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Local articles of interest, residents views and comments are always welcome and should be sent to the Clerk of the Council at littlewaltham@gmail.com

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PARISH MAGAZINE**

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Little Waltham Parish Council magazine!

The magazine brings you two questionnaires for you to complete. First of all, do let the Parish Council have your views on the running of the Parish – you will see the survey in the middle of the magazine for you to complete and return – it can also be completed online on the Parish Council's website and sent by email to me. The survey will help Councillors know what is important to you the residents when planning for the future of the Parish. Also, with this magazine is an affordable housing questionnaire so do fill it in and return it using the replay paid envelope if this is of interest to you.

Why not get involved with the Parish Council? There are two vacancies on the Parish Council - you can find out more in the article within this magazine and you can always give me a ring to discuss further!

Thanks to those of you who completed the survey in the last issue of the magazine regarding the tennis court. It would seem the court is used more frequently than was realised! The court has now been pressure washed and a grant application has been submitted to improve the area further with the provision of goal ends whilst retaining the tennis court and the possible purchase of outdoor gym equipment – the result of that application is expected in November.

In relation to the fence erected by the Cricket Club on the recreation grounds the retrospective planning application submitted by the Cricket Club was refused by Chelmsford City Council. The Parish Council continues to liaise with the City Council in order to resolve outstanding issues and will keep residents advised. The Parish Council hopes that you find this edition useful. Everyone is welcome to come along to Parish Council meetings which take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Tufnell Hall with the exception of August.

Suzanne Walker

Parish Clerk (01376 331251) email: littlewaltham@gmail.com



There are two spaces available on the Parish Council so why not join the Parish Council and help shape your community!

What issues does the Parish Council deal with?

The Parish Council deals with the following matters –

- Maintains recreational facilities
- Keeps the Parish clean and tidy by arranging regular litter picking and the emptying of bins in the Parish and by providing bins and dog bins
- Arranges for grass cutting of certain public areas in the Parish in order to maintain a tidy standard and also arranges gardening and the provision and maintenance of the flower tubs.
- Maintains certain bus stops
- It is responsible for the War Memorial on The Street
- Is responsible for the allotments
- Makes representations in relation to planning applications and consultations
- Works with other agencies and organisations for the benefit of the Parish
- Plans for the future of this Parish



I'm not sure I have the time!

The Parish Council meets on an evening on the first Tuesday of each month except August. The meetings last about 2 hours. Sometimes it would be useful to be involved in specific projects or activities which may take up more time. The day to day administration is dealt with by the Clerk. Most of the existing Councillors have full time jobs so the commitment of time is not excessive!

What sort of knowledge do I need?

The existing Councillors come from all walks of life and you don't need to be specially qualified. An interest in your community and a commitment to do the best for the residents of the Parish are the most important things together with your life experience and common sense views! Training is available and the clerk is available to advise or obtain advice on more technical matters.

Are there any specific qualifying requirements?

Yes! You need to be aged 18 or above, be resident or work either in the Parish or reside within 3 miles of the Parish, you should not have gone to prison in the last 5 years and you should not be bankrupt!

I would like to know a bit more

If you would like to know more about this voluntary position please feel free to have a chat with the Clerk and if you like she can arrange for you to have an informal chat with an existing Councillor.

Contact the Clerk by phone on 01376 331251 or email littlewaltham@gmail.com

You can obtain an application form either from the Clerk or by downloading it from the Parish Council website www.littlewaltham.org.uk



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The Parish Council frequently receives complaints regarding traffic speeding through the Parish and as a result has set up and co-ordinates a local speed watch group.

For the group to be effective it relies on the volunteers – more are needed so why not get involved!

It has been noted that the very presence of speed watch acts as a deterrent to drivers to exceed the speed limit. Where vehicles are recorded as travelling in excess of the speed limit the details are reported on to the Police and the group has so far submitted a number of reports.

At present there are 3 authorised sites in the Parish.



Training, equipment and insurance are provided to the volunteers free of charge. **If you are interested please contact the Clerk at littewaltham@gmail.com or by phone 01376 331251**



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From the County Council Future of library services in Essex
Libraries to stay open

I am pleased to confirm that all Essex Libraries are to remain open. After a consultation revealed a renewed enthusiasm for the library service. Residents were asked what they thought of the library service, its buildings and how they saw the future during the 12-week consultation, after it was revealed that book lending was dramatically declining year on year across the county.

Just over 20,000 people replied to the survey and it showed that people across Essex have reignited their love for libraries with many communities offering to run the service and the buildings in the future.

