

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Little Green North End

## November 2023

### Crime alert - please report it

As many of you will be aware, in the past month and more, we have had several incidents of theft, both property and vehicles, and anti-social behaviour. What has become evident in trying to deal with these crimes is that there have been very few incidents reported to the police or other authorities.

We do live generally in a very safe and friendly community within the parish, but as and when incidents do occur, they need to be reported. People think that this is a waste of time and that the police or other authorities 'will not do anything' however it does build up a pattern and really helps their case when perpetrators are apprehended.

Be it theft, attempted theft, anti-social noise levels or behaviour, intimidation, bullying, illegal vehicles on roads (electric scooters included), drugs - REPORT IT. (It really is NOT a waste of time even if it does not resolve the actual issue being reported)

To report any issue either use 101 (Police) or go online <https://www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/>

### Great Waltham C of E Primary School celebrates harvest festival



Marking the changing of the seasons...see page 3 for more.

### The Christmas Tree Festival

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December  
At Great Waltham church

Decorated trees in the church  
Market and Fair  
Essex Police Band Concert



Does your club or group want to decorate a tree? Would you or your family like to decorate a tree?

We provide you with a real tree for £20 to decorate on this year's theme of "A nursery rhyme," or you may decorate your tree with something about your club or business. Do you want a stall at the market?

For booking or enquiries about a tree or a stall, email [deborahpoulton@hotmail.com](mailto:deborahpoulton@hotmail.com).

### Remembrance Sunday Parade – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Great Waltham Parish Council announce that this year's Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

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

The necessary road closures orders have been secured and traffic will be halted to get the parade safely to the war memorial for a short service. 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. 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 when Chelmsford Road will be briefly re-closed. The Royal British Legion once again invites the church congregation to the RBL hall for refreshments after the event.

**Ford End Average Speed Camera  
Survey - see the back page**



## Feeding those in need

In June of this year the church began a new project. We have started a mobile supermarket offering affordable food to those who are being forced to face the harshest reality in the cost of living crisis. Initially, this project was born out of Chelmsford Food Alliance, a collection of charities across Chelmsford who supply food to those in need. We have taken the lead on the project but it couldn't have happened without the brilliant support of our partners and the council.

We have an X-supermarket delivery van which takes food to pop up where it's needed. We offer customers a bag of food that may be worth approx £25 for just a fiver. Being mobile and accessible is at the heart of what we do. Many people have trouble accessing either Foodbank or cheaper supermarkets due to public transport cost and regularity. Local chains can be super expensive too.

St Francis Pop Up Food store aims to not only support people living with Food Insecurity but give dignity and choice. Our tagline is "A helping hand with your weekly shop". We hope in time that these 'pop-up food stores' will help financially but also create a sense of community as isolation can be a real issue too. We have had comments such as "it's more than just food", "it's made such a difference to us" and lots more.

At present we run two pop ups on Tuesdays from 9-11 in Ford End village Hall and 2-4 at St Andrews church hall, Melbourn. As we secure more funding we would like to pop up on Beaulieu, Springfield and further afield.

If you would like to know how to support us, donate food, money, volunteer your time or find out more please email [popup@stfranciscommunity.church](mailto:popup@stfranciscommunity.church) or follow us on Facebook at St Francis Community Pop Up Food Store or [instagram stfranciscommunitypop\\_up\\_store](https://www.instagram.com/stfranciscommunitypop_up_store)

Rev'd Dan Pierce



## Church of England Services November 2023

|                    |         |                             |            |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Sunday 5th</b>  | 11.00am | Gracefields Joint Communion | Gt Waltham |
| <b>Sunday 12th</b> | 9.15am  | Remembrance                 | Ford End   |
|                    | 10.30am | Muster at Duffries Close    | Gt Waltham |
|                    | 10.45am | Remembrance                 | Gt Waltham |
|                    | 10.55am | Remembrance                 | Chignals   |
| <b>Sunday 19th</b> | 11.00am | Communion                   | Gt Waltham |
|                    | 11.00am | Communion                   | Chignals   |
| <b>Sunday 26th</b> | 6.30pm  | Advent Service              | Ford End   |

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Tel: 07957 228467 [www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk](http://www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk)

## Services at Blackchapel, North End November 2023

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Family Service at Blackchapel at 3pm   |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> | Family Service at Blackchapel at 3pm   |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> | Service at Holy Cross, Felsted at 11am |

## Coffee Morning Blackchapel North End

Come and join your neighbours for a coffee and chat for just £1.



