

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

August 2022

Snow White Pantomime – Great Waltham Parish Productions

Written by David Chapman, members of the audience said this was one of the best pantos ever put on by GWPP. The show, held in May, opened at Castle Spectacula, the home of the evil Queen, the King and his daughter Snow White. Desperate to be the most beautiful lady in the kingdom, the Queen gets her Handmaids to plaster her with make up, and then asks the Magic Mirror, who is “the fairest of them all”. Not getting the answer she wanted, she orders footman Beckham to take Snow White to Deep Glen Forest, and kill her. Instead, Beckham lets her escape. She then comes under the protection of the five dwarves Bigstick, Dipstick, Sceptick, Chopstick, and Slapstick (yes – just five of them, and they aren’t dwarves!).

With Snow White’s return to the Castle and engagement to Prince Chevalier, the Queen once again employed the hapless footman to poison Snow White at the wedding. Instead, the Queen drank the poison because she got confused and thought the pellet with the poison was in the flagon with the dragon and instead drank from the chalice from the Palace!

So, they all lived happily ever after (except the Queen)!



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Ford End Gardening Club day out



Ford End Gardening Club enjoyed a perfect day at Fullers Mill Garden, near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, recently, filling a coach with members and friends for our annual outing. The garden belongs to the charity ‘Perennial’, which helps people in horticulture. It is a tranquil waterside and woodland garden covering seven acres. It combines a beautiful light dappled woodland with a plantman’s collection of unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants. The garden was owned by the late Bernard Tickner MBE, who spent over 50 years creating the garden of today. In 2013, it was gifted to ‘Perennial’. The garden is divided into five different areas the River Lark running through it. With so much to see there and so much beauty, plus the opportunity to purchase plants and garden products, all agreed it was a perfect choice for our visit. Before we left for home there was the opportunity to buy the tea, coffee, cake and ice cream! Plenty of seating on the beautiful lawns to sit and enjoy the scenery. Thanks were

given to Ann for arranging this day and choosing the venue, which was new to everybody. We shall not be meeting again now until September so enjoy the summer break. We meet in Ford End village hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. New members always welcome.

Church Matters

While walking home one morning across the local fields I pondered whether to take the winding paths through the pretty and cool bridleway, or the path across the corn field. I looked at the field with the sun shining. The path was bright and straight to where I wanted to go.

I took the straight path and on reaching the top I heard the call of a buzzard and then watched it soaring above calling out to the world.

It struck me that sometimes we wander slowly through life looking at nature in the bushes and winding lanes, but perhaps avoiding where you have to go or avoiding or delaying facing a problem. Today I took the straight path to the top perhaps facing the problems of the day and there at the top was beauty untold.

God has given us a beautiful world to live in whether we take a slow road through life or walk forward with determination.

Sometimes it's difficult and sometimes easy but let us enjoy and thank God for all he gives us.

Sheila Bearman



Church of England Services August 2022

Sunday 7 th	11am	Joint Summer Communion	Little Waltham
Sunday 14 th	11am	Joint Summer Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 21 st	11am	Joint Summer Communion	Chignals
Sunday 28 th	11am	Joint Summer Communion	Little Leighs

Morning prayer is held every Monday at Ford End Church at 8.30am and every Wednesday at Great Waltham Church 9am.

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Services at Blackchapel, North End

All main services will be at 3pm unless otherwise stated.
For further information, contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

Howe Street picnic fundraiser

Final sums are now in for Howe Street's Queen's Jubilee picnic. The event raised £650, plus a further £150 raised via Tracey's employer AON, bringing the total to £800, which was donated to Dementia UK. Well done to everyone.

Ford End Senior Tea

Last month we celebrated Barbara's 95th Birthday with a glass of prosecco, slice of cake and lots of laughter.



We are having our usual summer break in August so look forward to all meeting up on September 5th still at 2.30. Probably change the time in October. We wish everyone a Happy Summer and hope we are blessed with good weather. Sheila.

Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We have reached the end of the school year 2021-22. It has been fantastic to be able to offer so many more events as the Covid restrictions eased. It has felt like a 'normal' school year again.

Thanks to all the staff, parents & carers, governors, volunteers and of course the children for making the year so successful. It was my last day (with children on site) as a teacher on Wednesday 20 July, after 14 truly memorable years at this fantastic school. I have loved working in this community and it will always have a special place in my heart. I am ready for the challenge of working in a bigger school in September. Thanks so much for the emails, cards, messages and gifts - all rather overwhelming.