The new service strategy proposes a future for every single library in Essex, as well as giving them the opportunity to expand. It also commits that no libraries will close in the next five years. The strategy focuses on developing an investment plan to improve libraries and work with community groups or other partner organisations to set up community run libraries, with the aim of ensuring a library service is retained in every current location, and potentially established in three or more new locations. A £3m investment programme for library services will be introduced to:-

- 1. Improve libraries to deliver a consistent, high-quality look and feel across**
- 2. the County**
- 3. Up-date library management computer systems**
- 4. Review extending opening hours**
- 5. Upskill staff and volunteers to improve the service to users**
Embrace new technology and 'smart libraries' functionality that enables
- 6. users to choose when and how they access books and learning materials**
Deliver more outreach than ever before – taking the library service into a wide range of communities.

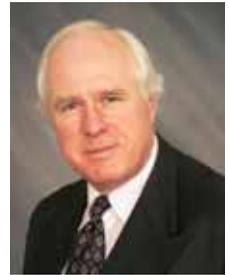
The investment includes grant funding of £18k over three years, an initial donation of books, refresh of reading materials and support to community-run library groups to train volunteers. After scrutiny by Place Services and Economic Growth Policy Committee this the package will be agreed by the ECC Cabinet

Footway Repairs

During the coming months Essex Highways will focus on the repair of pavements, or as engineers call them 'footways'. Together with other County Councillors I have been asked to liaise with the 11 Parish Councils in my County Division to identify locally important footway problems. On receipt of the most pressing cases Highways will expedite necessary repairs alongside the other more routine work they do in fixing risk-assessed faults and delivering programmed capital works.

The funding is not unlimited, so in the guidelines provided, all County Councillors have been asked to prioritise up to five specific footway or kerb defects in their Division. This may be a mixture of specific 'spot defects' (i.e. a specific footway hole, broken, missing or damaged single kerb stones and so on) and/or limited 'length defects' i.e. problems which lie along a stretch of footway, kerbing or verge. I have received, as you would expect, quite a number of footway defects which are now being processed by Highways for prompt action

If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.





An Invitation to everyone in Little Waltham – Developing a Dementia Friendly Community.

It is currently estimated that a person is formally diagnosed with Dementia every 3 minutes. Dementia is one of the key issues for our political leadership, health, social care and local government. With this in mind; communities need to understand what is required to help and support friends, relatives and neighbours in future years.

Little Waltham Parish Council has arranged for Mark Neville of the Alzheimer's Society (Essex) to present a Dementia Friends and Action Session which will provide information on the issues faced by people living with Dementia, their loved ones and carers. The session will enable those attending to gain a greater knowledge of Dementia. As local communities planning for the future, we can be more inclusive, ensuring Chelmsford services are aware of the local requirements and meet their legal duties under the Equality Act, helping us develop Dementia Friendly Communities.

As residents, Parish Councils and Community Organisations this meeting will help us to:

- Gain a greater awareness of the challenges people with Dementia may face
- Understand the difficulties carers/loved ones can experience
- Develop transferrable skills, i.e. Meeting the requirements of people with Dementia will also help in meeting the needs of other marginalized groups

The Session will take place commencing 7.30 pm on 10th October at The Tufnell Hall, The Street, Little Waltham and the bar will be open with refreshments on sale from 7pm. **For further information please contact: Suzanne Walker, Parish Clerk 01376 331251 or via email littlewaltham@gmail.com**

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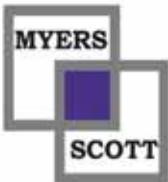
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- Sharing information and advice about
 - keeping homes safe and secure
 - personal safety
 - using the Internet safely
 - being aware of scams and fraud
- Being aware of vulnerable neighbours and watching out for them
- Looking out for any suspicious activities in the area and sharing with neighbours and the authorities
- Looking out for neighbours' properties when they may be away, on holiday for example

Anyone can set up a Neighbourhood Watch: it might be based on simply you and your neighbours; or your street; your apartment block, or your parish—whatever suits your locality best. You just need a bit of

time to work through the steps outlined on the next page. Keep in touch and we all can work together to share and help our neighbourhoods be safer for all of us.

IS THERE A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN MY AREA?

You can check if you have a local Neighbourhood Watch on our website, or by checking with **Our Watch** if it is registered with them. Are there Neighbourhood Watch signs in the street or stickers in windows?

If in doubt, please contact us:
chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk

If there's no sign of activity, then why not set one up your-self? We can give you advice to help you get going.





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£5,000.00 FLOOD GRANTS FOR HOMES IN ESSEX

You may be eligible for a £5,000.00 Property Level Protection Flood Grant if you have been flooded

Essex County Council are running a Property Level Flood Grant Scheme, providing homeowners who have been flooded with £5,000.00 to fund flood defences to their property. You can apply for a grant if you have been affected by internal flooding from local sources such as rainfall, watercourses and groundwater.

