

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

JULY 2022

Great Waltham Parish Celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee In Style

From the moment the Jubilee beacon was lit, Great Waltham parish celebrated HM Queen Elizabeth II's 70-year reign with a host of events and activities for all ages.

With fun events including the Right Royal Trivia Quiz and Queenstock, to afternoon teas, picnics and games across the villages, it was a time to have fun and mark a very special occasion.

The events spanned four days and started with the beacon lighting (see story right and photo page 6), when over 300 people came together at the Cricket Club for a drink, curry and a slice of jubilee cake.

The ceremony included the Dui Regnare by Piper Daniel Boreland and Majesty by bugler Kerry Bennion.



Ninety-six-year-old Betty Croot flies the flag for the Jubilee. The same age as the Queen and thought to be the oldest resident in the parish, Betty was chosen to light the beacon (below) which burned brightly to kick off the celebrations. The fabulous jubilee cake (above) was made by Gwenda Goodall.



The winners of the Right Royal Trivia Quiz, held on Friday, June 3, were the Village Idiots (above). Fifty-three eager contestants battled for the right to be crowned winners and the Village Idiots belied their name to come out triumphant. Royally Rubbish surprised no-one by claiming the booby prize. A princely supper was laid on by the WI and, with the comfort of a cash bar, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

To find out more about Jubilee celebrations throughout the parish, see pages 6 and 7.



Church Matters

The Church and the Community
The two churches in our Parish have played a huge part in our lives over the past few weeks. In Great Waltham we held an afternoon tea, free to those attending, over the Platinum Jubilee weekend after a short celebration service.

As one of the attendees commented "it was an enjoyable gentle afternoon". The following weekend the church was almost full to listen to a wonderful concert by the Waltham Singers accompanied by the City of London Brass Ensemble. The chief guest was the Lord High Sheriff of Essex.

At the other end of the Parish, Ford End Church in conjunction with the Village Hall, held a Scarecrow Festival. At least 300 people came through the village to view the scarecrows and enjoy tea, sandwiches and cakes.

The point I want to make here is that our churches are not just places of worship but centres of our community outreach. They can be places of huge enjoyment and yet be places of quiet reflection. I urge you to make use of them for both purposes.

Finally, it seems that one of the potential candidates for our priest vacancy has turned up a little early for his interview. I somehow don't think he is the right person for the post – do you?

Roger Bearman



**Save the date: Church tour
Tuesday, July 19 10.30am
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Church of England Services July 2022



Sunday 3rd	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 17th	10am	Community Worship	Ford End
	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 24th	11am	Joint Summer Communion	Ford End
Sunday 31st	11am	Joint Summer Communion	Great Leighs

Parish administrator: Alison Bates admin@littleandgreat.org.uk
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Services at Blackchapel, North End

All main services will be at 3.00 pm unless otherwise stated.
For further information, contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

SEICENTO at Great Waltham Church

SEICENTO, directed by Philip Thorby, returns to Great Waltham again for a performance of a Mass setting written for St Mark's Basilica, Venice. The concert will be the result of 4 days of intensive study and rehearsal by some of the best amateur early musicians from Essex and surrounding counties under Philip's inspirational direction.

The *Messa Concertata* by Cavalli is for 8 solo voices, violins, sackbuts and continuo and will be interspersed with motets and sonatas as it might have been performed in the 1640s when it was first written. Do join us for this feast of Venetian music on Sunday August 7th at 5.00pm in Great Waltham Church. Admission is free with a retiring collection. Further details from Annabel Malton 01245 360240 annabel@maltons.me.uk See advert page 5.

Walthambury Women's Institute

At our June meeting, we welcomed Rob Saggs CEO of Chess and his wife Jeanette. Rob outlined the amazing work Chess (Church Homeless Emergency Support Scheme) do in helping single adults in Chelmsford who have become homeless, regain control of their lives. Chess own several properties in Chelmsford for short term accommodation.

This month is our Garden Party meeting at 2.30 on the 12th July in the British Legion Hall and hopefully weather permitting outside!!

