

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Little Green North End

MAY 2022



Great Waltham recognise cricket chairman with life membership

Great Waltham Cricket Club (GWCC), like so many village and community groups can only exist and thrive through the work and sacrifice of volunteers.

There are very few opportunities of appreciating and marking the commitment of so many who support and contribute to our community. At GWCC we have one way, which is to award 'life membership' as an honour and a small way of thanking those who go 'above and beyond'.

When you visit the village clubhouse you will can see the 'honours board' with a list of people whose contribution to the village Club over many decades has been remarkable in one way or another. To be honoured in this way requires a majority vote at the AGM.

At the last AGM, the club's members unanimously voted to award life membership to our Chair, Graham Brown (pictured). Graham has been a committed member for a number of

years. Since his appointment as our Chairman, he has shown exceptional leadership. His commitment to the smooth running of our Club has been unprecedented. Many of our longstanding members testify that Graham is the best Chair we have ever known.

Graham works tirelessly and his ability at welcoming new members, fund raising with the support of the Club's sponsors and his focus on ensuring we have teams that accommodate members of all ages, genders and abilities has been extraordinary. Last years promotion of the 1st XI is testament to the structure and support that Graham and many others associated with the Club have established.

He joins a long list of dedicated and often under-appreciated volunteers. Thank you Graham from all at GWCC.

New on-demand electric minibus service for residents in the Braintree and Chelmsford area



Residents in south Braintree and north-west Chelmsford areas can now access an exciting on-demand, fully electric minibus service called DigiGo.

One of the first of its kind in the country, the service responds to demand rather than having set routes, with minibuses able to divert on and off journeys for passenger collection and drop off.

DigiGo connects rural communities in north Chelmsford, including Felsted, Little Dunmow, Barnston, Leaden Roding, Good Easter, Pleshey, Great Waltham, Little Waltham and Great Leighs to popular locations such as Chelmer Valley Park and Ride, Broomfield Hospital, and Writtle University College.

Meanwhile, the service in south Braintree connects villages, including Great Notley, Black Notley and Rayne, to Braintree Bus Interchange, Braintree Railway Station, Braintree Community Hospital, Springwood Industrial Estate, Great Notley Country Park and many other locations.

The new service operates seven days a week, from 7am to 10pm and caters for everyone; students, families, the elderly, and people travelling to work, with accessible minibuses available for people with disabilities, providing a flexible and environmentally friendly service for people who do not live close to public transport routes.

To book an on-demand journey, residents can download the TravelEssex planning app via their phone's app store or visit www.digigo.uk. After ordering, passengers can pay for their journey via the app and track the location of their minibus in real time. Tickets for the service can also be pre-booked up to seven days in advance. (Continued on page 1)



A message

May this year is not quite such a busy month as usual in the Church calendar. Because Easter fell late we will be in the Easter season for most of the month with Ascension Day falling at the back of May on Thursday 26th, 40 days after Easter Sunday. Then comes a period of change and uncertainty, excitement, anxiety and reflection in June as Pentecost and Trinity Sunday quickly follows. In fact, a very appropriate time of year for our Churches to be in vacancy.

During the Easter season we celebrate Christ's return from the dead, but for the first disciples I have the impression that the resurrection was a bit of a rollercoaster experience – yes, they rejoiced to see Jesus again, but he came and went unexpectedly, they never knew when or if they would see him again. And Jesus hadn't come back in power, so was this 'the day of the Lord'? What were they supposed to do now?

And then he tells them he's leaving for good, at the Ascension and we see that they have been learning and growing quite a bit. Instead of hiding in a locked room in fear, they gather in prayer and expectation, waiting as Jesus has told them to for what is to happen next – waiting for that coming of the Spirit which we celebrate at Pentecost and then go out and take the GOOD NEWS to the world.

Are we feeling a bit like those disciples after the resurrection – facing change, uncertainty, anxiety. Our world has been turned upside down, another huge jolt just as we have been recovering from the years of the pandemic. How are we to handle it? We can follow the disciples waiting and praying but at the same time be ready to act to support one another, reflecting in the pastoral care we can provide for our community. Keep a watch out for the vulnerable and be ready to help.

