

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

November 2022

Great Waltham Parish Productions - October Variety Show

The shows were put on by GWPP in combination with Hewitt Performing Arts (HPA). Both nights sold out and the audience was entertained with a mix of songs, dance and comedy sketches. The dances were just a sample of what HPA do with tap, ballet, urban, modern, contemporary, disco, musical theatre and drama, along with songs from the musicals. Sam Warren runs children's HPA classes 3.45pm Wednesdays at GW Pavilion. Sam also runs an Adult Diva's class 7pm Tuesday nights. See HPA at <https://hewittperformingarts.co.uk/> Members of GWPP also entertained with dances and comedy, from the intellectual end of the spectrum (A Midsummer Night's Dream), to a taster for next year's Night at the Musicals at the



Legion (watch out for the adverts), to the ridiculous (Hamlet's Soliloquy whilst riding an ostrich) and throwing in some sketches about life at pre-school and fishing on a GW footpath!

GWPP stages 2 or 3 productions a year – variety, panto and serious historical dramas. Everything is done by our members - scripts, scenery, singing, dancing, acting, we are always looking for new members, on stage or behind the scenes. <http://gwpproductions.byethost14.com/#about>

Parish News new editor required

The team at GW Parish News is looking for a new editor to join them. The 'two Alisons' have been at the helm since 2017 and now need an extra pair of hands.

No design experience necessary (training will be provided) but must be computer literate and have an eye for detail.

There are just 11 issues a year and we're looking for someone who can help out for four or five editions – each issue takes about a day to collate articles and do the layout.

To find out more, please email gwwparishnews@gmail.com and put Editor in the title.

Remembrance Sunday Parade – 13th November 2022

Great Waltham Parish Council announce that this year's Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 13th November.

The parade will follow its usual route, starting at 10.30am from Duffries Close, led by the parade marshal, piper and standards, with representatives of the armed forces, emergency services and community organisations. It will march along Hatchfields to the war memorial via Chelmsford Road, arriving at approximately 10.45am.

The necessary road closures orders have been applied for and traffic will be halted until the parade gets to the war memorial. Chelmsford Road will be closed between the South Street and Hatchfields junctions for the duration of the service, with traffic diverted via Hatchfields and South Street.

Members of the public may join the parade, but must do so at their own risk. We also welcome members of the public and the parish community to join the service at the war memorial. Wreaths will be laid and the last post will be sounded at 11.00am, followed by two minutes silence.

The parade will then move to the church for a service there and afterwards it will reassemble in the church grounds and march past the war memorial for the salute. The Royal British Legion will put on its usual refreshments at the RBL hall after the event.

Church Matters

Welcome to Rev. Dan Pierce.
On 24th November 2022 at 7.30pm the Reverend Dan Pierce will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Great Waltham with Ford End Parish, Chignals and Mashbury Parish and Little & Great Leighs with Little Waltham Parish. The service will take place in Great Waltham Church. Everyone is invited to attend. We look forward to giving a bumper welcome to Rev. Dan and his family. Roger Bearman

Rev Dan Pierce



Dan is married to Ruth and they have 3 sons (14, 13 & 8). Ordained in Durham in 2012 Dan served as a priest on Teeside before the family moved to Essex in 2015.

The last few years have been spent beginning St Francis Community church on the rapidly expanding housing development of Beaulieu and Channels in North Chelmsford. While Dan has great appreciation and respect for traditional church services he is also keen to explore new forms of worship and expressions of faith. He believes church is at its best and most alive when it is in partnership with the wider community to help alleviate poverty, improve wellbeing and create fun.

Dan has many interests including film, football, art and song. He is rarely happier than when pondering life, the universe and everything over a cuppa (or a more adventurous beverage) with friends or strangers and is very much looking forward to the future in his new role.



Church of England Services November 2022

Sunday 6th	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 13th	9.15am	Remembrance	Ford End
	10.30am	Muster at Duffries Close	Gt Waltham
	10.45am	Remembrance	Great Waltham
	10.55am	Remembrance	Chignals
Sunday 20th	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 27th	6.30pm	Advent Service with Jesse Tree	Ford End

Morning prayer

is held every Wednesday at Great Waltham Church 9am.

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

All services start at 3 pm unless otherwise stated.

November

Sunday 6 th	Family Worship
Sunday 20 th	Family Worship

For further information: contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

URC Little Waltham

Services for November 2022 all held at 10.30am

6th – Rev. Geoffrey Griggs

13th – Rev. Geoffrey Griggs – Joint Remembrance Service
at our church with St. Martins (Please see our notice board for times)

20th – Marina Price

27th – Rev. Hans Stein - Holy Communion

3rd November – Coffee and Cake 10a.m-12noon

19th November – Coffee Morning 10-11a.m.

