

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

October 2024

Afternoon Tea with Old Park Meadow and the Essex Wildlife Trust

Old Park Meadow joined forces with the Essex Wildlife Trust to host an afternoon tea and a very exciting birds of prey demonstration for the residents of care homes across Essex.

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Residents were invited to learn about the Trust's charitable efforts and the exciting community events offered by Old Park Meadow. This was followed by a birds of prey demonstration, Eden Falconry put on a great show where the guests saw a Kestrel and Barn Owl show off their incredible flying skills. Eden Falconry also brought along a Tawny Owl and a European Eagle Owl.

To end the wonderful day staff and residents enjoyed a delicious spread of sandwiches and cakes. Delyse Jackaman, manager of Old Park Meadow, highlighted their ongoing collaboration with the Essex Wildlife Trust: "We knew an afternoon tea would be a perfect way to connect with care home residents. Thank you to everyone who joined us".

Old Park Meadow hosts their Gardening Club every Wednesday between 9am -12pm alongside their Coffee Morning which is held between 10am -12pm and on the third Wednesday of every month their Bereavement Café takes place between 10am - 11:30am for the local community.

Great Waltham Horticultural Society Annual Show

The show took place in GW Village School on Saturday 21st September on a beautiful day. Entries were down this year but those received were of a high standard and there was a fabulous display of dahlias.



Congratulations to all the trophy and cup winners and Gerald Smith for his continued support to the Horticultural Society since the 70's.

Over 100 people came to see the exhibits and have a cup of tea and cakes supplied by GW Twinning Association. There was a magnificent plant stall (below) and Bill



selling bird boxes and feeders.

Thank you to everyone who helped setting up, clearing up and supporting during the day.

Sporting villagers raise £500 for charity

The villagers of Howe Street gathered at the park in mid August for the 10th running of the Big Picnic and in keeping with recent sporting events the theme was the Olympics.


On a lovely sunny afternoon there was yet another good turnout for the annual event despite it being holiday season.

In addition to the normal games and events this year saw the introduction of our own Howe Street dog show, aptly named "Scruffs". Many dog owners brought their pets and paraded them around the field to be judged in different categories by our local expert Pam.



This year we were raising money for the charity 'Parkinson's UK' in memory of the passing of much loved resident Val Bannister. Our raffle raised the sum of around £500 and we would like to thank the following businesses for generously donating items – Tower Upholstery, The Green Man, The Rose & Crown, Wood Automotive, The Hub, The Stores, Shimmy & Groove, TM Fit, Dog's First, Shine hair & nails and Elaine's running coaching. Looking forward to next year already!





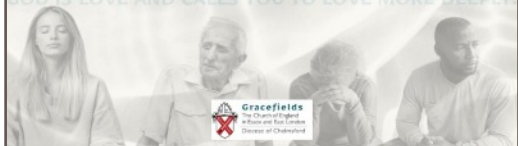
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October 2024**

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(see Poster)**

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| Sunday 6th | 11.00am Communion | Great Waltham |
| | 3.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving | Chignals |
| Sunday 13th | 11.00am Harvest Communion | Ford End |
| Sunday 20th | 9.00am Communion | Chignals |
| | 11.00am Harvest Communion | Great Waltham |
| Saturday 26th | 11.00am A Time to Remember | Great Waltham |
| Sunday 27th | 10.00am Family Service | Ford End |

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator
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Please visit our website for further information: -
<https://www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk>

**Little Waltham United Reformed Church
Services for October 2024**
All Services begin at 10.30 a.m.
Minister: Rev. Hans Stein 07763 169605

Sunday 6th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs - Harvest Festival
Sunday 13th Rev. Hans Stein
Sunday 20th Martin Payne
Sunday 27th Rev. Hans Stein

Other Events
Thursday 3rd October - Coffee/Tea and Cake - 10am until 12 noon
Saturday 19th October - Coffee Morning.

