

# Parish News

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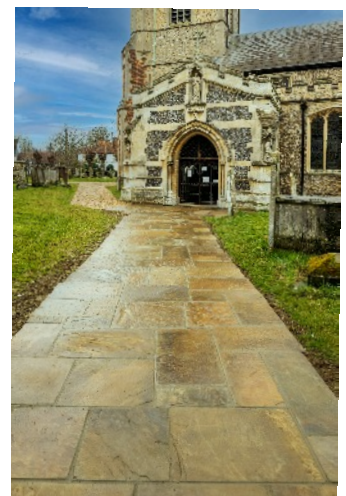
## April 2023



We would like to wish everyone in the Parish a Happy Easter.  
Events and places to go are inside this issue.

St Mary & St Lawrence church Great Waltham has new footpaths The new installation has certainly enhanced the look of the Church and provides a much safer walkway.

Photos courtesy of Barry Teader



**The Great Waltham Horticultural Society HUT is now open** every Sunday until the end of October 10.00-11.00  
Sale of compost (including peat free) and a variety of sundries for the garden.  
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**Open Day 23rd April 10-12**

### Ford End Senior Tea

I hope everyone has a very Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th April for tea as usual at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End at 2.30pm

More information from Sheila 07977 077945

### TREASURER WANTED

Great Waltham and Ford End Parochial Church Council is looking for a Treasurer to be responsible for our annual accounts and for ongoing financial management of the affairs of Great Waltham and Ford End Parish Churches, working alongside our Parish Administrator. This is a voluntary position but the holder will make a real contribution to the smooth running of the two churches.

The successful candidate needs to have some accounting experience and to be able to prepare annual balance sheets and statements of financial activities, but no specific professional qualifications are required.

If you are interested please contact David Williams at [davidoldeagle@gmail.com](mailto:davidoldeagle@gmail.com)

**up up & away**

## Easter Family Fun Day



- Easter Hat Parade
- Craft Activities
- Village Trail Quest
- Transfer Tattoos
- Face Painting

**Great Waltham British Legion**  
**Sunday 9th April**  
**11am - 1pm**  
**£5 per child for all activities**



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## Spring Clean



Many of us will have a drawer in our house full of odds and ends - batteries, old chargers, receipts, takeaway flyers, elastic bands, pens, keys etc. If you don't, well done! I do.

Every so often it needs attention or we can't access what we need, things get lost, anxiety builds. In the Christian calendar Lent is spring cleaning time for the soul. A time to tidy up our minds and hearts. Many of us have emotional clutter, things that have been left for ages and get tangled. Every so often I take a spiritual inventory, a clear out. Whether it be going for a long walk in nature or sitting quietly in our church or paddle boarding I try and make time to attend to the messy things in my life. We'll all do this differently but it's a life giving practice not to be neglected. Happy spring cleaning!

### A Poem: Dusted

I run my finger along the ridge of the day.  
All that has settled there.  
A thin or thick layer.  
The residue of skin and other decay.

Lifting the ornaments that guard each shelf.  
The traces of what has been.  
The idol figurine.  
The storied objects that make my sense of self.

All the action of these hours now stilled.  
Every particle now at rest.  
Profane and blessed.  
In the crevice and nooks an archive filled.

Wipe once more the sullied surface bare.  
A fragrant polished sheen.  
Again now clean.  
An evening spent well in dust and prayer.

Rev'd Dan Pierce

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## Church of England services April 2023

Priest In Charge: Revd Dan Pierce  
Tel: 07790 558579

### Holy Week

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	11am	Communion followed by	Ford End
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Ford End
	8.00pm	Compline	Little Leighs
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Great Waltham
	8.00pm	Compline	Little Waltham
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Chignals
	8.00pm	Compline	Great Leighs
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Joint Service	Great Waltham
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Good Friday Meditation	Great Waltham
<b>Good Friday</b>			
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Easter Day Communion</b>	Great Waltham
<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Community Worship	Ford End
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Joint Communion Service	Great Waltham

**Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator**  
**Tel: 07957 228467**  
**admin@littleandgreat.org.uk**

## Little Waltham United Reformed Church

Rev Hans Stein 01371875654 / 07763169605  
Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

### Services for April all at 10.30a.m.

2nd	Rev. Geoffrey Griggs	- Palm Sunday
7th April	Rev. Hans Stein	Good Friday service at 10.30a.m.
9th	Rev. Geoffrey Griggs	- Easter Sunday - Holy Communion
16th	John De Lacy	
23rd	Rev. Hans Stein	- Holy Communion
30th	Rev. Hans Stein	- Joint service at Dunmow URC

### Other Events

Thursday 6th April - Coffee and Cake from 10a.m. until noon  
Saturday 15th April - Coffee morning 10a.m. until 11a.m.

