

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End



December 2021 & January 2022



Photos by Barry Teader



The 14th Nov 2021 saw a good turn out for Remembrance Sunday. The parade marched from Duffries Close, via Hatchfields, to the War Memorial at Banbury Square. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the armed forces organisations and those that were part of previous conflicts. A short service included the piper lament, a listing of those represented on the memorial, a sounding of the last post, and a 2 minutes silence. Following the service in the Church, the Rev Carolyn Tibbott and Parish Council Chairman, Mike Steel, took the salute. Thank you for all those involved in arranging the event.

Pumpkin Workshop

Great Waltham Horticultural Society arranged a workshop to carve pumpkins ready for Halloween. Twenty five children attended. Lucy Johnson gave her expert advice and there were some excellent pumpkins and very happy children as the photos show!



Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers and a special thank you to all those volunteers and advertisers who contribute to our Parish News every month

From the Vicarage

In Church we are looking forward to the reflective period of Advent, where we remember a time before Christ was born. It was a time when Prophets and Patriarchs told of a King who would be sent from God to turn the world up-side down.

As we prepare for Christmas, we hope and pray that you will have some time to reflect on the last two years and that Advent, the Churches time of waiting, looking forward with hope, is a time for you to look towards new horizons. Far too often, Advent is lost to Christmas parties, shopping, card writing and present wrapping. We can find ourselves on Christmas day, exhausted by the preparations.

Of course, this year, after last year's lock down Christmas, we may be tempted to work even harder to make the season special. However, there really is no need... for the celebration of Christmas happens no matter what mood we are in, how hard we try to make things special... God has already done that for us in sending his son, over 2,000 years ago, to be born as an infant, a child for us to love, the fulfilment of all God's promises. This Christmas, just like every one you have ever lived through, will warm your heart at the remembering of the birth of the Christ Child. A simple Christmas will be just as profound as one which leaves us exhausted. For it is in the acknowledgment that the 25th of December is special just because it is the day chosen for us to remember this awesome gift of God.

We do hope that you will be able to come along and join us at some of the Christmas celebrations across the villages.

God bless Rev. Carolyn Tibbott,
Rev. Sandra Sykes and Rev. Butcher



Church of England Services December & January 2021

December

Sunday 5 th	11.00am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 19 th	10.45am	Carol Service	Chignals with Mashbury
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	2.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols	Great Waltham

Friday 24th

	4.00pm	Crib Service	Ford End
	4.00pm	The Christmas Story with Carols	St Nicholas' Church, Chignal
Smealey			
	11.30pm	Midnight Service	Great Waltham
Saturday 25 th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Communion	St Mary's Broomfield

January

Sunday 2 nd	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 16 th	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 30 th	11.00am	Joint Christingle Service	Great Waltham

Further details will be available through pew sheet and website
www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk

If you would like to receive our monthly pew sheet please let Alison know your email address. **Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator**
Tel: 07957 228467 admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

URC Little Waltham URC

Contact - Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654/07763 169605

Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

December

Sunday. 5th	10.30. am	Charles de Lacy
Sunday 12th	10. 30 am	Moira Walker
Sunday 19th	10.30am	Rev Hans Stein
24th Christmas Eve	4 pm	Rev Hans Stein
25 th Christmas Day	10am.	Rev Geoffrey Grigg

January

2nd . 10.30am Rev Geoffrey Griggs



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.
December 5th December 19th

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on December 12th at 3pm this year

Enquiries: contact P Hamilton
01371 820095

Ford End Senior Tea.

In December we will have our Christmas tea on Monday 20th December at 3pm. Please let me know if you are coming. If anyone else wishes to know about our tea and chats then please contact me on 07977 077945.

Best wishes and look forward to seeing you all. Happy Christmas to everyone from our Senior Tea ladies.
Sheila

Bus Timetable Changes

There might be people in our area who still don't know that the First Bus company have virtually removed the 42a service, so we in Great Waltham and Howe Street can no longer get to Great Dunmow. An X10 goes through our village but doesn't go into Dunmow, while the X30 goes into Dunmow but bypasses us!

The 42a wasn't that well used, but a reduced service or diverting the X30 would be appropriate. The PC have a newly appointed Transport Rep, please see below, and contact them with any concerns. Sue Hooper

The Parish now has a newly appointed Transport Rep - Cllr Jo Palmer

We understand there have been concerns regarding the recent changes in the bus service serving Great Waltham.

Please get in touch with Cllr Palmer

Email: cllrjop@gmail.com regarding any questions or queries you may have.

Mobile Library Service

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The Mobile Library visits every 3 weeks on a Thursday between 2.30pm to 3pm

Public holidays: There is no service on Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day or Bank Holidays.

