

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

October 2022

Congratulations to Great Waltham Ladies XI



What a day! What an experience! What a win! They've done it. Great Waltham's Ladies XI have added to the Village trophy cabinet with wins in the Southern League and T20 competitions.

The T20 final was played against Kelvedon & Feering Cricket Club at the County Ground, the home of Essex cricket.

In front of a large and raucous crowd cheering on both clubs, Mary Shaw's all conquering GW Ladies XI had to chase a challenging total to secure their inaugural trophy, running out winners by 7 wickets.

After several seasons of getting close, this victory was that much sweeter. Well done to the players, coaches and back room staff, that turn up week in week out, give up their time and support the club.

We are so proud of all of our players and their contributions this season, every one of our squad of 17 helped us to reach and win the final, and to continue a golden summer of women's sports

Great Waltham Horticultural Society



On Saturday 17th September the Great Waltham Horticultural Society held their Annual Flower and Produce Show. There were a number of excellent entries which was a credit to all those who entered as the weather has not been kind to gardeners this

year. There were dahlias (pictured above left) produce from allotments and gardens { pictured right), cakes, preserves, wines and spirits, crafts, photography and some lovely work from Great Waltham Primary school, Up Up and Away Preschool and individual children with whom the judges were very impressed. Some of the childrens entries are on the boards behind the vegetables in the picture on the right. Refreshments were available and a raffle. Congratulations to everyone who entered and to those who won a cup or trophy.



If you missed the show this year the 2023 show is on September 16th. A date to remember

Church Matters

As we move into October we carry the lingering feelings and emotions felt during the month of September, from the day we learnt that our Queen had died through to Monday 19th

I heard on the radio that it was estimated 4.1 billion people, half the world's population, had watched some part of the state funeral. Naturally, the church and the services played a large part in all the proceedings. The Queen, as we learnt, was a deeply religious person but whether one is a believer or non-believer, a royalist or republican we have, perhaps, witnessed the life of the greatest Monarch ever. In our Parish churches we honoured the Queen. Access for private prayer and contemplation was available every day, as were our Books of Remembrance.

A solitary candle was lit every day. Our church bells were tolled and special services were held on each of the Sundays. At the Great Waltham church service this prayer was said:-We give you thanks for her love of family and her gift of friendship, For her devotion to this nation and the nations of the Commonwealth, For her grace, dignity and courtesy and for her generosity and love of life.

May she rest in peace.

GREAT WALTHAM COMMUNITY NETWORK – Interested????



The Community Network organises, or helps other groups to organise, social or fundraising activities for the village.

You may have been to some of our great events... **Christmas Tree Festival, Christmas Pudding Workshop, 5-a-side Pub Football Tournament.** We also give small grants to local groups to help with a project or expense.

Would you like to join us?

We are always looking for helpers for our events or people to join the committee. The committee gets together once a month for an informal meeting. We are currently planning the Christmas Pudding Workshop and the Christmas Tree Festival. If you'd like to get involved, either whenever you're available, or by joining the committee, let me know.

Joanna Steel
(Chairperson)

Email: joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com

Church of England Services

October 2022



Sunday 2nd 11am Communion Great Waltham
Sunday 9th 10am Communion Ford End
Sunday 16th 11am Harvest Festival Great Waltham
11am Harvest Festival

Chignals

Sunday 23rd 10.00am Community Worship Ford End
Saturday 29th 11.00am Time to Remember Great Waltham
Sunday 30th 11.00am Joint Communion Ford End

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

Community Worship

Sunday 23rd October at 10am in Ford End Church.

This is informal Family Worship with a local focus for Ford End and Great Waltham families. We look forward to welcoming you.

A Time to Remember

Saturday 29th October at 11am Great Waltham Church You are invited to join us for a service to remember loved ones we have lost

Please note new start time of 10am at Ford End church

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator

Tel: 07957 228467

admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Little Waltham United Reformed Church Services for October Services all at 10.30a.m.

2nd - John Amos
9th - Rev. Hans Stein – Harvest Festival
16th – Rev. Geoffrey Griggs.
23rd - Rev. Hans Stein – Holy Communion
30th -Rev. Hans Stein – Joint service held at Dunmow United Reformed Church.

6th October from 10 – 12 noon – Coffee and Cake
15th October from 10 – 11a.m. – Coffee morning.

