

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

December 2022-January 2023



**Santa is coming to the Walthams and Ford End see on page 6
For his route and times**



Remembrance Sunday at Ford End by the Memorial. Bill Styles, Roger Bearman, David Tyler and Gordon Neilson read the Roll Call with Ronnie Blundell reading part of the service representing the young.



Ford End Memorial



Great Waltham Memorial (photo courtesy of Barry Teader)

Remembrance Sunday at Great Waltham The murky weather did not prevent a good attendance for Remembrance Sunday events of the 13th November. As has become traditional, the parade marched from Duffries Close, via Hatchfields, to the war memorial at Banbury Square where wreaths were laid on behalf of branches of the armed forces and auxiliary services, as well as by Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, Julia Abel Smith, and other civic representatives. The short service at the memorial included the piper lament, a reading of the names of those who fell in the World Wars, a sounding of the last post, and a two minutes silence. After a service in the church, the Deputy Lieutenant, the Rev. Andrew Mussel and Parish Council Chair, Steve Gilbert, took the salute. Participants then moved to a gathering kindly hosted in its hall by the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone involved in the arrangements for the day, especially those who again volunteered for roles which helped ensure the smooth running of an important, poignant community event.

Twinning Association Music Quiz

In November, the Twinning Association organised another one of their hilarious music quizzes and were very happy to welcome 70 contestants who were raring to test their musical memory. The intriguing questions were set by quizmaster and musician, Kerry Bennion, and covered pop music over many decades, including intro rounds, backwards-music rounds, lyrics rounds and much more. At times, the people in the hall could barely



stop themselves from humming along and giving the game away! The quiz earned over £800 for the Twinning Association which will go towards the visit to Great Waltham by Ceyrat Twinning in July 2023. Our thanks go to Kerry, the twinning members who organised the evening, and everyone who came to support us. We will be running a Valentine's Quiz in February which will include the popular Mr and Mrs round! Then later in 2023, our famous detective returns (possibly in a new reincarnation) for an interactive Murder Mystery Twinning Quiz Night



The Parish News Team would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year. Also a big thank you to our advertisers and especially to all those people who deliver the Parish News to your door each month.



Happy Christmas and New Year!

The Christmas story is about new life. We head into the festive season with another year looming. A new day. A new story. What tales will we tell of the past twelve months and what narratives will emerge? It's certainly a new chapter for me as new vicar to the Parish. What will 2023 bring?

I love story telling. Particularly in film. In movie production there are many contributing jobs that bring great stories to life both in pre and post production. We recognise the actors, directors and possibly the screenwriters but there are thousands more who receive little acknowledgment except for a fleeting name check as the end credits roll. One of the many names overlooked by those who abandon their popcorn and rush to the exits is that of the Foley artist. Jack Foley was a sound engineer who pioneered innovative ways of dubbing effects that synchronise to the action on screen. A heavy-duty staple gun serves for excellent gun fire for example. An old chair is perfect for controlled creaking. If you've ever wondered how to get the realistic noise of a bone break (ummm what the heck are you thinking?) I'm reliably informed a twist and snap of celery will do the trick. Yikes.

Foley effects can sometimes entirely replace the sound recorded on set, known as the field recordings, but most scenes use a combination of both.

I love film. My brother is a film maker and I'll admit to a tiny bit of sibling jealousy. Part of me would love to act or write screenplays or create soundtracks. That said, I love what I do now. There are a similarly astonishing variety of roles in being a vicar. Performer? Yes to a degree. Director? We'll sort of. Story teller? Certainly. What about Foley artist? Well....

There is an extent to which I could be happy going around making religious noise within our community. There's a veritable library of holy sound effects from which to choose. You know the ones. "Thoughts and prayers" in times of crisis. That kind of thing.

I find myself, on occasion, being asked to comment upon tragedy, to dub some words of comfort over the field recordings of communal anguish. Like some kind of spiritual Foley artist I search for an appropriate way of picking up the sounds of both despair and hope. But I'm not much good at it. Furthermore I don't want to be. I want too much to offer, not fake religious sound effects but real compassion, real healing, real solace, real empathy, real solidarity, real consolation. When one of us loses a loved one or a job or a house or relationship we mustn't settle for Foley artists.

God let me not just sound loving, let me genuinely be loving! May I not simply fake faith but actually have it! In the Bible the writer St Paul encourages us to get in amongst the creaks and snaps and scrapes and swooshes of life just as Jesus came to do. In Jesus God took the microphone nice and close to human experience so no additional dubbing was necessary. St Paul says, 'Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.'



