



Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littleley Green North End

October 2025



Andy Tinsley Memorial Cricket Match 7th September

Congratulations to the Young Pretenders, who beat the Old Codgers 113 runs to 90. Well done to highest scorers Jake De'Ath (27 for the Young Pretenders) and Dave Carroll (18 for the Old Codgers). Also, thanks to Umpires James Taylor and Kevin Ling, and Scorers James Tinsley and Ran Fitzwater. The last game drew stumps in 2019 and we have brought it back in memory of Andy Tinsley, who made the game a village tradition. Andy's widow, Gill, presented the cup to the winning team. This is very much a fun event with the cricket club also running a bar on the day, so plenty of full pints, unorthodox bowling, byes, yorkers, dubbly dobbles, shelled dollie and silly points!



Gill Tinsley presents the winners' cup to the Young Pretenders
Adam Greenaway, Jake De'Ath, Lawrence Messenger,
James Elliot, Tommy Able, Michael Edwards, Dom Elliot,
Michael Broome, Connor Horton and Paul Bullivant

The event raised £115 of which £60 goes to Farleigh Hospice, £30 Cricket Club, and £25 to the Community Network. Leah Hartford and Ferne Lacey ran a BBQ to support their World Challenge trip to Eswatini (in Africa) and raised £142.

Next innings will be Sunday 13th September 2026 (two more pictures on page 7)

Great Waltham Community Network

New classroom for Great Waltham CofE Primary School

On the 5th September, our MP, Kemi Badenoch, opened the newly built classroom. She was joined by County Cllr Mike Steel and Education Cabinet Member Tony Ball. Essex County Council funded the building of the new classroom, along with modifications to an existing classroom that had a limit of 23 pupils. This enables the school to move from 6 year classes to 7 classes of 30 pupils each, increasing the capacity of the school to 210. There is now a class for each of the 7 years a child spends at the school and removes the need for mixed age classes.

Before the arrival of Kemi, the children learnt about the role of an MP, so they were able to quiz Kemi on her experience as an MP and leader of the opposition. Justine Brooks, headteacher, welcomed Kemi, introduced her to pupils, teachers and governors, and then gave Kemi a pair of scissors to cut the ribbon. This was followed by a tour of the new classroom and a chat with children.

Great Waltham School is a voluntary controlled school for children aged 4 to 11 and is maintained by Essex County Council. More information on the school can be found here www.greatwaltham.school



Inside this months Great Waltham Parish News

Local club updates, horticultural society annual show, village hall facilities, remembrance parade information, shoebox appeal, parish council news, church notices, local events and more than **two pages of adverts for almost every need.**

From the Vicarage



At the end of August my family and I at last moved into Great Waltham vicarage. We had such a lovely intro to village life including a fox at the front door among those to welcome us!

Moving house is always stressful but kind of helpful as a tool for taking stock. In packing and unpacking we realise what we need and what we don't need to take with us. A physical exercise but a spiritual and emotional one too. What to keep from the past and what to let go is not an easy decision. We don't want to move again anytime soon but it caused us to reflect on what is most important. A worthwhile exercise even if we are still surrounded by cardboard! If you need any boxes just give me a shout!

Every blessing. Dan

OPEN INVITATION

You are invited to attend

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Church of England Services October 2025

Sunday 5th 11.00am Communion Great Waltham
Sunday 12th 11.00am Communion Ford End

Sunday 19th 11.00am Harvest Communion
Great Waltham

Saturday 25th 11.00am A Time to Remember
Great Waltham

Sunday 26th 10.00am Family Service Ford End
11.00am Communion Chignals *

*please note change of timings - St Nicholas Chignal Smealy will be holding their monthly service at 11am on the fourth Sunday of every month

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Sunday 5th - Charles de Lacy - Harvest festival.

Sunday 12th - Binny Jaichander

Sunday 19th - John de Lacy

Sunday 26th -Rev. Geoffrey Griggs - Holy Communion

Other Events

Thursday 2nd - Coffee and Cake - 10a.m. until
12noon.

Saturday 18th - Coffee Morning - 10 until 11a.m

Services at Blackchapel, North End October 2025

All services at 3pm



Sunday 5th - **Harvest Festival**
Sunday 19th 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.

Clive de Bruyn, a well respected and experienced bee keeper, came to give us a talk on 'How to Encourage Pollinators to Your Garden'. His enthusiasm for the insect world was demonstrated by his wide knowledge of the subject. Unbelievably the total weight of insects in the world exceeds the weight of all us human beings.

Clive did not restrict his talk to honey bees. There are a great number pollinators in this country including bumble bees, solitary bees and wasps, butterflies and moths. Different pollination methods devised by plants were discussed. Of course, wide flat flower heads of Sedum and Achillea provide an easily accessible store of nectar and pollen to visiting insects, as do single flowers of Dahlia and Cosmos. More complicated mechanisms of Honeysuckle and Sweet Peas are successfully visited by moths and heavier bees. We learned too, that many flowers, such as blue Forget me nots change colour after they have been pollinated from blue to pink.