## Services at Blackchapel, North End

All services start at 3 pm unless otherwise stated.

### April 2023

<b>April</b>		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Service	
<b>Next service</b>		
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

**The 2023 AGM of the Little Waltham Gardening Club** was very well attended and it was reported that despite the increase in insurance and speakers fees over the last year, our year end balance remains healthy. During the past 12 months, we have increased our membership and had some excellent speakers and also during the summer months enjoyed visits to some lovely gardens around Essex. We celebrated 40 years of the gardening club with a beautifully decorated cake which was cut by our Vice President Pip Wickham. Our chairperson, Maggie Williams advised that the President's Trophy had been won this year by Marion Lawson. It was unanimously agreed by the members that the Christmas meeting will again be held in house at the Memorial hall.

Our next meeting will be the Spring Show to be held on Saturday 8th April. You don't have to be a gardener to enter as we have photography, sewing, crochet and all manner of crafts on the schedule. Each year our Plant Stall is very popular as you're able to pick up something a little different for your garden at a very reasonable cost. Please take a look at our website [www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk) to obtain a Show Schedule and to check out our events for the coming year. Visitors welcome Further information can be obtained by phoning 01245 361857 or visit [www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk)

### 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

### The Annual General Meeting of Great Waltham

**Village Hall** will be held at the first floor Committee Room on Wednesday 19th April 2023 from 7.30pm and all residents of Great Waltham are welcome to attend and encouraged to do so. The Village Hall is a fantastic hub for Pre-school, commercial and not-for-profit activities and private events managed by a committee of volunteer trustees supported by other volunteers, all drawn from the local community. The present elected trustees have been managing the village hall for some years now and will be standing down at the AGM so the Village Hall needs more community-minded residents to come forward to help keep our valuable facility a going concern. If you would like to find out more about helping your community in this way, please speak to a present committee member or email [greatwalthamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:greatwalthamvillagehall@gmail.com).



### The Wombles of Waltham

**Drop-In Session**  
Hear about our plans for 2023  
and give your feedback

## Great Waltham

**Thursday 6 April 2023**  
17:00 - 19:30

Great Waltham Parish Council,  
The Pavilion, Great Waltham  
Recreation Ground,  
South Street, Great Waltham,  
CM3 1DF.

For further information on the event please visit:  
[ridelondon.co.uk](http://ridelondon.co.uk)

### Walthambury Women's Institute

At our March meeting our guest speakers were Sam and Kate Squier from Wild and Rooted. Sam was keen to share his passion and knowledge of the land that their Aberdeen Angus beef are sustainably reared on in Great Waltham. Our speaker on Tuesday 11th April is retired prison governor Vanessa Frake author of 'The Governor's'. We are meeting at 7.30 in the British Legion Hall. Guests and new members always welcome.

Uncle Bulgaria and Madame Cholet may not have made an appearance, but members of our community certainly did. A huge thank you to everyone who turned in, up and out for our Annual Spring Clean on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March.

The sun shone down on us as we cleared the ditches behind Cherry Garden Road amassing an assortment of household items, building waste and rubbish! Amongst our finds were over 20 paint tins, a double mattress, rotary washing line and a vintage twin tub!

Parish councillors, families and individuals all came together to do their bit for the place in which they live and between us we covered the whole of the village.

Our local Beavers group took part during their Monday session.

We even cut down brambles to clear the junction at Hoe Lane making it safer passage for walkers and cyclists.

This show of community spirit is what makes Great Waltham a 'great' place to live.

Let's love where we live and work together to keep it litter and dog poo free!

A special thankyou to the regular monthly litter picking group who continue to keeps our village tidy. Cllr Jo Palmer

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**Saturday 8th of April**

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## Ford End Gardening Club

Plant Sale &  
Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th April  
Ford End Village Hall  
10:00 - 12:00  
Raffle and Stalls



## VILLAGE BOULES TOURNAMENT

Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
May at 2pm.

### GW recreation ground

- Make up a team of 3
- £6 per team
- Any age – children, adults, family teams  
Prizes for the winners
- Easy and fun for everyone – even beginners.
- Boules provided.
- Refreshments

**AND.....**

### WALTHAM WELLIE WANGING!"

After the boules tournament, try and see how far you can throw a welly! **Bring your own** – large or small. You might win a prize!



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**A NIGHT AT THE RACES!**



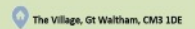
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## Great Waltham Cof E Primary School



We celebrated world book day in style this year! It was wonderful to see the children coming to school in their pyjamas and the array of oddies was quite amazing! We pulled names out of a hat and teachers read their favourite books to different classes - I really enjoyed reading 'The Tiger who came to Tea' to Class Australia. There were lots of other fun book related activities throughout the day, Class Asia played book bingo, Class Australia did a book study of David McGee and Class Antarctica made some lovely bookmarks.

