

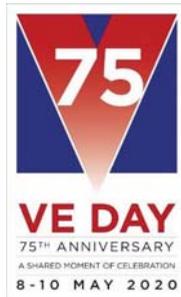
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Little Waltham Parish Council

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

As you will have seen on the front cover you are all invited to the Little Waltham VE day commemoration event which the Parish Council is organising in collaboration with the Memorial Hall and Church. We are looking for cake donations for the event so if you would be able to either bake a cake or buy one and donate it that would be very helpful. If you can assist please contact me at the details below.

The Parish Council is still looking to fill its two vacancies so why not volunteer to join! The time commitment is not onerous and you will be making a valuable contribution to your community. You can give me a ring for an initial chat to find out more and I can provide you with an application form if you would like to apply. The form is also available on the Parish Council website www.littlewaltham.org.uk under breaking news.

The Parish Council has been working with the school with the assistance of Essex County Council to try and find solutions to parking issues in the Parish. The school is involved in the 3PR scheme which encourages pupils to travel to school on foot but needs volunteers to help them run the scheme during the morning school run. If you have the time to assist please contact the school on 01245 360246. Also, an application to the South Essex Parking Partnership for yellow lines on the junction with the B1008 which was submitted by the Parish Council is progressing.

Many of you recently attended the consultation event held regarding the proposals by Bloor Homes to develop land at Blasford Hill. The Parish Council submitted a detailed response to those proposals which can be viewed on the website. It is also working alongside Broomfield Parish Council to make sure that representations are heard regarding this potential new development particularly in relation to traffic issues.

Finally, do remember that 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



Little Waltham V.E. Day Commemorative Event

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2020**

**Service including Tribute to the Millions at 12.30 at
the War Memorial in The Street**

**Parish gathering with tea and cake at 1pm at the
Memorial Hall**

**Please assist with this event with your donations of
cake either homemade or bought**

The Parish Council is pleased to be collaborating with the Memorial Hall and St Martin's Church to organise this event. Thanks also to the Tesco store in Great Notley for the provision of drinks. Please direct any queries to the Parish Clerk at littlewaltham@gmail.com or 01376 331251



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Visit the New website of Little Waltham Parish Council

The current website platform provided by Cambridge Open Systems in collaboration with Essex County Council has been withdrawn and will no longer be available as from 31st March 2020. Little Waltham Parish Council is legally obliged to have a website and has therefore set up a brand new website using its existing domain name.

You can visit the brand new site at www.littlewaltham.org.uk

As well as all the usual Parish Council information including agendas, minutes, financial information and Councilor contact details, there is a new 'report it' tab! At the click of a button you can report broken streetlights, highway issues, dog fouling, fly tipping and even non urgent Police matters! The power is at your fingertips! If the problem is not covered it provides the contact details for the Clerk as well. There is a Community Contact section and if your local group does not have a listing just contact the Clerk to be added. This magazine can also be viewed on the site. There is also a '**breaking news**' section where urgent matters that the Parish Council wishes to highlight for you will be listed.

The Parish Council hopes that you will find the site useful and informative!



Kemi Badenoch MP

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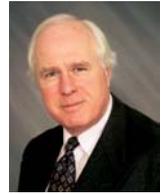
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From the County Council - SWITCHING OFF DUPLICATE STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE Co2

Many of you may have noticed that there are a number of street lights of the County Council's 129,000 that are not working. In most cases this is because they are awaiting an upgrade to LED lamps. However, total replacement of the old sodium lamps (which are no longer being manufactured) will take a little while yet. In the meantime, Essex Highways is taking action to switch off some duplicate street lights that illuminate the same area and where they perform no useful function and waste energy. It is now planned to switch off a small proportion of identified duplicates – working with District and Borough councils in the process. This move will not greatly reduce light or affect safety but will mean that we will not be burning lights that are unnecessary. It will ensure we are doing all we can to reduce carbon emissions, helping The Council's commitment to mitigate climate change. Safety will not be compromised. If you have a problem with street lights use the Report It tool on <https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-street-lights.aspx>



All STEAMed up

Have you heard about Essex 2020 – a Year of Science and Creativity? Inspired by the British Science Festival it is coming to Essex for the first time in almost 200 years and is set to be the County's biggest celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) ever.