We are all in this together –
God Bless

Roger Bearman



Church of England Services May 2022

Sunday 1st	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Community Worship	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Communion	Chignals with Mashbury Ford End
Sunday 29th	11.00am	Joint Communion	St John's Little Leighs

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

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.

May	1 st
May	15 th

For further information contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

URC Little Waltham May 2022

Contact Rev Hans Stein 01371875654 / 07763169605
Rev Geoffrey Griggs. 01245471990

1st.	Rev Hans Stein. 232nd Anniversary
8th	John Amos
15th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs
22nd	Rev Hans Stein
29th.	Joint service Dunmow

Thursday. 5 th May Coffee & Cake 10am to 12 noon
Saturday 21st May Coffee morning. 10 am

CHURCH MATTERS

We are pleased to announce that we have recommenced home visits to administer the sacraments (the host only for the time being) for those who find it difficult to attend Church on a regular basis. If you wish to receive communion in this way at home please contact David Williams (07885232305) or Sheila Bearman (07977077945).

Peter Wells will be offering his wonderful tour and talk of Great Waltham Church on Tuesday 17th. May at 10.30am. The cost is £ 3.00 plus £ 1.00 to climb the tower (for the church upkeep). Unable to attend? Please email peterjw53hotmail.com or message/call on 07730 518484 to arrange another convenient day.

(Continued from front page)Councillor Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport at Essex County Council, said: "The DigiGo service is the first of its kind in the area, offering a new type of responsive shared public transport which enables people to simply book a journey to when and where they need to go.

"The aim through this trial is to create a service which really becomes embedded in local communities, attracting users of all ages and creating a platform to be rolled out in other parts of the county."

You can also follow DigiGo on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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

Little Waltham Gardening Club

A kaleidoscope of colour hit you when you visited the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th April for the Little Waltham Gardening Club Spring Show. It was lovely to see lots of new entrants this year and not just the members of the Club. The Club Certificate for best entry in Craft went to Liz Allen, Jean Hatley had the highest points in Photography and also won best entry in Cookery. Lesley Bryden was awarded best entry for her tulips and also had the highest points in the Cookery section. Maggie Williams did well with highest points for her flower arrangement and best entry in Photography. Best entry for his Narcissi was awarded to Pip Wickham along with highest points gained in the vegetable section. The Silver Jubilee Cup for highest points for tulips went to Sue Condie. Marion Moore received the Margaret Rose Cup for highest points in the Craft Section. It really was an excellent day enjoyed by all who attended. Our next meeting will be at the Memorial Hall on **Wednesday May 4th** and the talk will be on Vegetable Self Sufficiency in a Changing Climate.



Tea AND Talk

Everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly morning of bacon butty and bustle. Plus, each month we will be visited by local craft people selling their homemade goods.

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BEAT Waltham Royal British Legion

A NIGHT AT THE RACES!

FRIDAY 13th MAY 2022

Waltham Singers congratulate their friend and supporter,



Nick Alston, on being appointed High Sheriff of Essex and are delighted that he has accepted an invitation to attend their next concert on June 11th at Great Waltham Church. The theme of his year in office is to promote local charities in the work that they carry out within their local communities. A ballot of choir members chose Chelmsford-based Sanctus as the local charity they would most like to promote. The High Sheriff of Essex, Nicholas Alston CBE DL writes "I am delighted that I have been invited to attend this Waltham Singers concert at which they are also promoting the

Chelmsford Charity, Sanctus. Do come along to enjoy the concert and to hear a little about the work of Sanctus."

Sanctus is a charity based in Chelmsford and the only day centre serving the homeless and vulnerable in the area, open 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The charity works with some of the most marginalised people in our community giving them guidance and confidence to access the help they need. The aim is to prevent homelessness by supporting individuals to take positive steps forward.. To see more details of what this wonderful charity achieves and how you can help them, google "Sanctus Chelmsford".