Services at Blackchapel, North End October 2022

All main services will be at 3.00 pm unless otherwise stated

2nd Harvest Thanksgiving

For further information contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095



Messages from members of Ford End and surrounding villages were written in the Condolence Book for Queen Elizabeth 11 in Ford End Church.

The Church was open for this during the period of mourning and for Prayers and quiet thoughts .

May she rest in Peace.

The October Senior Tea in Ford End

The tea this month will be at the Autumn time of 2pm on Monday 3rd October Venue - Woodstock, Church Lane Ford End CM3 1LH
All welcome.
For more information phone. Sheila Bearman - 07977 077945

Ford End Gardening Club



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 19 October and Chris Whiting will be giving us a talk on his experience as an RHS judge for the National Dahlia Competition.

On 16 November Mark Mason will be coming along to talk to us about hollyhocks and he will have seeds to give away.
All our meetings are held on the third Wednesday in the month and start at 7.30pm in Ford End village hall.
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Due to the sad demise of Queen Elizabeth II, the September meeting did not take place but members were told of final plans for Hunter's Meet on September 28th.

A date for your diary:

The AGM of the Friends of our Churches will take place in Ford End Church at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th October. All welcome.

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GREAT WALTHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Did you see the photos in last month's Parish News of the visit to our twinned town in France in July? Maybe you'd like to get involved.

In late **July 2023**, the French members will be coming to stay in hosts' homes in Great Waltham and nearby for a week of excursions organised by the Twinning Association. If you are interested in taking part, now or in the future, (it'll be our turn to go to France again in July 2024) or would like to know more, email me or go to Great Waltham Parish Council website and click on the Twinning Association page. If you'd really like to get stuck in, you could join the committee! We meet once a month in my home.

We'd particularly like to have some new **young families with school age children**. Staying in a French family's home is a great opportunity for them to experience a different culture and practise the French they've been learning in school, whilst being supported by fellow Twinning Association members.

I can reassure you that we have members of all ages, that we don't **all** speak French, and that we are not at all stuffy!

Joanna Steel

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Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group

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360 News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

A huge welcome to our new children in Class Australia and their families. They have settled really well and it's lovely to see their smiling faces around school. They have now all been paired up with a 'buddy' from Year 6 who will support and guide them at break and lunchtimes. This is proving a real success and I'm proud of how friendly and caring all the children are. On this note, our Year 5 children have received training from the Child Status Protection Act (CSPA) and are now fully qualified play leaders who can organise activities for other children on the playground. It has been a very busy start to the Autumn term, our Year 6 children have participated in the Bikeability Course – learning how to be safe on the roads. We have welcomed family members to visit the school for our Open Evening, so they can talk to teachers and see their child's new classroom. Clubs have started, these include the old favourites like running and netball club, alongside some new ones, such as Dragon Ball and Tech Club.

After the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I accompanied two children from Year 6 to the church to sign the book of condolence, on behalf of the school.

We plan to return to the church, under happier circumstances in October for Harvest Festival.

Staff have been busy planning lessons, class assemblies, trips and extra-curricular clubs to give the children the best learning opportunities they can. I look forward to sharing some of these events with you over the coming year.

Since taking up the post of Headteacher in September, everyone has been so welcoming, I feel so lucky to be part of this wonderful school and it feels like I have been here forever! Mrs Justine Brooks

In Memory of Queen Elizabeth II

This short ceremony included 2 Standards carried to the War Memorial where a wreath was laid by me on behalf of the Legion after a dedication was read by Robert Chambers, a committee member. The Standards were dipped and 2 minutes silence was observed. (Photos courtesy of Barry Teader)



Howe Street Multiplay Equipment

Following years of good service the play unit at Howe Street recreation ground needs to be replaced.

Great Waltham Parish Council is hoping to do this next year. If you are a resident of Howe Street, and particularly if your children or grandchildren use the play equipment, the Parish Council would like to hear your thoughts on a suitable replacement. Please contact Cllr. Peter Jackson vandp@btinternet.com before the end of October for more information on how you can be involved.



Update from County Cllr Mike Steel

Cllr.mike.steel@essex.gov.uk



First, I must pay tribute to our late Queen Elizabeth II. We all feel a sense of loss and will miss a Queen who has selflessly served her subjects worldwide. Most of us have known no other Monarch in our lifetime. She will be sorely missed. King Charles III's accession to the throne was proclaimed first at St James Palace. This was followed by proclamations throughout the UK and Commonwealth. I was honoured to attend both the Essex and Chelmsford Proclamations.