Now is the chance for businesses, schools, community groups and individuals to be part of the Essex 2020 programme. Whether you have an arts, tech or science event underway or are keen to bring an idea to fruition – the County Council would love to hear from you. Please go on line to <https://www.essex2020.com/>

The Essex Lottery

This month celebrates the two-year anniversary of the Essex Lottery. Thanks to all those who buy an Essex Lottery ticket each week, Essex County Council has so far donated over £150,000 to good causes across the County, benefitting organisations such as Chelmsford Community Radio, Kids Inspire, Friends of Columbus School and College, Open Road and many others. Players can win free tickets for the next lottery or prizes of £25, £250, £2,000 and £25,000 - if their numbers match the winning combination.

Your participation provides vital extra funds to make a truly positive impact in local communities. For a chance to win and help a good cause please check out <https://www.essexlottery.co.uk/>

Essex Highways wins award for employing serving and former Forces Personnel

Essex County Council's partner in Essex Highways, Ringway Jacobs, has achieved the Armed Forces Covenant Silver Award for employing serving and former members of the Armed Forces.

Essex Highways employs 8 ex-Regulars and 4 Reservists and under the Armed Forces Covenant will look to offer other opportunities to former members of the Armed Forces. If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.



Little Waltham Chat Bench initiative



Little Waltham Parish Council recently became aware of the chat bench initiative as one simple thing that can be done to try and address the issue of social isolation within the Parish.

The scheme is all about finding a way to establish an environment where people can simply have a chat by designating a bench a 'chat bench'. If you are sitting on the bench then you are open to having a discussion with another person.

Little Waltham Parish Council has therefore designated the bench it owns

on Brook Hill by the path to Rectory Close as the designated 'chat bench' in the Parish as it is already a bench that is well used in the Parish and signs have been affixed to the bench to let residents know. It is hoped that the bench will provide a focus point for engaging with people within the Parish!



The Little Waltham Good Companions meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

Current Program:-

April Speaker, Chloe McGrath on Tiptree Jam - History and development

May Coach Outing, see below:-

June Speaker, Julie Harding, on Senior Scams, Diet etc. *Followed by a Cream Tea.*

July Speaker on the work of J's and Little Havens Hospices.

9th July - Community bus trip to Frinton £10

August Summer Lunch 1pm – *Fish & Chips, Dessert & Coffee.*

Coach Outing - Monday 11th May Woodbridge Notcutts Garden Centre 11am-1pm, Cruise on River Deben 2pm-4pm *with scone, butter, jam & tea/coffee included* £30.

Contact 01245 360341 (Mary Dowse) for anyone interested in joining us.

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. If you fancy a go or want to pop in to take a look, all are welcome. £5 per class - for any more information call Sue on 01245 361019



Chelmsford North East Bypass

Here is an update regarding this proposed new road scheme from Essex County Council - Proposals are set to be unveiled to the public this spring ahead of a planning application early next year. With a 2024 opening date target, engineers are progressing designs for the Chelmsford North East Bypass, as well as the new Beaulieu Railway station, which is scheduled for 2025/26.

Together the projects support the creation of over 14,000 new homes in the Chelmsford to Braintree corridor, Speaking after councillors and local officials were briefed about progress with the scheme, Essex County Council Deputy Leader Kevin Bentley said: “Make no mistake we are fully committed to delivering the bypass and railway station. “Chelmsford is part of a growing county and, as a driver of the regional economy, needs a transport network to match if it is to properly facilitate development and economic growth.

“That's why at Essex County Council, in partnership with the city council, and in collaboration with Network Rail, we are delivering this scheme.”

The road and rail upgrade has been made possible following the award of nearly £218m in funding from the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund, plus £34m of other funding from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership and developer Countryside Zest.

Now the project was coming to reality Cllr Bentley said everyone would be given an opportunity to provide feedback on the final scheme.

He said: “We have held previous public consultations and it is our clear intention to present final plans to local representatives and the public ahead of the planning application.

“This is essential to a scheme that will ease congestion and improve traffic flow, provide a better rail service, support housing and jobs growth, and encourage sustainable travel.“It will also provide a strategic link between Chelmsford, Braintree, Stansted and the wider area, creating a location that is well connected to Essex and London as well as the East and South East of England.”

Cllr Stephen Robinson, Leader of Chelmsford City Council said 'Chelmsford has been expecting a new station for very many years and delivering that is vital to improving sustainable transport options. We hope it will be delivered as soon as possible'.

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We can make a difference



I am currently writing this article with Storm Dennis' winds battering around our block of flats, and this is a week after Storm Ciara likewise resulted in damage and loss around the UK. There have been a number of devastating events across the planet in recent times; the fires in Australia, floods in Indonesia, Somalia and several events in Brazil make for concerning news.