Guests and new members welcome.

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:** Gill Mitchell 01245 362215, Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483
John Lattimore, Chairman Tel. 01245 363818

Ford End Gardening Club



The first of our summer outdoor meetings took place in May when we visited 'Peacocks', a beautiful garden in Margaretting.

We were shown around the garden by the owner of the property, whilst telling us how it all came about. It was designed by both he and his wife together and consisted of a variety of 'rooms'. The photograph shows the 'peaceful' room with different religious icons to cover differing faiths. They had planted an apple orchard where they hope to eventually produce their own cider. The ground cover there had an abundance of wild flowers. We moved on to the 'dell' that they had recreated. This was a picture! It had its own streaming waterfall and flowering shrubs, surrounding it with huge rocks that had been specially imported for the building of it. As we wandered through each section they all had a beauty of their own.

Our July meeting will be the annual outing to Fullers Mill Garden near Bury St. Edmunds. For this one we shall travel by coach, making a lunch time stop at a garden centre nearby before going to Fullers Mill. There are just a few seats left on the coach if anybody would like to join us. This will be on Wednesday 6th July and will leave Ford End car park at 9.30am. If you want to join us, please ring Ann Prince 01245 362106 who will fill you in with any other detail you may want.

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held on July 4 at 2.30 at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

The Scarecrow Festival Returns



Ford End scarecrows were back in force recently, after a slightly longer gap than usual between Scarecrow Festivals, and it was a lovely sight to see! With 44 locations plus a few additional ones on the day, we had well over 50 scarecrows on display. The sun shone beautifully, the visitors arrived in droves and marched round the village following the scarecrow trail, had a try at bowls, got chased by our very own Worzel Gummidge, and finished off with tea, cake and a sandwich in the churchyard. In total we raised £1121.75, of which half will go to the church and half to the village hall.

I am always so grateful for the enthusiasm and input from so many people – from providing straw and parking, to spending hours, days or sometimes weeks on their scarecrows, delivering leaflets, helping out with the food and drink in the church, selling programmes, putting on a bowls demonstration, looking at Health & Safety, providing a history display, cleaning the church and hall, tidying up the churchyard and village sign gardens, putting up bunting, and making the best cakes for everyone to enjoy (David Williams, I need your cake recipe!!) Special mention has to go to Jonny Lang aka Worzel Gummidge, who puts himself into character and then proceeds to have great fun pulling pranks on visitors, handing out sweets and generally making his presence known, also Sheila and Roger Bearman who did a massive amount of work organising the refreshments and the seating area. But also, thanks to all the visitors who came out and supported the Scarecrow Festival. It was fantastic to see you all! Best wishes, Sandra Brown



GREAT WALTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Visit to Hyde Hall

On June 9, 11 members of the Great Waltham Horticultural Society went on a visit to RHS Hyde Hall. The weather was fine and a stroll round the gardens was enjoyed by everyone. One of the very knowledgeable volunteers gave us a brief history of Hyde Hall and then explained about the dry garden. They had used Beth Chatto's ideas of not changing the environment to suit the plants but suit the plants to the environment. The garden is never watered and generally plants left to develop naturally. There is a constructed river which flows when it rains and normally is not obvious. Some refreshments at the cafe and a wander through the plants for sale rounded off a very pleasant visit.

Save the date: September 17 is the Horticultural Society's Annual Show - schedules coming soon

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News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

The busy summer term continues. At the time of writing, 41 Y5/6 children were three days into their week long residential trip to the Isle of Wight. They arrived on the beautiful island to be greeted by majestic weather and sunscreen and water were vital daily items. They stayed at an activity centre where they experienced working in teams and enjoyed many varied challenges, like climbing, a giant swing, challenge course, map reading, coastal walk and lots of problem solving. They also enjoyed visiting Osborne House, Carisbrooke Castle and Robin Hill Country Park. They departed as many festival goers arrived! Back at school the children have practised for Sports Day activities which will be one of five days of fun for Sports Week. Well done to all Y2 children for participating so well in Mini Games, they represented Nigeria and enjoyed the various challenges.



