

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

## April 2022

### Jubilee Celebrations taking shape



Great Waltham Parish Council will be marking the Queen's Jubilee with a beacon lighting on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. All are invited to attend and join the celebration.

The Parish Council will also be issuing a Jubilee coin to all 3 to 11 year olds in the parish.

A whole host of events are also being arranged from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June

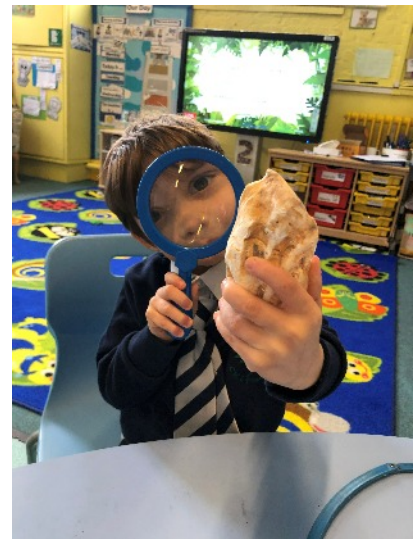
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – A Right Royal Trivia Quiz at GW Village Hall
- Musical Event at the British Legion
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Afternoon tea and open air service at GW Church
- Ford End scarecrow trail

Details are still being worked out by the Jubilee Committee – Chair [heatherlockwoodnotes@icloud.com](mailto:heatherlockwoodnotes@icloud.com)

The next edition of the Parish News will give full details of location, date and time, and where to get tickets. If you want your parish event to be included mail [mike.2.steel@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.2.steel@btinternet.com)



### I spy with my little eye ...



Turn to page 6 to find out what this pupil at Great Waltham Primary School is taking a closer look at.

### Road closures as RideLondon comes through Great Waltham in May



RideLondon, billed as the world's greatest festival of cycling, is coming to Essex from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 May 2022. The event has raised almost £80 million for charity since it was first held in 2013 and organisers hope to raise even more this year. Local roads will be affected by closures and details are below.

#### Friday 27 and Saturday 28 May 2022

Temporary road closures of 15 to 20 minutes will operate on both days in some areas of Essex for stages one and two of the professional women's cycle race – the RideLondon Classique.

#### Sunday 29 May 2022

More than 100 miles of road closures will be in place throughout the day from 7.30am to around 3.30pm for the RideLondon-Essex 100, the mass participation ride that will feature up to 25,000 cyclists.

For the Chelmsford area, the route enters the B1008 at the Felsted turning, goes on to Howe Street, Great Waltham, South Street, Breeds Road, through Chignal Smealy, Chignal Road, then A1060, turning towards Writtle via Lordship Road, Ongar Road and then towards Ongar on the A414.

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**The Venerable Elizabeth Snowden, Archdeacon of Chelmsford writes:**

In popular culture Lent has become known as a season of abstinence, of refraining from certain things, such as chocolate or alcohol and Easter Day has become associated with rabbits and chocolate eggs. For Christians, however, this period is at the centre of their faith.

In Jesus' day many people looked for the fulfilment of a promise made by the Jewish prophets, a promise of a Messiah, someone who would bring deliverance for them. Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, not with military might, but riding on a donkey. How did people receive him, the public gathered in crowds, laying their cloaks on the road and pulling palm branches from the trees, creating a pathway of coats and branches for the donkey to ride over. The crowds welcomed Jesus shouting "Hosanna".

But not everyone felt like this. For as Jesus entered the temple in Jerusalem, the chief priest and the elders came to Jesus and demanded to know by what authority he was doing this. They would have been very conscious of the message that was being given by Jesus as he entered the city in this way. Of his identifying with passages from the prophets which spoke, both promised one, the Messiah and the Prince of Peace. They were also very conscious of his family background and the fact that he came from the north of the country, the town of Nazareth in Galilee.

