

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Little Green North End

## AUGUST 2023

# 50m Pylon Plan Returns!



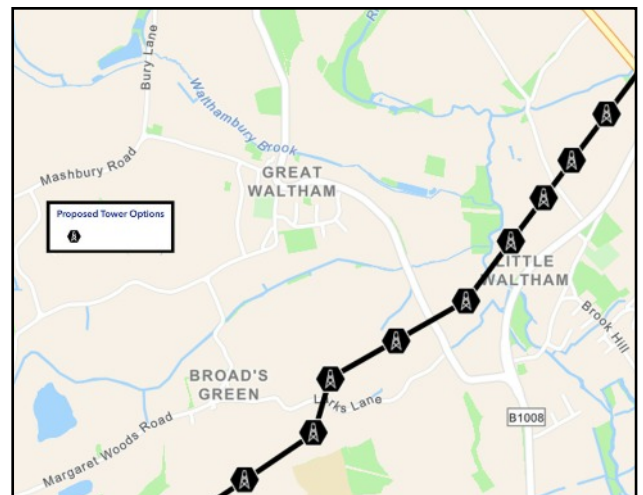
National Grid has launched a second public consultation on their plan to transmit power from the East Anglian offshore windfarms to London. The project is now called **The Great Grid Update Norwich to Tilbury** but, with a few exceptions such as Dedham Vale, it still consists of 180km of 50m high pylons.

Locally, the pylons are proposed to run between Little and Great Waltham, passing closest to Broads Green and the Conservation Areas for both villages. - see map - but their height means that they may well be visible in other parts of Great Waltham village.

The detailed proposal can be seen at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury/public-consultation>.

Both the public and most local council along the proposed route, including Great Waltham Parish Council, responded to the first consultation with objections plus suggestions for alternative routes and method of transmission. National Grid has produced a Design and Development Report to respond to the route and pylon siting changes but this has resulted in no significant changes in our area. However, this second consultation shows an exact transmission route, including the siting of the pylons.

This map is taken from the interactive map that can be seen at: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ba2cbd9ac64c4723847fae8637d50df3/>



The report can be seen at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/ele.../document/149161/download>

The organisation Pylons East Anglia is campaigning against the pylons. They have a website [www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk](http://www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk) which has much useful information about the project, links to the National Grid proposals and advice on responding to the consultation.

Both Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council will respond to the National Grid proposal, as will the Parish Council. Members of the public can also give their feedback on these proposals to National Grid but the period for consultation ends on **21<sup>st</sup> August**.

You can respond to the plans either by completing an online form at <https://norwich-tilbury.participatr.io/>.

Alternatively, you can email [contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com)

Recently, the Electricity Systems Operator (ESO) announced that it would launch a 'Study' to assess objectively the options for Norwich to Tilbury and other proposed network reinforcements across East Anglia. We understand that the Study will consider the costs and deliverability of the different options, which will include the offshore option. National Grid have stated that if the recommendations from the ESO Study should indicate alternative infrastructure options, they will review and engage with the impacted communities appropriately. After this consultation and following the completion of the ESO Study there will be a further stage of consultation next year, where National Grid aim to show finalised proposals.



A 50m pylon beside a house in Sussex

## From the Vicarage

Research led by the Chelmsford Food Alliance highlighted the increased food poverty locals are facing. One significant discovery was that the needs are not centralised but rather they are popping up all over the place. Foodbank is a necessary and extraordinary resource for those facing hard times. For many however the cost-of-living crisis has not left them totally without food, so much as it has put greater pressure on their shopping bill. It's this that has led to the provision of St Francis Pop Up Foodstore. This is a project of the Gracefields group of churches and supported by City and County Council, Feeding Britain and others.

Our aim is to "Pop up" in neighbourhoods that struggle with access to amenities, offering a more affordable food alternative once a week.

We operate a membership system where you sign up for £10 and receive a membership bag which needs to be brought along each time you shop. From then on, it is £5 a week to fill your bag with around £20-30 worth of food. There are limits on how many items from each table you can take, and we are not a supermarket so cannot guarantee your favourite products each week!

