

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

April 2024

Great Waltham continue to fly high

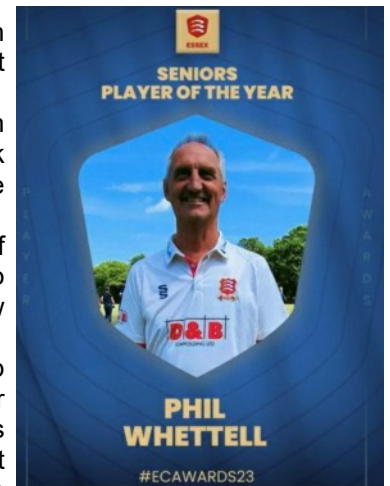
Despite a very wet summer, it was another successful cricket season for Great Waltham, with a number of notable achievements. The Club continues to provide opportunities for all ages, genders and abilities with Monday nights through the summer dominated by the 'next generation' of young players being put through their paces in fun training sessions led by a team of qualified coaches.

The Club has teams entered into a number of different age group competitions with regular softball and hardball fixtures. The Ladies XI repeated their achievement of the previous season by reaching the 2023 finals day of the Essex Women's T20 League. With the original fixture falling victim to the weather, the rearranged final against Sudbury CC took place at the end of the season with Great Waltham coming up just short in an exciting encounter that was a great advert for the Women's game.

The Sunday XI, with a healthy mix of emerging talent secured promotion from Division 2 of the Warsop Sunday League in an unbeaten season. Once again, the Midweek T20 side, reached the final of the Geoff Newman Trophy but came up short in a close encounter with Hatfield Peverel CC.

On a Saturday, the 2nd and 3rd XI's enjoyed mixed fortunes in Divisions 3 and 9 of the T Rippon Mid-Essex Cricket League whilst the 1st XI came agonisingly close to achieving their first Premier Division title since 1998, falling just short with a narrow defeat in a winner-takes-all contest on the final day of the season.

Led by captain Josh Fitzwater, the team is dominated by players that have grown up in the village and progressed through the Clubs Junior cricket system into the Senior sides. There were individual accolades for Ollie Fitzwater who scored the most runs (710) in the Premier Division and Matthew Reed who took the most wickets (34). It was a landmark season for the Club as they hosted a County fixture for the first time in their history as an Essex Over 50's side took on their counterparts from Gloucestershire. (Continued on page 3)



Parish Allotments

Whilst Christmas dinner may feel like a distant memory - how satisfying would it be to eat your own home grown veggies at Christmas 24 .

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From the Vicarage

When you read this article around Easter or early April we will have left behind, but not forgotten March 2024. Internationally it was a month of continuing turmoil. The desperate plight of the peoples of Ukraine and Gaza coming into our homes via the television coverage.

However, there were several happenings which brought happiness and joy to our area too. On Friday 1st. March in Pleshey Church there was a celebration led by the Women's Global Ecumenical Movement of the "World Day of Prayer. This service encircled the globe on this day beginning as the sun rose over Samoa, continuing as it made its way around Earth, ending back in the Pacific as the sun set over American Samoa. Joining together people in over 146 countries and islands around the world to pray with and for the people of Palestine. The service was written by Christian Palestinian women prior to last October.

Then on the 8th. March, we celebrated International Women's Day. Beginning in 1910 it has been recognized across the world originally with the aim to provide a forum for women to campaign for equality and women's rights. Now it's focus is on issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women.

Mothering Sunday on March 10th. was celebrated in Ford End church, a joyous occasion when we spoke of love for our mothers and grandmothers. See below for details of this day.

Thus, March gave us an opportunity to show our love and respect for all woman, our mums, our grandmas, our sisters and aunties. Let's not leave it just for March - let us love and respect them all the year round.

God Bless to your all
Roger Bearman
Acting Chair GW with FE PCC
(Rev. Dan is away for three months)



Church of England Services in April 2024

Sunday 7th	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 14th	10am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 21st	11am	Communion	Chignals
	11am	Service tba	Great Waltham
Saturday 28th	10am	Family Worship	Ford End

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

Little Waltham United Reformed Church Services and other events April 2024

Minister: Rev. Hans Stein 07763 169605
All services begin at 10.30a.m.

7th - Rev. Geoffrey Griggs
14th - John De Lacy
21st - Rev. Hans Stein
28th - Rev. Hans Stein - Holy Communion.

Other Events

4th April - Coffee/Tea and Cake 10am. until 12 noon
17th April - Coffee Morning 10am. until 11am.