Walthambury Women's Institute

An East African Safari was the subject of Ray Munden's talk when he joined us at our October meeting. Ray illustrated his talk with slides of many beautiful birds and exotic animals.

We look forward to Gary Matthews this month who will be telling us the History of Easton Lodge.

A reminder to members to pay our Christmas party meal this month. We meet as usual in the British Legion Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th November. Guests and new members always welcome.

News from Great Waltham C of E Primary School

As we come to the end of our first half term, I have been looking back and reflecting. We certainly have had an eventful few weeks! The children continue to impress me with their attitude to learning and I regularly see them demonstrating our life long value '**Do to others as you would have them do to you**'. I have been showing prospective parents of children hoping to join our Reception class in September 2023, around the school which is always such a pleasure. If you know anyone in this position, who might like a tour of the school, please encourage them to contact us or visit our website: <https://www.greatwaltham.school/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=27>

KS2 immersed themselves in the world of Stone Age people a few weeks ago, you may have seen the tent on the school field. There was no electricity so the children prepared and cooked fish on an open fire and the day was packed with hands-on activities.

Clubs have continued as usual, the girls are enjoying a new football club on a Tuesday lunchtime and children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Great Baddow High School. They came 4th out of 17 schools, we are very proud of the achievement and their teamwork.



Recently, many parents and carers joined us at church for our Harvest Festival service. The children

showcased their learning and sang beautifully. was very generous with their harvest offerings and the donations will be taken to the Chelmsford Food Bank.

Mrs Justine Brooks

Ford End Garden Club

At the September meeting we had discussions (some hilarious) about plants/vegetables that thrived and those that did not during our hot and dry summer. Most hostas did well as the slugs obviously didn't like the weather conditions. One member brought along pots of cannas that loved the conditions and were still flowering. Cannas are very happy being congested in



large pots. Another member had no success at all with their garlic whereas someone else did well with theirs and even successfully grew a complete row from a supermarket bulb.

On 19 October Chris Whiting will be giving a talk about his experience as a RHS judge for the National Dahlia Competition. At our November meeting on the 16th Mark Mason will be talking about hollyhocks and will have some seeds to give away. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday in the month at Ford End village hall and start at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

North End Autumn Tidy Up

On Saturday, 8th October the usual 'hardy perennials' gathered on the triangle green before wandering the lanes of North End



to collect the rubbish that had collected in the verges and ditches since the last litter pick in the Spring. Unexpectedly, there was far less litter than usual and even that mainly consisted of cans and bottles- no carpets, no suitcases and no bags of household waste! Hooray!

We tried whacking the grass (still quite high) but nothing much glinted in the undergrowth and, apart from the inevitable small collections of cans marking the location where someone flung his/her empty can of unusual lager into the bushes in roughly the same spot on a regular basis, the verges were remarkably litter free!

The weather was bright and sunny so afterwards we met up for refreshments, kindly provided by Colin and Lezley McCrae. Many thanks to everyone who took part, and we look forward to meeting again in the Spring!

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Sunday-

Christingle



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Santa in his Sleigh and his elves will be in Ford End on Sunday December 18 and in Great Waltham and Little

Waltham on Monday December 19. Check www.sleightracker.co.uk. The event, organised by Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary, is fundraising for charity and all donations received by Santa will go to [The Children's Society East \(Hidden Harm\)](#), [The Wilderness Foundation](#) and other local charities.
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Friday 2nd December – 7.30pm

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Waltham Singers Golden Anniversary 1973 - 2023

Our current performing season celebrates our 50 years of singing together. Formed in 1973 by Peter Cross to perform at the Great Waltham Village Festival, the singers enjoyed it so much that they decided to form a choir and continue performing together. The choir grew in confidence under Peter's direction and in 1980 took part in a twinning visit to Ceyrat. The French formed their own choir, and for a number of years there were regular visits in both directions.

In 1983 Andrew Fardell took over as Musical Director. At this time rehearsals and concerts took place in Great Waltham Church. Word started to spread across the choral community in mid-Essex that if you wanted a lively rehearsal and an excellent concert experience the place to be was Great Waltham. Numbers expanded, and rehearsals moved from the Church to the School. Most of the new members were coming from Chelmsford and beyond. Concert venues became more ambitious - Chelmsford Cathedral, Fairfield Hall, Aldeburgh Parish Church, Snape Maltings, Queen Elizabeth Hall, always returning to Great Waltham for our Summer Concert which was always followed by a party – for many years at the home of Anne and Bob Cowlin, and latterly the Village Hall.