Last Wednesday in the month  
10.30 - 12.00

## URC Little Waltham - November 2023

Minister: Rev. Hans Stein 07763 169605

All services begin at 10.30a.m.

- 5th - John Amos
- 12th - Rev. Geoffrey Griggs (Remembrance Sunday, please contact Geoffrey on 01245 471990 for more information)
- 19th - Rev. Geoffrey Griggs
- 26th - Rev. Hans Stein - Holy Communion

### Other Events

- Thursday 2nd November - Coffee and Cake - 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon
- Saturday 18th November - Coffee Morning. 10.00 until 11.00 a.m.

## A message on Fireworks, from your City Cllr,

**Mike Steel**

Three years ago I was asked by the RSPCA to proposed a motion to City Council for them to run an annual campaign to ask people to be considerate and visit a public display, or if you must have a firework display at home, to stick to &.30pm to 7.30pm.

This timeframe aims to limit the window when loud bangs and bright flashes will take place for the benefit of people and animals who find fireworks difficult. The Rocket O'Clock link can be found at <https://citylife.chelmsford.gov.uk/> which lists the public displays in the area and also outlines the distress and difficulties that fireworks can display to pets, people with conditions like PTSD, autism, and anxiety, people who rely on assistance dogs, very young children, shift workers, wildlife, livestock and farmers.

To help protect these groups, you can also buy silent or quiet fireworks. Please also note – public land such as parks do not permit the launch of fireworks or Chinese lanterns.

## Great Waltham C of E Primary School

Thank you to all the families who attended our Harvest Festival, it was great to see so many of you there.

Rev. Dan taught us all about the importance of being thankful and helped us celebrate with song. Thank you for your generous donations, which were greatly received by Chelmsford food bank and our friends in the Ukraine.

### **Can you spare a few hours a week?**

We are on the lookout for budding gardeners to restart our gardening club or individuals who would be willing to spare a few hours each week hearing children read. If you think this is something you would be interested in please call the school office on 01245 360395 for further information. All volunteers would be subject to our usual safeguarding procedures.

We are pleased to be able to offer tours of our school for prospective families with children due to start school in September 2024. We run tours in small groups with a limited number of people so booking is essential. If you would like to find out more information, please see the school website, or call the school office. We look forward to welcoming you.



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December  
5pm – 7pm

## Christmas Raffle

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
From 5.30pm

Our annual draw returns with more prizes to be won than ever! Play some festive ROCK 'n' ROLL Bingo and relax with friends and family to get in the festive mood. Tickets will be sold throughout December, direct from the Club so don't miss out!

## 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 WI holds 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. Contact [walthamburywi@gmail.com](mailto:walthamburywi@gmail.com)



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 9am**

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- Christen via jazz and regular worship
- Ofsted rated school
- Excellent SATS results 2023
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**GREAT  
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 VILLAGE  
 CHOIR**

The Village choir has around 30 active participants.  
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 the choir - no audition, no requirement to read music, no  
 solos.

We meet during school term times on a Thursday  
 evening in the Primary School Hall between 7.00 pm  
 and 9.00 pm (with a coffee/biscuit break). The charge is  
 £7 per session; the initial session is free. Come along and enjoy the singing and  
 company. Contacts – Malcolm 3601489 and Clare 361996.



**Ford End Senior Tea**

The next tea will be held on 6th November  
 at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End.  
 Please note the new winter start time of  
 2pm.

Anyone interested or who has not been  
 before, please ring Sheila Bearman on  
 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

 **Christmas Pudding Workshop** 

Great Waltham Village Hall  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
From 2pm

Come along and make your own Christmas pudding!  
£12 per person, including refreshments and chocolate log tasting.

All you need is an apron, a mixing bowl, a wooden spoon and a carrier bag. We supply everything else!