It was lovely to spend 90 mins (+) at church on Tuesday 19 July for the Y6 Leavers' Service. Our very best wishes for all 23 children for their futures. Thanks to Issy H, Graciella B, Francesca S and Alex B for coming back to visit and pass on the Y6 awards for 2022.

Congratulations to the winners this year: Stoker Star for Maths - Ava D, Wilson Writer - Mack W, Palmer / Eva Sports Award - Cherri M & Jamie H, Tinsley Performing Arts - Maddy M, ASPIRE Award (inaugural) - Alice B.

Thanks to Miss Keeley from FOGWS for offering refreshments and to Jo Pritchard and Peter Wells for setting up the church for our service. And to Revd. Dawn for her contributions, including handing the Bibles to the children. Prayers and best wishes with them all. They certainly enjoyed their activity day at Skreens Park on Friday 15 July – and built some pretty stable rafts (see below).

Well done to all the children for their efforts this year academically. National school data will not be published but national averages will be available. We are proud to share out school 'data':



EYFS 71% achieved GLD (good level of development)
Y1 Phonics 80% passed the phonics test
Y2 SATs / TAs Reading - 74% at the expected standard or better
Writing - 61% at the expected standard or better
Maths - 57% at the expected standard or better
Y4 Times Tables 64% with a secure understanding
Y6 SATs / TAs Reading - 78% at the expected standard or better
Writing - 57% at the expected standard or better
Maths - 61% at the expected standard or better
Science - 87% at the expected standard or better
Reading / Writing / Maths combined = 43%

We were delighted to see Bobby visit his friends in Class Antarctica on the last day of term - they were excited to see him. Such a brave young boy - he was awarded an ASPIRE certificate for Strength as he battles Leukaemia.

Thanks for all your contributions to the GOSH fundraising. We have over £500 now and the target is £1000. I am looking forward to the Olympic Distance Triathlon on 7 August but know it will be a challenge. If you can donate to Great Ormond Street Hospital, the link is here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AlexBGOSH2022>

Parish News readers – can you help? We have a 'punishment book' dating back from the 1800s that is part of the school's history. We believe someone in the parish asked to borrow it for a specific reason but we cannot remember who and the book has not been returned. If you can help please call the school – 360395.

I wish Mrs Brooks good luck as she starts her headship at this lovely school. It has been great to share news with you each month for many years. I wish you all the very best for the future. Have a great summer. Mr Burden (Headteacher)

Walthamby Women's Institute

In July, 25 members attended our Garden Party meeting on a very hot summer afternoon held in the British Legion garden. Our members were welcomed with a non-alcoholic cocktail followed by strawberries and cream and a choice of delicious cake. Liz Allen provided us with a fun Platinum Jubilee quiz.

Grateful thanks to the two husbands who ably assisted us with the erection of two gazebos providing very necessary shelter during the heatwave.

We are not meeting in August, so our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30 in the British Legion Hall. Our speaker will be Alan Pamphilon whose talk is entitled "Mr Marconi and the birthplace of Wireless 1898 – 1922. Guests and new members always welcome.

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booked at the same time.

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Village Hall plea for volunteers as it hosts more community events



Following the success of Great Waltham Village Hall's 'A Right Royal Trivia Quiz' as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the committee is looking forward to hosting more community events in the coming months. The hall stage will be getting new curtains and tracks in good time for our Thursday evening hirer Chelmsford Drama Centre starting in September and, of course, GWPP's Variety Show in October.



We also have extensive electrical work being undertaken during the summer and

our wi-fi has recently been upgraded and extended. Our new Village Hall treasurer hails from Broomfield following Heather's resignation after many devoted years helping us out, thanks for everything you've done Heather.



The committee will give a warm welcome to anyone who can spare a little time to support our fantastic community asset, regular home to Preschool, Art & Design, Shimmy n Groove fitness, Hewitt Dance, Meditation, Adult Dance, Karate, Morris Dancing and more. We're also available to hire for parties and celebrations. Please let us know if you would like to join our devoted team of volunteers: greatwalthamvillagehall@gmail.com

(Pantomime cont'd)

We were also treated to wonderful dancing in Castle Spetacula and the forest, by the students of the Hewitt Dancing Group. And by Gangsta rabbit who danced off to get help. And we must not forget to thank all the backstage people – lighting, sound, scenery, stage management, and bar staff. Photographs courtesy of Michelle Dulieu Photography



GWPP usually stages 2 or 3 productions per year in the Village Hall - typically variety shows, pantomimes and drama. The scripts, scenery, sound, lighting, dancing are all done by the members. Anyone in the parish can join us to take part in a show, front or backstage. It's a chance to develop your skills. If you want to get involved, get in touch via website <http://gwpproduction.s.byethost14.com/>



Next event is the Variety Show 14 and 15 October.