Membership is not means tested. Anyone can shop with us, and we can currently be found at **Ford End Village Hall every Tuesday morning 9-11am**. Please come along and chat to find out more, there's no hard sell to sign up!

Rev Dan Pierce



## Church of England Services

**August 2023**

Priest In Charge: Revd Dan Pierce  
Tel: 07790 558579

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** 11am Joint Summer Communion Great Waltham  
**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** 11am Joint Summer Communion Little Leighs  
**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** 11am Joint Summer Communion Chignals  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** 11am Joint Summer Communion Ford End

### September

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am Joint 7 Churches Communion Gt Waltham

**Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator**

**Tel: 07957 228467**

**admin@littleandgreat.org.uk**

## Little Waltham United Reformed Church

Rev. Hans Stein 07763 169605.

**August 2023**

All services are at 10.30a.m.

6th - Marina Price

13th - John de Lacy

20th - Rev. Hans Stein

27th - Rev. Geoffrey Griggs - Holy Communion

### Other Events

Thursday 3rd August - Coffee and Cake - 10a.m. until 12 noon

Saturday 19th August - Coffee Morning - 10a.m. until 11a.m.

## Great Waltham Friendship Club

Members were in for a real treat when Leah Harper came to entertain them by singing a selection of songs with her great voice.

Elaine announced that the recent auction successfully boosted funds and Pauline Wilson was welcomed as a new member

## Services at Blackchapel, North End

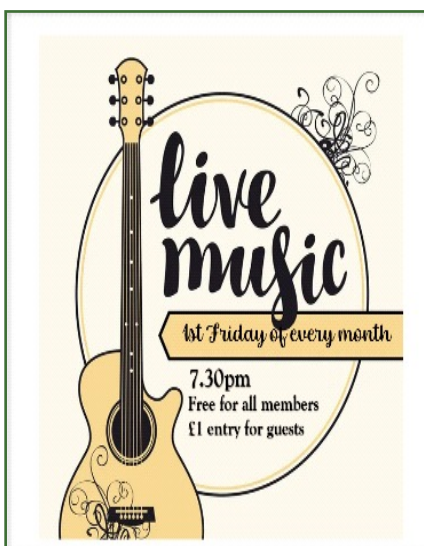
All services start at 3 pm unless otherwise state

**August 2023**

Sunday 6th Family Service

Sunday 20th 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

## Coffee Morning Blackchapel North End

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for a coffee and chat for just £1.



Last Wednesday in the month

**10.30 - 12.00**

## Ford End Gardening Club

In June the club travelled by coach to visit Barnsdale, the former garden of Geoff Hamilton who was the much-respected presenter of the television programme Gardener's World. The garden is now run by his family but still reflects his style of gardening. Barnsdale looked lovely with beautiful planting in small gardens created to inspire and encourage visiting gardeners.



Our annual barbecue was hosted this year by Peter and Sheila Sheldrake in their beautiful garden. With such a variety of salads with the BBQ food, followed with a large choice of puddings, made for a perfect evening. We had boules games happening with some good scores, although others needed a bit more practice! As well as that, Val talked about striking cuttings for those who were interested in learning how to do it. It ended up with a friendly competition being arranged! Our thanks were given to Sheila and Peter for a perfect evening and Sheila was presented with a flowering shrub.

We don't have a meeting in August but there will be one on the 20 September at Ford End village hall starting at 7.30pm. Our speakers will be Donna and Mark who have extensive knowledge on all aspects of gardening and salvias will be one of the subjects of their talk. Do come along and join us for this

## Waltham's Got Talent – Variety Show

Over 200 people came to watch the show over 2 nights, 30 June and 1 July - and what a great time they had!

Hosted by compere Mike, we kicked off the first act with a rousing 70's dance on the Divas, which was followed by songs from Laiha, dance from Great Waltham Dance club, comedy from Sarah, Steph and Ruth, a sea shanty from Ford End School Choir, original songs from Charlotte and Ryan, more song and dance from Amber and the Divas, dance from Hatty and Daisy, and an ABBA medley from the Legion Club.



