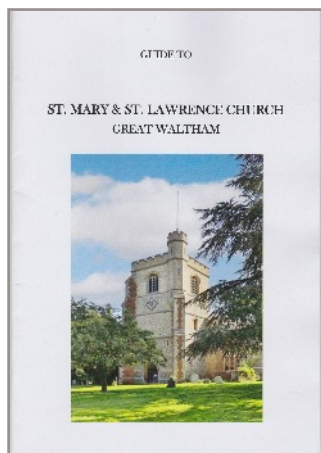


Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

November 2024



New Guide Book

'Great Waltham Church has a new guidebook written by Peter Wells. If you are interested in purchasing a copy please visit the church on Mondays at 1.00 to 2.30pm.

Otherwise, email Peter at peterjw53@hotmail.com. The cost is £2 and all monies will be donated to the church. Cash is preferred. Alternatively, copies will be available in The Stores and Walthambury Stores shortly!'

Ellis Wild Charity Car Show 2024

TMFIT, along with The Hub, hosted the Ellis Wild Charity Car Show on Sunday 15th September at Warners Farm. The Car Show ran for the first time last year with the aim to raise money to get Ellis from Writtle, to Italy, for crucial treatment for stage 4 Neuroblastoma.



Heartbreakingly, Ellis lost his courageous fight in October 2023, aged just 6 years old.

It felt important to continue supporting Ellis's family and so TMFIT aims to run the event annually in his name.

The Car show hosted a huge range of cars, from vintage classics such as Rolls Royce, Frogeye Sprite and a XK 120 Jag, to modern Ferraris, Aston Martins and Porsches. The variety of vehicles, enhanced by the GB Finch bespoke sprayed truck, a huge drag bike and a war jeep with all the memorabilia, made for an impressive display. MASSIVE THANKS to all the volunteers who helped run the event, all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes, to those who displayed their cars and for everyone who came along to purchase bacon baps, raffle tickets and empty their change into the donation buckets!

The event raised over £3,500 for Lennox Children's Cancer Fund. If you couldn't attend but would like to donate, please check out the charity website: www.lennoxccf.org.uk

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From the Vicarage



Tis the season to be jolly. Well almost. It's getting close. Carol services, Christingle, Christmas tree fayre and seasons greetings hove into view. We're almost ready to pull crackers, roast a turkey and listen to our favourite and least favourite Christmas tunes. The weekend of December 7th/8th is jam packed full of festivities at Great Waltham parish church. However, this year more than most I find myself struggling to feel the Christmas cheer with various conflicts raging around the world. It can feel overwhelming. Nevertheless I pray peace to you.

Peace to you who are near to God. Peace to you who are far. Peace be with you and work through you no matter who you are. Peace be in our speech and in our heart and in our mind. Peace be what you look for and peace be what you find. When peace feels very distant and not in our gift to give, may peace at least be in our thoughts to offer where we live. Peace be more than wishes, more than prayers that we release. Peace be born within us, for that is Christmas peace. Rev'd Dan Pierce

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| Sunday 3rd | 11.00am Communion | Great Waltham |
| Sunday 10th | 9.15am Remembrance Service | Ford End |
| | 10.35am Remembrance Service | Great Waltham |
| | | (muster at Duffries) |
| Sunday 17th | 10.55am Remembrance Service | Chignals |
| | 9.00am Communion | Chignals |
| | 11.00am Communion | Great Waltham |
| Sunday 24th | No morning Service at Ford End | |
| | 6.30pm Advent Service | Ford End |

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Minister: Rev. Hans Stein - 07763 169605

Services for November 2024

All services begin at 10.30a.m.

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|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd | - Rev Hans Stein |
| Sunday 10th | - Rev. Hans Stein |
| Sunday 17th | - John Amos |
| Sunday 24th | - Rev. Hans Stein - Holy Communion |

Other Events

Thursday 7th - Coffee/tea and Cake.

Saturday 16th - Coffee Morning.ices begin at 10.30 a.m.

Services at Blackchapel, North End November and December 2024

November

Sunday 3rd Family service at 3pm

Sunday 17th Family service at 3pm

December

Sunday 1st Family service at 3pm

Sunday 22nd Carol service at 4pm

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day service at 10am

Ford End Village and Church

A busy few days in Ford End Village and Church in September. A group Harvest Supper took place in the Village Hall with 74 people attending. We were entertained by Rev Dan and great food provided by many with lots of fun. Thanks to you all especially Jenny who cooked 75 baked potatoes. No small task.

