the Show.

Master of ceremonies for the raffle and auction was John Edwards. The prizes were presented by County Councillor Mike Steel.

Thanks go to all on the committee for organising such an amazing event. I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped to make this Show happen through giving up their time or entering the numerous classes.

Dr. Helen Willis, Chair of GHWS



Celebrating success as the show returns
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Galvin Green Man is crowned best UK pub

Congratulations to Howe Street's Galvin Green Man pub, which has been named as the best pub in the UK in this year's National Pub & Bar Awards.

A delighted Katie MacKay, the pub's general manager, said: "Winning this award showcases everything we've been doing for so long, and it's amazing."

"We have a fantastic team, an incredible community and brilliant suppliers. We love what we do, so it's great to know that other people love it too."

The pub, which was opened by Michelin-starred brothers Chris and Jeff Galvin in 2016, was first named as the best in its region, before going on to secure the top award nationwide.

Pictured l-r: Jeff Galvin, Chris Ball (head chef), Katie MacKay and Chris Galvin



Church appeal success

Following the appeal for financial help towards our two church buildings which appeared in the August issue of the Parish News, I am pleased to say that the response has been tremendous. Thank you to all those who have established standing orders or who have made contributions by other means. We are truly grateful.

There is still an opportunity for anyone else to contribute if they so wish. If you have mislaid your August copy containing the instructions please contact me on 01245 237335 or 07740 880247 and I will talk you through it. The full title of the church account is Great Waltham with Ford End PCC. I am aware that some banks are not accepting the account name printed in the August Parish News. Thank you, Roger Bearman, Chair - GW with FE PCC

Harvest Supper

Friday 15th October 6.30pm
Great Waltham Village Hall

£7 includes glass of wine
Please bring a plate, bowl,
cutlery and a glass

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on a first come first served basis.
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Sheila Bearman for Ford End,
James Hawkes or Jane Smith for
Great Leighs and Little Leighs,
Sue Trew or Susan Sweetland for Little Waltham,
and Helen Towns for The Chignals

Please contact Alison Bates
admin@littleandgreat.org.uk for more info

Great Waltham with Ford End,
Little Leighs, Great Leighs,
Little Waltham and The Chignals

OPEN INVITATION

You are invited to attend
**The Friends of Great Waltham &
Ford End Churches Trust**
Annual General Meeting
To be held at Great Waltham Church
on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at
7.00pm


We will be publicising future events
and would be very pleased to hear
suggestions for events that you would
like us to put on.

All are welcome!

Children's Pumpkin Carving Workshop

October 30th 2pm-4pm

Booking essential



Contact Lucy Johnson

07538 400066

October's Ford End Senior Tea

For this month only I am holding the tea on a Tuesday. I hope this will be suitable for everyone. Therefore it will be at Woodstock on Tuesday 26th October at 2pm. I look forward to seeing you all.

For more information contact me Sheila on 07977 077945

Church of England Services in October

3 rd	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
10 th	9.30am	Harvest Festival	Ford End
15 th	6.30pm	Harvest Supper	Great Waltham
17 th	11.00am	Harvest Festival	St Nicholas Chignal Smealy Great Waltham
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Great Waltham
24 th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
31 st	11am	Joint Harvest Service	St Mary's Great Leighs CM3 1PP

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.
<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.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday 9am Morning Prayer at Gt Waltham Church

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 [Little & Great Churches at Home | Facebook](#) and on our [Lt and Gt Churches at Home YouTube Channel](#)

Parish administrator: Alison Bates admin@littleandgreat.org.uk
Tel: 07957 228467 www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk

Services at Blackchapel, North End

Services are now held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month.
There is no need to book your place.

October 3 rd	3pm
October 17 th	3pm

Enquiries: contact P Hamilton 01371 820095

URC Little Waltham services

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

Sunday Oct 3rd. 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Rev Hans Stein
Sunday Oct 10th 10.30am Charles de Lacey
Sunday Oct 17th 10.30am Rev Geoffrey Griggs
Sunday Oct 24th 10.30am Rev Hans Stein
Sunday Oct 31st Joint Service at Gt Dunmow Rev Hans Stein

October 2nd 4.30 pm Harvest Supper
October 7th Coffee & Cake 10am - 12 midday

Great Waltham promoted to the Premier Division

Great Waltham Cricket Club (GWCC) have done the village proud by winning Division 1 of the Mid-Essex cricket league. In doing so they return to the Premier Division for the first time in two decades.