Ford End Scarecrow Festival - more event photos



Due to the Platinum Jubilee coverage we didn't have room for many photos last month, so here is a further selection from the village festivities.

ADVANCE NOTICE

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Saturday 15th October @ 7.30
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Our past Variety Shows have been a great success, but as ever it depends on Great Waltham's talented parishioners stepping forward to do their party pieces.

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Andrew Linsley 9/7/22

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Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483
John Lattimore, Chairman
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The Queen's Green Canopy



The photo shows the tree that has been planted on Pump Green at North End as a lasting commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is an Acer platanoides Princeton Gold (also known as a Yellow Norway Maple) and will form one small part of the Queen's Green Canopy. It was supplied and planted by Graham Oakley of North End Nursery. Ray Fielding has provided a large deer guard - essential in North End, due to the very large herd of deer that roam the village. We are most grateful to the Parish Council for a grant to fund this purchase. In addition, most of the proceeds from the Village Plant Sale in May were used to purchase an official Queen's Green Canopy plaque which has been beautifully mounted in hardwood by Darren Crabtree. Finally, a neighbour is providing the tree with regular buckets of water (daily at the moment!) to ensure its survival. In the Autumn, the tree's location will be 'pinned' onto the on-line map showing the official Queen's Green Canopy. Thanks must go to everyone involved in this project.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Alan Martin – Vice Chair) of the Parish Council meeting of 13th June 2022 held in the Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground. The full and approved minutes are published on the Council's notice boards and at the Parish website <https://evoice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/>. Two members of the public attended, one to request the use of the Pavilion for the Great Waltham year 6 leavers event on July 20th (which was agreed), the second provided an update on the planting of the North End Jubilee tree – an Acer purchased and donated by the Parish Council.

County Councillor Mike Steel reported that the RideLondon events on the 28th & 29th May were well managed although complaints had been received from some residents and businesses. A full review will take place before any commitment to future events is made. East Anglia GREEN Project – ECC, our MP and about ten local parishes (who have formed a North West Group) all oppose the proposed route. At the time of the meeting 864 guests had arrived in the county under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Each parish has been invited to nominate their three worst pot holes for repair before the end of the year. Essex Highways have been asked to contact the DfT requesting the B1008 is removed as a backup route for the A120. Ringtail Green traffic calming option enquiries are ongoing. Mike's full report is available on our website under Parish Council Agendas.

The Council considered a recent application for agricultural storage structures off Hyde Hall Lane, Great Waltham and agreed to oppose the use of the protected lane for vehicle access to the site.

We agreed to submit our response to the East Anglia GREEN consultation strongly opposing the route.

After being informed that the current Great Waltham Village Hall trustees would be standing down next year we discussed the implications of taking over the management of the building and agreed to seek further advice on the matter.

The Blossom Way parking area was discussed following a complaint regarding inappropriate vehicle parking – it was agreed that the parking regulations for the car park would be posted on the nearby fence.

It was agreed not to purchase the replacement bench for Howe Street Recreation Ground at the current time. Similarly, it was agreed not to proceed immediately with the external refurbishment of the Pavilion, although the external shutters will be replaced and any exposed joints re-pointed this year.

After being previously deferred, the request to crown lift the lime trees at Broad's Green was discussed – councillors who had visited the site felt they did not present an immediate hazard but agreed to monitor future growth.

Also, a previous request for double yellow lines at the end of Duffries Close was discussed and again councillors who had inspected the site did not feel they were necessary at this time, but it was agreed to monitor the situation.

It was decided that the second stage of tree works recommended in a report previously commissioned by the Council should go ahead. The trees affected are within Great Waltham Recreation Ground and one at Banbury Square.

Our next monthly meeting is Monday 18th July, starting at 7:30pm at Great Waltham Pavilion. As always members of the public are very welcome.

Alan Martin, Vice Chair

Great Waltham Remembrance Sunday Parade November 13th

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