

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End



## MAY 2023



A special thankyou to the Great Waltham regular monthly litter picking group who continue to keep our village tidy. Pictures missed from last months issue. North End Litter Pick is on the back page.



### A Visit from the Bishop of Chelmsford

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, dropping in on Great Waltham Church on her Lent pilgrimage. Her walk on 4 April started at Broomfield and continued to Pleshey, and several of the GW congregation accompanied her along the way on a beautiful April morning.



### Easter activities in Ford End and Great Waltham Churches.

Lovely Easter Garden in the Church thanks to Ford End School and Ford End Saturday Easter churchyard clean up thanks to this happy band of helpers. Plus amazing Easter Cakes in Great Waltham shared after the Easter Sunday Service. We hope you all had a happy and peaceful few days at this special time. (More pictures on page 5)





## From Ford End

As we move into May with Easter a few weeks past we must not forget the hope that springs forth from the happy and uplifting day of Easter Sunday.

After Easter, Spring starts to creep in with the buds of the trees and the spring flowers bursting forth as the earth begins to warm up after the cold of winter. It seems to me that with the troubled times we have today every one needs hope and something to look forward to. A better life, food on the table, the end of aggression, more love in the world, good weather to make the crops grow, health and happiness of our families, peace in the world and so I can go on.

As Jesus died for us and rose again to give us new life so I think we should take a deep breath and with the fresh air of spring move forward and pray for a better life for all. We cannot always look back. We must look forward and work together with love and friendship just as nature works

its mysterious and wonderful ways every year to make new life in the gardens, parks and forests.

It makes the birds start to sing and the seas to calm after the depths and rages of the cold winter.

I am not trying to be trite as I know the horrors that so many are going through but let us start here today with a kindling of love peace and understanding of those around us and hope that this will spread like the warmth of the promised summer sun and warm not only the earth but also the hearts of every one of us.

God bless us all Sheila Bearman Church Warden,



### Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2.30pm on Monday 15th May At Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

### PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2023

The Great Waltham Parish Annual Assembly will be held on Monday 5th June at Ford End Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm.

Come along and interact with the various Parish organisations that are represented at the assembly.

This is an open meeting for all residents of the parish.

The Agenda and previous minutes will be displayed on the Parish Noticeboards in May



## Church of England Services May 2023

Priest In Charge: Revd Dan Pierce Tel: 07790 558579

**Sunday 7th** 11.00am Communion Great Waltham

Please join us to toast the King's health at a small reception after the service. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday 14th** 10.00am Communion Ford End  
4.30pm Contemporary Service  
St Francis Beaulieu Community Centre

Thursday 18th 7.00pm Ascension Service Ford End  
Sunday 21st 11.00am Communion Ford End

Communion Chignals  
Sunday 28th 10.00am Family Worship Ford End

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

## Little Waltham United Reformed Church May

Rev Hans Stein 01371875654 / 07763169605  
Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990

All services are at 10.30 a.m.

7th Martyn Payne  
14th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs  
21st Rev. Hans Stein  
28th Rev. Hans Stein - Holy Communion.

### Other events

4th May In celebration of the King's coronation we are holding a lunch from 11.30 until 2.00.  
20th May Coffee morning at 10.00a.m. until 11.00a.m.

## Services at Blackchapel, North End

All services start at 3 pm unless otherwise stated.

### May

Sunday 7th Family Service  
Sunday 21st Family Service

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

## 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



## Coronation Picnic at Ford End Recreation Ground, Sunday 7th May 1pm onwards

Not long to go until the Coronation weekend! We've been busy behind the scenes getting ready to celebrate, and would like to invite you along. We hope you want to come along and join in, of course it's more about having a good time with friends and neighbours. Details of what we are planning for the day are set out below.

- Morning - setting up! Bring along your gazebos, tables, chairs, whatever you have, ready for the afternoon.
- 1pm onwards - bring along your picnic, with friends and family.
- Approx. 2.30pm onwards - judging takes place with prizes to be won - we have a kids fancy dress competition, a kids crown colouring in competition, and a Coronation cake competition (for both adults and children).
- Approx 3pm - silly races etc..... we have, amongst other things, an egg throwing competition, egg and spoon race, a three legged race, a king dressing up race, and we hope, a tug of war, skittles, best the goalie, and stocks.
- Also - there will be a small collection of classic cars and vintage tractors, face painting and hair braiding at some point, an ice cream van will be stopping by, and a few extras!
- For those who want to know, there will be portaloos!
- The event is FREE, but bring money for the ice cream van.
- Lastly, please please please, let me know ASAP if you are coming and roughly how many of you, plus if you have a table, chairs and a gazebo or if you need to borrow these, so we know what we need in terms of setting up. Thank you! Sandra Brown - 07736 965286 (poster on page 7)

## Saturday 24 June 2023 Great Waltham Church 7.30pm WALTHAM SINGERS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

This special concert will feature works commissioned by the choir  
"Endless Song" Alan Bullard. World premiere performance

"So Strong is His Love" Roxanna Panufnik 2008

(Roxanna is one of the composers chosen by the King to write a piece for his coronation)

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Everyone invited

Mike Wall

## 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!

## Ford End C of E Primary School



We have had a very busy spring term! The children from Year 1 and 2 took part in the Infant Music Festival at Christ Church in Chelmsford. They performed the musical "Pirates Versus Mermaids" with five other schools. Their singing and dancing was fantastic! The Chairperson wrote in her letter of thanks: "The singing this year was outstanding and by the end everyone was joining in. You certainly all made us enjoy the music and leave with smiles on our faces!"