It is a reminder of how fragile our systems can be, but likewise through support can reveal the resilience of us and the natural world. In the last article I discussed sustainability, climate change and how, though it may be challenging, we can all make positive change that together can bring about a huge beneficial transformation. The below quoted highlights this; think of that disposable coffee cup and switching to a reusable cup, and then multiply that by your neighbourhood and more.

“We do not need a handful of people doing sustainable actions perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly.” *Adopted from Anne-Marie Bonneau at Zero Waste Chef*

There are plenty of good choices out there; from research I'll be providing a few steps which we can all apply and hopefully are simple to achieve.

Eco-Stationery & endless possibilities

They often get overlooked, but we should not forget about our stationery. The humble pen may seem non-important, but as we know it is mightier than the sword! We use them daily, but do we ever consider them when looking for alternatives? Perhaps not... We can buy singular, multi-pack or bulk buy, but will buy more. The average ball-point is made from metals, plastic and chemicals; cheaply made. Once finished they will be thrown. **Alternatives...well there are** Items made from recycled cardboard, plastic, FSC wood, newspaper, denim, tyre are all available; relatively cheap and available in most shops. **Next time you need a new item**, have a closer look to see what options there are.

In 2018, according to Statista data the UK spent a total of £3.35 billion on stationery and considering the numbers you can get in a packet there is likely to be a lot thrown away.

Remember to think about your printing use, consider refillable stationery items over those single-use varieties and don't be afraid to ask for policies. Fairly simple steps that can make a difference.

Written by David Jackson – Sustainability professional, currently working at the University of Greenwich.

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LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

As the Spring flowers are beginning to show themselves and gardeners are beginning to emerge from their partial hibernation, so Little Waltham Gardening Club has began its programme of evening talks. We had an excellent presentation about Marks Hall (near Coggeshall) in February. Marks Hall is definitely a 'must see' garden, especially in early Spring and Autumn. In addition to our usual evening meeting in February, a group of us went on a morning visit to Buckhatch Nursery at Rettendon where we enjoyed a comprehensive talk on houseplants and their benefits. We learned how houseplants are not just decorative and good for the soul, but also actually remove toxins from the atmosphere, as proved by studies undertaken by NASA.

On 4th March 7.30pm our AGM will be held. This gives members an opportunity to comment and put forward suggestions as how the Club is run. John Cullum, a local dahlia grower will give a talk and demonstration on the propagation and cultivation of dahlias. John is a leading exhibitor in the Essex Dahlia Society and also exhibits nationally.

On 12th March the Club is hosting a Flower Arranging Workshop at 2.00pm in the Schoolroom at the United Reformed Church. Lionel Clark is the tutor the cost is £5.00 (phone 01245 361857 or 01245 360042 for more information)

On Saturday 11th April the Club will be staging it's Annual Spring Show. The Show is open to non members and entry is free. Exhibits range from cookery photography and craft. Phone 01245 361857 or 01245 360042 for a schedule . The Show is open for viewing from 2.00pm. FREE entry.

6th May - we have a talk and 'hands - on' demonstration about the 'General Uses and Preservation of Herbs' by Zsuzsa Serer. This is a 'must' for all you cooks out there!

On 3rd June we are visiting Horkesley Hall near Colchester. The cost is £10.00 which includes a talk, walk round the lovely garden and homemade refreshments..

On 1st July we head in the direction of Saffron Walden to visit a gorgeous rose filled garden surrounding a thatched house called 'Two Cottages'. This garden was featured on 'Gardeners' World' last year. Entry is £5.00 and the homemade refreshments a further £5.00.

In the Summer months we like to make the most of the good weather, (fingers crossed!) and visit local gardens in the afternoon. Our evening meetings take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm where there is plenty of parking. We offer a plant stall, book and bric a brac stall, a raffle, refreshments and a very warm welcome. Our outings are based around car sharing and we've never left anyone behind yet!