Waltham Singers Summer Concert will be held on **June 11th at 7.30 pm** in Great Waltham Parish Church. The main works being performed are John Rutter's Gloria and Jongen's Mass Op130. Both works are accompanied by organ and brass ensemble, who will also be performing some non-choral pieces. It will be a pretty lively evening! After the concert there will be a social in The Hulton Hall, to which all are cordially invited. To buy tickets go to www.walthamsingers.org.uk, or phone Steve on 01245 440573. For more information about this event or about Waltham Singers email mikejwall@hotmail.com



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Walthambury Women's Institute

Last month Jo Robert's from the Wilderness Foundation visited us to tell us about the really amazing work they carry out at Chatham Green helping people to reconnect to society and themselves through outdoor adventure and mentoring. We hope at sometime to arrange a visit to see the work for ourselves.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 10th May at 7.30** in the British Legion Hall and as it is our General Meeting we hope that as many members as possible will attend.

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Ford End Senior Tea Afternoon

We all had a lovely afternoon chat in April and enjoying being back and meeting together again. We look forward to meeting any new friends to our tea, cake and chats.

if you need a lift then do let me or one of the others who come know and we will arrange something. You do not have to live in Ford End to join us.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9th May** at the summer time of 2.30pm at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End CM3 1LH
Sheila Bearman 01245 237335

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events 2nd to 5th

June 2022, in the Parish of Great Waltham

Join us at the Great Waltham Cricket Club
on Thursday 2nd June

The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm with accompaniment of piper.
Bar and hot food from 8pm (No parking on site)



A Right Royal Trivia Quiz at Great Waltham Village Hall
6.30pm Friday 3rd June.
Ploughman's supper included.
Cash bar.
Tickets on sale from early May, look out for posters displayed around the village and on the village hall noticeboard.

Platinum Jubilee 2022

Sunday 5th June, 1pm – 4pm

Picnic in the Park at the Recreation Ground on Pleshey Road, Ford End

Bring your own picnic, picnic blanket, gazebo, deckchairs, etc



No charge – just come along!

NB please note there are no public toilet facilities at the park



Ford End Platinum Jubilee Scarecrow Festival 2022

Sunday 12th June, 12 – 5pm



Follow the scarecrow trail around the village with clues for the kids

Special guest Worzel Gummidge returns to Ford End!

Tea and cake available in the church grounds – take tea with Her Majesty the Queen!

Programmes/wristbands available on the day at Ford End Church - £5 per adult, £2 child, free for children under 5 years

Great Waltham British Legion
Saturday 4th June – 3.30pm to 11pm

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St Mary and St Lawrence Great Waltham Church

Sunday 5th June:

11am - Eucharist Service.

3pm - Open air service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Queen followed by wine, tea & biscuits in the churchyard

Free event - just turn up

Great Waltham Parish Council will be giving commemorative coins to all 3 to 11 year olds in the parish.

Coins will be issued via 2 schools and GW pre-school. Anyone who has children over 3 who are not in those, contact heatherlockwoodnotes@icloud.com

For updates see Great Waltham Grapevine Facebook and notice boards or mike.2.steel@btinternet.com



Are you ready for RideLondon? - Friday 27 to Sunday 29 May

On the 28th and 29th May 2022, RideLondon event will come through Howe Street, Great Waltham and Breeds Road.. The professional women's cycle race on the 28th will mean short road closures of around ¾ an hour, but the amateur event on the 29th, will mean longer closures of up to 8 hours. The 29th event will comprise 25,000 cyclists, setting off in stages from London, for a 100 mile round trip. By the time they pass through here, which is ¾ along the way, the cyclists will be spread out over an 8 hour period! These roads will be closed to all vehicles from approx. 7.30am to around 3.30pm. Pedestrians will be able to cross the route at specified manned points. For more information, including timings on the road closures, please visit ridelondon.co.uk/road-closures



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8.00pm Monday 23rd May 2022

**The Hulton Hall, Great Waltham Village Hall,
South Street, Great Waltham CM3 1DF**

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 19th April 2022

Great Waltham Primary School

The children have returned after a two-week Easter break with much to look forward to in the summer term – trips, class assemblies, sports day to name just three!

It was lovely to see so many people at the church for our Easter Service on 31st March. Well done to all the classes for their contributions with singing, poetry, artwork and readings. Thanks to Rev. Dawn for supporting the service too.

