

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

## June 2024



### 50th Great Waltham Art Show

This year was a special occasion for the Art Show since it was its 50th Anniversary. The Great Waltham Community Network sponsored the show this year which included a celebratory buffet for artists and helpers on the Friday evening and a presentation to Diane Hughes (left) who has been a mainstay of the show for most of the fifty years. The show was attended by a record number of people this year with 350 attendees over the weekend. A record number of sales was achieved totalling in excess of £3000. All the profit from the show is donated to village organisations namely; church, school, village hall and Community Network. Important as it is to raise money for village organisations, the show is a significant event in the life of the village, bringing people together to spend an hour enjoying viewing

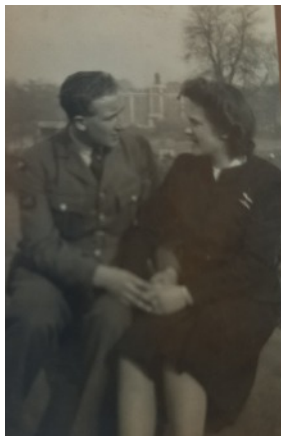
artwork in a beautiful setting. It could not happen without the help of a considerable number of people, including the many helpers, cake makers, hangers, committee members, artists and of course the many people from the village and surrounding area that attend the show. A big thank you to you all.



### MEMORIES OF D-DAY 6/6/1944 - On the 80th Anniversary

A few months ago, the British Legion asked readers of our Parish News for any family stories/memories of D-Day, the beginning of the liberation of German-occupied Europe (called Operation Overlord) which brought about the end of the Second World War in 1945.

This struck an emotional chord with me as my Dad (Bob) was in the RAF dropping American paratroopers over Normandy on D-Day. He had joined the RAF in 1941 and was a wireless operator on a Stirling Bomber with a crew of 8 and many American paratroopers when Dads's plane was shot down over Caen. They were trying to crash land but hit the top of a tree and the aircraft broke in two – Dad and the Rear Gunner Bert were in the tail and survived the crash but with bad injuries. Those crew in the front all died with some of the American paratroopers.



The Germans took the survivors prisoner. Bert was sent to Paris for treatment. Dad was treated by an excellent German doctor who saved his leg. Eventually Dad was sent to a Prisoner of War camp in Bankau where he spent a year. In early 1945 the POWs heard the Red Army were nearing their camp (The Russians were our allies at that time!). The Germans forced all the POWs to march miles in terrible weather conditions to the next POW camp (Stalag Luft IIIA). This march began on 19/1/1945 and they reached the next camp on 8/2/1945. They slept in barns and cowsheds and a brick factory in temperatures of minus 13 degrees and snowstorms. Dad said 14 went missing during this time.

The Russians eventually liberated all POWs in Stalag Luft IIIA and Dad was repatriated to England in July 1945, where my mother waited anxiously. They married 6 months later and 4 years on I arrived followed by my brother to complete Dad's loving family.

Dad had a happy life thereafter with his family and friends – and lots of whisky! And lots of laughter can you believe! He could still laugh after suffering all that horror, aged 23. But he never forgot his lost comrades – he visited their graves in Ranville cemetery, and never missed the Remembrance services at the Cenotaph. We are very proud of our Dad. Bless him and all who served. Lesley Davis, Broads Green

**On the back page are details of a service at 12 noon, at the war memorial, on July 9th to commemorate and remember the D- Day invasion of Normandy.**

## From the Vicarage



There are so many paths and difficult decisions we have to take today. Some paths are easy and some a more difficult route to take. If we can hold hands to help each other on our journeys then, as in this photo of one green lush path and one burnt one across the fields, the path we take should be a straight and sure journey. Last month we had the week of Ascension when Jesus took his last journey to be with his father in heaven. This was followed by the start of pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down to help the disciples face their fears,

without Jesus, and help with their journey to go out into the world and spread the good news.

So many of us today are facing difficult decisions and not knowing which way to go. If we hold hands and support each other, this surely will help us on our way.

Sheila Bearman Church Warden Ford End  
Reverend Dan still away from the Parish. He will be back sometime in May.

## An Invitation to a Community Meeting on National Grid's Pylons Proposals

Great Waltham Parish Council is hosting a community meeting on: 30th May 2024 starting at 8.00 pm at Great Waltham Village Hall



This is a forum to discuss and consider the statutory consultation issued by National Grid in relation to its proposals to upgrade the transmission network between the existing substations at Norwich Main in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk, and Tilbury in Essex. It will be an opportunity to learn more about and share views on the proposals which, if implemented, will affect us all, to a greater or lesser

extent. At the meeting the Parish Council and others will look to provide as much information as possible to help people make their response to the consultation. In the meantime, this National Grid's webpage provides a wealth of data on the proposals, including details of the various ways you can respond: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury/public-consultation-and-programme>. Please do come along to see and hear how this proposed project will affect you and your community.