We were encouraged to be a bit more untidy in our gardens by allowing (some) weeds to flower. The humble dandelion provides a great larder and Clive brought along some seed of Phacelia for all to take away. This plant is an annual, often used as a green manure, sown in the autumn to germinate and grow, preventing the leaching of nutrients from the soil during the winter rains. Insects enjoy the pollen and nectar that the pretty blue flowers of the plant provides. An excellent evening enjoyed by all.

On 1st October, Tony Dunn of Braintree Organic Gardening Club will be giving a talk on 'Sustainable Living' in Little Waltham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors very welcome. For more information, please phone M Williams 01245 360042 or see website

FORD END GARDENING CLUB

At our September meeting, Mary Williams gave us a very information and interesting presentation on 'Taking Hardwood Cuttings'. Her enthusiasm for matters horticultural was clear to see as she spoke and demonstrated how and when to take cuttings. She then invited the people present to have a go, from the variety of shrubs she had brought, guided by her expertise. We will see how successful we have been in the Spring! There was a lovely buzz of conversation over coffee, after which Mary answered numerous questions

Our next meeting will be on 15th October, when Sam Baines will be showing us how to create a hanging Basket for Autumn. The meeting will start at 7.30p.m., in Ford End Village Hall, and all are very welcome



You are invited



to join us for a service to remember
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We have an exciting events programme with walks, theatre trips and meals planned. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th October, 7 for 7.30pm** at the Legion Hall, on the delicious topic of chocolate! Guests are always welcome (small fee payable on door).

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Great Waltham Remembrance Sunday Parade – 9th November 2025

Great Waltham Parish Council can confirm that this year's Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 9th 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 closures 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.



Andy Tinsley Memorial Cricket Match 7th September further photos

Left: In Action

Below: The Crowd



GREAT WALTHAM FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There was a great turnout for the September meeting with several guests from Little Waltham and Broomfield. A pity they weren't around for the Cream Tea in August. A fun afternoon was had by all and delicious cakes were enjoyed.

NEXT MEETING: October 20th.

Great Waltham Horticultural Society (Hort Soc) Annual Flower and Produce Show Finale

Over 140 people attended, what could be the last Great Waltham Flower and Produce show, on Saturday 20th September. The Hort Soc dates back to 1873 and the highlight of the calendar is the Annual Show which includes flowers, vegetables, fruit, crafts, baking delights, children's classes and many more fabulous classes. The event this year, filled 3 classrooms and the main hall of the school. As well as the usual adult entries, the local scout group and the pre-school entered a whole host of classes - junk models, choc chip cookies, Lego House, Pasta Necklace, Decorated Egg and lots more. Excellent refreshments were provided by Great Waltham Twinning Association. But declining membership and inability to recruit new committee members has put the whole society at risk. If you can help by becoming a committee member, please contact the Chair hnwills@hotmail.co.uk Throughout the year, the Hort Soc also run various other events such as the children's Pumpkin Carving workshop and a Plant Sale in May. More info and a full list of winners on our website which can be found at <https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/> A big thank you to everyone who helped, entered and came to the show.



Time For An Allotment



The new allotment hiring season commences in October so now is the best time to secure your allotment plot for 2026. We have vacancies at both sites situated in Great Waltham, varying from small starter plots to large plots. Hirers are welcome from within the Parish and surrounding Parishes. Please contact clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk for further information on sizes and cost to secure your plot from this October.

Children's Pumpkin Carving Workshop

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Ford End CofE Primary School

Ford End Primary School is very excited to welcome a new Headteacher. Sarah Tate comes with experience and enthusiasm from within LIFE Education Trust and is looking forward to seeing the school flourish and grow. She is excited to work with local groups and the church to further develop the bond within our local community

This year's open morning is on 5th November at 9.30am – 11am and all prospective parents and their children will be welcome. Please email the office admin@fordend.essex.sch.uk or phone on 01245 237209 for more information.

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This is a summary of some of the items discussed at the August 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 welcomed Mark Nicholls as a new member of the Council. This means that, at the time of writing, we have one further vacancy.

Mike Steel, our city and county councillor, updated us with details of: recent highway repair works in the parish; his meetings with various pressure groups in relation to the N2T pylons proposals; the recent opening of the incinerator at Rivenhall (despite some elements of the approved application having not yet to be completed); an intended review of the entertainment licence at Chelmsford racecourse following issues during the last music events held there; and the impending vote at Essex County Council in relation to the submission to central government of its preferred new local government model for Essex.

We conducted a review of our agreed annual action plan. For the last quarter we noted progress in relation to: the work of the play area refurbishment working group; the painting of the external walls of the Pavilion; the introduction of the partnership with TruCam to monitor and enforce speed limits in the parish; the completion of annual inspection reports at the recreation grounds; work to tidy the allotment sites; taking an active role in the formation of the new Chelmsford Association of Local Councils; responding to consultations; and hosting the annual Play in the Park event at Great Waltham Recreation Ground.

We also agreed to escalate to Aldi UK's senior management a request for answers to our questions regarding the level of use of their lorries on the B1008, given the continued absence of a response from their local representative.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 20th October at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend our public meetings. Steve Gilbert Chair

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be on Monday 6th October at the new Autumn time of 2pm at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End.

If you are new or thinking of coming do phone so I can decide how many cakes to provide. Hope to see you all and catch up for a good chat.

Anyone interested or has not been before or for more information please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

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