The application process is very simple and takes only a few minutes:

1. **Simply fill in the Grant Application Form on the Essex County Council Website via the following link:**
<https://flood.essex.gov.uk/get-a-flood-grant/property-level-resilience-grant-for-homes/apply-for-a-plp-grant/>
2. The Council's Flood Protection Specialist, Lakeside Flood Solutions, will then contact you to arrange a free survey, quote and installation of your required flood defence measures.

Flood defences to your property may include:

- Opening Defence: Flood Doors, Flood Barriers, Flood Gates
- Brick Defence: Anti-flood Air Bricks, Vent Covers
- Sewage Defence: Non-Return Valves, Pump Systems
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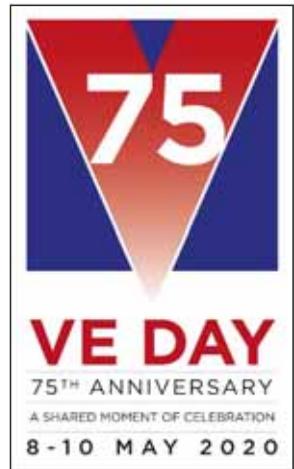
Apply for a Grant directly via the Essex County Council Website:

<https://flood.essex.gov.uk/get-a-flood-grant/property-level-resilience-grant-for-homes/apply-for-a-plp-grant/>



2020 will mark the 75th Anniversary of VE day and the Parish Council is considering a memorial event. The War Memorial in The Street contains the names of 7 individuals from the Parish who lost their lives during World War Two and the Parish Council is considering an event whereby the names of those people are read out. Please contact the Clerk if you have a connection with any of those villagers who perished during the war and also let the Clerk have your views on a commemorative event generally to help decide on the format of such an event.

The Clerk can be contacted at
littlewaltham@gmail.com or 01376 331251



Tom Amos Charity

As you walk down The Street from Main Road towards Winckford Bridge, you may have seen the Blue Plaque over The Old Bakery. This is where Tom Amos lived and worked all his life.

In 1999 he set up The Tom Amos Charity, leaving it the bulk of his estate. He died in 2003, since when The Charity set up in his name, has distributed over £600,000.00 to local people and organisations.

If you are interested in reading more about this fascinating man, and seeing photographs of Tom at work in The Bakery, go to **Tomamoscharity.org**

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We asked our members what they like about Broomfield U3A. Here are some of their responses.

- ‘It leaves me with a lovely feeling after a monthly or interest group meeting, that I have been with like-minded friends, I would not have met if it was not for the U3A’.
- *‘I enjoy the groups, the speakers but most of all the company of such lovely people’.*
- ‘A place to make friends and learn new things’.
- The U3A is a wonderful organisation, a place to make new friends and learn new things’.
- ‘An opportunity to meet people who are up for the challenge of learning new things (such as the ukulele) or trying again activities they did when they were young (such as badminton) and meet people who are interesting, supportive and good fun’.
- *‘The wide variety of speakers’.*
- ‘I especially enjoy the needlework group as we all bond over our love for knitting and craft and help each other out with our projects’.
- *‘We enjoy the variety of speakers, meeting friendly people and attending various outings. The tea and biscuits are excellent’.*
- ‘Really enjoy the book club meetings’.
- *‘I attend five groups – canasta, ten pin bowling, bus pass group, history group and meditation’.*
- ‘I like that our U3A is large enough to offer a great variety of interest groups, at the same time small enough to keep its friendly atmosphere’.
- ‘I joined specifically for the walking group but have found all the events offered cover many people’s interests’.
- ‘The group is fairly small and therefore very friendly and tea and biscuits are excellent. It is an important meeting in my diary. Speakers are mostly interesting. Outings and interest groups are wonderful’.
- The scrabble group is popular each month for friendly games’.
- ‘I like the book and jigsaw swap shops at the monthly meetings’.
- *‘Chance to try new activities with friendly people – have done geology, table tennis, ten pin bowling, bridge, beer appreciation, pub lunches, garden visits. Fitting it all in is tricky!’*
- ‘I attend four groups – ten pin bowling, history, lunch and bus pass groups – all are small and friendly. The ten pin bowling has 16-20 people and we do lots of chatting and bowl when needed. Bus pass group goes to places with interesting museum, church or art gallery and our history group finds some very interesting places and lunch club is always fun’.