Crowds gathered again later that week. Although crowds had welcomed Jesus on the Sunday, however, the crowds that gathered in Jerusalem on the Friday turned against him. They called for his death. Many of us struggle with death, with the suffering of others and disaster. We have been witnessing the horrendous destruction of people's homes and the immense suffering of people. On the cross, in excruciating pain from the torture of this form of execution, Jesus, the man who Christians understand as the Son of God, cried out "My God my God, why have you forsaken me." (Matthew chapter 27 verse 46) Jesus' cry was the cry of despair, of the experience of being totally alone, AND YET.....!

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**Church of England Services  
April 2022**

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Palm Sunday Communion	Ford End
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Easter Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Easter Communion	Chignals with Mashbury
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Communion	Ford End

**Holy Week across the six Churches**

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Morning Prayer 8pm Compline	Ford End Little Leighs
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Morning Prayer 8pm Compline	Chignals Little Waltham
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Morning Prayer 8pm Compline	Great Waltham Great Leighs

**Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Foot Washing at Little Leighs

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** am (time to be confirmed) Walk of Witness in Chelmsford  
2pm Meditation at Great Waltham Church

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**

**Church Matters**

At the end of April we will be saying goodbye to Reverend Sandra Sykes who is retiring from her position as Associate Priest in the Parishes of Great Waltham and Ford End, The Leighs, Little Waltham and the Chignals.

Sandra trained here and was ordained in Great Waltham church in 2014. She has been a huge influence in all the Parishes and we thank her for her leadership, especially online during the covid years. We will certainly miss her. I am sure everyone sends her love and best wishes for a happy and peaceful retirement.

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Yet, in his suffering and his death, he identifies with our humanity and our suffering. This is not the end of the story. For, early on Easter Sunday morning, women who had stood and watched Jesus die, came to the tomb where his body lay and discovered an empty tomb. Jesus had risen from the dead. The death of Jesus is inseparable from Jesus' resurrection. This is fundamental to the Christian faith. It is a message that is one of Hope.

If you are looking for Hope, in a world that seems devoid of hope, can I encourage you to journey with the church, reflecting on Jesus' death and then taking time to pause and stand at the empty tomb, as the women did on that first Easter.





Snowdrops and daffodils mark the changing of the seasons – with thanks to Mark Francis for these images

### Help needed to manage bookings at GW Village Hall

Great Waltham Village Hall is looking for someone from the local community to join our friendly band of volunteers to take the lead on village hall bookings. The position involves monitoring the bookings email account and responding by email to hirer enquiries, oversight of internet bookings via Hallmaster and maintaining the bookings calendar. The position presently involves about an hour per week on average with a committee meeting every two months and the annual general meeting on top. There will be a handover period with our retiring bookings officer.

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### Walthambury Women's Institute

Last month 11 members met at Oaklands Park for the start of the 'Yellow Brick Road' walk, led by Alan Panphilon who outlined the history of the area.

At our main meeting Jackie Marshall-Ward organised a quiz entitled "My Gran also had one of these". It was a fun evening trying to guess what each item was originally used for and what it was made from.

This month we meet at 7.30 in the British Legion Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April with a speaker from the Wilderness Foundation. It is also our General Meeting and the Committee hope as many members as possible will attend.

### Ford End Senior Tea

Spring seems to be upon us with the wonderful yellow and purple flowers opening. I know this a difficult time but I would like to wish everyone a very peaceful and happy Easter. Our tea this month will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at Woodstock Ford End CM3 1 LH. If you have not been before do let me know so we may welcome you. Sheila 07977 077945

### Services at Blackchapel, North End April 2022

All main services will be at 3.00 pm unless otherwise stated

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Worship at 3.00 pm
- April 15<sup>th</sup> **GOOD FRIDAY** Quiet meditation and prayer. Chapel open 12 noon to 1pm
- April 17<sup>th</sup> **EASTER SUNDAY** Holy Communion at 3.00pm
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Family Worship at 3.00 pm

