



Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

July 2025

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ZINNIA

I would like to say thank you to all those that supported me in my dream to be part of the Under 15s England Girls' Ice Hockey Squad at the Sostine Cup in Vilnius, Lithuania, taking on teams from Sweden, Finland and the host country. All the games were close and we eventually lost the bronze medal match 3-0 to Lithuania.

Thank you so much for those that donated via my GoFundMe page, and also arranged fundraising events. This was an amazing experience.

As soon as we got home, it was on to *IceSheffield*, representing the Chelmsford Rattlesnakes U16s girls in the National Finals and getting the top position!

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The Scarecrow Festival



The Scarecrow Festival was on the 22nd June with beautiful weather and was a great success. A full write up and photos will follow next time

Inside this months Great Waltham Parish News

Scout's breakfast, Great Waltham Primary School Sports day, Gardening Club visits, Church Services, Play area project, Trucam update, PC minutes, Ford End Senior Teas, Community Care Group and more than **two pages of adverts** for almost every need.



From the Vicarage

Just a short drive from Great Waltham church is St Martin's, Little Waltham. These are two of six Church of England churches which together make up a group we call Gracefields. Across these churches we try to work together to be the best we can be for our villages. One thing I've loved in recent months is the Still Waters Communion service at 6pm in St Martin's every Thursday evening. It's super short and very relaxed. Even if you're not sure what the service is about I hope it's a calming, still sought of place to find rest and restoration. People have been worshipping in St Martin's for 800 years and the plinky plonk, nodily soundtrack music we use tries to add to the sense of space and serenity. It's a break from business. And lovely Sue always has chocolates available at the end! If this doesn't sound like your cup of tea I hope Gracefields can begin to offer something spiritually or practically that might otherwise be a blessing to you. Peace. Dan

Services at Blackchapel, North End

July 2025

All services at 3pm

Sunday 6th Family Service
Sunday 20th Family Service

Coffee Morning Blackchapel, North End



Come and join your neighbours for a coffee and chat

Last Wednesday in the month

10.30 - 12.00

LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB - June 2025

On 4th June 20 of Little Waltham Gardening Club members visited the gardens of Feeringbury Manor. The weather was kind and a pleasant hour and half was spent by exploring the grounds of this almost 8 acre garden. The owners of the garden employ 4 part time gardeners to maintain the gardens.

The grounds also contained many large unusual sculptures made by the owners son. As the owners were unable to be there, the group then went to visit Poplars Nursery, where we had tables booked in the conservatory for the members to enjoy tea and large slices of cake which they purchased there.

The destination for the next afternoon outing is 'Dragons', Boyton Cross (CM1 4LS) on Wednesday 2nd July. For more information, please phone Caroline Boyd 07732 405048 or Maggie Williams (07772 463397)

Church of England Service



July 2025

Sunday 6th 11.00am Joint Gracefields Service
Great Waltham

Sunday 13th 11.00am Communion Ford End

Sunday 20th 9.30am Communion Chignals
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Sunday 27th 10.00am Family Communion
Great Leighs

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Little Waltham United Reformed Church Services for July, 2025

Contact: Liz Hagon - 01245 360874
All services begin at 10.30a.m.

Sunday 6th - Colin Rackham
Sunday 13th - Frances Couch
Sunday 20th - John Amos
Sunday 27th - Charles de Lacy

Other Events

Thursday 3rd July - Coffee and Cake 10am until 12 noon
Saturday 19th July - Coffee Morning 10 until 11am



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Great Waltham Play Area Project – July Update

We continue full steam ahead with our exciting plans for the playground refresh! Thanks to your generous support the on-line fundraiser donations have now reached £1,450 - a brilliant start towards our £30,000 target and our eventual goal of £160,000. Grant applications are well underway, and we're keeping our fingers firmly crossed for positive outcomes. Our vision includes brand-new, durable equipment, accessible paths, and safety flooring to create a space for all children to enjoy. Every contribution counts. You can donate or share our project here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/great-waltham-playground-refresh-2025>

Local Businesses – we need your help!

Want to support a project that truly matters to local families? We're offering sponsorship opportunities as part of the new Great Waltham playground. It's a great way to support the community - with your business name featured in the finished space. Whether you can give a little or a lot, every contribution helps us get closer to our end goal of £160,000. To find out more, please email us at: gtwalthamplayground@gmail.com



GREAT WALTHAM FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Club members were introduced to a new game of Hoy Bingo which they had never played before but which caused a great fun-filled afternoon with delicious refreshments.