Services at Blackchapel, North End April 2024

Sunday 7th Family service at 3pm
Sunday 21st Family service at 3pm

Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday we had a lovely service in Ford End Church led by Rev Mike Aston.

Some lovely posies were kindly made a member of GW Congregation, Pat Fewell. They were put out side Great Waltham Church for visitors and walkers who came by the church that day.

A young mother Danielle, Proprietor of BellaMade Florist who lives in Ford End made beautiful flower baskets which were handed out at the service and given to elderly members of the Church



How good to know that we have a local florist now in Ford End.

Thanks so much to both Pat and Danielle all the flowers were wonderful and greatly appreciated.

Coffee Morning Blackchapel North End

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Great Waltham continue to fly high (continued)

There were representative honours at a County Level for David Clout, Mark Chapman and Matt Duggan as a part of this successful squad



In addition, Club stalwarts Micky Headon, Atul Patel and the evergreen Phil Whettell represented Essex in the Over 60's and Over 70's with the latter being named Essex Seniors Player of the Year. At the other end of the age range, regular 2nd XI player Isaac Elles continues to represent the Essex Ability XI with distinction.

Whilst the summer feels like a lifetime ago already, cricket doesn't stop over the winter months as the Club has teams entered into the local Indoor Leagues. As the days start to grow longer, the players throughout the village are already counting down the days to the start of the 2024 season. We're always looking for new members of all ages and we hope to see a few new faces from the Village up the ground when the new season starts. To make contact, checkout the Club's Facebook page or website: <https://gwcc.hitscricket.com>.



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The WI holds monthly meetings at the British Legion Hall, on the 2nd 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

Great Waltham Horticultural Society Plant Sale



May 16th
**Outside Great Waltham
Village Hall**
10.00 - 12.00

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

PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The Great Waltham Parish Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at Great Waltham 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

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That first show - part of 'the Great Pageant' - was a comparatively modest event, held in Great Waltham Village Hall to raise money to extend the hall. As it still is today, the show was set up and run by local volunteers - nowadays around 40 invaluable people.

The show eventually outgrew the hall and moved to its present location - Great Waltham Parish Church. These beautiful surroundings create a unique atmosphere for exhibitors and visitors who appreciate the ancient architecture, background music from the grand piano, artists in residence and refreshments featuring delicious homemade cakes. All for £1 admission fee.

The Art Show attracts an eclectic range of work from local artists and beyond. This year expected to be around 300 entries to view and buy. As always, any money raised will go to village organisations. Last year it was £1,200.

The fiftieth Great Waltham Art Show is on Saturday 4th from 12.00 and Sunday 5th of May from 12.30. Do come along. If you have been before you will know that it is always an enjoyable and rewarding experience - as it has been for half a century.

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Great Waltham Village Hall

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Great Waltham Village Hall, South Street, Great Waltham CM3 1DF

All inhabitants of the area of eighteen years of age and upward are entitled to attend and vote. The area of benefit is the Parish of Great Waltham as constituted on 9th July 1889.

At the AGM:

The report and accounts of the Charity for the preceding year will be presented

- Not more than five trustees of the Charity are to be elected with their appointment to take effect at the end of the meeting
- The appointments of the presently elected trustees of the Charity will expire at the end of the meeting

Daniel Harper Gray Chair of the Trustees 14/03/2024

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'Ford End Gardening Club - Future Dates

The gardening club has lots of dates for you to put in your diaries for this Spring and Summer.

Our ever popular **Plant Sale and Coffee morning** is on Saturday 4 May from 10.0 am in the village hall at Ford End. So why not come along and buy some lovely plants and have a chat over coffee and yummy homemade cake.

On Wednesday 15 May in the afternoon we have arranged a **visit to a garden in Roydon** and we will meet up in the Ford End village car park. More details will be in the next issue.

Our annual summer coach outing this year is to **Eltham Palace and Gardens** on Saturday 22 June and further details will be given later.

The gardening club's barbecue in a local garden will be on Wednesday 17 July and the time etcetera will be given nearer the time.



Do come along to these events; have a chat about gardening and meet new people.



Great Waltham C of E Primary School

The children recently took part in 'The Big Walk and Wheel to School' event. To launch this, we had an official opening of our new scooter racks by the School Council and Councillor Steel who nominated us for a grant to fund the pods. The school council choose the colour's of the scooter pods on behalf of all the pupils. We hope to see the pods used every day as part of our travel initiative, which is to encourage more walking and wheeling to school.