**We meet at 1.30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday every month in
the Village Hall**

Find out about us on U3asites.org.uk/broomfield



Little Waltham Line Dancing

We are a friendly group of people that get together every Saturday morning between 10am and 11am at The Memorial Hall for an enjoyable hour of beginners line dancing. We also have time for a chat and a few laughs.

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The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.15pm in the Memorial Hall. Meetings offer a varied programme of visiting speakers, competitions, lunches, and a coach outing.

There are opportunities for groups to enjoy local trips on the Community Bus for pub lunches, Garden Centres etc. We offer a warm welcome to all over 55's.

Contact 01245 360341

Winter Salt Bag scheme

Little Waltham Parish Council has signed up with Essex County Council to receive a supply of salt for this coming winter season.

The purpose of the salt is not for private use but to assist in keeping priority areas within the Parish clear for the community and the Parish Council would like to invite residents to suggest areas that should receive particular attention.

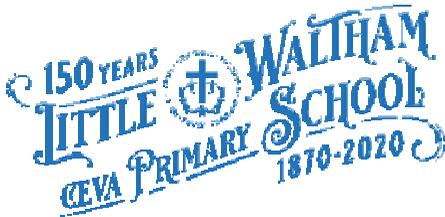
In addition, would you be able to volunteer to assist in clearing the snow and spreading the salt in the event of bad weather in those priority areas?

If so please contact the Clerk littlewaltham@gmail.com or 01376 331251



News from Little Waltham CEVA Primary School

Autumn 2019



Welcome to the Autumn Term news from Little Waltham CEVA Primary School. We hope you have all had a brilliant summer and enjoyed the lovely weather. I'm sure you have all noticed that we have changed our uniform colour. This was inspired by one of our Year 4 pupils who asked if we could have something more colourful to reflect our happy school. It's great to see more colour around the school, it certainly brightens everywhere up.

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many new families to our school over the last few months, all have settled in so well and are part of our growing community. The Reception children have already established a great routine in the classroom, getting on well with each other, listening in worship and super behaviour – well done.

Mrs Baker begins her maternity leave towards the end of this month as her baby is due in the middle of October. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing her and her husband safe delivery of the newest member of their family. Mr Tilsley will be taking on a number of her responsibilities as Senior Teacher and will deputise for me when I am not available. We are delighted to have Miss Willsmer and Miss Smith on our teaching team, both have settled in very well. Mr Hulbert and Miss Cameron have also joined us on our LSA team in Ash and Sycamore respectively.

You will notice from the logo at the top of this newsletter that the school is celebrating 150 years this academic year. Arrangement are under discussion but watch out for further information as the year progresses. Perhaps some of you might be able to add to our story if you attended the school yourselves. If you have anything to share please pop in or email admin@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk.

We are expecting our Church School Inspection at some time this year. The framework has changed quite substantially and Mrs Baker has been working hard to ensure that everything we do reflects our good practice. We have developed our Vision Statement to reflect our ethos and values – 'Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence, developing as individuals together in a distinctively Christian environment' based on 1 Corinthians 12:14 – 'For the body is not one member, but many'.

Our Year 6 pupils are currently earning their prefect badges by taking on extra responsibilities around school, demonstrating great behaviour and being super role models for the rest of the children. Badges will be awarded later this term once they have earned enough merit stamps.

We hope to see many of you at our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 29th November.

Mrs Liz Maycock

Headteacher

Little Waltham CEVA Primary School



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LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

This Summer has been relatively kind to us gardeners - not that we are ever satisfied with what the weather brings us! Despite some relatively short periods of intense heat, we have been lucky to get a manageable amount of rain.

The sun shone on Club members and friends during each of our excursions to a variety of gardens in June, July and August. Members benefited from a Club subsidy on each occasion.

Our annual membership fee of £8.50 is definitely a bargain!

We begin our evening meetings on **SEPTEMBER 4th**, with Howard Jones giving us a presentation entitled 'Orchards East'. This is a project set up by the University of East Anglia to research the Orchards of the Eastern region and retain their legacy. Many local people, myself included, remember this area of Essex as being full of Orchards before the demand for gravel outweighed the perceived need for locally grown fruit. Remnants of local Orchards are currently being identified and researched.

OCTOBER 2nd - For all those gardeners interested in growing good flowers and vegetables without undue cost to the environment, Ian Tinton will be talking about Natural, Renewable and Sustainable Garden Products. He will have examples of his products, such as wool compost and clay buster.

NOVEMBER 6th - Glyn Evans, an enthusiastic amateur bird watcher, will be giving us advice on how to encourage Garden Birds to our gardens.

DECEMBER 4th - Members' lunch at White Hart. This will also be subsidised by Club funds.