## Church of England Services June 2024

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	10am	Communion	Ford End
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	11am	Communion	Chignals
	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	10am	Family Worship	Ford End
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	11am	Joint Communion	Chignals

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator

Tel: 07957 228467 [admin@littleandgreat.org.uk](mailto:admin@littleandgreat.org.uk)

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## Little Waltham United Reformed Church Services for June 2024

All Services begin at 10.30 a.m.

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	Rev. Geoffrey Griggs
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	Charles de Lacy
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	John Amos
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	Rev. Hans Stein (Holy Communion)
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	Rev Hans Stein

### Other Events

Thursday 13th - Coffee/Tea and Cake - 10am. until 12noon  
Saturday 15th - Coffee Morning - 10am until 11am.

## Services at Blackchapel, North End June 2024

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### Walthambury WI

In April we had a great meeting, listening to Susan Widlake talking about her route from being in IT to becoming a top class milliner and also had the opportunity to try them on, including a unique and fun Brussels Sprout hat! This month we have a Croquet taster session at Hatfield Peverel and an evening meal booked at the Rose and Crown. Our May speaker was Nick Wickenden, talking about Wilkins and Tiptree jams, followed by our annual meeting. In June we will be entertained by the Silver Darlings, singing sea shanties!

So a varied programme of speakers and events to look forward to. Do come and join us. Contact [walthamburywi@gmail.com](mailto:walthamburywi@gmail.com)



### Great Waltham Festival of Choirs 2024

Great Waltham Village Choir are hosting their inaugural Festival of Choirs in Great Waltham Church on June 7th 2024 at 6pm. We have six choirs participating in what we hope will become an annual event in Great Waltham. The Village Choir will be hosting and taking part in the event along with the following choirs from the Chelmsford area: Great Waltham Primary School, Chelmer Valley High School, Chelmsford Male Voice Choir, Dunmow Community Choir, The Sandon School Choir and their Elite Singers. Each choir will sing two songs of their own choosing and will join together in a grand finale to sing an item together. This should not be an occasion to miss. There will be an interval and bar available and tickets will be on sale from Walthambury Stores and Malcolm Ward 01245360149.



### YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!!

The SPEEDWATCH team are normally out by the roadside every week monitoring speeding motorists. We are only a small team, so really need a few more volunteers so that we could be out there more often!

If you can spare 1 or 2 hours a month to help deter motorists speeding through our village, we would love to hear from you. Training is given via Zoom and Speedwatch sessions are arranged by mutual agreement amongst the volunteers. No pressure!! Please email Angela at [afspeedwatch14@gmail.com](mailto:afspeedwatch14@gmail.com) Many thanks



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### Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group

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If you require the services of the group, please call our co-ordinators who are

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## Little Waltham & Great Notley Surgery Patient Participation Group

### Summer Update:

Welcome to the latest news from the Surgery.

Firstly, due to high demand at 8am and to make it fair for all patients the decision has been made by the GP Partners, that from the 13th of May between the hours of 8am and 9am we will no longer accept walk-ins to make appointments. You will need to call or use the online consultation.

To evaluate the accessibility and ease of the online booking system we will be running a short survey available for completion when accessing the surgery.

Secondly, if you receive a text message saying you are due your Spring Covid booster, please be advised that they are not available at the surgery. To book your booster please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination> and click on 'Getting a Covid 19 Vaccine'.

We are sure many of you are as concerned as we are over the high level of housing development in our area alongside the provision of healthcare facilities. To this end we have held a meeting with the Integrated Care Board to help clarify the situation and are now planning to hold a workshop with the ICB and representatives from healthcare providers and Parish Councils to see how we can work together to address the situation. If you are interested in attending the workshop, then please check the surgery website under the PPG tab where the date of the workshop will be made available.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing delays with finalising the design of the new website but hope to have it up and running shortly. For any concerns, questions or suggestions on issues relating to the running of the surgeries then please contact the PPG on [lw.gn.ppg@hotmail.com](mailto:lw.gn.ppg@hotmail.com) and we will get back to you.

### LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

The speaker at the May meeting was Dr. Richard Rolfe, chairman of the Chelmsford branch of The British Cactus and Succulent Society. Richard showed slides of colourful cactus and succulent flowers that could be achieved by correct cultivation. Perlite is the preferred growth medium and together with plenty of light, feeding in spring and autumn, and a cold spell (5 degrees C) in the winter, cacti and succulents will flourish. The Club continues to meet in June, July and August for afternoon outings to local gardens. Evening meetings will resume on September 4th, 7.30pm in Little Waltham Memorial Hall (CM3 3LN). Maïke Windhorst will be giving a presentation 'Growing for the Flower Arranger, all the year round'. New members and visitors are very welcome. For more information, please phone M Williams 01245 360042 or visit our website



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### Great Waltham Horticultural Society have been busy.