We celebrated World Book Day with great enthusiasm! The children looked fantastic in their costumes. Teachers took the opportunity to read to different classes, and the book swap was a great success. The catering team did a special themed 'Wonka' lunch with music.

A group of children from Year 6 recently enjoyed a coaching session with John Rednall from the English Indoor Bowling Association at Falcon Bowls Club. It was a fun and educational experience for all involved.

On Tuesday 5th March, the whole of KS2 went to IWM Duxford. It was a brilliant day. All the children enjoyed themselves and everyone got to see many of the planes and



vehicles used in World War One and World War Two. The children got to climb aboard Concorde, they saw Spitfires, Hurricanes, Lancaster Bombers, ammunition cases, tanks and much more. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who brought their enthusiasm and love of air transport with them.

Looking ahead, the next few weeks seem to be exceptionally busy with our Easter preparations, Science Week, Red Nose Day, cross country events, and enrichment days with the RCP, including a netball day hosted at GWPS. Wishing you all a very happy Easter from us all at GWPS.

Waltham Wanderers

A village walking Group, the Waltham Wanderers, was established in 1995 since which time it has undertaken a 5 or so mile walk on a Sunday once a month.

All are welcome, there's no fee, just a willingness to enjoy the company of others while walking at an even pace and to enjoy the local countryside. The next walks are planned for 28th April and 19th May If you're interested in joining us, contact Clare Lyne at clare.lyne11@googlemail.com



Great Waltham Village Choir



The Village choir has around 30 active participants. However, new members are always welcome. So, if you enjoy singing then you fulfil the qualification for joining 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 C of E Primary School

Although this half-term is relatively short, that doesn't mean we haven't been busy! Amongst the array of activities, we enjoyed a jam-packed World Book Day in March, where the children came to school dressed as book characters and prizes were given for the best home-made costumes. Pupils then moved around the classes to listen to teachers reading from their favourite books and we were delighted to welcome a children's author in to school to talk about the inspiration for her writing career. We also had a book-swap, where pre-loved books could be exchanged for new ones. It was a fantastic day!

Here are two costume winners from our EYFS class.



GREAT WALTHAM TWINNING TRIP TO FRANCE

Last few spaces!

Our group is visiting our twinned town of Ceyrat in France on 24th July for a week. There are still a few spaces on the trip. Are you interested?

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Ford Rnd Senior Tea

The next meeting of the Ford End Senior Tea will be on Monday 8th April at 2pm at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford end. Starting at 2pm. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945T



Great Waltham Parish Council

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This is a summary of some of the items discussed at the February meeting of the Parish Council. 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).

We received a presentation from the Chelmsford and Maldon Community Policing Team on current policing priorities and issues in the parish. The parish's reported crime statistics are collated as part of a wider area, but we were able to get an understanding of local trends (more details are included in the minutes of the meeting, available on the parish website). Details of the Essex Police Force Plan 2022 to 2025 are available online at <https://www.essex.police.uk/police-forces/essex-police/areas/essex-police/au/about-us/essex-police-force-plan-2022-25/>.

We discussed a trend in locally-focussed social media for the posting of negative and intrusive comments. Although the Council does not host any social media sites itself, we encourage users to avoid uninformed remarks and site administrators to continue to monitor for this type of content. More generally, we agreed to post details of how one can raise concerns about the Council's or other local authorities' services.

In addition we:

- Agreed to replace the play area gates at Great Waltham Recreation Ground and to commission the works necessary to follow the recommendations of a recent tree survey.
- Agreed the dates for various parish litter-picking events.
- Noted that we had received no comments following the previous article in Parish News on the proposed renovation work to the war memorial at Banbury Square – we will post the article on social media and on flyers at the location to make sure everyone has had a chance to comment.
- Resolved to purchase a hand dryer at the Pavilion and also to investigate the cost of introducing wi-fi facilities there.
- Noted generous requests to donate two new benches to the parish – we will progress with the work needed for installation.
- Agreed to progress with the proposed installation of a new defibrillator unit at Broad's Green, where again we will work through the mechanics of making this happen.

Our next monthly meetings are on 22nd April and 20th May 2024, both at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend our public meetings. We will also be hosting the parish's Annual Assembly on Tuesday 7th May at Great Waltham Village Hall.
Steve Gilbert, Chair

Great Waltham Horticultural Society

AGM

and talk on 'My First Year as a Bee Keeper' with Kerry Bennion

A lighthearted look at Bee Keeping

April 30th 7.30 - 9.00

The Pavilion Great Waltham
Recreation Ground



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