For further information contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

### URC Little Waltham

April 2022

Contact Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654/07763169605  
Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245471990

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Marina 10.30am
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Rev Geoffrey Griggs Palm Sunday 10.30am
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Rev Hans Stein Good Friday 6pm
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Rev Hans Stein Easter Day HC 10.30am
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Rev Hans Stein

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 12 Noon. Coffee & Cake  
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## News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We are nearing the end of the spring term – so many exciting things happening in school to report. Covid cases are still evident and the current crisis in Ukraine is obviously a sensitive topic. It's important that children are informed in an appropriate way. Y6 children's understanding of this conflict will be very different to an EYFS pupil of 4 years of age.



We have very much enjoyed book week. It was great to welcome Grant Strong, a local author, into school to start proceedings. He read part of his book, 'Running Deep' using some Y6 children to act out some parts. The buzz word for writing was 'imagination' This theme continued in the class workshops for KS2.

Dress up day is always a favourite with the children. We found Wally and there were many Harry Potters too! On Thursday, we welcomed local author, Tersha Cutmore and illustrator Victoria Ward-Fowler to talk to the EYFS and KS1 children about writing and to read



their fabulous debut book 'The Lion Who Could Not Eat Meat'.

Science week was great fun (see photo page 1). Billie Bond (local sculptor) captivated the pupils' interest in rocks with workshops for the KS2 classes. Billie said "What a brilliant day with the pupils at Great Waltham school. They made some amazing sculptures using flint and plasticine, did observational paintings of Hertfordshire puddingstone, did a story board inspired by a real Neolithic hand axe and drew Essex rock deep time chart. My favourite were the sculptures of course". Children were treated to some amazing science demonstrations in assembly- real 'wow' factor – thanks to the FOGWS for organising the 'Science Dude's' visit to school. They enjoyed lessons about famous scientists and got to share the projects they had been working so hard in preparing for the 'Science Fair'.

Class Antarctica delivered a splendid class assembly – so nice to be able to welcome families back into school.

The children are nearing the end of their topics, KS1 – 'Fire, Fire' and KS2 – 'Extreme Earth'. They all deserve credit for the way they have really immersed themselves in these great experiences, learning has been very positive.

Netball - we have two fixtures coming up before Easter and a tournament early in the summer term.

Cross Country - we are so proud to have taken 52 of our 166 pupils to the cross county races at Melbourn Athletics stadium on March 14. All the children gave a good account of themselves. Some of the races had close to 100 competitors!

Notable finishes (top 30) were:

Isabella F, 4th in EYFS girls

Bertie H, 5th in EYFS boys.

Sadie D 1st (Gold medal and she will now race at the county finals!)



Quick Sticks Hockey x6 Y5/6 children - Teddy C, Jamie H, Iris I, Maddy M, Blake M and Seth LT played brilliantly to finish 7th out of 20 teams in a tournament.



After 14 years teaching at such a lovely school I am now moving to another local school, starting in September. I have been blessed to work here with so many great staff, governors, parents and of course the children. I leave with many happy memories of working in this community.

Take care all. Mr Burden (Headteacher)



## Ford End Garden Club

Chris Whiting gave an illustrated talk at our March meeting on dahlias and the best way to grow them. Besides being the professional gardener for a 26 acre estate, Chris is a qualified RHS judge for dahlias and also grows and shows his own dahlias. There are many types of dahlias including large and small pompoms, lily and cactus flowered. Dahlias can be left in the ground until after the first frost, cut back and stored over winter somewhere frost free and dry. They are then potted up in the spring with newspaper covering the pot and kept somewhere preferably warm until they start shooting. Cuttings may be taken from these new shoots.

The garden club has its annual plant and coffee morning in Ford End village hall on Saturday 30 April starting at 10.00 and, apart from plants for sale, there will be cakes, books and a raffle.