Recently, classes Australia and North America teamed up for a 'buddy maths session'. They focused on the numbers 1-5 and Mrs Moore was really pleased with the mathematically rich conversations that the children were having.

I'm delighted to announce that Class Antarctica were the winners of the GWPS first International song contest! They sang a beautiful rendition of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Portuguese. They represented our school in a final, against other local schools, at Newlands Spring



Primary School and sang their hearts out. Well done children! We welcomed Reverend Dan in to school last week for collective worship. He talked to the children about Lent and praying. As a school, we are focusing on 40 acts of kindness during Lent this year and the children have been sharing their kind acts during collective worship.

## Ford End Gardening Club

For over an hour at our March meeting you could have heard a pin drop as we listened to, and watched a talk on Swarms, Bees and Honey. Alice Shaw from North End explained by video how to catch and house a swarm and the many problems they face from pests, chemicals and the weather. Rather like us humans they enjoy a mixed diet of nectar and pollen from trees, flowers and crops. Alice explained how she can tell by listening how happy her bees are!

Our next meeting will be the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning being held in Ford End Village Hall on Saturday 29th April, 10.00 til 12.00. Come and join us for coffee, chat and some lovely plants ready for Spring.

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Call Teresa 01245 631918 for more info.



### Memories of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation

I was talking with Gerald Smith recently and we were reminiscing about memories of Queen Elizabeths Coronation in 1953. We reflected on the difference of time that 70 years has made.

Thinking about the pending Coronation of King Charles III this year makes us think back to 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Gerald Smith remembers Queen Elizabeth II Coronation in 1953. It was on Tuesday the 2nd June a Bank Holiday. Gerald was 14 years of age, He was living in Howe Street with both his parents and his brother Patrick who was six years of age.

He remembers the occasion very well, His family had a black and white TV and not everybody in Howe Street had a TV, so many of the children and parents came in to watch it in our house. The lounge was packed. It was such a special occasion. Everyone was so excited.

Unfortunately, on that day, it rained continuously and dampened most of the celebrations that were planned. All outside activities were cancelled apart from a firework display for Langleys. A tea was laid on in Great Waltham school for the children late in the afternoon after the Coronation .

John Andrews

## GREAT WALTHAM PARISH PRODUCTIONS (GWPP)

Great Waltham Parish Productions (GWPP) is run by a small committee of local, likeminded people (chaired by Sarah Radley), who enjoy being part of a performing group in one way or another. It was set up many years ago and its aim is to allow anyone in the Parish of Great Waltham to put on a performance.

We try to run two each year, usually a variety performance and a panto or play. You may have seen The Waltham Witch, Snow White or Jill and the Beanstalk to name but a few. It's not just about performing, we have fantastic light and sound equipment that is expertly used by Paul Jarrett, who is always on the lookout for some assistance. The back stage crew and front of house crew do a great job too and we're always grateful for help there.

In addition to performing, we aim to raise money for local charities. After payment for hall hire, insurance, equipment etc. we donate to charities like Farleigh Hospice, The Scouts, The Friendship Club to name but a few.

Our next event is 'Waltham's Got Talent' see the advert. Please do come and join us and if you can't then get a ticket for our next show and see just how much talent there is in the Parish of Great Waltham.



## Spring Events



### Live Music!

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm  
Members Free Entry – Guests £1

Jessica Panagi. Solo artist singing covers from 1950's to present... and oh what a voice! Some reviews say "phenomenal, absolutely amazing, did not disappoint."



### Easter Family Fun

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 11.00am to 1.00pm  
£5 per child

Our fun Easter Bunny Hunt is back and better than ever! We are teaming up with Up and Away Preschool and invite you to join us for a trail around the village where a chocolate surprise can be won, create an Easter hat, and take part in the parade to win more prizes. There will be face painting and craft making - such fun!



### Rugby Six Nations

Members Free Entry – Guests £1

The Six Nations Championship returns to our Big Screen as we cheer on England as they battle it out with competitors France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, and Wales. We will also be serving burgers and hot dogs to give you that stadium feel...



### Race Night!

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm  
Members Free Entry – Guests £1

This family friendly race night is sure to get you laughing. Bet on 4 Horse Races, 2 Pig Races and then partake in your own race to the finish line with our interactive horse on a string races. So come on down with family and friends – all are welcome!



### Live Music!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm  
Members Free Entry – Guests £1

Back by popular demand Mr B and the Wolf! Returning after LegionFest 2022, this band is bound to blow our roof off. What a sound! What a band!