The next meeting will be on Monday July 21st

Great Waltham Horticultural Society



On Friday June 6th, 10 members visited RHS Hyde Hall to see the roses before the 'Rose Weekend'. They did not disappoint. We had a leisurely walk round starting with coffee and later on lunch. The weather was kind and everyone had a lovely day.



Walthambury WI



This month we had a fun packed and lively evening celebrating 55 years of Walthambury WI. As this was our Emerald Anniversary, many of us wore something green, and we had a glass of fizz and a celebration cake, which was cut by our longest serving member Jean Cooke. We were reminded of our legacy of community involvement, supporting many charities and the long lasting friendships established.

Our speaker was Terry Hiscock on the History of Pop Music – the 50's and '60's. Needless to say there was a lot of reminders of favourite groups, concerts, mini skirts and much singing! This was followed by a short dance demo from



local Sam Warren and her team (the Divas). It was fun to watch and a few members joined in the Chorus Line!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th July, 2pm** and is at a local garden (members only).

FORD END GARDEN CLUB

At the end of May the club enjoyed a wonderful visit to Assington Mill in Suffolk. The water wheel for the mill was restored by the current owner and his wife, Bob and Anne Cowling. The mill cottage, which was also restored, is in a picturesque and peaceful setting overlooking the mill pond. The surrounding farmland has been transformed into an area supporting wildlife and a wood was planted about 15 years ago to attract the dormice which have been seen. One field is for cattle to graze in the summer and another has been planted to attract bird life. We finished our tour with tea and cake in the beautiful farmhouse which has also been restored. Later in the year Bob Cowling, who is a former resident of Great Waltham, will be coming to tell the club all about the transformation of Assington Mill and farmland.



On Wednesday 25th June the Garden Club will be visiting the garden of Mr and Mrs Fielding at Onslow Green and we will meet at Ford End village car park at 1.30 (just slightly later than previously stated) so we can car share. There will be tea, coffee and cake available and it is suggested that visitors donate £5 to the charity that our hosts support.

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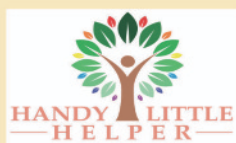
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our latest initiatives. We have entered an arrangement with Maldon District Council (MDC) to operate their TruCam equipment in the parish. TruCam is a hand-held speed detection device with video recording capability. The captured video evidence and speed readings are used by the police to support Notices of Intended Prosecution. Starting in June trained MDC personnel will begin operating the system in the parish. In addition, we have set up our own reporting system to capture details of traffic related incidents in the parish. We hear about events after they have happened, often via social media, but to help build a better picture that could help us argue for traffic calming initiatives we need your help. When you become aware of road traffic collisions or other vehicle related incidents that lead to road



closures or hold-ups in the parish, please use either of the following links to provide us with brief details: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZGW95N7> These new initiatives join a list of earlier efforts we have made to try and reduce the speed and volume of traffic through our villages and hamlets. These are some of our other activities:

- We continue to look for ways to implement average speed cameras in Ford End village.
- Our portable Speed Indicator Device continues to be deployed around the parish.
- Our Highways & Transport Committee regularly meets to discuss, investigate and press for solutions to traffic related issues.
- We correspond with National Highways whenever necessary to challenge issues for which they are responsible.
- With the support of our County Councillor, we continue to take every opportunity to meet with Essex Highways representatives.
- We correspond with hauliers on their use of the B1008 when a more suitable alternative exists.
- We recently funded an automated traffic count to provide data to help support our ongoing call for speed management measures through Ford End village.
- We liaise with the Community Speed Watch teams in Ford End and Great Waltham who continue to provide an invaluable traffic calming service for our communities.



A big thank you from the Chairman of the Walthams Scouts

We had a record breaking Scout Breakfast - 1st June - we served 138 breakfasts! More than we were expecting. Last year we did 60 and expected 70 this year. Of course, being the scout group we were "prepared" with contingency sausages/bacon/mushrooms/tomatoes. Well done to the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, and their leaders, and all the volunteers - who were constantly cooking, and serving for 2 hours. The net result was that we raised £570 towards the Scout group funds.