Tickets must be bought in advance. To secure your place please contact -

Joanna Steel at [joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com](mailto:joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com)  
on 01245 860 918

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30pm  
Village Hall, Great Waltham  
Adult £10, Child £3 (including 2 course supper)

 Picture Round  
 Music, Topical and Festive Rounds  
 Christmas Memory Round

 Christmas Bells  
 Supper, Bar, and Raffle  
 Christmas Trivia

Bring family, friends, the kids.  
Make up a table of 6 to 8, or if it's just you, we'll allocate you a table.  
Email [Joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com](mailto:Joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com) to tell us you are coming by **11<sup>th</sup> Nov.**



**Christmas Concert**  
**ESSEX POLICE BAND**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Great Waltham Church  
Doors open - 7pm

Gt Waltham School  
Gt Waltham Village Choir  
Dance Projection

Tickets: Adult -£6, Child -£2  
Phone M. Ward on 01245 360149  
or J Steel on 01245 360918 or  
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**Waltham Singers**  
Conductor: Andrew Fardell

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30pm  
Chelmsford Cathedral



Soprano Jessica Edom-Carey  
Tenor Henry Ross  
Bass Daniel Vening

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Children (under 16) .....£8  
Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) .....£35  
Family Ticket (2 adults & 3 children) .....£40

**Little Waltham Gardening Club**

Little Waltham Gardening Club hosted the annual Inter Society Quiz at the October meeting.

Teams from Hatfield Peveral & Ulting Horticultural Society, Chignals & Mashbury Gardening Club, Great Baddow Horticultural Society, Boreham Gardening Club and Purleigh & District Gardeners competed for The Essex Gardening Clubs Trophy.

Aimee Gill and Jack Dyke, both trained at RHS Hyde Hall, set a challenging and interesting set of questions which took in all aspects of gardening. Competition was fierce but the Little Waltham team won by just one point. Great Baddow came a very close second, Boreham third, Hatfield Peveral fourth, Purleigh 5th and Chignals sixth.

The next meeting of the Little Waltham Gardening Club will be on WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 7.30pm at Little Waltham Memorial Hall (CM3 3LN). Warden Sylvia Jiggins will be giving a presentation about the nearby Phyllis Currie Nature Reserve. Visitors very welcome.

For more information, please call M. Williams 01245 360042.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
7.30pm  
Great Waltham Royal British Legion

There will be team prizes for the winners and a raffle. All proceeds raised from the sale of tickets will directly support CAODS, so gather your friends and family, choose a team name, and get ready for a great night!

Members £3  
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# Great Waltham Parish Council

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This is a summary of some of the items discussed at the latest monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> September. For more details, full and approved minutes of all Council meetings are available on our noticeboards and the parish website ([e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish](http://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish)).

Mike Steel, our county councillor, confirmed the new member-led pothole scheme is underway. He also drew our attention to the current ECC waste strategy consultation – you can submit an online response to the survey at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/waste-strategy-for-essex-consultation/> (the deadline day is Wednesday 22 November). Mike identified the opportunity for involvement in ECC's Parish Paths Partnership and we agreed to investigate this in detail through our Highways and Transport Committee.

We agreed to make a grant application for renovation work to the war memorial at Banbury Square in 2024, and to publicise to parishioners how the memorial would look before work commences.

The Council is responsible for a number of trees in the parish (principally at the recreation grounds), and we agreed a budget to conduct a routine survey to ensure we have best advice on how best to continue to manage them.

We noted the installation of the new path and seat at Ford End Recreation Ground and the positive social media comments the work has attracted. We recorded our thanks to Essex Association of Local Councils for its grant for the path and to the ECC Locality Fund (via Mike Steel) for funding the cost of the seat.

In relation to the average speed camera scheme at Ford End, we noted both a generous offer from a parishioner to the Council for an interest free loan to cover a half-share of the projected costs, and the likely need for Dept. of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities approval whatever the source of funding. Notwithstanding any need for consent, we also agree to conduct a consultation of parishioners on the scheme to understand residents' views on the effect a loan would have on future precept requirements (the precept being the part of parish households' Council Tax allocated to the Council).

We agreed to consider support for any parish initiatives to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Our next monthly meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend our public meetings.

Steve Gilbert, Chair

## Ford End Gardening Club

On yet another wet and windy club night, members all turned up to welcome Tony Dunn, our speaker for the evening. He gave an illustrated talk on 'Sustainable Living'. We saw photographs of his two acre garden in its original raw state when he first bought the property. Over the years he has transformed it to make it self sufficient growing vegetables, fruit and meat, all organic. He began with making raised beds to grow potatoes, rhubarb, broad and runner beans, cabbages and salads. In fact the list is too long to name everything!