Broomfield School Crossing Patrol



In early July I managed to get a School Crossing Patrol sanctioned for School Lane, Broomfield. We advertised for the role, but so far no one has been appointed, so I am broadcasting the advert again. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact us at schoolcrossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk or gillian.palmer@essex.gov.uk, stating Broomfield (or contact me). The role generally suits people with a positive and friendly attitude with good communication skills who are active and reliable.

POTHoles

Most of the correspondence I get is about Highway issues. We are part way through a Member Led pothole scheme and the worst ones are being fixed (as nominated by my PCs). You should be seeing an improvement. I also get a lot of complaints about pavements. I am pushing Highways to do a similar Member Led scheme for pavements

In September we said the pavilion is on the cricket ground. The pavilion is on the recreation ground, We do apologise for any inconvenience incurred. September Editor Great Waltham Parish News

A rare glimpse of a few vintage cars

Anyone waking through the village of Great Waltham on Thursday 28th July, may have noticed, parked in front of Baddenhams a few vintage cars from the collection of the late Peter Lee and Caroline Lee on parade for the occasion of the wedding of their Grand-daughter Victoria to James Coates.

The wonderful service in the church taken by The Reverend Jo Jones who gave a lovely and appropriate address, who was accompanied by Tim Carey on the church organ and the choir 'Grammaticus' whose members are taken from friends and parents of our two local Grammar Schools in Chelmsford.

The Bride and Groom remarked afterwards to me how much they appreciated the peal of bells as they emerged from the porch and send a big thank you to all the bell ringers and also the Church Wardens who helped so much with the smooth running of the day.

The Groom's family, who are not local, remarked on the large and very beautiful church we have in the middle of our lovely village. How lucky we all are to have such a treasure in our midst. Caroline Lee



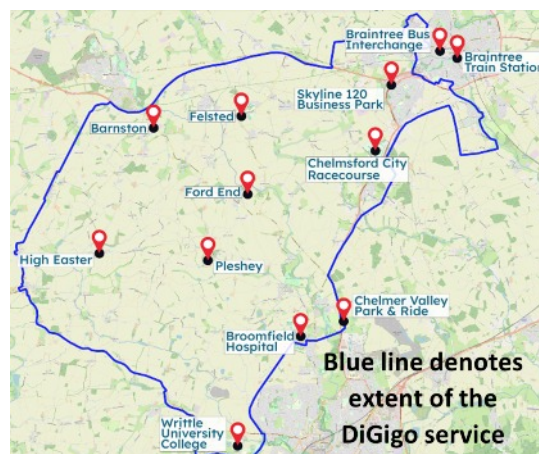
A120 maintenance works



Your Parish Council and local County Cllr have just been informed by National Highways that the A120 between Stansted and Braintree will be subject to safety barrier renewal and resurfacing which will require overnight closures 3rd Oct to 21st Jan 23 (Westbound) and 7th Feb 23 to 9th March (Eastbound). The designated diversion is the B1008 and A131. More info at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/ourroads/east/> GWPC and County Cllr Steel have sent a joint letter of complaint to National Highways with other diversion suggestions. This can be found on the GW website <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/noticeboard/> Mile Steel

DIGIGO Transport Service

DigiGo is a transport service piloted by ECC for 2 years. The service comprises 6 electric mini-buses operating from the Braintree forecourt. Using the T ravel Essex app, passengers select their pick up (a short walk from your location) and drop off points. (If you can't cope with Apps, there is a phone call alternative). The service now covers a wide rural area. Residents can visit www.digigo.uk to learn more.



National Grid East Anglia GREEN proposals

Earlier in the Summer I organised a drop-in event in Great Waltham to discuss the RideLondon event which a number of residents had raised concerns about.

Thank you to all those who came along and to those who filled out my online feedback form. Your comments helped to inform my feedback to the event organisers from Ride London and Essex County Council.