You may have noticed our new bird box outside the front of the school. It was made by our wonderful site manager, Mr Bowling, and painted by our two Head Girls.

We have also had some fantastic events organised by our PTA this term. We had an afternoon tea, to celebrate all the special women in our lives. This was very well attended and very much enjoyed by all. The children also had a disco, and an Easter Egg hunt. Here the children are, with their eggs! We are very grateful to all the members of our PTA for their hard work.

We finished our term with an Easter service at Ford End Church with Reverend Dan. The children from KS2 led the readings and prayers beautifully. Miss Bailey, Head of School





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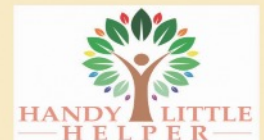
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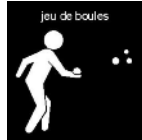


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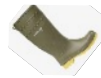


## VILLAGE BOULES TOURNAMENT

Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
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4.30 pm

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## Walthambury Women's Institute

At our April meeting we welcomed Vanessa Frake author of 'The Governor'. Vanessa spent a number of years working in the prison service and entertained us with tales of the many high profile inmates she helped to keep securely behind bars. It was a most enlightening talk.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and it is our AGM. We also have a speaker whose talk is entitled 'Lasting Power of Attorney made Simple'

As usual we meet at 7.30 in the British Legion Hall. Guests and new members always welcome.

## PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Monday 5th June 2023 at Ford End Village Hall

The Parish Annual Assembly facilitated by the Parish Council on the behalf of the Parish will be held on Monday 5th June 2023 at Ford End Village Hall. The doors will open at 7.30pm and the meeting will **commence at 8pm.**

All Organisations are invited to attend to give a report / display /stall / exhibition. This is an opportunity for all organisations to show what social activity they have to offer to parishioners and to encourage interaction between all of the organisations in the Parish. This email is being circulated widely to all Parish Organisations that we have on record please bring it to the attention of your committee.

Please let me know, as soon as possible, if the contact name, address, email address or telephone number has changed and I will update the website.

## FORD END GARDEN CLUB

This is to let you all know the gardening club plans for our summer meetings.

17th May we will be visiting Snares Hill Cottage, Duck End, Stebbing. This is a lovely garden to wander around and then enjoy tea and cake. We will be meeting in Ford End village car park at 2.0 pm to double up in cars to save parking space at the venue.

Our annual coach outing will be to Barnsdale Gardens, Rutland on Saturday 1st July and we will meet in the Ford End village car park at 9.30 am. More details on this visit will be given out at a later date.

Sheila and Peter Sheldrake have kindly offered to host the summer bbq in their garden on Wednesday 19th July and more details will follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

## Out of the Blue!



A letter out of the blue from a solicitor in Oxfordshire to the PCC of Great Waltham Church was the first inkling of a generous bequest from the estate of the late Ruby Riches (pictured on the right). And who was this benefactor we asked? Over several days of enquiries around the village and in consultation with the Essex Records Office it became clear that Ruby had arrived in the village in December 1948 as a newly qualified teacher for Great Waltham School following a major national recruitment drive for teachers after WW2. She arrived with her mother and for a time they both lived in Church Housen. However they later moved to The Orchards at Breeds, home of the Dannatt family

where the property was shared. Ruby cycled everywhere and became fully involved in village life, especially the church, singing in the choir and attending the youth club. At the school she loved teaching and in particular art + craft and country dancing. Great Waltham was always dear to her heart despite the fact that, professionally, she moved on to Kings Road Junior School in February 1951 as a result of local school reorganisation.

Whilst moving again in the late fifties to Weymouth and subsequently to Clanfield in Oxfordshire Ruby always kept in touch with Great Waltham and visited the Pepper family every summer for many years. In fact she kept in touch with so many of her former pupils who all remember her with gratitude. Ruby spent the rest of her life in Clanfield and died there last year aged 101.

Helen Powell. With thanks to Pat Pepper, Pat Fewell, Jane Broom and Tom Porter for their reminiscences and to the ERO for further research.



### A happy ending to a sad event

On Sunday 26th February an accidental fire hit North Lodge Cottage at Langleys, leaving a long standing and much loved member of Great Waltham community homeless and stranded.

One of the perks of being a councillor is meeting sections of the community I ordinarily would not meet and being able to help. Introducing the resident to my contacts at LEAP Almshouse Charity meant he was the successful applicant of a Springfield Green almshouse.