All Y1 children have completed their phonics assessments for the year, using their phonics skills to read a mixture of 40 nonsense and real words. Y4 will complete their times tables tests in the week beginning 20 June, they have to answer 25 quick fire questions on the computer. Knowing 2-12 times tables is a vital part of the maths curriculum. EYFS are heading out on a school trip to explore the great outdoor at the Wilderness Foundation in early July. The bus trip itself will be exciting! All the children enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with teacher led activities and red, white and blue dress up day. Many enjoyed the community events too. The school has successfully recruited a new headteacher for September 2022, we welcome Mrs Justine Brooks to the community of Great Waltham and she is looking forward to meeting everyone soon.

Great Waltham Parish Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Beacon lighting - Thursday June 2



Betty Croot (right) receives a helping hand from Cllr Mike Steel as she is charged with the important task of lighting the beacon to mark the start of the celebrations. Also pictured is Piper Daniel Boreland.

Queenstock - Saturday June 4

Saturday afternoon and evening saw the Queenstock mini music festival at the Legion Club, attended by 250 music lovers of all ages.



There were four bands, each giving a wonderful performance with a range of music styles. Firstly, Alice Loates treated everyone to her repertoire of swing, pop and some old 40s favourites, followed by our very own Waltham Searchers (pictured below) with their wonderful sounds of the 60s.

Then we had a soft rock band - Mr B and the Wolf, with some of their originals, plus some 70s anthems. Our final band, Jam Jar, had everyone dancing with a Queen medley and some great dancing favourites.



The evening finished with the National Anthem to much flag waving and patriotic singing. To commemorate the 70th Jubilee, a wonderful portrait of the Queen was unveiled (below) with Club Chair Lorraine McClement and Secretary Teresa Harper, and committee member Gerald Smith.



Commemorative Jubilee Coins



Great Waltham Parish Council attended the local school's Jubilee assemblies and gave our commemorative coins to all 3 to 11-year-olds in the parish. If anyone missed out, or doesn't attend the local schools but still lives in the parish, please contact

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Pictured left are Cllrs Steel and Lockwood handing out the commemorative coins.



A Jubilee assembly was held at Ford End School and Julian Ducknell, CEO of Life Education Trust, unveiled a commemorative Japanese Acer tree which was planted to mark the event.

Sunday June 5



Great Waltham Church held a Platinum Jubilee Service and afternoon tea, in a tribute and prayers to our Queen and with a toast to her continuing reign.



The Beehive donated the afternoon teas (above left).

Some 40 people joined the picnic in Ford End Rec Ground (top right) and caught up with neighbours.



Howe Street also did their own thing (bottom left) with about 70 people attending at the playing field with games for the kids and treats for the adults. With a Jubilee cake competition, raffle and fun auction, over £600 was raised for the very worthy Dementia UK charity.

Broads Greeners (below) gathered for a Jubilee Garden Party with each partygoer bringing a dish and drinks and they had a brilliant time in the sunshine

together. It felt even more special celebrating together with families after the past couple of years and engendered a real sense of community and friendship. They also did a raffle to win a commemorative plate, which raised £100 for mental health charity, MIND.



North End celebrations



On Saturday, June 4, the gardens of Blackchapel were decked with bunting, marquees, tables and chairs for the village Jubilee Picnic. The Queen was loyally toasted in Prosecco provided by Debs and Ray Fielding and Jubilee Puddings that had been made by Debs Fielding, Sue Lucas, Sue Leslie and Angie Rechtern – enabling everyone to taste the new pudding without all the effort of trying to make it! There was music from the seven decades of the Queen's reign, including live performances by Andy LeFevre who included a song he had written, inspired by Joan Unwin, a long-time resident of the village who, sadly, had recently passed away. There were games and a history display inside Blackchapel compiled by Heather Morecombe. Thanks must go to Colin Macrae for the display and the Horticultural Society for the stands. The Jubilee will be formally

commemorated in North End by a tree planted on Pump Green – more about this next month! Finally, thanks must go to Angela, Sue, Sue, Jackie, Ray and Debs who organised this happy event.