Promotion over rivals Noak Hill and Basildon was secured on the final day of the season thanks to an emphatic win at Woodham Mortimer by 143 runs.

Josh Fitzwater, in his debut season as Great Waltham captain, was delighted with the campaign saying: "It is brilliant to win the league and gain promotion back to the top division, even better to do so largely with a young team of players who live locally and have progressed through the clubs junior set-up. We are very grateful to all those associated with the club, from our incredibly loyal supporters, hard-working committee, talented groundsman, generous local sponsors and inspirational Chair, Graham Brown, for playing such a critical role in this collective achievement."

After the Celebrations that are planned for the Club and League awards' dinners, attention will turn to pre-season training to prepare for the Premier Division. If you are a player, parent of a player, sponsor or supporter wanting to get involved in the club for the 2022 season, you are very welcome and can learn more via the club's website: <https://gwcc.hitscricket.com/> Well done GWCC and good luck next season.



Ford End Garden Club

Please note that the garden club will in future be meeting on the third Wednesday in the month starting at the usual time of 7.30pm.

At the September meeting hyacinth bulbs (the indoor variety) were given out for members to pot up and bring along to the January meeting to see who has produced the best display. Many thanks to Alan for delivering the bulbs to members who didn't manage to attend the meeting.

Our October meeting will be on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Ford End village hall.

British Legion appeals for Centenary celebration memories

The Royal British Legion are celebrating their centenary this year, it being 100 years since being formed in 1921. Gt Waltham Legion Branch was formed in 1927.

Our branch has decided to highlight the event and thought we would like to put on a display of the history of the branch over the years.

The Royal British Legion Branch does not possess much archive material, so we would like to ask members of our community who may have family and relatives who may have memories and photographs to help us.

Members of our village community were responsible for creating the Legion in 1927. They originally met and used the village hall which for few years was called 'The Village Club' back then. There was a snooker table in the club room. About 1945 the committee and Club members moved to the Legion hall where it exists today albeit with a some modern modifications.

If anyone has information, newspaper cuttings, photos etc to help build on the history of the branch, please notify John Andrews, branch chairman on 01245 362538 or 07740 871170 email: stottlerstag@gmail.com

Three wins in a row for local natural burial ground

Old Park Meadow Natural Burial Ground are pleased to have won the 2021 silver prize at the National Cemetery of the Year Awards for the third year running.

Philip Potts of the Memorial Awareness Board said: "The awards are an excellent opportunity to reward hard-working staff and demonstrate the central role Cemeteries 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 Natural Burial Ground performed exceptionally throughout the extensive judging period which is focused on Industry Standards, Environmental Issues and Good Practice."

Delyse Jackaman, Cemetery Manager said: "This award is wonderful for my 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."
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LIFE Education Trust

Family Disco Halloween Party
Saturday 30th October
7.30pm - Gt Waltham Legion
Free Entry for members and their guests.

A treat will be given to all children in fancy dress.
The event may be cancelled at short notice should COVID guidelines change.

trick or treat
Sunday 31st October
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Stop at the Legion this Halloween after your trick or treating. Grab a hot dog and a drink before eating all your sweets.

Waltham Royal British Legion

North End gets its defibrillator



The restored and newly painted phone box in North End now houses our defibrillator. On 16th August, we held a two-hour Community Defibrillator Awareness seminar in Black Chapel, which was attended by 36 local people. Our thanks go to Dot Parker (Community Heartbeat Trust) who delivered a most informative and interesting session. It had just the right amount of technical input with a splash of humour that kept everyone interested throughout the evening. It was good to see so many people with a willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency. The more people who know how to use a portable defibrillator, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Thank you to all who attended. Angie Rechtern



October Events



Members BINGO!