The 60's Revival group took us back in time for the second act and we went into the third act with more dance from Ruby, Jazzy and Daisy, Mustang Sally from Ian.....



..... and some culture with Shakespeare's Hamlet from Michael.



Emu helped Mike draw the raffle before the third act which went down well with the kids! Thanks also to the sound and lighting engineers, the bar staff and all who made the event possible.

GWPP stage 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 whether on stage or behind the scenes. <http://gwpproductions.byethost14.com/#about>

Great Waltham Dance club meet on Wednesdays 3.30pm to 5pm at GW Pavilion in the Rec Ground, and the Divas Thursdays 7.30pm to 9pm. New members welcome.

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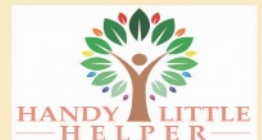
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Stansted Mountfitchet has an extensive toy museum within Mountfitchet Castle which is itself a popular destination for children who probably don't realise that this fun place is teaching them a lot about the history of Norman times. Further information for each of these can be found on [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk). We are, indeed, blessed.

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July is always our garden party meeting and last month we were invited by Lynne Squiers to visit her beautiful garden. The weather was unsettled but we managed to spend the afternoon relaxing, chatting and enjoying a selection of delicious cakes with a cup of tea whilst admiring the garden.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30** in the British Legion Hall. The programme is entitled The William Wallace case with Philip Mackinder. Guests and new members always welcome.

Contact ....walthamburywi@gmail.com



**Great Waltham Primary School**


I have been looking back and reflecting on all the achievements and experiences the children have enjoyed this year. One of the strengths of our school is the broad and balanced curriculum that we have to offer, and we are all very proud of what the children have accomplished this year. At the end of term, we will say goodbye to our current year 6, an amazing group of young people who have grown so much during their time at GWPS. They demonstrate well our vision 'Let all that you do be done in love' and the ASPIRE values these children have shown over their seven years at this school are a credit to them all.

It's been a busy end to the summer term. The children have listened to presentations from Essex Fire Service on the importance of water safety over the summer holidays. Last Friday was our 'Party in the Playground'. It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying themselves. Thank you to the FOGWS for all their efforts in organising this event and thanks to all the parents, carers, family members, staff and friends who came along to support this event.



Finally last Friday, we held a non-uniform day to raise money for a local charity, Hope and Aid Direct, who are raising money for the Ukraine. We raised an impressive £314.45 for the charity which will buy at least one generator.

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The photo shows Revd Dan dedicating Great Waltham churchyard paths on Sunday 2nd July.

They are dedicated respectively to Bill Pepper and John and Pat Bell, both of whose families attended the ceremony.



## Village Choir Summer Soiree



On the 6<sup>th</sup> July, the Great Waltham Village Choir held their annual Summer Soiree when the audience is invited to enjoy music for a summer evening followed by a BBQ. The audience of fifty was entertained by the choir singing musical items ranging from Top of the World through to How Does a Moment Last Forever and The Wind Beneath My Wings. Twelve songs were performed from the programme which was followed by a surprise encore, 'Let's Do It' a Victoria Woods favourite, much to the amusement of all. The BBQ was appreciated by all, and the audience stayed and socialised until after 9.30pm; an evening very much enjoyed by all. So why not come and join us in September when we will start our new term with new songs in the school hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm? - and the first evening is always free.



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## Howe Street's Big Picnic is a winner for charity

Howe Street families turned out in force for the Wimbledon-themed Big Picnic on Sunday, July 9, raising a fantastic figure of around £550 for charity.



On the ball – Simon Diss and Sally Gibbins

Top 'scores' of the afternoon went to Simon Diss and Sally Gibbins for their fabulous tennis outfits, and there were great raffle prizes to be won, with donations from The Green Man, Tower Upholstery, Walthambury Stores, Wood Automotive, Moto Pizza, Shimmy & Groove, Run with Ease and Sally's Yoga.

With games including egg-and-spoon races – for children and adults alike – great music and delicious cakes, the picnic was a great chance for everyone to catch up and enjoy the sunshine.