When the School had acoustic cladding installed in the Hall we had to give up rehearsing there. We were fortunate to find a venue at St Cedd's School in Chelmsford, which is still our rehearsal base.

The first concert in our anniversary season will be on Saturday 24th November 7.30 pm at Chelmsford Cathedral. We will be performing Mozart's Solemn Vespers and Schubert's Mass in G with 4 excellent soloists accompanied by St. Paul's Sinfonia, who will also perform Mendelssohn's String Symphony No 10.

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We have 2 more concerts arranged for our anniversary season. Both in Great Waltham Church on 11th March and 24th July 2023. Our July concert will be a celebration of our 50 years. It will feature a brand new work commissioned by the choir from Essex composer Alan Bullard. We hope to meet many ex-choir members at this event, especially anyone who sang with Peter Cross. Is there anyone out there who sang in that initial concert in the 1973 Great Waltham Village Festival? Mike Wall Chair, Waltham Singers

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The Children's Society

The 2022 Children's Society box collection in the parish raised £492.79. This magnificent sum will help The Children's Society in their continuing fight for the hope and happiness of this country's young people, whenever they are threatened with abuse, exploitation and neglect. The Children's Society publishes the "Good Childhood Report" annually which examines trends in childhood mental health and happiness. In 2022 it shows that children's happiness continues to decline. Young people are on average less happy with their life as a whole, with school, and with friends than 10 years ago. Young people are telling us what needs to change and we must listen. It is used by many agencies working with children and young adults in the UK. So, on behalf of The Children's Society, thank you all for your generosity.
Gill Mitchell

Pet Food Pouches

I previously collected Pet food pouches for raising funds for Chelmsford Cats Protection, we collected over 6000! Unfortunately, this fundraising scheme came to an end sometime ago therefore please do not drop off at mine but PLEASE continue to RECYCLE them and other soft plastics via your local supermarket. Morrisons, Co-op and Tesco all have collection bins for you to place them in.

Medication Blister Packs

We are still collecting blister packs which currently are sent via others to Superdrug at Bury St. Edmunds!! Our collection bin had to be removed from the doctor's surgery as it was so popular, but also because the minority were not using it but abusing it. We hope to find a better long-term solution to enable easily accessible recycling for this waste stream which would otherwise go into landfill. In the meantime, please continue to drop off at 27 Cherry Garden Road, (there is a basket behind the front hedge). Do your bit - please recycle, reduce and reuse wherever possible. A minute of your time saves time for our world. Jo Palmer

The Parish Council held a monthly meeting on 26th September. This is a summary – full and approved minutes are available on council noticeboards and the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

There was a short period of silence reflection as we recalled the recent deaths of Queen Elizabeth II and two ex-parish councillors, John Bell and Martin Herbert.

There were no members of public present, which was a shame. Always remember, even if you have no specific issues to raise with the Council, you can still come along to listen to our debates and see how your representatives are considering local issues and making decisions on your behalf.

Mike Steel, our Chelmsford City and Essex County Councillor, updated us on his involvement in trying to secure local carriageway repairs. He also highlighted that the proposed diversion route for overnight works on the A120 upgrade includes the B1008 through Ford End. The works will last until February 2023. The Council has written to National Highways to voice its concerns, suggesting an alternate diversion (the letter has been posted on the parish website if you wish to read our representations).

The meeting noted that the public car parking spaces available on the Blossom Way development are subject to terms and conditions under the Council's leasing arrangements with the landowner. One of these prohibits their use by commercial vehicles. We agreed to contact the owners of such vehicles who are using the spaces to make them aware of this restriction.

We also agreed that the Council should offer a response to the City Council's Review of Adopted Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation document, and that it should indicate we are not in favour of any options that include sizable developments in the parish.

We agreed our landlord's proposed terms and conditions for the continued lease of the Brook Mead and Bury Lane allotment sites. We also approved new allotment garden hiring fee charges effective from 1st April 2023.

The Parish Clerk reported that bookings for the hire of the recently refurbished Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation Ground have been encouraging and we now have a number of different clubs taking advantage of the facility. We agreed that the Council should continue to upgrade parts of the premises in response to hirers' feedback.

The issue of the provision and maintenance of defibrillators within the parish was discussed. We decided that because a number of aspects remain unclear a factfinding exercise should be undertaken so that we are fully informed of the implications were the Council to consider a more active role. Our next monthly meetings are 21st November and 19th December 2022. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend these public meetings.
Steve Gilbert, Chair

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:

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