**Coffee Morning
Blackchapel, North End**



Come and join your neighbours for a coffee and chat

Last Wednesday in the month
10.30 - 12.00

**Services at Blackchapel, North End
October 2024**

Sunday 6th Family service at 3pm
Sunday 20th Family service at 3pm

Ford End Senior Tea
The Ford End Senior Tea will be on Tuesday 14th October at 2.00
The change of day is just for this month. Hope to see you all and catch up for a good chat It will be at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or has not been before please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945



OPEN INVITATION
You are invited to attend
**The Friends of Great Waltham & Ford End Churches Trust
Annual General Meeting.**

To be held at Ford End Churchon
Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.00pm

We will be publicising future events and would be very pleased to hear suggestions for events that you would like us to put on.
All are welcome!

You are invited




to join us for a service to remember loved ones we have lost

**Great Waltham Church
Saturday 26th October 11.00am**

Light a candle,
Hear their name read out
Say a prayer
Sing familiar hymns
Tea, coffee and cake

All welcome

Walthambury WI



In September, our speaker was local man, Graham Whicker who gave us a most informative and illustrative talk about his various trips to Ukraine, Moldova and Croatia, delivering much needed aid. It was eye opening to see many of the extreme conditions facing ordinary people and children. Our members donated generously to this appeal, as well as providing recycling items and spare woools/crafts for WI appeals.

We have another Pleshey walk planned on 26th September, 1030am. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th October, 7 for 7.30pm at the Legion Hall and our speaker is John Newman, who is giving us a follow up talk on Life After the Pacific Coral Atoll.

Little Waltham Gardening Club

Report of the meeting held on 4th September. The speaker was Maïke Windhorst who gave us a presentation entitled 'Flowers All The Year Round for the Flower Arranger'. She showed photos of flower posies that she had made for every month of the year, even in the dark days of January and February. Her Camellia bush provided the centre piece of each posy from January to April. An early flowering Narcissus 'Rijnvelds' was recommended. Maïke demonstrated colour combinations using seasonal flowers from her garden, many of which originated in the prairie conditions in North America. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October, 7.30pm in Little Waltham Memorial Hall, when Nina Lewis will be giving a presentation 'Gardening for the Future'. Visitors very welcome.

The Hundred Parish Society (Parish News September)

refers to the Guide Sir Nikolaus Pevsner wrote after the visit he made to Essex. In that guide Pevsner wrote about, Great Waltham. He especially mentioned our Church of St Lawrence & St Mary; some of the oldest houses, including Wiseman's, Badhyngams; Langleys House & its gatehouses. Also the Rectory, the Village Hall by Chelmsford Architect Chancellor (?) At the time of his visit in the 1960s building had started in Hatchfields & The Hundred Parish Society (Parish News September) refers to the Guide Sir Nikolaus Pevsner made to Essex. In his report Pevsner highly recommended the design of the houses, and the proposed development. I have lived here for 51 years & my friend Sue Rule was the first 'young married' to live here, She did move 30 years ago or so: but to across the Road Diane Hughes.

GREAT WALTHAM COMMUNITY NETWORK AGM meeting Tues 15th October, evening at Sycamores, South St, Great Waltham



On 15th October, there will be a brief Community Network AGM, followed by a meeting about our upcoming events. The Community Network is a group that aims to enhance village life by organising or helping other groups to organise social or fundraising activities. You may have been to some of our great events... the Christmas Tree Festival, the Christmas Pudding Workshop, the brass band concert. We also give out small grants to local groups and clubs. Email me if your group needs help. Representatives of village groups and individuals are invited to come along on 15th October to see what we do. If you are interested in joining the committee, or maybe just helping, you would be very welcome. Drop me an email if you intend to come and I will confirm the time with you. Joanna Steel (Chairperson) Email: joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com Tel: 01245 360918

Village Magazine – Public Consultation Copy

Public Consultation Open for Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy

More than ever, wildlife and their habitats are under threat for survival. It's time for us to all play our part in assisting nature recovery in our county. The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) provides a new vision for our natural spaces, and the draft strategy is open for public consultation for your input and feedback.