I will be sharing updates on the response I receive in my e-newsletter which you can sign up to here: www.eepurl.com/duto1j or feel free to email me with your comments at kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

Like many of you I have serious concerns about the impact of National Grid's East Anglia GREEN proposals on our local communities. In May I wrote to National Grid regarding the length of time their consultation was open and the lack of early engagement with communities across East Anglia. I also expressed my frustration at the lack of consideration of alternative route options in the consultation. Working with a caucus of neighbouring MPs, representations were made to the Minister for Energy to highlight these concerns in government.

I also had a meeting with the team at National Grid managing the project directly. Since then, to get a good understanding of the logistics of alternative options, I've engaged with representatives of Offset (the Offshore Electricity Grid Task Force) who have been campaigning for an Offshore grid.

I know residents recognise the importance of ensuring our network capability is reliable and can securely transport all the energy required, however this must be done in the right way and ensure as little damage to our countryside as possible.

I want to hear from as many residents as possible with their thoughts on the proposals. Therefore, I have set up a short survey on my website which can be found here: www.kemibadenoch.org.uk/form/national-grid-survey-2022

National Grid's consultation has closed but if you haven't already, I would urge you to make your views on the proposals known by emailing: EastAngliaGREEN@nationalgrid.com

I will be sharing regular updates on my work in response to the proposals in my monthly e-newsletter which you can sign up to here: eepurl.com/duto1 If you have any questions or queries do email me at kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or write to me at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The Parish Council held a monthly meeting on 15th August. This is a short summary – full and approved minutes are available on Council noticeboards and the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

In our public participation session, the chair of the Twinning Association updated us with details of a successful visit to Ceyrat, including the signing of the new treaty and exchanges of gifts and good wishes. In addition, we received a parishioner's written update on the success of the mini-library at Howe Street, and noted feedback on our role in the set-up process.

Mike Steel, our Chelmsford City and Essex County Councillor, confirmed that the next phase of National Grid's East Anglia GREEN enablement project will be walking surveys along the proposed route – we agreed that while not needing to be directly involved in this phase, we will continue to closely monitor all developments. He also asked us to note that the focus of the 20's Plenty campaign for lower traffic speeds could be influenced locally by the pending update to Safer Essex Road Partnership's Functional Route Hierarchy Review, which itself presages a revision of the Essex Speed Management Survey – the level of our future engagement with the campaign and monitoring progress of these reviews will be considered by our newly created Highways and Transport Committee. Mike also confirmed that a further RideLondon event has been agreed for 28th May 2023, but that full details, including the precise route, are yet to emerge. We also noted the latest situation in relation to the Bloor

Homes development in Broomfield/Little Waltham where the applications to build 512 new dwellings are reaching their final stages in the approval process.

In noting the range of activities by our handyman, we saw the continuing need to make repairs to parish assets because of vandalism. We maintain a record of costs incurred because of this type of anti-social behaviour. They become an expense we have to factor in when setting our budget, which means either an increase in the parish council contribution we all pay as part of our Council Tax, or a reduction in our spend on worthwhile projects or activities. In brief

- The initiation of arrangements for the parish's litter picking events this autumn was noted.
- A new code of conduct for councillors to align with that recently introduced by the City Council was adopted.
- Opportunities to refurbish the war memorial at Banbury Square were discussed, but we will have to make further enquiries with the War Memorial Trust to fully understand the options available.
- We adopted the proposed terms of reference for the new Highways and Transport Committee, and also agreed minor amendments to the those for the Recreation Committee.
- Our policy document review schedule was noted. We also agreed to pilot a best practice process when submitting agenda items and documents for our meetings.
- We received detailed feedback on the scope and activities of the 20's Plenty campaign (mentioned above) from our councillors who attended a virtual seminar.
- We noted discussions with our landlord for the renewal of our lease of the allotment sites at Brook Mead and Bury Lane have begun.
- Annual maintenance work at Pump Green, North End was agreed.

It was reiterated that volunteers working for the Council (either individually or under arrangements for an organised event) must be authorised and registered as such.

Our next monthly meetings are 17th October and 21st November, with scheduled meetings for our Finance and General Purposes Committee on 24th October and Recreation Committee on 7th November. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend these public meetings Steve Gilbert, Chair

Children's Pumpkin Carving Workshop

October 29th 2pm - 4pm
Great Waltham Village Hall



Cost £5 a child



Booking essential

Contact Lucy Johnson. 07538 400066

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Litter Pick in Villages and Hamlets

Weekend of 8TH AND 9TH OCTOBER



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