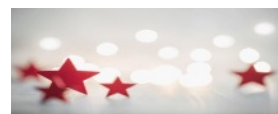
Church of England Services In December 2022 & January 2023

December

Sunday 4th	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 18th	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion with Carols Chignals	
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Great Waltham

Saturday 24th	3.00pm	Crib Service	Chignals
	4.00pm	Crib Service	Ford End
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Great Waltham
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Christmas Day Service	Ford End

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December at 8pm



January

Sunday 1st	11am	Joint New Years Day Service	Little Waltham
Sunday 1st	11am	Joint service	Little Waltham
Sunday 8th	10am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 15th	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 22nd	10am	Community Worship	Ford End
Sunday 29th	11am	Joint service	Venue tbcc.

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Services at Blackchapel, North End

All services start at 3 pm unless otherwise stated.

December

Please note CHANGED DATES for DECEMBER services

Sunday 11th	Service of readings and carols for Christmas, starts at 4pm
Sunday 25th	Family Service for CHRISTMAS DAY, starts at 10am

January 2023

Sunday 1st	Family Worship starts at 3pm
Sunday 15th	Family Worship starts at 3pm

For further information: contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371
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(Continued) Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.' (Romans chapter 12 verses 9-15)
It takes such a huge crew to make a movie. It takes all of us to make a community. I wonder what role you play. I wonder what role I will play. Here's to the new year. No fakery. Real life together. God bless us all in whatever comes next.
Happy Christmas and New Year Dan

Carols by Candlelight

Up, Up & Away Preschool and Great Waltham Royal British Legion invite all villagers to join them at the Recreational Ground for carols and hot toddies. Raise your festive voices with friends and family. Lyrics will be projected for all to see.

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and mulled wine will be available to purchase as well as jars and LED candles, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Friday 23rd December
5pm – 7pm



Ford End Senior Christmas Tea



Our Christmas Tea will be on the 5th December at 3pm. This later time is so we can have a proper festive afternoon tea and not just cakes.

If anyone is concerned about driving home in the dark please let me know so we can arrange something.

Although this is early in December it will be lovely to be together and start off this festive period.

Ring Sheila 07977 077945 for more info.

And a happy and blessed Christmas to all.

Please note that our January tea will be on 9th Jan 2023 at 2.30pm



URC Little Waltham

Services and Activities.

Contact Rev Hans Stein 01371875654 / 07763169605

Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

December Services

4th at 10.30a.m. – Rev. Geoffrey Griggs

11th at 10.30a.m. – Martyn Payne

18th at 10.30a.m. – Rev. Hans Stein – Lessons and Carols

24th Christmas Eve – 5p.m. – Carols by Candlelight

25th Christmas Day – 10a.m. Rev. Geoffrey Griggs

Other Activities

Thursday 1st December 10a.m. – 12 noon – Coffee/Tea and Cake

Maeve Hallet - Goodbye to a much loved teacher and friend

So many people in the parish were saddened to hear about the death in October of Mavis(Maeve) Hallet. Before moving to Camberley to be near her son and his family, Maeve was a well known and much loved member of our community. She taught at Ford End School for several years - and was an inspirational and caring teacher who brought out the best in every child. And classes with Maeve were always fun.

In Great Waltham, Maeve cooked wonderful lunches for The Horticultural Show judges and brought so much laughter to memorable roles in village entertainments. Who could forget her 'Mother I've Been Shot' routine! Maeve always made time for anyone who needed a listening ear - after retirement becoming a Samaritan in Chelmsford, and eventually Director of the branch. Her commitment was recognised by an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party.

Maeve was a very special person. A brilliant teacher, a good friend and a true 'one off'. who will not be forgotten. Sue Hooper.

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Great Waltham's National Treasure

The book *Country Church Monuments* by C. B. Newham was published in October. It lists what the author believes are the best 365 monuments from around 9000 village churches he visited in England. I met the author last year and shared with him the history of our Everard Monument. Well, it made it into the book, indeed Newham on Church Memorials sites deems it one of his favourites. The publication has engendered a lot of interest in our monument from many people, including experts in the field. Please, do let me know if you want to visit one of our national treasures or look at this excellent book. At the moment we are open on Monday afternoons at 1.00 to 2.30 pm.