Introduced by the Environment Act in 2021, the strategy identifies opportunities for the creation of new habitats, which are most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment. It has been created with input from landowners, farmers, environmental NGOs, charities, local authorities and members of the public. The draft LNRS outlines biodiversity priorities for nature recovery in the county as well as a series of proposed actions, known as potential measures, to achieve these.



Your participation is crucial for delivering a robust strategy which collectively we can use to work towards nature recovery, shaping a thriving natural environment for Essex. To take part in the public consultation, please visit <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/c-e/lhrs-public-consultation>

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Essex Voices return to Great Waltham Church on Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm for a concert of vocal music through the ages. From sixteenth century polyphony to music from more recent times, we explore the ancient elements of fire, air, water and earth through music. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of the church organ. Tickets are £15 (£5 under 16s) and are available from the Essex Voices website <https://www.essexvoices.org/> or from Annabel Malton. annabel@maltons.me.uk 01245 360240"

Gunpowder, Ghouls and Plots

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War Memorial – Banbury Square

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the work it commissioned to renovate the memorial has been completed. The process followed guidance from the War Memorials Trust on what restorations are permitted, and once that was understood and agreed, Universal Stone Ltd. of Wickford carried out the works. The memorial was cleaned and, as necessary, individual characters re-etched, and then all the inscriptions were highlighted with enamel paint. You will see the significant improvement the work has made from the before and after photos below.



Ford End C of E Primary School

Our new EYFS pupils have settled in really well and it feels like they have always been with us! They have been enjoying their 'All About Me' topic, where they have been looking at baby photos and seeing how they have changed, as well as looking at animals and their babies. We are also in the process of creating a corner of our EYFS outside area for growing spring bulbs, such as daffodils, crocuses and tulips. On the theme of gardening, the children have been busy creating entries for the Great Waltham Horticultural Show! Here are some of the children from 1-2 with their autumn artwork. In Years 3 and 4, the children have been learning about rainforests and the impact deforestation has on the animals that live in the habitat. We are learning why people remove trees from the rainforest, and that the resources are used for lots of different things from building houses to using the palm oil for different products. Our Year 5 and 6 children are looking at the ways in which the UK and France are both similar and different. We are also studying the human digestive system and contemplating the question: Does religion bring peace, conflict or both? They hope to have reached an agreement on this by the end of the term! If you are looking for a school place for September 2025, please join us at our open morning on Wednesday 6th November at 10am. Mrs M Taylor and Miss J Bailey



A Postcard from North End

Things have moved on since the article appeared in the Parish News about the flooding in Mill Road. A Highways Inspector has visited the site to evaluate the results of the prolonged flooding; signs have been erected and bollards placed in the 'bays'



caused by the erosion of the road surface on one side of the road. However, the erosion on the other side of the road is just as deep but not so wide; it's also full of running water! The road is deemed to have been 'made safe' and further work to repair the road is considered to be 'not urgent'! It looks as if the bollards are there for a while so, if they are still in place at Christmas, perhaps we should decorate them with tinsel or fairy lights?



Great Waltham school's work tackling global poverty recognised with Christian Aid award



Pupils at Great Waltham School have been presented with a Bronze Award from Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme for their global citizenship work.

From recycling and bee friendly planting to encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school, pupils and staff at a Great Waltham primary school have been working hard to take their place as global citizens. The school has achieved Bronze Award status in Christian Aid's [Global Neighbours scheme](#), in recognition of its initiatives to encourage children to think of others throughout the world.

Headteacher Mrs Justine Brooks said: "We are thrilled to be recognised for the work we have done as a whole school community to raise awareness of the extreme inequalities across our globe and perhaps more importantly, the steps we can take to address these."