The next day we had a church yard clear up with people from FE village, Hartford End, Great Waltham and Pleshey helping. This was followed by a wedding on Sunday. What a busy and happy time. Thanks Katie for the flowers and thank you to everyone who helped make it a special day for the wedding couple.



A couple of pictures from the happy busy weekend.



SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN



Santa and his helpers are planning to visit Ford End on Sunday 15th December.

On Monday 16th December he'll visit

Little Waltham, Broads Green,
Great Waltham and Howe Street

His reindeers will take him to
The Rose and Crown 5.15pm

LITTLE WALTHAM

Chelmer Avenue/Roman Road 5.25pm

The Street/Winkford Close 5.35pm

Brook Hill/Kirkham Estate 5.45pm

Church Hill Car Park 5.50pm; White Hart 6.05pm

BROADS GREEN – Walnut tree 6.20pm

GREAT WALTHAM

School/Hatchfields 6.30pm

Wolmers Hey/Hatchfields 6.35pm

RayMead/Hatchfields 6.40pm

Dickeymoors/Hatchfields 6.45pm

Beehive/Walthambury Stores 6.55pm

Mashbury Road 7.05pm

Cherry Garden Rd/Barrack Lane 7.15pm

Cherry Garden Rd/Blossom Way 7.20pm

HOWE STREET

Parsonage Lane/Lucks Lane 7.35pm

Green Man 7.45pm

All times are approximate but listen and you will hear him coming.

He is coming by invitation of the Mildmay Rotary Club. Donations to provide festive cheer will be collected by Santas elves.

Book the date in your diary NOW

Ford End Senior Tea.



In September we were invited to the bowls club for tea. Some of us tried the bowls and the rest of us enjoyed chatting and watching while eating lovely cakes. Many thanks to FE Bowls club.

Our Nov Tea will be on Monday 11th at 2pm. All welcome at Woodstock

Church Lane Ford End. If you need a lift then let me know in plenty of time. Sheila 07977 077945

Howe Street Picnic raised £500 for charity



Nora Ridley, pictured with her son Luke's dog Indy, took top honours in the doggy fancy dress class at the annual Howe Street picnic recently. Nora chose to recreate the famous Jamaican bobsleigh team entry by dressing both Indy and her wheelbarrow in traditional Jamaican colours. The Olympics-themed "Scruffs" dog show was just one of the events on the day,

which also included children's games and a raffle. Around £500 was raised for the charity Parkinson's UK in memory of former resident Val Bannister, and thanks went to the many local businesses who donated prizes.



Walthambury WI

In October, our speaker was John Newman, who gave us a follow up talk on Life After the Pacific Coral Atoll. He started as a police cadet then a rookie constable in Central London, followed by an illustrious career in Financial services. He had many interesting anecdotes and stories involving famous people, including dancing on stage with Lisa Minelli at the Royal Albert Hall! A fascinating and amusing talk.

Several people enjoyed coffee, followed by a guided walk around Pleshey, then lunch at the Leather Bottle. We have dinner at the Rose & Crown on 21st October 6pm.

Members are currently making poppies in any medium in order to decorate the Legion Hall for Remembrance Day.

Our next meeting is a craft workshop (Christmas decorations) with Norah Fitzwater on Tuesday 12th November, 7 for 7.30pm at the Legion Hall.

Remembrance Sunday - 10th November 2024



Great Waltham Parish Council announce that this year's Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 10th 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 closure 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 back 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.



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LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

We welcomed Nina Lewis as our speaker at the October meeting. Nina gave an excellent presentation about how gardeners can try to rise to the challenge of climate change. The recent rises in temperatures mean that we have flowers for longer in the autumn and that those plants deemed 'tender' in years past will now survive the winter, provided the drainage is sharp as they don't like wet roots.

Interesting alternative methods of growing, such as hydroponics and green walls and horizontal roof spaces were discussed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th November, 7.30pm in Little Waltham Memorial Hall, when the speaker will be Matt Oliver (ex RHS Hyde Hall) whose subject will be 'Unusual Edibles'.

Visitors and new members are very welcome. (£3.00 per evening)

For more information, please phone Maggie Williams on 01245 360042, visit www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk

Christmas Decoration Workshop

Would you like to join Great Waltham Horticultural Society for a festive evening making Christmas decorations while enjoying a glass of mulled wine with a mince pie?



