

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

June 2025

Great Waltham Art Show 2025

Wow! The best and most profitable Art Show ever. Over 400 people attended the show during the weekend with record sales and record takings for refreshments with lots of positive comments about the show and the cakes on sale. Over £4000 of artwork was sold at the show and the combined profit from refreshments, entry fees and artwork sales realised £2000+. All the profit from the show goes to village organisations with church, school, village hall, Community Network and others benefiting. It would not be possible to mount such a large Art Show without the invaluable help of over 40 people. So, many, helpers and many thanks to all that make the show possible and to all those that attended the show and made it such a huge success.



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Victory in Europe (VE) Day



On May 8th to celebrate the 80th anniversary of peace in Europe since World War II ended Great Waltham Parish had many commemorative displays.

More pictures inside page 7

‘North End will not forget them’



Great Waltham Horticultural Society and Walthambury WI



On May 10th GWHS and WWI held sales of cakes and plants. The sun shone down and members and others arrived to catch the best bargains. The cakes looked delicious and sold quickly and the plants radiant. It was a lovely morning and the GWHS has six new members but sadly no new committee members.

To keep the society going we need new committee members. If you are interested please contact, Helen Willis, Chairman on 07747 847240



or email: greatwalthamhortsoc@gmail.com
Our next event for members is a trip to Hyde Hall on Friday, June 6th the day before the roses event opens to the public. If you would like to join us (entry free to members of GWHS) please let Helen know on 07747 847240 or email greatwalthamhortsoc@gmail.com. for details



From the Vicarage

Time flies. They say time flies when you're having fun. In my experience it flies either way! At time of writing the weather is beautiful. It's a day for the paddling pool, nice cold drinks and bbq.

Admittedly just because the sun is out doesn't mean it's a wonderful time for everyone. Unfortunately life events simply don't correspond with the sunshine of course. So if you're having good times embrace the moment because time flies and if you're having bad times remember this too shall pass. In the meantime may you feel blessed with the knowledge of God's love for you. Peace. Rev'd Dan

Services at Blackchapel, North End

June 2025

All services at 3pm

Sunday 1st	Family Service
Sunday 15th	Family Service

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Church of England Service



June 2025

Sunday 1st	11.00am	Joint Gracefields Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 8th	11.00am	Communion	Ford End
	6.30pm	Open Worship	Great Waltham
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Communion	Chignalls
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Family Service	Ford End
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Sunday	1st	- Joanna Young
Sunday	8th	- Marina Price
Sunday	15th	- Chris Kemshall
Sunday	22nd	- Ian Miller
Sunday	29th	- John de Lacy - Holy Communion

Other Events

Thursday 5th June - Coffee and Cake - 10am-12noon
Saturday 21st June - Coffee Morning - 10am - 11am.

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LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB - May 2025

Members enjoyed a presentation entitled 'Right Plant, Right Place' by Charlotte Power, Horticultural lecturer at Writtle College. The many factors that determine where a plant should be placed were discussed. Drainage and PH of the site are important as is space. How many times do we see an enormous (say), Monkey Puzzle tree dominating a small garden to the exclusion of other plants? Then there is the damage that roots can cause to buildings, willow and bamboo being good/bad examples. There's no such thing as a dwarf conifer warned Charlotte. Some maybe slow growing, but left to themselves they will eventually grow to their unanticipated maximum size.

It was not all gloom and doom. If the soil is alkaline, go with the flow and grow Lilacs, Ceanothus, Clematis and Berberis, to name but a few, and leave the rhododendrons and azaleas and Camellias to those with acid soil. 'Enjoy your garden and don't forget to plant so that the view from inside the house is attractive and tempts you away from household chores' was Charlotte's message.

Until September 3rd, the Gardening Club's meetings will take the form of afternoon outings: May 14th 'Peacocks', Margaretting. June 4th Feeringbury Manor; July 1st 'Dragons'; August 6th RHS Hyde Hall. We travel by car and lifts can be arranged.

For more information, please phone M Williams (01245 360042 or 07772 463397) Maggie Williams (Chairperson and acting secretary)

GREAT WALTHAM FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A good time was had by all at the May meeting celebrating VE Day 80 years ago. A quiz about that era was a real brain teaser, followed by the singing of songs from that era and refreshments too had a 40's theme with bread pudding, jam tarts and, of course, Spam! Some very interesting prizes were awarded for the quiz and nobody seemed to want to leave.



FORD END GARDEN CLUB

The garden club had a very successful plant sale/coffee morning at the beginning of this month so thank you to everyone who came along to support us. We have had a visit to Ulting Wick to see the wonderful display of tulips, narcissus, cammasias and early flowering perennials and shrubs. The wild flower meadow was full of cowslips and we walked through this to Ulting church. We then all enjoyed yummy cakes and tea sitting in this garden. On Wednesday 25th June we will be visiting the garden of one of our members at Onslow Green and will be meeting in the Ford End village car park at 1.15. In July the garden club is having a barbecue and details of this will be given out later. Enjoy your gardens.