Great Waltham Children's Play Area



Many children and parents with fond memories of the train in the Great Waltham recreation ground play area will have been sad to see it was recently removed. The wooden train was a favourite fixture for around 30 years but more recently rot set in and it became harder to maintain in a safe condition for children to play on.

Having considered and discounted refurbishing the train the Parish Council was left with no other option than to remove it. Unfortunately its condition is also indicative of the deteriorating state of many of the other wooden play items. Following much research over the last 18 months the Council has decided a complete refresh will be the best option for the future of the play area at Great Waltham.

Work is underway with equipment providers for design and equipment ideas and fund raising and grant options are being explored. The Council will soon be consulting with children and parents on what they would like to see in the play area in the future, which in addition to many other new and exciting pieces of play equipment could see a new train, fire engine or even a tractor!

If you would like to share your views, be involved in this exciting project, or better still become part of the Council's play area Working Group please come along to a Council meeting or get in touch with the clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk who will provide more information.



Let's Talk – to the Chelmsford & Maldon Community Policing Team

Saturday 26/10/2024, 3.00pm – 4.30pm, at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground



The Parish Council is hosting this event to again give residents the opportunity to drop by and discuss local crime and policing matters with members of their Community Policing Team. Do come along both to raise any issues and concerns you have and to hear how the Team operates and responds to crime in the parish.

Great Waltham Village Hall October 30th 7pm – 9pm



Following the recent installation of a defibrillator in Broad's Green the Parish Council has arranged for the Community

Heartbeat Trust to demonstrate the use of defibrillators and explain how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

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Great Waltham Parish Council

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

The first item was to agree the recommendation that Mr. Lee Taylor should be co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy which occurred earlier in the year. Members welcomed Lee to his place.

In his report, our city and county councillor, Mike Steel, updated us on the revocation of free parking for staff at Broomfield Hospital and the introduction of a new shuttle bus service between the hospital and the Chelmer park and ride site. He also confirmed that the first part of an Essex Transport Consultation has been initiated, although the consultation will have closed by the time you read this, but the second phase, when detailed plans are set to be published and consulted on, is due to commence early next year. Mike also mentioned that the proposed integrated retirements homes scheme at Little Waltham has gone to appeal following the rejection of the original application.

We noted a report on the completion of the work to renovate the war memorial at Banbury Square and the significant improvement this has made. We made decisions in relation to the installation and repositioning of seats at Great Waltham Recreation Ground and also on proposed works in the children's play area at the Ground. In respect of the latter, we took the decision to decommission the wooden train which has sadly deteriorated beyond sustainable repair. However, looking forwards, we also agreed to commission the services of a grant fundraising expert to help us secure the finances needed to execute plans for a major revamp of equipment in the play area – this will be a very significant project for us, but its scope and success will depend on the money we can obtain elsewhere. I will keep you updated with developments.

Steve Gilbert, Chair

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

Ford End Gardening Club



At our September meeting Tony Rogers, who is an RHS a judge for fruit, vegetables, flowers and gardens gave us a really entertaining talk. As a young boy his grandfather gave him a carrot straight out of the ground and he realised how wonderful home grown produce can be. He knows many well known personalities in the horticultural world and was close to Peter Seabrook. Tony also helped to run garden clubs and also the Essex Hardy Plant Society which holds its meetings in the village hall at Wickham Bishops. Having bought four acres of land from Barleylands to add to his garden, Tony decided to plant an arboretum with many unusual trees and he described some of these. The Hardy Plant Society have a meeting on Sunday 13

October and the speaker will be Fergus Garrett talking about designing with plants. Tony very kindly brought along a crate of Bramley apples straight off his tree for us to share.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October and the speaker will be Stephanie Callister-Jarrold who runs a bird sanctuary and will be talking about birds of prey.

Stephanie will also be our speaker at our November meeting on the 20th and this time she will be talking about her hedgehog rescue but will not be bringing any hedgehogs or birds along to either meetings.

Our meetings are held in Ford End Village hall and start at 7.30pm and everyone is more than welcome to come along and join us.

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