Football focus – fun at the Howe St picnic



Race day – villagers joined in the games

The money raised was donated to the charity MDS UK Patient Support Group in memory of Howe Street resident Bob Holmes, who died earlier this year. Bob's widow Christine and their family attended the event and said a special thank you to the villagers for their generosity.

With thanks also to everyone involved in organising the event and to those who came along to join in the fun.

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## Blister Pack Collections Halted!

Unfortunately, the collection point at 27 Cherry Garden Road has had to be halted. Superdrug have refused to take on bulk bags of blister packs which in turn means options for recycling are now very limited. You can return your empty blister packaging to a Superdrug pharmacy store where collection boxes are in store.

It is very disappointing that there is no easy way to stop these going to landfill. I will continue to try and find an alternative. Its disheartening that more pharmaceutical companies are not taking responsibility for such a large waste stream in our society.

Thank you to all of you who chose to recycle; we did save thousands going to landfill.

## Lt Waltham Garden Club Outing

The July outing of the Little Waltham Gardening Club was to Strandlands in Wrabness. A beautiful garden of around 4 acres on the Stour Estuary. We were able to wander around the wildlife meadow, the decorative garden whilst admiring the Moon garden and sculptures. Due to the exposed nature of the garden, the owner, Jenny had planted lots of trees, shrubs and grasses which are able to cope with the winds. Our visit finished with tea and cakes served in the formal courtyard. A lovely, secluded garden which I'm sure we all thoroughly enjoyed.

The next outing is on August 2nd to Mayfield Farm in Ardleigh.

## Great Waltham Parish Council

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This is a summary of discussions at the latest monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> June. For more details, see the full and approved minutes available on Council noticeboards and the parish website ([e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish](http://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish)).

Two planning applicants attended to provide us with firsthand information concerning the works being proposed for their properties – we welcome applicants at our meetings as this always gives us a better appreciation of the changes being proposed as we decide on our comments as a consultee in the process. We noted that our own planning application for a small storage container at Great Waltham Recreation Ground has been granted, and that the process of purchase and installation is to begin. In addition, we noted the upcoming City Council Planning Committee discussion in relation to the link road associated with the Bloor development at Broomfield/Little Waltham. We also agreed to send a representative to an exhibition on 20<sup>th</sup> June in relation to the proposal for an integrated retirement community (of 205 apartments/suites) at Blasford Hill, Little Waltham.

This month, city councillor Mike Steel confirmed that a new member led pothole repair scheme will begin soon – let a Parish Councillor or the Clerk know if you wish to report one. He also updated us on Digigo (the fully electric shared public transport service which offers on-demand or pre-bookable travel) – the facility is popular, but volumes are not yet at levels to make it sustainable in the long-term, so without using it, we may lose it. We also noted that Essex County Council has launched a consultation on a new Essex Electric Vehicle Charge Point Strategy – it closes on 30<sup>th</sup> July (see the website: [www.essexhighways.org/ev-strategy](http://www.essexhighways.org/ev-strategy)).

We agreed our Recreation Committee's recommendation to initiate a working group to develop plans and strategies for the Great Waltham Recreation Ground play area – some of the items of equipment which have served us so well are beginning to show their ages, so we need to decide what action to take. At Ford End Recreation Ground, in addition to noting the installation of the new path (as agreed at previous meetings), we resolved to apply for a Locality Fund grant for a new seat. At Howe Street Recreation Ground, we noted the new multi-play equipment has been installed and is ready for use.

We have obtained estimates for the limited renovation work we are permitted to undertake on the war memorial at Banbury Square (essentially enamelling the inscriptions to make them all legible), but members wanted more information on how the appearance would be altered – this is not an easily reversible process, so we want to get it right. The item will be discussed again at the July meeting when more intelligence has been gathered.

The Council also agreed to purchase computer software to allow us to introduce and operate a paperless, cloud-based operating system for our administrative functions. This will not only free up resource but also improve data accuracy, move us away from reliance on unsupported software, and offer the opportunity for more professional looking communications.

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Ford End Village Hall. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend our public meetings.

Steve Gilbert, Chair

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