Walthambury W I

We have had a busy month, with an evening meal at the Rose & Crown, an enjoyable Pleshey walk, a successful cake stall at the plant sale and members supporting the Art show. In May we had a very informative talk from Sophie Ede on "Hearing Help Essex". We also had our Annual meeting and voted on some resolutions.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10th June, 7 for 7.30pm** at the Legion Hall and our speaker is Terry Hiscock on History of Pop Music – the 50's and 60's. Should be entertaining! This year Walthambury WI celebrate our 55 year (Emerald) anniversary!

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Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden was created by a local businessman and Quaker, Francis Gibson, in the 1840s. It is now managed by Saffron Walden Town Council. Delights to explore include the hedge maze, rose garden and Dutch garden.

The Gardens of Easton Lodge in Little Easton have limited opening hours which can be found on our website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. They were designed by Harold Peto in 1902 for the Countess of Warwick who lived at Easton Lodge.

In Sawbridgeworth, Pishiobury Park was redesigned by Capability Brown in the 18th century as an enclosed park. It is a registered historic park and includes wet woodland, grazed fields, an oak walk, meadows and part of the River Stort.

Birchanger Wood comprises 69 acres of ancient coppiced woodland, managed and owned by the Birchanger Wood Trust. Three miles of all-weather, wheelchair-friendly paths make it easy to explore.

In Stansted Mountfitchet, the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve is a 25 acre woodland with six man-made ponds. It was originally part of the park and garden of Aubrey Buxton's house. He was a co-founder of the World Wildlife Trust and donated the land to Essex Wildlife Trust. Today you can enjoy circular walks passing the ponds through the wood.

June is the month when many private gardens open to the public, even groups of gardens in Duxford and Ickleton – details appear on the What's On section of our website.

We hope you enjoy the summer and explore some of our wonderful parks and gardens.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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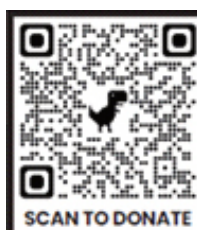
Building a Legacy: Thank You for Supporting the Great Waltham Playground Project

What an incredible weekend at the Great Waltham Art Show! It was a pleasure meeting so many of you amid the fabulous local artwork on display. Events like this remind us why we're so passionate about our project to create something lasting, joyful, and inclusive for our entire community. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our stand - Your kind words, thoughtful questions, and support means so much. Most excitingly, we were able to share our vision for the Great Waltham Playground Refresh - and the response has been fantastic.

Our Vision: We're aiming to raise £160,000 to completely rejuvenate the village playground. This includes installing brand-new, durable metal play equipment, as well as accessible paths and safety surfacing - creating a space every child can enjoy, now and for generations to come.

We're deeply grateful for the support we've received so far - and we're just getting started. Visit our fundraising page using the QR code below or website link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/great-waltham-playground-refresh-2025> or if you have any questions or would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to email us at: gtwalthamplayground@gmail.com

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VE day.**

**Right -
Great Waltham's
memorial
'Lest We Forget'**



Great Waltham C of E Primary School

I wanted to say a huge well done to Class North America who took part in The English National Opera's music making project. Their composition was selected to be turned into an animation! Hopefully Mrs Welch has helped to inspire the children to keep on composing! Thank you to all of our iRockers for a fantastic concert at the start of the term! All of our bands put on fantastic performances.

On another note, I am pleased to report that our building project is progressing well. Recently, we had the opportunity to stand within the shell of the new classroom, allowing us to visualise its potential. Exciting times ahead!



WE'RE BACK!



FORD END SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2025

The scarecrows are returning to Ford End on Sunday 22nd June 2025.
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This is a summary of some of the items discussed at the April meeting of the Parish Council. For more details, see the full and approved minutes of all Council meetings on the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

Our city and county councillor, Mike Steel, confirmed that higher authorities too have submitted responses to National Grid's latest targeted consultation on its proposed scheme of a pylon route through East Anglia. It was noted that in its submission one option proposed by Chelmsford City Council was a relocation of the route to the north of Great Waltham and Little Waltham. The meeting recalled that the Parish Council's current position is to oppose the installation of pylons anywhere in the parish.

We discussed the apparent increase of Aldi's use of the B1008 by its HGVs. We noted that in a communication from its local transport manager Aldi had confirmed, *inter alia*: "we [do] use B roads to make our way from our RDC's [Regional Distribution Centres] to our stores" and although there is unhappiness "that we use the B1008, the use of that route does reduce our carbon footprint by over 100 tonnes annually". We decided to contact Aldi again to challenge this saving amount and to suggest that despite its greater length average overall carbon emissions per mile may be no more, or indeed less, when using the alternative A131/A120 route.

We also agreed expenditure to: purchase an electric sprayer to paint the exterior walls of the Pavilion; clear a blocked drainage pipe at the Pavilion (caused by tree root ingress); and support the purchase of a banner for parish organisations at their events, beginning with the scouts' breakfast event on Sunday 1st June.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 16th June at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground, starting at 7.30pm. As always, all are welcome to attend our public meetings.

Steve Gilbert Chair

Ford End Senior Tea



The next tea will be on Monday June 16th and Monday July 7th. Both at 2.30 and at Woodstock.

If you are new or thinking of coming do phone so I can decide how many cakes to provide. Starting at 2.30 now as lighter evenings

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

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 local doctor and hospital appointments.

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The last date for inclusion in the July issue is June 15th