We would like you to come and join us and share our passion for plants. Visitors are very welcome £3.00, Annual Membership - £8.50

Please phone me on 01245 360042 for any further information. I'd be pleased to help.
Or see our website www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk
Maggie Williams (Hon. Secretary) 01245 360042

Allotment Update

Blasford Hill Allotments

There are currently two plots available for cultivation at this site so if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

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Activities and Interests with the U3A



U3A stands for 'University of the Third Age', but the U3A isn't a university in the traditional sense. Instead, it offers opportunities for members to continue existing creative, educational and social interests, and to explore new ones. Members can do this in part through joining one or more special interest groups. At the Broomfield & District U3A there are over 20 such groups. If not quite from A – Z, they currently range from B (Badminton) to W (Walking), with lots in between including history, geology, ukulele playing, and handicrafts. To browse the full range of groups currently on offer, just visit the website, at <https://u3asites.org.uk/broomfield/home> and click on 'Groups'. If you'd like to get in touch with any of the group leaders for more information, just use the contact form on the web page.



The U3A also holds well-attended monthly meetings, and if you don't live in Broomfield don't worry – you are very welcome to join our branch. Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at Broomfield Village Hall, and include book and puzzle swaps, refreshments, and a guest speaker. In the past few months talks have included such diverse subjects as how DNA is used to catch criminals; one man's account of his solo walk across Africa; and what it's like to have been a BBC reporter. For a full list of forthcoming talks, have a look at the website and click on 'Events'. We hope to see you at a future meeting.



Chelmsford City Council has provided Parish Councils in its area with the following information regarding the provision of plastic sacks –

In response to our Climate and Ecological Emergency, a declaration in July 2019 we have looked at areas where we can reduce and or eliminate single-use plastics altogether. Rolls of plastic bags will no longer be available at outlets such as Parish Councils and libraries, however we will continue to deliver one roll of plastic sacks (52 bags on each roll) to each household in Chelmsford once a year. In

*January we launched our Essex wide Plastic Pledge campaign to encourage our residents to reduce the use of plastics, which we provide advice and suggestions about using alternatives to plastic and the benefits to our environment by doing this. To date we have over **2700 pledges** of which **407** are from Chelmsford and are continually promoting the pledge on social media and a press release has been circulated.*

Cardboard and Paper sacks will be available to collect from Freighter House along with food waste bins, caddies and green boxes. Any new residents moving to a property will be entitled to all recycling receptacles including plastic bags. Clear plastic bags purchased by residents will be collected by our collection crew if they can identify just plastics in the bags.



The First World War 1914-18 saw the loss of approximately 750,000 British lives. However, at that time, the Government's official policy was to not repatriate the dead. Thus, in order to give the families who had been left without a focal point to grieve such a great loss, many towns and villages around the UK set about erecting permanent memorials.



The names of the fallen being chiselled upon them as a permanent stone tribute. For Valour, In honour, in memory and most importantly as a reminder, 'Lest we forget'.

Little Waltham's residents were amongst those that lost brave young souls during that time, and so, beginning with a village meeting, held on January 31st 1917 in the rectory of Little Waltham Church, The Reverend Cannon, Osbourne William Tancock, invited the parishioners to consider the proposal of erecting a War Memorial for those who had fallen in the village. The meeting gave careful consideration to the fact that the war was still in progress and it was agreed by all that it would be best to wait until the end of the war, thereafter to provide for a worthy, permanent War Memorial. The Reverend stated that until such time, he would keep a Roll of Honor up to date and provide a copy, which he would place inside his window at the vicarage.

It was not until the 5th Feb 1919 that another public meeting was held, again by proposal from The Rector, who was then joined by the Chairman of the Parish council. A committee was formed to handle inquiries, obtain subscriptions and report to another later parish meeting. The Rev Tancock was elected as Chairman of the newly formed War Memorial Fund Committee. This meeting heard a proposal put forward, by Mr. G Bedford, for the memorial to take the form of a Parish Hall. An unqualified cost of £520 for a room of about 50ft by 30ft, was the given estimate.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. L.H. Taylor, with additional support from Miss Tancock, Mr. Walter Brown and Mr. Sidney Farnsworth, thus the motion was carried. There was also suggestion that a Y.M.C.A Hut could be acquired but it was deemed not fit to fill the definition of a permanent Memorial.

The later meeting held in June that year, records that with given consideration to parishioners wishes and the expected cost of building a hall, a preference should be for a Stone Cross to be erected. To further this, in order to site the cross, an offer to gift a piece of land adjoining the bridge in the village, was put forward by Mr. W S Campen. Records also show, at that time, that 2 pieces of land had been offered by Col. W N Tufnell in relation to



the building and placement of the Village hall. One of those pieces of land being on the road leading to the church, known as Brook Hill. It appears that the ensuing period was filled with fund raising, obtaining estimates and drawing up designs for both a Memorial Hall and a Memorial cross. By 22nd October 1919 the fund was reported to have £395 in the bank and, together with other pledges on list, would amount to an overall total of £540. Moving onto Sept 7th 1920 from records of a meeting held in the School Room, Mr. Hicks, the committee secretary, informed the sum of £555 in the bank account with further donations promised which would make the overall total up to £694 -2 shillings and 11 pence. In addition to which a cheque for £25 had been promised towards the cost of a cross.