Every Thursday – 7.30pm
Members ONLY
Our weekly offering of Bingo returns for our Members. Don't forget to brush up on your calling out – "Wobble Wobble", "Quack Quack", "The Brighton Line Woo Woo."



Kid's Bingo

Friday 22nd October – 6.00pm
£3 per child
Join us for our first post lockdown school holiday Bingo. 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 unlimited squash. Kick start the October half term with all your friends and family.



Family Halloween Party

Saturday 30th October – 7.30pm
Free Entry to members and their guests
It is that spooky time of year when all the ghoulies and monsters come out to play – so get your costumes on and boogie on down with us. Children in costumes can claim a small treat. We cannot wait to welcome families back to our hall for some eerie shenanigans.



Trick or Treat - Family Gathering

Sunday 31st October – 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Stop at the Legion this Halloween after your trick or treating. On a chilly autumn evening there is nothing better than a hot dog with friends. Grab a drink, eat and/or swap sweets.

We will be following all government guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. All events and sports fixtures will be advertised on social media and displayed on posters. Please contact us by email or social media for any information on becoming a member. Guests are welcome, they will need to be signed in by a member and pay a donation.

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GW Horticultural Show ~ photo gallery

A snapshot of some of the entries as the annual show returned this year



Green-fingered Alan Ripley with his prize-winning dahlias



Young Penelope was a big winner



Judging the liqueurs!



The flower classes attracted plenty of entries



Enid and Alan Adcock with their prizes



Knowing your onions



This recycled robot was a winner

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

A huge welcome to our new children in Class Australia and their families. They have settled really well and are very much part of the school life already. We look forward to working in partnership with families to make special memories with the children as they move through school. Welcome to our new Year 1 teacher Miss Clydesdale too. They get the thumbs up from all here.

It is great to be able to report some very 'normal' events! It was fabulous to see the children assemble in the hall for Collective Worship at the start of term. We sang 'Shine Jesus Shine'; and spoke about God's love for all of us. 'New Beginnings', 'Aspiration', 'Talents' and 'Good to be Me' have been the early themes in Collective Worship. It has been good to see children socialising



beyond their year groups too after the removal of 'bubbles' in school.

On Wednesday 8 September we were able to welcome family members to visit the school an Open Evening and talk to teachers and support staff. First steps along a pathway to what we all hope is a 'normal' school year.

Well done to the Y6 children who participated in the Bikeability Course – learning how to be safe on the roads.

Staff have been busy planning lessons, class assemblies, trips and extra-curricular clubs to give the children memorable experiences. We look forward to sharing those experiences with you in the Parish News.

Take care all,
Mr Burden.

Smart new look at GW Village Hall

A busy summer of projects at Great Waltham Village Hall has seen the refurbishment of the main toilets and the creation of an accessible toilet with baby changing facilities and a new storeroom with the help of grants from the National Lottery and Essex County Council. Traditional hand-painted signage now identifies the village hall, a new noticeboard has been installed in the porch and our old stacking chairs are on their way to a charity in Ghana, replaced by new comfortable folding chairs. Most of our regular hirers have returned after lockdown and we have many new hires and enquiries attracted by our post-lockdown discounts for the rest of this year.

Please email enquiries about hiring the main hall or either of our meeting rooms to gwwhbookings@gmail.com or greatwalthamvillagehall@gmail.com.



Heritage Walk



As part of Heritage Chelmsford, a talk and tour of Pleshey Castle was held on Sunday 12th September, a lot of people were interested in the tour and

the history around this site. There is an amazing amount of history in and around Pleshey mount Pleshey and Great Waltham churches, and the surrounding villages.
Barry Teader

Could this be you?

Do you have the ability to **spare a couple of hours** a month to support your local preschool? Are you perhaps a **retired Teacher or Nursery Nurse**? Perhaps you live in the area and would like to **become more involved** in your community?

Up Up and Away Preschool in Great Waltham are looking for some **volunteers to join its small and friendly Committee**. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of the preschool and its workings, just a keen enthusiasm and ability to give some of your time. We would be especially keen to hear from anyone with a background HR, Compliance or Childcare – but these are not essential!