We held a successful AGM on April 30th which 25 people attended and heard a fascinating talk by Kerry Bennion on his first year as a Bee Keeper. This was not as straightforward as might be expected..



On May 11th the Annual Plant Sale was held outside of Great Waltham Village Hall. We almost sold out within 45 minutes! Thank you to all those people who supported us and we are sorry for those who were disappointed with so few plants left. Next year we aim to have many more plants for everyone to buy.

### Ford End Gardening Club

Our plant sale and coffee morning was a success and it was good to see new faces and familiar ones at the event.

The club had a really enjoyable afternoon in the sunshine visiting a garden at Roydon on the 15th May. This was The Mount, which is open under the National Garden Scheme which is such a very worthwhile charity. The next opening days are 23rd June and 4th August with tea, coffee and cakes available. This is an amazing 8 acre garden with many unusual and delightful sculptures set amongst the planting.



There are many features including a Japanese garden with red leaved acers and a small bridge over a pond. Beautiful peonies and roses were blooming along with many

flowering shrubs. The owners also planted a five acre wood when they bought the house and garden twenty years ago and this has grown into an enchanting area. We have Val Tyler to thank for organising the visit to this interesting garden. The Gardening Club has an outing to Eltham Palace on Saturday 22nd June with the coach leaving the Ford End car park at 9.30am. There may be a couple of tickets left so please phone Enid Adcock on 01245 237522 if you are interested.



## Great Waltham C of E Primary School

The sun is finally here and the children are making the most of our wonderful grounds.



Thank you so much to all the parents, governors and staff who gave up their time to help at our first ever schools grounds day on Saturday 17th April. It was a great success and we hope to hold these regularly moving forward. I have included some pictures, if you are interested in seeing what we got up to.

I'm pleased to share that we will be exhibiting some of the children's art work at a Pop-Up Exhibition at Chelmsford Cathedral. The exhibition, entitled 'Creative Courageous Advocacy' will be running from the 18<sup>th</sup> - 21st June. Further information can be found below.

We are also really pleased to welcome Luna who joins us alongside Ella, from Essex Therapy Dogs and will be visiting some lucky children in school. **Mrs Brooks**



**'Creative Courageous Advocacy'**  
A Pop-Up Art Exhibition  
Chelmsford Cathedral  
June 18th-21st 2024

The Chelmsford Diocese warmly invites you to this very special exhibition of children's creative work from across the Church Schools in our Diocese, which captures their message as 'Creative Advocates', questioning and leading social justice and evidence their commitment to making a difference.

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8)



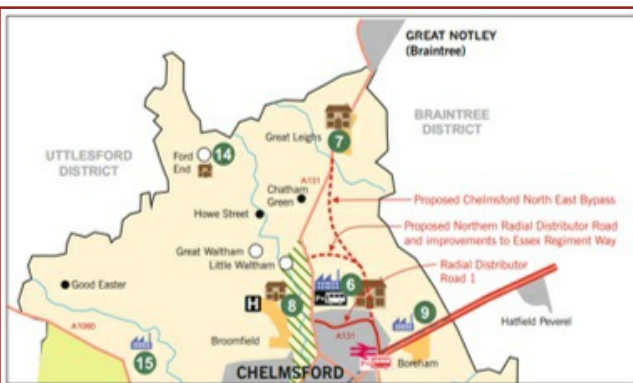
## Ford End C of E Primary School

We have had a busy start to the Summer Term!

In April, the children took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon. This involved them running or walking 2.6 miles (which equates to 16 laps of our track!) The children all received a medal and a certificate.



In May, the pupils in EYFS performed their class assembly to their parents and families. They all impressed us with their reading, singing, dancing. It has been a joy to see them grow and flourish over the year – we are so proud of them! We still have some places left in EYFS for September. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 01245 237209 or email [admin@fordend.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fordend.essex.sch.uk) for more information.