He also built a fruit cage growing all the soft fruits plus an orchard for plums, apples and pears. With a south facing fall he has trained peaches and apricots growing across it. There is a large herb garden, pond to attract wild life and a now mature coppice. Mr. Dunn also keeps chickens for eggs, and turkeys which he rears for Christmas. With the help of solar panels and a wind turbine he had installed generates between 3 to 5 megawatts. This proves to be most successful as it had paid for itself in seven years! He had various ways of saving water which made it a cheap form of irrigation. To finish his talk we saw photographs of the huge variety of birds that are attracted to his garden, quite a paradise.

Member we're all issued with the three hyacinth bulbs ready to plant for the best hyacinth competition in January. Next month 15th November our speaker will be Mike Able who will be talking on 'Vegetable Growing'. New members welcome to join us in Ford End Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## Recycling centre vehicle bookings – Public Consultation – ECC Cllr Mike Steel

Since January 2023, a pilot booking system has been in place at Essex



County Council recycling centres. Following an evaluation of the trial, Essex County Council is proposing to retain a booking process permanently for all vehicles at their 21 recycling centres.

You can have your say on the proposal by completing the consultation survey before 19 November 2023. To read the evaluation, supporting documents and to complete the survey, visit [www.essex.gov.uk/recyclingcentrebookings](http://www.essex.gov.uk/recyclingcentrebookings)

The primary way to respond to the consultation is online via the ECC consultation portal, but you can request alternative options (such as a paper copy to fill in at home) by calling 0345 603 7625.

# Great Waltham Parish Council

## General Project Consultation and Precept Increase Survey – November 2023

### Average Speed Camera Scheme in Ford End

This consultation relates to a proposal to install an average speed camera (ASC) system on the B1008 in Ford End village to enforce the 30mph speed limit. An ASC would measure the average speed of all vehicles when they travel the full length of the road through Ford End and will result in fines and driving licence penalty points for those exceeding the limit. Unlike fixed speed cameras, ASCs are effective in lowering speeds over an entire length of road.

Data available to the Parish Council indicates that over 9,000 vehicles (of which 18% are buses, trucks or HGVs) use this stretch of the B1008 each weekday and over 70% of all vehicles do so exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Previously, before the bypass was built, these vehicles would also have travelled through Great Waltham village and Howe Street.



An ASC system is the one traffic calming measure which Highways will currently authorise. The Council is looking to raise half the costs and seek match funding. This would mean it taking out a loan for c.£50,000 and looking to pay it back over five years by making an annual Council Tax parish precept increase equivalent to an extra 25p per week, or £13 per year, for a Band D property type. (The precept is that part of parish households' Council Tax allocated to the Parish Council – for 2023/24 it represented 4.3% of each total Council Tax bill and currently is £89.64 for a Band D property). Without Parish Council part-funding the scheme is unlikely to progress.

It should be noted that match funding would still need to be secured, and the precise precept increase would depend on the exact amount of the loan and the interest rate applied. Also, it is understood that the non-mandatory 20mph signs at the school would need to be removed as Highways are concerned about the possibility of motorists citing confusion to avoid conviction. However, the wig-wags lights can still operate at school times.

This consultation is being conducted to seek your views on the proposal to install such a system.

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#### **Question 1**

Are you in FAVOUR of the Parish Council going ahead with the Average Speed Camera Scheme?

YES  NO

#### **Question 2**

Are you in FAVOUR of the Parish Council going ahead with the Average Speed Camera Scheme if it includes a Council Tax parish precept increase equivalent to 25p per week/£13 annually (for a Band D property type) for five years for the purpose of repaying the loan?

YES  NO

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Signed ..... Date .....

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In accordance with our Data Privacy Policy we will only retain personal information collected from responses for the period it is needed to draw overall conclusions from the consultation. Your details and specific responses will always remain confidential. Please fully complete and send this survey questionnaire to the Parish Council by

**Deadline: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Any survey forms received after the deadline will be disregarded.

The form can be sent by post to: **The Parish Office, Great Waltham Village Hall (Hulton Hall), South Street, Great Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1DF** or emailed as a pdf attachment to [clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk)

You can also respond online by going to this address: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CSXKZJN](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CSXKZJN)

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**The last date for inclusion in the joint December/January issue is November 16.**