A bit about the Walthams Scout Group

We are a thriving group who meet at the group HQ in Blossom Way:

Beaver Colony – Monday evenings 5.45 – 7.00 pm

Cub Pack – Wednesday 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Scout Troop – Thursday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

We rely on volunteers to act as Section Leaders and Exec Trustees (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Parent Members). Our income comes from scout/cubs/beaver fees and fundraising. Around a third of the fees go to central scout group, and we have standing charges of around £2,000 pa which gets spent on insurance, utilities, and mandatory safety aspects. On top of that we have to maintain the 3 buildings. All leaders and Exec Trustees are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and mandatory training which is tracked by the central scout group and includes subjects such as Safety, Safeguarding, and Inclusivity. So fundraising is an important part of our survival, as are the volunteer Section Leaders and the Exec Trustees, and we are always looking for new supporters.

If anyone wants to join us, please contact me mailto:mike.2.steel@btinternet.com. And if any parents want their children to join us, please come to one of the meetings, or contact me. We are in the process of purchasing the land we occupy as the Chelmsford City Council rental lease has come to an end. We are grateful that the Tom Amos Trust are covering the cost of the land, but we have to fund the solicitor fees and if anyone wants to help, please donate at <https://gofund.me/5c4dcc92> Scout Chairman, Mike Steel



Great Waltham Cof E Primary School

Our National Young Leaders group are really passionate about helping others and recently organised a non-uniform day in aid of CHESS homeless, a charity based in Chelmsford.

They raised an impressive £197. These pupils are genuinely passionate about helping others and making a meaningful difference in our wider community. We are incredibly proud of their dedication to bringing about positive change. Equally exciting are our recent sporting achievements at the district field and track events. Every year a group represented our school with distinction, placing in their respective races and showcasing incredible strength and ability against other schools across our district. I must give special recognition to our Year 6 girls team - Hatty, Sadie, Phoebe and Mollie - who delivered an outstanding performance by winning all their running races – including long distance, sprint, and relay events. Their success reflects not only their individual talents but also their teamwork and commitment to excellence. Finally, we are holding our summer fete on Saturday 28th June from 1pm. Everyone is welcome – please do pop along to support the school if you can.



Sports Week at Great Waltham Primary

The children took part in a fun packed week of sport including sports day, dragon ball, fitness circuits, teacher swap and martial arts. Sports day was just wonderful! Well done to all the children for taking part and to the Tigers, the overall winners on the day. The courage, determination and strength the children showed was excellent. Thank you to all the families who were able to support the event and join us for a picnic lunch. An enjoyable time was had by all. We have included a selection of photos below for you to enjoy.





Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be on Monday 7th July at 2.30 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

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Do join us for this feast of music lasting about an hour on Saturday August 3rd at 5.00pm in Great Waltham Church. Admission is free with a retiring collection. Further details from Annabel Malton 01245 360240 annabel@maltons.me.uk

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This is a summary of some of the items discussed at the AGM and May 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).

We conducted the annual election of our officers and completed the various governance protocols necessary to continue our work. We currently still have one vacancy on the Council, so if you are interested in joining through the co-option process, please contact the Clerk for details.

We agreed to implement a 5-year strategic plan. This provides a framework within which long-term projects, medium-term activities and day-to-day tasks can be considered and managed in ways which give coherent and consistent focus for their successful delivery. In addition, we also agreed to implement annual plans which will describe our more tactical and operational actions and activities. Both the strategic plan and the current action plan will be posted on the parish website.

This month we decided to seek feedback from residents on two particular traffic related matters. First, we agreed to deliver an information request letter to affected residents concerning car parking issues along Cherry Garden Road, Great Waltham. And then we resolved to begin maintaining a database of road traffic collisions and road closures in the parish as reported to us by residents. Both matters are driven by a desire to improve our position when lobbying for improvements. Although we have no direct powers in relation to highways matters and the use of land owned by others, with greater input and information from parishioners we stand better chances of getting favourable hearings.

We also agreed to acquire the TruCam services provided by Maldon District Council's Community Engagement Team. TruCam is a mobile enforcement system used to target speeding drivers, and will be regularly deployed in the parish by trained MDC operatives approved by Essex Police.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 21st July at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend our public meetings.

Steve Gilbert, Chair

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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.

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

Gill Mitchel 01245 362215

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John Lattimore, Chairman 01245 363818

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