There is no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February 2020. Watch out for posters advertising this meeting

ADVANCE NOTICE - LWGC SPRING SHOW, SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2020. This show is open to non-members and members. Phone either M. Lawson (01245 361857) or myself (01245 360042) to get a copy of the schedule of entries. The Show is not restricted to flowers, but cookery, craft, photography and flower arranging are included too.

Unless otherwise indicated, our meetings take place at 7.30pm in Little Waltham Memorial Hall. There is plenty of parking and we have a plant stall, book stall, raffle, refreshments and a warm welcome.

Visitors £3.00. Annual membership £8.50.

Maggie Williams (01245 360042)



Services at St Martin's Church

We are sad to be losing Rev Caroline and our curate, Rev Jackie, both moving on; Caroline to St Augustine's, Springfield and Jackie to Anglia University in Chelmsford. We are extremely grateful for all their work in our parish and will miss them both. There were tears at the final services but we send them off with our love and very best wishes for their futures. Services will continue as usual thanks to retired clergy who will be helping out and taking services.

Our normal pattern of services is:

1st Sunday of the month

11.00 am Service of the Word, a shorter service led by a member of the congregation

2nd Sunday

11.00 am Communion Service

3rd Sunday

11.00 am Service of the Word

4th Sunday

11.00 am Communion Service in traditional language followed by refreshments and a chance to chat

Looking ahead, our Harvest service is on 20 October at 11.00 and our Crib Service (with lost sheep to find) on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm.

Posters about service are displayed outside St. Martin's

St Martin's is open every day and available to everyone in the parish and you are welcome to visit and to participate whatever your religious views.

All are welcome at any of our services.

Little Waltham Drama Group

We meet Mondays and Thursdays in the Memorial Hall from 8-10. We welcome new members who would like to be involved on stage, back stage, or somewhere in between. Drop in or see us on www.lwdg.org or follow us on Facebook.

Our next production is our panto, Sleeping Beauty in January



Little Waltham URC October to December 2019

Services 10.30am Each Sunday

Oct. 6th
Oct. 13th
Oct. 20th
Oct. 27th
Nov. 3rd
Nov. 10th Remembrance Sunday To be announced
Nov. 17th. Shoe Box Sunday
Nov. 24th
Dec. 1st
Dec. 8th
Dec. 15th
Dec. 22nd
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve. Time to be announced later
Dec. 29th. Christmas Day. Time to be announced later
Dec. 29th

Gossip & Guzzle 1st Thursday 0f each month 11am - 1pm
Third Saturday of each month Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am
No Coffee Morning in December

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This is your new 2019-2020 collection calendar. Please refer to the calendar for more information.

For further information go to www.chelmsford.gov.uk

Chelmsford recycles Friday A



So what does this mean for you?

- 🔄 Your usual collection service continues but your day may change
- 🔄 Look out for your new collections calendar, Easy Guide and plastics and food waste recycling bags





As noted in the summer magazine, the number of residents that are part of the Little Waltham Parish is rapidly increasing due to continued expansion of the Channels development. The residents of the two Bellway phases (*Bellway at Channels*) are now well established and its Community Group has been working hard on a number of issues for almost 15 months. Croudace residents (*The Lanes at Channels*) have been onsite for over a year and residents of the Homegroup phase (*Pompadour at Channels*) are have been moving in throughout the summer months.

Over the last 15 months, the Bellway Community Group Committee members have spent a significant amount of their personal time progressing a number of key issues and working on community development including improvement of estates, sorting the unreliable buses, starting a neighbourhood watch, securing a community grant and appointment of a new Managing Agent.

This has meant forging strong relationships with many stakeholders including developers, the two local Parish Councils, Chelmsford City Council, Essex County Council, Housing Associations and the Channels Land Agent (Ptarmigan Land) which has given valuable insight into the plans and trajectories for the wider development.

However the remit needs to shift from resolution of legacy issues to a focus on community development which can make a real difference to where we live both now and for the future. As the vast majority of residents fall within the Little Waltham Parish we need to encourage as many people as possible to become part of the community building process and to engage with the Parish they are now fall within.

As the Channels development grows there is a fantastic opportunity to build a strong community around what is a lovely area and it is important that residents from all phases are empowered to make a difference to where they live. The Bellway Group has lots of knowledge to offer its new neighbours and would encourage each phase to set up its own group as part of the community building process with a view to effective integration across the entire neighbourhood, and of course the wider Parish, once the development is completed.

For those residents of the Little Waltham Parish that may not be familiar with the Channels Development, there is some key information on the Bellway Community Group website which you may find useful:

www.channels.community/our-estate/

Andrew Wright



www.Channels.Community



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