Next Visit Dates

02 December 2021 23 December 2021
13th January 2022

Little Waltham Gardening Club

I'm happy to report that our November meeting was very enjoyable. By means of his excellent PowerPoint presentation, Robin Carsberg transported us to the delights of 'The Gardens of South Cornwall'.

In December we are holding a Members' evening with fun quizzes, food and music.

We have no meeting in January, but on **FEBRUARY 2nd** 2022 we have George Lockwood coming to give his talk and demonstration on 'Silty, Sandy and Clay Soils'.

Little Waltham Gardening Club meets at 7.30pm in Little Waltham Memorial Hall, Brook Hill, (CM3 3LN) where there is plenty of parking at the rear of the Hall. We are a small but enthusiastic bunch of gardeners who are always keen to learn more about our hobby. For more information, please phone M Williams 01245 360042

email: maggiewilliams40@yahoo.co.uk

www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk

A huge Thankyou to all the volunteers that came out for the Great Waltham Litter Pick. We collected over 10 bags of litter, thankfully down on last year.

Special thanks as always to the dedicated team who go out monthly to pick making our task easier and keeping our village tidy.

If we all continue to do our bit throughout the year, we can all make our community a better place in which to live.



Walthamby Women's Institute

At our November meeting we welcomed Joan Munden telling Nadine's story. Nadine was a member of the Special Operation Executive during World War Two. It was a very moving story.

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 14th at 7.30 in the British Legion Hall and is our Christmas meal. This is a members only meeting.

An early reminder for January. On Tuesday 11th Amanda Sutherland will be visiting to talk about "My Creative Journey" **Please note for this month only**, we are meeting at **2.00** not **7.30**, in the British Legion Hall.

The Christmas Tree Festival

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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

FORD END GARDEN CLUB

Our December meeting is on the 15th starting at 7.30 with entertainment provided by P and P (the two Ronnie). Tea and coffee will be provided but you are invited to bring along some refreshments and soft drinks or wine for your own consumption.

The first meeting of 2022 is on Wednesday the 19 January at 7.30 with the judging of our hyacinth competition which will be judged by the speaker who has been booked.

The Garden Club would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

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Highways Winter Service – from your Essex County Cllr, Mike Steel



Essex County Council (ECC) move into its Winter Service period from late October to mid-April (weather dependent!).

During this period, they grit PR1s and PR2s (Priority Routes) – over 2,000 miles of roads carrying about 80% of traffic and accounting for 40% of the network. They also grit access routes to hospitals, fire and ambulance stations, public service bus routes (where there are 4 or more a day – 5 days a week), other high risk sites such as a severe gradient or higher than usual traffic levels, access routes to a settlement or parish of +50 households. Roads with schools are not necessarily included if they do not meet these criteria.



Weather patterns over the last couple of decades have varied with mild winters before 2009 (so authorities reduced salt stocks). 2009 to 2013 saw some severe winters and salt demand soared. Highways authorities need to predict usage and are applying smarter forecasting. They don't want to waste their salt stocks if the weather is good, nor overstock as it does deteriorate over time. They have switched to mobilising the gritters based on forecast road surface temperature rather than air temp. It does make a difference. Some roads hold heat

for longer depending on location and composition so road temp can be different from air temp. Gritting does not remove snow! It is important to lay the grit down before the snow comes, hence the importance of forecasting. ECC have 2 types of gritting trucks – the larger ones can cover 80km of road with a heavy spread, and the smaller ones 55km. They can cover more distance if the spread is reduced when less severe temperatures are forecast. ECC collaborate with City Council/Parish Councils – they are all invited to join the salt bag partnership.



This year we have 72 Parishes and District Councils signed up to organise teams of volunteers to clear the snow and then apply salt/grit to areas of local concern, such as paths to schools and other important services not covered by ECC. 1 Tonne of salt is provided free of charge plus a support/training pack. I have been a volunteer for my local parish for many years and we have text group set up to get out when the weather deteriorates and we clear and grit the paths to the school, village shop and elderly residents' homes.

More info on <https://www.essexhighways.org/roads-and-pavements/winter-travel> which includes a map of the areas that will be gritted but it also allows tracking of the gritting trucks.

Santa's Sleigh is coming to Great Waltham and Little Waltham on Monday 20 December between 5 and 7.30pm



Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary Club have been aware that Santa had not recently visited some areas of Chelmsford at Christmas. The

Club have rectified this situation by forming a team of Elves and helpers to bring Santa and his Sleigh to roads in North Springfield, Channels, Beaulieu, Great Waltham and Little Waltham this Christmas. An App is available to download on www.Sleightracker.co.uk to track Santa's location and progress. Full details are available on the Chelmsford Mildmay website. www.mildmayrotary.org.uk Routes may change depending on weather and other unforeseen circumstances so please check our daily updates:

SAVE THE DATE!!