Please contact Tessa Rose (preschool Chair) for more information on upupandawaycommittee@gmail.com

The Village Choir

The Village Choir is going strong and meeting at 7.00pm in the School every Thursday evening. New songs this term are "You Raise Me Up," Fat's Waller's great "Aint Misbehavin'" and Liverpool FC's theme song, "You'll Never Walk Alone" We are also tentatively looking at a couple of beautiful Christmas songs. Won't be long now. Where did this year go?

New members are always welcome. Just turn up at the Village School on a Thursday at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there... coffee served at 9.00pm.

Help needed

Great Waltham Church needs more volunteers to help with cleaning our Grade 1 church.

If you can commit to being part of a team and spare a couple of hours on a regular basis please contact Mrs Phil Lilley at phillilley.shaws@hotmail.co.uk

Walthambury Women's Institute

Last month we welcomed 25 members to our Annual Meeting. After such a long break it was so good to meet up again. During the evening we presented a cheque to Julie Godfrey Consultant Nurse in PICC Services at Broomfield Hospital. Julie explained the importance of her department's work.

Following the Annual Meeting, Pam our President decided to stand down after four years service. Her place has been taken by Ann Prince.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th October at 7.30 in the British Legion Hall with a talk entitled 'Carnival Time in Venice'. Guests and new members always welcome.

New hospice befriending service

Farleigh Hospice has launched an online and telephone befriending service offering friendship and a listening ear to anyone who needs it in mid-Essex. For a call back from a Farleigh Helper please call 01245 933800 or email

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Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel - Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of 17th August 2021. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Noticeboards and at the Parish Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/>

In response to several bicycle accidents, County Cllr Mike Steel reported that he had managed to get Highways to put up both a triangular slippery surface sign, and a written sign saying "Slippery Surface for cyclists" at both sides of the Bury Lane Ford. The GWPC slippery surface cyclists dismount signs had been vandalised 3 times and were removed. As requested, Cllr Steel had sent details of PROW Volunteer process which GWPC were considering.

City Cllr reported that the Butchers Arms Asset of Community Value (ACV), requested by the "Save the Butchers Arms" group had been unsuccessful. City Council view is summarised as: "There is insufficient evidence contained in the nomination to conclude that there is a time in the recent past when an actual use of the building or other land that was not an ancillary use furthered the social wellbeing or interests of the local community."

GWPC considered the Planning Application for a Telecoms mast at Ford End and objected on various planning grounds - harmful to character of the area and visual amenity, insufficient evidence of mast sharing exploration or alternative sites, further 5G not needed, has visual impact on Grade 2 church, war memorial and impact of cabinets on drivers' site line.

Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022 year, of which The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons is part which will take place throughout the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries. Events can include beacon (brazier or bonfire), Town Cryer, Piper, any other appropriate event. British Legion have already said they would like to be part of it. This should be an LA (GWPC) organised event so that volunteers and insurance come under GWPC. Working Group to be set up with GWPC nominated Chair.

GWPC agreed to contribute £100 to the removal of power from the Howe Street phone box (without prejudice or accepting liability) towards the bill received by the library group for emergency disconnection.

Concerns raised that a varying approach had been taken by City Council, over several years, on applications for cross green driveways on Cherry Garden Road. Before challenging City Council stance, GWPC need to know the collective preference of residents in terms of retaining the greens or giving some up for off road parking or access, and intend to survey residents.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 7.30pm Monday 18th October 2021, details on the agenda, which will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

Planning Application Notifications

GWPC have been informed by Chelmsford City Council that they will no longer notify neighbours of new planning applications by sending out letters in the post. They will continue to display yellow site notices, close to application sites, to inform local residents.

They are encouraging all residents, who want to be notified automatically, to use the Council's Public Access system where they can sign up to receive email notifications for planning applications for which they have an interest. This allows people to set their own criteria for notifications using the saved search function.

Guidance on how to save searches and receive email notification is on the City Council website <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-or-comment-on-planning-applications/>

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