In the summer, KS1 will base much of their learning around 'Beside the Sea' and in KS2 children will focus on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings – the children have a 'history off the page' theme day to look forward on 29th April. Topic webs for both key stages will be on our website. We will share updates from lessons with the Parish News. For the first time since May 2019, children in Y6 will complete their end of primary school statutory tests (SATs) - this will take place in the week beginning 9th May. The Y6 children here have been working very hard and many have attended some additional revision lessons on Friday mornings to boost their knowledge. We wish them good luck in test week.



British Science Week 11th – 18th March 2022 - This year it was wonderful to be able to return to our whole school approach to celebrate and promote science in our school. A huge thank you to the children, parents/guardians, visitors and teachers, for helping to make this week such a great success. The growth in the children's learning was very evident from the projects they showcased on Friday 18th March.

The Y3/4 football team played a very entertaining game against Boreham Primary School on 18th March. We took 12 players in the squad and for many of them it was their first experience of a 'real' football match.

Boreham won the game 4-2 but for the last 10 minutes, Great Waltham had fought back to bring the score to 3-2.

The school netball team have played two friendly fixtures as they prepared for a tournament on 20th April. They played a strong team from the Cathedral School and lost 14-0. Playing so soon afterwards was probably a good thing and we scored our first goals of the season in a 4-2 defeat to Great Leighs. They improved greatly at the tournament, winning two and losing three games to finish 4th. One of the losses was 1-0 – a very close game and the return match against the Cathedral School (who won the tournament) was 4-0 so you could see their improvement over time.



Well done to all the Y1 children who attended Teddy Lympics in March. They really enjoyed the event alongside the other schools. The running, throwing and jumping activities were great fun in addition to the creative arts in between events. One of our three teams scored enough points to finish 4th - just outside the medal positions. Feyi B scored the highest in the hurdle

event and won a Super Ted certificate - well done!

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Great Waltham Parish Council

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

Because a previous resolution to cease service and repairs of the mower kept at Brookmead allotment site had not been relayed to the ploholders it was agreed to continue this service for one more year and to inform the plot holders. We have been gradually updating and reformatting parish council policy documents and the process is nearing completion. The reviewed policies will be placed on the PC website.

We will have held our first PC monthly meeting in the refurbished Pavilion by the time you read this summary. In addition to kitchen, toilet and meeting facilities, a hearing loop will be installed in response to a parishioner's suggestion. Good news: quite a large group of volunteers and children from Ford End school met recently at the recreation ground in Ford End to continue work on the trees which were planted last year and to plant wild flowers along the edge of the copse. A lovely morning with a lot achieved.

Bad news: someone uprooted some of the wild flowers within 24 hours. A truly mindless activity. Of course more community minded residents have quickly re planted them

After a long discussion about the proposed extension of the double yellow lines in South Street it was agreed to ask for the tactile dropped kerb to be removed and to ask for the proposed changes (double yellow lines on both sides of the street and a 20m extension on the school side) to be discontinued. Greater use of the public parking spaces in Blossom Way to encouraged.

The presentation by Ride London was less than satisfactory as it failed to treat seriously the legitimate concerns raised by councillors. If you have a business on the route, if you need visits from carers, if you are carers travelling to clients, if you live on the route and need to travel eg for work then you may find difficulty on the day of the event (29th July), as the route will be subject to a road closure for much of the day. Please if you are affected then contact the organisers of Ride London or their partners Essex County Council. The Pc has written a strongly worded letter of concern to the organisation. The event was agreed between ECC and Ride London without consultation with Great Waltham Parish Council and is likely to be repeated annually for about 5 years.

Please note the following meeting dates: Tuesday May 17th Parish Assembly 8.00 at Ford End village hall
Monday 23rd May Monthly Parish Council meeting 7.30 at G.W. Pavilion. All parishioners are welcome.

North End Spring Litter Pick

On Saturday 19th March, a dozen intrepid Northenders sallied forth to remove the litter from the village lanes and nearby paths. It was a beautiful bright and sunny Spring morning, but the wind was straight off Siberia! There appeared to



be less litter than usual but this may be due, at least in part, to people taking a stick and plastic bag with them when walking their dog and removing the detritus as it appears. Afterwards, we repaired to the McRae's home for a welcome cup of coffee and biscuits. Many thanks to the volunteers who took part and to Colin McRae for orga-



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