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Santa Claus is coming to Town

Santa will be coming to Ford End on SUNDAY 18th December and on MONDAY 19th December with a team of elves and helpers. His route starts at the Rose and Crown 5.15pm and he will move onto-

LITTLE WALTHAM

Chelmer Avenue/Roman Road 5.25pm
The Street/Winkford Close 5.35pm
Brook Hill/Kirkham Estate 5.45pm
Church Hill Car Park 5.50pm
White Hart 6.05pm

BROADS GREEN – Walnut Tree 6.20pm

GREAT WALTHAM

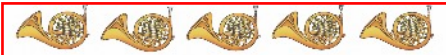
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RayMead/Hatchfields 6.40pm
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Beehive/Walthambury Stores 6.55pm
Mashbury Road 7.05pm
Cherry Garden Rd/Barrack Lane 7.15pm
Cherry Garden Rd/Blossom Way 7.20pm

HOWE STREET

Parsonage Lane/Lucks Lane 7.35pm
Green Man 7.45pm



All times are approximate but listen and you will hear him come. Santa is coming by invitation of the Milldmay Rotary Club. Donations to provide festive cheer will be collected by Santas elves.



Christmas Concert ESSEX POLICE BAND

Saturday 3rd December

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British Legion Hall

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Walthambury Women's Institute



Our October speaker Gary Matthews gave a very interesting illustrated talk on the history of Easton Lodge and the Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge, home, of the Countess of Warwick known as Daisy. Volunteers have been restoring the gardens which are looking lovely, especially the Italian Garden.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th December at the earlier time of 7.00, in the British Legion Hall. It is our Christmas meal.

At our January meeting on Tuesday 10th Eve Regelous is joining us and her talk is entitled 'Everything Stops for Tea. Our meeting starts for January only at 2.00 and not 7.30. We look forward to welcoming guests.



Great Waltham
(courtesy of Barry Teader)



Ford End

Stir Up Sunday November 20th

On Stir Up Sunday 40 people attended the Community Network Christmas Pudding Workshop. They also enjoyed Carol singing from the Village Choir and a Stollen tasting, and everyone went home with their own homemade Christmas Pudding.





Christmas Events

Royal British Legion

Live Music!
Friday 2nd December – 7.30pm
Members Free Entry – Guests £1
JAMJAR - This Colchester based group of musicians filled the Legion garden at this year's LegionStock event. We all danced, sang along and absolutely revelled in our favourite songs. So, returning by popular demand to kick start the festive season is JAMJAR who will bring us singalong bangers such as Mr Blue Sky, Signed Sealed Delivered, 500 Miles and I'm A Believer, as well as some Christmas favourites.

FIFA World Cup 2022
We will be open for all England games and some other key games throughout the competition. For all FIFA fixtures we will be operating on a members only policy. Rewarding our members with cheap booze, fabulous company, and hopefully fantastic football. We welcome new members to join at any time of year just come on down to discuss how to join.

Christmas Prize Draw
Friday 16th December – 7.30pm
Who doesn't love Christmas tunes and a raffle? You could win some amazing prizes at our annual Christmas Draw: hampers, smellies, chocolate treats, cards, stationery and more. Before the draw is made why not join us for a festive round of Rock and Roll Bingo.

Carols by Candlelight
Friday 23rd December – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Up Up and Away Preschool and GWRBL have teamed together to start a new annual village event: Carols by Candlelight. Join fellow villagers on the recreational ground to sing traditional carols. Lyrics will be displayed on a screen for all see and join in. Bring a jar and candle or purchase one we have made and help illuminate the park. Mulled wine, hot chocolate, tea, and coffee will also be available.

Christmas Day Opening
Christmas day 12pm-2pm / Boxing Day 12pm – 5pm
We would like to wish all our members and their guests a very Merry Christmas. So we will be opening the club for a few hours to do so!

Christmas Opening Hours

All events and sports fixtures will be advertised on social media and displayed on posters. Please contact us by email or social media for any information on becoming a member. Guests are welcome, they will need to be signed in by a member and pay a donation. We are available for private hire for any occasion.

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Great Waltham Primary School


It's been a busy few weeks at school! On November the 11th the staff and children gathered together on the playground, for two minutes silence so we could pay our respects to all those lost in conflict.

We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week (14th-18th November) by celebrating 'Odds Socks Day'. This year's theme is REACH OUT and the teachers planned lots of activities for the children, including a silent mindfulness disco kindly provided by one of our parents. Our new kindness pot is overflowing with examples of when staff and children notice someone doing something kind as children ASPIRE to be the best person they can.

Classes Europe and Asia have been busy preparing for their class assemblies and the sound of Christmas music has been coming from the hall as the KS1 and EYFS children practise their Nativity play. This time of year is always such a busy but wonderful time to work in a school.

We have our Christmas Bazaar coming up as well as pantomime visits, Christmas dinner and of course our Christmas service at the church on the 14th December.