### Kings Coronation!

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Time TBC  
Members Free Entry – Guests £1

Join us to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III - live on the BIG SCREEN. What a moment in history! We will heat up the BBQ and have light live music to entertain you. We must come together to commemorate this momentous occasion.

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.



The Village, Gt Waltham, CM3 1DE



@GWRoyalBritishLegion





# HANDEL JUDAS MACCABEUS

The New Handel Choral Edition (Chorale)

1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at 7pm  
FELSTED SCHOOL CHAPEL

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE HEADMASTER

Stebbing Road, Felsted, CM6 3LL

Felsted Choir & Orchestra under the direction  
of THOMAS DUCHAN

CHORAL MUSIC AT ITS BEST

Tickets £20

Programme and interval Refreshment included.

Tickets available by either:

Our Facebook page @FelstedChoralSociety

Emailing felstedchoralsociety@gmail.com

Calling Tony Baker (Publicity) 01371 871658, 07799 413191

Registered Charity: 297351

Scan to buy tickets



Great Waltham Parish Council  
in association with GW Horticultural Society  
invites you to its

## Allotment Open Day

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
10-12midday

An opportunity to come and visit our  
2 allotment sites.

in Barrack Lane and Brookmead & join the  
GW Horticultural Society and buy your  
compost and more at the hut.

Refreshments

Cake

Seed Swap

Sow a sunflower and more.

**All Welcome**

See posters for further details or call Jo on  
360639

Great Waltham  
Horticultural Society's Annual  
**PLANT  
SALE**  
SAT 13TH MAY | 9:00 - 12:30  
GREAT WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR GARDEN THIS SUMMER

PLANT DONATIONS  
WELCOME.  
PLEASE DROP OFF  
PLANTS AT 8AM  
Cash or BACS

## Great Waltham Parish Council

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The Parish Council held a monthly meeting on 20 th February. This is a summary – full and approved minutes are available on Council noticeboards and the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish). The website also includes all of our meeting agendas with their associated briefing/discussion papers and presentations.

Mike Steel, our city and county councillor, updated us on a range of matters including the submission of a new scheme to consider revised school patrol signs at Great Waltham School, the new booking system at local recycling centres, the marked decrease in use of (and therefore income from) many city council administered car parks, and the difficulties which can arise when refugees look to move from their hosts' homes to the private rented sector.

We received an update from the organisers on this year's RideLondon event (to be held on 28 th May). This is a significant fundraiser for the charities involved and showcases the best of the Essex countryside. Feedback on the organisation of the 2022 event has been taken into account, with the organisers working with all councils along the route to ensure the event is a success. We will maintain close links with the organisers to pass on questions and queries we receive from residents. Also, RideLondon will be hosting a drop-in Q&A session at the Pavilion between 5.00pm and 7.30pm on Thursday 6 th April.

In accordance with recommendations from its working group, the Council agreed a strategic approach for the management of public defibrillators in the parish, including working with the Community Heartbeat Trust to supply the units and associated services.

We approved a request from residents for use of the Ford End recreation ground for a community coronation event, and also agreed to contact other parish organisations to see whether they needed any Council support for events they may be planning. The coronation takes place on Saturday 6 th May, with an extra bank holiday on the following Monday.

Following further raised concerns, we discussed the condition of the war memorial at Banbury Square. Because the structure has a Grade 1 listing, carrying out improvement works is not straightforward. We received an update from the Parish Clerk on our ongoing dialogue with the War Memorials Trust whose detailed guidance we must seek and follow. The upshot from their advice is that currently there are some things which can be done straightaway (such as not resting wreathes directly on the stonework as this facilitates the transfer of moisture), but more invasive work must be carefully considered. There is a possibility that the lettering on the memorial could be enhanced using enamel paint, but this too now needs to be thoroughly investigated before we can get approval to proceed. One other aspect more immediately within our gift to address is the condition of the oak posts which form the boundary of the enclosed area around the memorial, and here we agreed to work up a strategy to consider any necessary repairs or replacements.

The purchase of a new multi play unit for the Howe Street recreation ground was approved. The meeting also accepted a proposal to continue development works at Ford End recreation ground in accordance with the results from the most recent consultation.

We agreed to reintroduce having some of our meetings away from the Pavilion so that residents living outside of Great Waltham village have more convenient opportunities to attend.

The Council approved its Highways and Transport Committee's recommendation to support the 20's Plenty for the Essex initiative which seeks the introduction of 20mph speed limits on the county's roads where motor vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists are most likely to encounter each other. We have written to Essex County Council asking it to note our decision. Our next monthly meetings are 20th March and 24th April. As always, all parishioners are most welcome to attend these public meetings.

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](mailto:gwparishnews@gmail.com).

**The last date for inclusion in the May issue is April 16.**

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