On Wednesday 18 May the club has arranged a visit at 2.30 to Peacocks at Margareting and members will be meeting at the Ford End village car park at 1.30 in order to share cars.

On Wednesday 6 July the annual outing will be to visit Fullers Mill. This is an all day outing by coach and further details will be given at a later date.

## Ford End C of E Primary School

The sunny weather this month has helped us forget about the long winter. The children continue to work hard in school. They are enjoying being able to take advantage of inter schools' sports and activities that were unavailable during Covid19. The children have been composing music on their Chrome Books and becoming more fluent with a variety of apps. Thank you to our PTA who support us in funding individual Chrome Books for our children.

We have also enjoyed playing football against the other LIFE schools. Ironically, we have been very well matched with some of the other primaries and have drawn in one of our matches. We were very pleased to share the trophy and bring it back to our school for a period of time. In the summer term we will hold a full tournament against the other schools.

Our Eco council and School Council continue to take care of our school environment and monitor water usage and recycling in our school. Some children have paid a visit to the Anglian Water Resource Centre to learn even more about water and they are leading our school in managing the careful use of this resource.

Our EYFS classroom has been refurbished and looks great. Come and visit us at any time by calling 01245 237209. We still have some places in some of our year groups. Follow us on Twitter for daily updates! @FordEndPrimary  
Best wishes, Maire O'Regan Executive Headteacher

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The following is a summary extract by Peter Jackson (chair) of the Parish Council meeting of February 21st. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council notice boards and at the parish website.

Following a survey commissioned by the PC of the trees in the parish works to remove some dead trees and to thin and lower others was agreed. This work will be progressing shortly.

For the Queen's Jubilee celebrations the beacon is to be erected ... probably on the cricket field and other activities are being planned by a group of interested parties. If you have ideas which you haven't yet mentioned do get in touch with the co-ordinator Councillor Lockwood.

The bus services were discussed. It is still unclear exactly which services run through the parish and where they are scheduled to stop. Published schedules do not always coincide with what actually happens. Our rep on the transport committee will continue to press the case for clarity.

The replacement bench in Howe Street recreation ground was agreed. The bench will be replaced in the near future. The large piece of equipment in the field is due for renewal in the next financial year so if you have views on this let your councillors know.

April 19th was fixed as date for a special Parish Council meeting to be held in Ford End village hall to discuss issues related to traffic through Ford End. Everyone is welcome to come along to hear what your councillors and your City councillor have been doing to tackle these issues and of course to give your views (and solutions) to this thorny issue.

The litter pick has been completed in each part of the parish and thanks are due to everyone who contributed their time to make the parish cleaner. It never ceases to amaze me how much rubbish is thrown away from cars when it is probably easier to take it home.

Date of next meeting: Monday, April 25th at 7.30pm

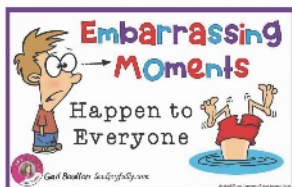
The Annual Parish Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday May 17th at 8pm at Ford End Village Hall - come along and have your say.



Great Waltham Horticultural Society presents a talk by



**Alan Adcock**  
on



**"Embarrassing Moments"**

on  
April 25th 2022  
7.30- 9.30

Great Waltham Village Hall Committee Room and a brief AGM

If you are interested please email Helen Willis hnwillis@hotmail.co.uk

The committee welcomes new members and we meet every couple of months in the evening.



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Presents

**SNOW WHITE**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> & SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**@7.30 pm**

**GREAT WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL  
TICKETS AVAILABLE END OF APRIL**

**GWHS Hut now open**

Great Waltham Horticultural Society's trading hut at Brookmead Allotments is now open to members on Sunday mornings from 10am-11am, offering a wide range of gardening essentials, including fertilisers, compost, weed control and canes. Also, open by arrangement at other times, email ianpeter.bradley@gmail.com

**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

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