Sunday 12th December

Father Christmas is going to be visiting Ford End in the late afternoon/early evening (time to be confirmed - depending on air traffic between the North Pole and Ford End), and will be joined by some wonderful carol singers. Please do join us; Father Christmas will be touring the village in his sleigh, and we hope you will all come outside and give him a wave and join in the carol singing!



Christmas Events



Gift of Christmas Music Concert

Saturday 11th December – 7.30pm
Members £2 / Non-members £4

This wonderfully Christmassy evening of seasonal song will fill you with festive cheer! Enjoy your mince pie and relax as our talented ensemble perform a variety of Christmas songs old and new. Tickets can be purchased from the club during opening times.

Christmas Prize Draw

Friday 17th December – 7.30pm

Who doesn't love a raffle? You could win some amazing prizes at our annual Christmas Draw: hampers, smellies, chocolate treats, cards, stationery and more. Before the draw is made why not join us for a festive round of Rock and Roll Bingo.



Christmas Day Opening

Christmas day 12pm-2pm /
Boxing Day 12pm – 5pm

We would like to wish all our members and their guests a very Merry Christmas. So we will be opening the club for a few hours to do so!



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TREASURER REQUIRED FOR FORD END VILLAGE HALL

After a huge number of years looking after the village hall accounts, our treasurer is retiring from the role (he will remain a trustee and committee member), and so we are looking for a new volunteer to take over.

This is not a difficult role, but would be better suited to someone with some form of accounts or monetary skills and experience, who can keep the books, provide financial reports at hall meetings, and assist with estimating costs for capital projects and apply for grant funding, amongst other tasks. Ford End Village Hall is a registered charity, and we meet only a few times a year, and we would anticipate this wouldn't take up a great deal of someone's time.

If you would be interested in talking to us about helping out, please do give me (Sandra Brown) a call in the first instance on 07736 965286 or email me at soil1@btinternet.com - many thanks.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

KS2 children attended their first school trip this academic year on 10 November. They visited the Braintree Museum to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of the Victorian era. They loved dressing up, as did the adults. The children participated in three workshops:

Artefacts - they looked at and handled actual artefacts from the era, trying to guess what they were! For example a 'dolly' which was used for washing clothes by hand. Harriet W said "It was fun looking at all the different objects". Gallery walk - children explored the museum, reading about Victorian life and completing some questions. Frankie H said "It was cool looking at the Penny Farthing bicycle, it had one massive wheel!" Classroom experience - stand up straight, no slouching, repeat after me! Florence J said "We had to sing the national anthem". Eva B said "We wore the 'dunce's cap and tried out the back straightener!"

KS1 are busy learning their lines and songs for the nativity play in December.



We marked Remembrance Day on Thursday 11/11/21 with a two-minute silence and our Remembrance Service, it was great to welcome Rev'd Carolyn into school again. Poppies were sold throughout the school to support fundraising. The children each designed a piece of art work based on Remembrance Day. They have titled them 'Field of soldiers memories'. Breakfast Club decorated the hall with handmade poppies.

The FOGWS (Friends of Great Waltham School) have planned many events for the school year. The disco was well attended before half term, so thank you to our families for supporting the event which raised £496! Huge thanks to FOGWS for organising and running the disco. We had planned to run the Christmas Bazaar this year, but it is just too

risky to invite so many people into a confined space, during the continued Pandemic. We have a duty of care to try and keep our attendance as high as possible.



Cauliflower Christmas Cards

It has been good to be able to take children to sports events again – three football tournaments, including the annual Essex Small Schools' competition,

where children got to play on the 3G pitch at Melbourne. We also sent teams to bowling at Falcon Bowls Club and cross country where children competed in races of nearly 100 children in each race. Well done to Jamie H for 16th and Cheri M for 18th.



Children have already completed their 'Cauliflower' Christmas cards and will make Christingles in December, at school. We look forward to sharing Christmas events with the Parish News readers. Alex Burden, Headteacher

Ford End Primary School

It is the end of term and we are delighted to say that the children worked really hard. We are grateful as a school for all the dedication the staff and parents have given to the school. Hard work has supported the children to catch up and we are very grateful to member of staff who have given the children one to one support. We have been able to celebrate Christmas as a special Christian Festival by singing carols at the Chelmsford Cathedral with three other schools. It was very special to see the children singing so beautifully by candle light. The younger children producing a great nativity which parents enjoyed very much. The children acted out the Christmas story with great enthusiasm and were full of confidence. May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas.