6 North East Chelmsford (Chelmsford Garden Community)	6,250 homes
7a Great Leighs - Land at Moulsham Hall	750 homes
7b Great Leighs - Land East of London Road	190 homes
7c Great Leighs - Land North and South of Banters Lane	100 homes
8 North of Broomfield	512 homes
9a New Site: Waltham Road Employment Area	3,500 sqm
14a New Site: Land west of Back Lane, Ford End	20 homes
14b New Site: Land south of Ford End Primary School, Ford End	20 homes
15 New Site: Little Boyton Hall Farm Rural Employment Area	6,000 sqm



## Review of the Chelmsford City Council Local Plan – update from your Chelmsford City Cllr, Mike Steel

The Local Plan shapes future growth and development across Chelmsford City Council's area. It sets out a positive vision, identifies where and how new development should take place in the future as well as areas for protection. City Council adopted the current Local Plan in May 2020, and need to review the plan at least every five years to date and meets the changing needs for development growth to 2041. The proposal includes 2 new sites in Ford End - 14a, Land west of Back Lane - 20 homes,

and 14b Land south of Ford End Primary School - 20 homes. I was expecting 14b, but 14a was a surprise! The consultation runs from Wednesday 8 May 2024 to 4pm on Wednesday 19 June 2024. Please make your comments if you want to influence this. City Council will consider all responses received and use them to inform the next stage of the process, the Pre-Submission Local Plan. Responses will be published on the Council's Consultation Portal in accordance with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulations. <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/media/uc3hwkij/local-plan-newsletter-may-2024>.

## Great Waltham Parish Council

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This is a summary of some items discussed at the April meeting of the Parish Council. For more details, see the full and approved minutes of all Council meetings, available on our noticeboards and the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

This month the Pavilion was packed as many members of the public attended, principally to make representations and hear our discussions on two particular topics – National Grid’s pylons proposals and plans for possible housing developments in Ford End. There is insufficient space here to detail all the points raised (however, the full minutes will be available online to review), but the upshot was that:

- On the former, we agreed to both take account of the comments offered when we submit our response to NG’s statutory consultation and host a further pylons community meeting (now arranged for 30th May at Great Waltham Village Hall).
- For the latter, we would again consider comments made when we respond to Chelmsford City Council’s consultation on its draft Local Plan for housing.

The Council encourages all parishioners to make their own responses to both consultations if they also wish their individual views, comments, objections etc. to be noted. In particular, we noted the low percentage response rate to NG’s two previous non-statutory consultations, so the more responses submitted this time, the louder the collective voice.

Also at the meeting we:

- Discussed the Parish Paths Partnership scheme offered by Essex Highways and agreed to support our participation if a local volunteer force can be mustered.
- Agreed to set up a working group to consider the issues which have emerged in relation to the village green at the southern end of Church Lane, Ford End.
- Discussed the damaged (and subsequently missing) dog waste bin on South Street, Great Waltham and agreed to purchase a replacement as soon as possible.

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June at Ford End Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend our public meetings. Steve Gilbert, Chair



### GREAT WALTHAM PARISH PRODUCTIONS

proudly presents:

# “CABARET”

An evening of song from 60s Revival Band, dancing, and comedy.  
Strutt your stuff to the Band!  
Bring your own drinks, Ploughman’s Supper provided.

**Friday 7th June**  
**7:30pm at Great Waltham Village Hall**  
(Not suitable for children)

Tickets – email Sarah at [sarahjrads@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjrads@gmail.com)  
or Steph at [sjwills@btinternet.com](mailto:sjwills@btinternet.com)


Price - £10 a head – people will be allocated to Tables of 8




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](mailto:walthamburywi@gmail.com)



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Conductor: Andrew Fardell

**Saturday 22nd June 2024, 7.30pm**  
**Great Waltham Church**



**Palgrave’s Poets** Narration by: Robert Bathurst

A collection of words and music to mark the 200th anniversary of birth of Francis Turner Palgrave



Accompanists: Jonathan Lilley and Alfred Fardell  
Soprano: Maryam Wocial

[www.walthamsingers.org.uk](http://www.walthamsingers.org.uk)  
Tickets: £20, £5 (under 18s)  
Sabine (07766655100); any choir member; via the website; or at the door

### Waltham Wanderers

The next walks are planned for Sunday 9th June and Sunday 14th July. All are welcome, no fee and enjoy walking about 5 or so miles. If you’re interested in joining us, contact Clare Lyne at [clare.lyne11@googlemail.com](mailto:clare.lyne11@googlemail.com)



### Lest We Forget

There will be a short service at the War Memorial on Sunday 9th June at 12 noon to commemorate and remember the D - Day invasion of Normandy. We remember all the service men and women who died or seriously injured to liberate France and ultimately end the war.

The service will be conducted by Rev Dan Pierce. The Royal British Legion Standards will be presented and a wreath laid. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Ford End Senior Tea



The next meeting of the Ford End Senior Tea will be on Monday 10th June at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Please note the new summer time of 2.30pm  
Anyone interested or has not been before please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

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 July issue is June 21st.**