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Places will be limited so please let us know this week if you'd like to come along.

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FORD END GARDENING CLUB

At our October meeting, which was very well attended, Stephanie Callister-Jarrold gave us a talk on rescue owls and birds of prey and had some wonderful slides of the birds that had been brought to the Owls and Birds of Prey Rescue. This is a charitable organisation run by Stephanie and based in Gestinorpe on the Essex/Suffolk borders where it operates to look after injured and orphaned owls and birds of prey prior to release back into the wild wherever possible.



The owlets (left) are used to being in a nest with siblings that they snuggle up to so when an injured or abandoned one arrives and is put in a cage it is given a teddy bear for company and we saw delightful slides of owlets cuddling up to one. The information that Stephanie gave us on the different species of owls found in our countryside was really fascinating. Although the rescue owls are happy to be in a cage with other ones, the birds of prey need to be kept separate from each other as they will attack any bird put with them.

We are looking forward to Stephanie giving a Hedgehog Haven Talk at our next meeting on the 20 November. This starts at 7.30 in Ford End Village Hall and everyone is welcome to join us.



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Make a difference as a school governor

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Harvest

I was very impressed with how confident and articulate the children were during our wonderful Harvest Service, (pictured above and right) which was exceptionally well attended! The children sang and danced beautifully and a huge thank you to Rev. Dan for teaching us the 'Thank you' song which conveyed such an important message.



Ford End C of E Primary School

On October 10th we marked World Mental Health Day, also known as Hello Yellow!

On this day, the children dressed up in something yellow to show everyone that they're not alone with their mental health. We had special conversation cards to use when we were doing the Daily Mile. We found that walking in nature and getting to know our friends a little better was great for our mental health!

The pupils in KS2 watched a theatre production called 'How Are You?' which aimed to sensitively open up conversations around mental health and explore strategies they can use to improve their wellbeing. This production was funded by our PTA, for which we are very grateful. The pupils in Year 6 have also been doing weekly yoga sessions with ProjectME and finding ways to manage fear and anxiety and feel more positive when they find things challenging!

Mrs M Taylor and Miss J Bailey



Year 6 learning some yoga moves!



Dressed in yellow to celebrate World Mental Health Day!

The Ford End Village Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on
Wednesday 13th November
at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall.

We would welcome anyone along to the meeting with an interest in the village hall.

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This is a summary of some items discussed at the September 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).

As no members of the public attended on this occasion they missed an opportunity to hear from our local Community Policing Team on current policing priorities and issues in the parish. Members indicated that increased visibility of officers generally and more speed checks would be well received.

Mike Steel, our city and county councillor, highlighted that Essex Highways' 'Tell Us' tool (for reporting highway defects) on the website has been improved – a user can note if the defect is getting worse and photos loaded by other members of the public are available to view. Mike also confirmed there will be no RideLondon event in 2025, but a revamped event is planned for 2026.

We approved the Council's response to ECC's Local Transport Plan consultation. We also agreed we would consider and look to support grant applications from organisations in the Parish who wish to arrange events for next year's 80th anniversary of VE Day. In relation to the Great Waltham Recreation Ground play area project, we noted the intention to run a consultation event at Great Waltham school to get the views of the experts – the children who will use the equipment – and to run an online survey to collect more ideas.

We agreed in principle to renew the public car parking space rental arrangement with the Village Hall, subject to negotiation and agreement of terms and conditions going forward.

We decided not to pursue the self-funding option we had investigated for the introduction of a Quiet Lane scheme through Ringtail Green – it was felt the indicative costs of £15,500 could not be justified. We then resolved that despite our efforts the current situation in the area should be accepted and that we would not consider other measures to address traffic issues at Ringtail Green.
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

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FORD END
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
2 - 5:30PM
GIFT STALLS
REFRESHMENTS
FESTIVE RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
SANTAS GROTTTO

to book a stall at the Fayre or pre book Santa slots please
email EVENTSFE@yahoo.com
or via facebook @fordenders

all proceeds go to
Ford End Village Hall

Ford End Volunteer Required

The Parish Council is very grateful for the support of local residents over the years to open and close the Ford End Recreation Ground car park gate but the time has come for another volunteer to take on the role. If you live close to the recreation ground and are available to unlock the outer gate before school time and lock it at the end of the day please contact the clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk for more information.

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