Ford End Garden Club



Chris Whiting, our speaker for October, must surely know everything there is to know about growing dahlias and also judging them in his role as a RHS dahlia judge. Chris told us all about how the various varieties of dahlias are measured in judging them for competitions. We were told about the poms, cactus, collerettes, stars and Chris brought a beautiful selection of these dahlias to show us. Dahlias can be fed on chicken manure, blood fish and bone or liquid feeds. Our December meeting is on 21 December and will be a 'Christmas party for gardeners' and will start at 7.30 pm in Ford End village hall.

The meeting in January will be on Wednesday 18th starting at 7.30 pm when the hyacinths that members have grown in pots will be judged.

Wishing all our readers and gardeners a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.


Little Waltham Gardening Club

Zsuzsa Serer gave an excellent talk on Orchids at the Little Waltham Gardening Club November meeting. She very kindly stepped in at the last minute when our previous speaker came down with covid.

Zsuzsa is based in Castle Hedingham and brought a large selection of beautiful orchids to the meeting. She mentioned that orchids came to the UK from overseas with plant hunters and the first recorded orchid was mid 17th century. There are so many different varieties; hardy, non hardy, some that thrive in trees and others in the ground under the tree canopy. A really informative talk that was well received by all members.

Our chairman, Maggie Williams advised that we had won the intersociety Quiz this year, held in October, by just one point. Bulbs were for sale of jettire narcissi and hyacinths to grow and show in our Spring Show in April. The subject for the President's Trophy this month was homegrown marrows, squashes and pumpkins, which Marion Lawson won.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Social held at the Memorial Hall on the 7th December.




Christmas Raffle

Friday 16th December
From 5.30pm

Our annual Christmas Prize Draw night returns with more festivities to lead you into Christmas with Rock 'N' Roll bingo and live music. We will also have a few craft and gift stalls for you to purchase some last minute gifts. Raffle tickets will be sold from the club throughout December so don't miss out – there are some fabulous prizes to be won!

The Village, Gt Waltham, CM3 1DE | @GWRoyalBritishLegion

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

Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Great Waltham Village Hall, South Street, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF Tel 07880 717329 clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

The Parish Council held a monthly meeting on 17th October. This is a summary – full and approved minutes are available on Council noticeboards and the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

Two members of public came to comment on notices placed on vehicles by the Council drawing attention to the terms and conditions for using the public parking spaces on the Blossom Way development. We agreed to gather further information and to discuss the issue at our November meeting.

Our city and county councillor Mike Steel confirmed that a RideLondon event will take place again on 28th May 2023. The route may well be the same as this year's, and we're hopeful that there will be increased focus by the organisers on how residents and local businesses are affected. Mike also reiterated the budgetary constraints affecting the scope of higher local authorities' future spending plans.

We agreed the wording of our response to the City Council's Review of Adopted Local Plan consultation – you will recall previously we agreed the principle of not being in favour of any options that include sizable developments in the parish.

We approved free use of the Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation Ground for two charity events, and more generally were pleased to note the level of uptake in use of the building by hirers since its conversion. It had become an under used community asset, but now is a venue offering a comfortable, friendly environment for a wider range of parishioners.

In relation to the provision of defibrillators within the parish, we agreed to budget for replacement devices during the 2023/24 financial year, while at the same time noting that further work was needed to definitively understand all existing arrangements and responsibilities to ensure best use of allocated funds.

We approved the final policy document (on website accessibility) necessary to allow us to initiate the process of applying to achieve Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) foundation level status. LCAS accreditation offers us the opportunity to show we meet performance standards set by the sector and that we have in place the framework for continued improvement. We will share the outcome of our application in due course.

Our next monthly meetings are 19th December 2022 and 16th January 2023. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend these public meetings. Steve Gilbert, Chair

The Great Waltham Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 3rd December
At Great Waltham
church



Christmas Trees & Fair

11am to 4pm

Christmas Trees, decorated by local clubs on this year's theme, "A country."

Christmas Fair, with games, stalls, the big tombola, raffle and free craft table for children. Cakes and teas, served from 11 till 3pm. Home-made soup and rolls at lunchtime. Father Christmas arrives at 2pm.

7pm for 7.30 start.

Essex Police Band Christmas Concert

Featuring Great Waltham School, Great Waltham Village Choir and Dance Projection. For separate advert for further detail on page 6

Pumpkin Workshop



On October 29th Great Waltham Horticultural Society organised a pumpkin workshop led by Lucy Johnson.

About 15 children of all ages and their parents came to carve out a pumpkin for halloween. It was a lot of fun and all the children (and parents) produced some wonderful results.



Some happy and some very scary.

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 February issue is January 19th.