Senior Ladies Tea Afternoon



The Jubilee Celebrations continued on Monday when the senior ladies of the parish raised a glass to toast our Queen. They have great fondness for her and have all lived through her 70 years wonderful reign.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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We really do need another three people on the Committee (or more!) to ensure GWPPs continued success so please feel free to come and join us!
Andrew Tinsley (GWPP Secretary)

Summer Soiree

Got a voice? Like to sing/ I've been told there is a distinctly beneficial psychological benefit from singing - a real "feel good factor." I know, I always feel great after a Choir session. Why not give it a try; the costs are minimal and include a cup of coffee. We meet at the School every Thursday at 7pm.

Better still, turn up at the School on Thursday 7th July and hear us as we perform our SUMMER SOIREE, where we will be performing a number of the songs we have been working on throughout the year. Tickets are just £7.00 and include a glass of wine and a BBQ. See you there! Keith Derry

The Parish Council held its AGM on 23rd May in the newly refurbished Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation Ground. This is a summary of our discussions. Full and approved minutes are published on Council noticeboards and on the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish). Being our AGM, we elected our officials and committee members for the forthcoming year. We agreed to create a new highways and transport committee.

Mike Steel, our city and county councillor informed us of others' initial responses to National Grid's East Anglia GREEN consultation proposing a line of large pylons to the west of Chelmsford, including across part of our parish. We agreed to respond in the strongest terms detailing our absolute opposition. We encourage all concerned parishioners to raise their objections with National Grid.

Mike confirmed the new DigiGo on-demand electric minibus service pilot commenced on 13th April – visit www.digigo.uk to consider whether this service is one for you. He has also taken up our concerns with Highways regarding the designation of the B1008 through Ford End as the backup for the A120 and he reported on the City Council's actions to date concerning the use of the Cherry Garden Road greensward areas by drivers for access and parking – we await future updates on both items. The RideLondon event was discussed; we noted that feedback to the organiser will be important.

We agreed to investigate further viable traffic calming initiatives at Ringtail Green. Also, on the highways front, our SID (Speed Indicator Device) is monitoring traffic through Ford End, and next will be moved to Broad's Green. We understand your concerns about the speed of traffic along some of our roads – the better our data the more we can push for action.

Following feedback at the Annual Assembly we resolved to contact the landlord to ask that the cobbled area close to Walthambury Stores be tidied. Elsewhere, the Council has been asked to crown lift the lime trees at Broad's Green to improve visibility for road users; however, a decision was deferred so councillors can visit the area to assess things first hand.

Support was offered for a 'Three Villages' initiative, a waymarked circular recreational walk between Broomfield, Little Waltham and Great Waltham. In feedback to the organiser, we will emphasise the need to ensure footpaths on private land are respected and point out that our bovine friends could be grazing along some sections of the proposed route.

Jo Palmer, our transport representative updated us on a local DigiGo roadshow (which will have happened by the time you read this). We also considered the continuing poor bus services – we will be offering robust feedback and requesting details of any improvements we can expect, and when.

The Ford End Recreation Ground consultation document is ready to be printed and issued shortly. We noted that with our landlord's agreement the Great Waltham Recreation Ground lease now permits use of the Pavilion for Council business and its availability for hire. Finally, we noted the events being prepared in the parish for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Our next monthly meetings are 13th June and 18th July, beginning at 7.30 pm.

As always, all parishioners are welcome.

Steve Gilbert, Chair

Great Waltham Friendship Club

On Monday June 20th the Friendship Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary. Previously known as the Over Sixties Club, members meet and enjoy each other's company. Trips are planned, quizzes and crafts of all kinds are enjoyed with tea, cake and the occasional cream tea. Members and the Committee have changed over the years but long may the Club continue to provide companionship to all who join. Joan Lee

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 August issue is July 21.