Please come and see our wonderful school by phoning 01245 248229 for an appointment. Best wishes, Maire O'Regan Executive Headteacher

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Everyone in the village has probably been to one of our events over the years, be it the Christmas Tree Festival, the brass band concert, the Inter-Pub Football Tournament, the Old Codgers Cricket Tournament or the Christmas Pudding Workshop. Or if you belong to a local group, you may have received a grant from us. We have become a very small group and it is getting hard for us to organise the things we want to, so we are asking for people to either join our committee or simply offer to help at our events. If you think you could do either of these, please email me on joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com. Many thanks, Joanna Steel.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of 18th October and 15th November 2021. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website

18th Oct: County Cllr Mike Steel reported: Status of the GWPC LHP submissions FE 40mph and Quiet Zone where survey results did not achieve LHP support – will continue to represent GWPC's requirement and also meet with Highways Cabinet Member; Highways presentations on Safer Essex Roads Partnership initiative for zero road deaths by 2040

City Cllr Mike Steel reported: City Council Parish Boundary consultation; Licence review of the Wheelers Farm events licence on 25th Oct;

GWPC agreed to grant the Parish News £1,050 to cover its funding shortfall this year due to Covid. Update on the GWPC led Remembrance Sunday parade 14th Nov. Cherry Garden Road residents are to be surveyed on their views about the green areas in relation to street parking and communal green spaces.

Update on GW pavilion – kitchen units installed, electric heaters to be installed – funded by ECC Locality Fund. GWPC had requested a one-car extension of Double Yellow Lines along South Street, but South Essex Parking Partnership had inspected the site and determined that the DYLS should be extended by 20m to go beyond the tactile dropped kerbs. GWPC determined that they had no objections to this.

15th Nov: County Cllr Mike Steel reported: Progress on FE 40mph and Quiet Lane proposals (request that these be 22/23 funded); action taken on lack of postal services (Cllr and MP have been in touch with Royal Mail CEO Office); reduction of bus services (response from First Bus read out on 42A/X10/X30, recommendation that GWPC have a transport rep).

City Cllr Mike Steel reported: Wheelers Farm Licence review was deferred from 25th Oct to 3rd Dec - last minute request by the licensee and reasons were not made public; Effectiveness of City Council RocketO'Clock Fireworks campaign.

GWPC 22/23 budget - F&GP recommended a precept increase of 38% which is required to address tree maintenance and planned asset improvements (Pavilion upgrade, replacement to equipment in all 3 Recreation Areas). An amendment was proposed to delay the works with a proposal for a 29% increase. The amendment was defeated in a vote and the F&GP recommendation passed with a vote. The increase amounts to a £20.85 per Band D property per annum (£1.74 per month).

Bus shelters at NE, FE, HS and GW and the notice board at FE, have been renovated and wood stained. A debate on the GW noticeboard included concerns about its current location and cost of renovation and decided that it would be relocated to the bus shelter. Cllr Palmer was elected to the role of GW Transport rep to ensure better communications from bus operators and promotion of public transport. The Parish Office rent increase of 4.45% was accepted.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **7.30pm Monday 20th December 2021**, in the Upstairs Committee room at GW Village Hall. The agenda, will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.



GT. WALTHAM PARISH PRODUCTIONS 'NEWSFLASH'

WHAT: SNOW WHITE – OUR PANTO

WHEN: 20th & 21st MAY 2022

WHERE: THE VILLAGE HALL

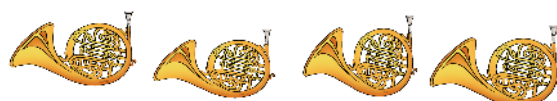
WHY: ARE WE TELLING YOU?

We are always on the lookout for new members either on stage, behind the scenes, front of house or helping with the many administrative tasks that contribute to a successful production.

Our technical team in particular is looking for new blood to help provide excellent lighting and sound support for our shows. But whatever contribution you can make, great or small, we would love to welcome YOU to the team.

If you are interested, or want to ask a few questions before you commit yourself, go to our website and send us a message and we will get back to you promptly.

And if you are particularly interested in being on stage, let us know NOW so we can make sure you are included in the CASTING process for the show that will be taking place soon. We look forward to hearing from you



Christmas Concert Essex Police Band

Saturday 4th Dember

Great Waltham Church

Doors open - 7pm

Gt Waltham School Dance Projection

Gt Waltham Village Choir

Tickets: Adult - £6, Child - £2

Phone M. Ward on 01245 360149

or J Steel on 01245 360918 or

Walthambury Stores (cash) *Licensed bar*

Church Matters

The Great Waltham with Ford End PCC would like to thank everyone for their support this year 2021 and we wish you all a very Happy, Peaceful and Enjoyable Christmas.

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 February issue is January 20th.