LEAP provides secure, safe accommodation for those in need via alms housing in and around Chelmsford. This particular charity, one of 16 charities that LEAP manages, comprises these two one-bedroomed bungalows at Springfield Green (left).

Several trustees met with the applicant (and his dog) and interviewed him to understand more about his present

situation to ensure he would be a good candidate to become a beneficiary of this almshouse charity. The interview took place at Springfield Green so he could see the accommodation. Almshouses, once developed by wealthy benefactors, offer affordable living to those most in need, from the elderly to young couples gathering a deposit for their own home. Most importantly they are offered to local residents as a priority, based on proximity to the dwelling. This enables people within their community, especially when tragedy occurs, to remain amongst friends and loved ones.

The resident clearly was in a very difficult situation, like many of us, struggling with the cost of living and worried about the imminent April rent increase. The trustees felt he would make a worthy beneficiary of the charity and the move was arranged for Saturday 25th March, with the few possessions he saved from the fire.

Stuart lost more than his home in the fire, but thanks to public generosity from gifting necessities, to somewhere to store his tools, he can put the kettle on and relax, ready for the hectic Summer gardening in Great Waltham. Councillor Wendy Daden



### Walthambury W I



Hold monthly meetings at the British Legion Hall, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. We have interesting

talks, go on visits/walks etc and lots more but enjoy socialising too! Guests and new members very welcome. Do come and join us

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### Great Waltham Cof E Primary School

We ended a very short but busy term with our celebration assembly. Well done to all the children who received Platinum awards. I am always so proud of how our children conduct themselves around school, following our ASPIRE values. During the Easter holidays we had some work done in school, the computer suite had a bit of a facelift with a new carpet and freshly painted walls. I know the children are really looking forward to seeing the finished product when they return for the summer term.

Looking back at this term the FOGWS organised a very successful Mother's Day Tea. The event proved very popular and the cakes tasted delicious! Thank you to the hard working FOGWS volunteers for organising this event.

Science week started this year with a 'Hands on Science' day, it was a really practical and engaging day and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. As usual, the week ended with parents and carers being welcomed into school to view the children's science projects. Lots of effort went into these projects and the standard was very high. Well done to all! During the final week of term, we invited children to enter a decorate an egg competition – below are some pictures of the wonderful entries.



It is safe to say the term ended on a high with the children from iRock performing in their first ever concert. They were very brave and we certainly have some talented children. We have lots of events to look forward to during the Summer term and fingers crossed we will see some sunshine too!



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The Parish Council's latest monthly meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March. We welcomed three members of the public who both brought matters to our attention and observed the proceedings. This is a short summary of the meeting, with the full and approved minutes available on Council noticeboards and the parish website ([e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish](http://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish)). The latter also includes all of our meeting agendas with their associated briefing/discussion papers and presentations.

In his update for the meeting Mike Steel, our city councillor, advised that the Chelmsford Highways Rangers service as administered by the City Council but funded by Essex County Council is to be discontinued, despite attempts to secure alternative support from within the City Council's own budget. This will mean the tasks the Rangers would have otherwise completed (minor works such as clearing paths, trimming vegetation at the side of the road and cleaning signs) will only get done in future through a more elongated enforcement process. The full practical effects will no doubt become clearer in due course.

We also:

- Acknowledged receipt of a local resident's complaint about the use of a bird scarer sited close to the cricket ground, but noted it was scheduled to be removed shortly. We deferred a full discussion on any possible action until our next meeting.
- Noted that the first two new sets of defibrillator equipment have been ordered from the Community Heartbeat Trust and recorded our thanks to Cllr. Martin for all of his organisational work in reaching this stage.
- Agreed, in relation to the acquisition of a small container for installation next to the Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation Ground, to submit a full planning application (in accordance with guidance received from City Council planners).
- Reviewed and agreed to adopt a revised petitions policy. The updated version offers much more detail on how residents can raise and submit a valid petition to the Council. The new document can be found on the parish website.
- Noted Great Waltham Village Hall's request for nominations for new trustees at its forthcoming AGM. The Council will consider the nomination of a representative member at its AGM in May (after the election of the new Council), in accordance with the usual timetable for appointing its officers and representatives.

Our next monthly meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Following parish council elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May, the new Council will meet for the first time at its AGM/monthly meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend these public meetings. Steve Gilbert, Chair

## North End Spring Tidy-up

The first two attempts at a Spring Tidy-up in North End had to be postponed due to persistent heavy rain and frost. However, we are a hardy bunch and, at the third attempt, the rubbish that had accumulated over the winter was removed from the lanes and ditches. Although it had only been in operation a short time, the effects of the new booking system for the local recycling centres could be seen in the wider selection of items 'discovered'; some of which have proved difficult to dispose of and/or recycle – so we are hoping that this new recycling centre booking scheme will be adapted or abandoned before the Autumn Tidy-up!



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