It was then proposed by the Rector to accept Mr. W. Campens land donation for the site but also explained he could not solicit any specific donations in respect of a cross. A meeting of 20th Sept 1921 showed that arrangements were confirmed to erect a cross on the site offered by Mr. Campen. Monies at that time were available from funds that had already been raised for the Memorial Hall and it was agreed that part of those monies could be used. The final decision was by a public meeting on 1st November 1921. that the design by Messrs. Wray & Fuller of Chelmsford, should be approved and an order be made. The cost of the Cross and its stone step was quoted to be £102 -5 shillings-op. Following that The Memorial committee met on 17th Nov 1921. Where it was recorded that Messrs. J G Hicks, B. Bird and S. Farnsworth (a special Sub-Committee formed to action dealings relating to a Cross) be empowered to make the Order.

Following its completion, The Memorial Cross was erected at Winkford Bridge and was unveiled at a ceremony on 21st May 1922 by Brig Gen J T Wigan and was dedicated by the Rev Canon O W Tancock.

To be continued.

Fenn Wright.

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Play in the Park

The Parish Council has again been in liaison with Chelmsford City Council to host the 'Play in the Park' event at the Recreation Grounds. Children between the ages of 3 and 11 are welcome to come along to a 2-hours play session. Over the Easter Holidays the event will be taking place on Friday 17th April 2020 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Children aged 3-5 must have a parent present throughout the session. Children aged 6-8 may be dropped off and collected by a parent who does not need to remain present for the entire session and children aged 8 and over may make their own way provided they can provide an emergency contact and any relevant medical information.

Children need to make sure they are wearing suitable clothes for play and bring a drink and a snack.

You can either register to take part on the day or online at the link below

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/who/kids-activities/play-in-the-park/>

There will be two further sessions in the summer and details will be in the next edition of this magazine.

Play in the PARK

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Little Waltham Drama Group New members always welcome!

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Our next production is Steel Magnolias by Robert Haring April 23rd to 25th

Please see website or Facebook page.

Tickets **available soon** via ticketsource and 07910 534090

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Little Waltham Parish Council is committed to assisting local businesses by providing advertising space in this magazine which is circulated to around 550 homes within this Parish. The magazine is published quarterly and one year's advertising covering 4 issues costs as follows -

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1 Corinthians, 12:14 *“For the body is not one member, but many”.*

During the first half of this term, as part of our RE curriculum, we have celebrated a multi-faith fortnight and the children have been extending their knowledge and understanding of Hinduism in a range of activities. There is always a busy atmosphere in every classroom that I go into with lots of great activities and opportunities for learning. Ash Class even made a Hindu Shrine in their classroom and enjoyed learning about Hinduism. The class books made by the children have some beautiful drawings and writing and will be on display for everyone to have a look at in the front lobby.

Every Friday we have our Celebration Worship where the children receive leaves to go on our tree in the hall; their awards are linked to our Christian Values and our Super Skills. The children also receive other awards and special badges, such as the school council badges which they wear with pride. We always share our awards prayer which was written by Willow Class.

As we come together to celebrate others' awards, please help us to be encouraging, to be proud of others and to show our Christian values. Help us to aim for the highest and to use our talents well. Thank you for everyone who helps us to learn. Amen.

We have embarked on a programme of much needed refurbishment across the school. Starting with the library we have been donated many books which are now categorised and on the shelves for the children to read – a huge thank you to everyone who donated books, The Stevens family for their help in covering and labelling books and to our librarians who have put everything away.

Our next project was our 'Orchard' which is the classroom we now have available (made possible by the two re-locatable classrooms) for group work and individual sessions. Thank you to the 'Friends of Little Waltham' who supported the project with some funding. It is all taking shape with some fabulous new cupboards which house the stationery and other curriculum resources. It is a pleasure to work in there.

Once again the 'Friends' have supported us and we have been able to revamp the playground, lovely new benches have now been installed. The children are really enjoying them, they have certainly brightened up the area and will last a very long time.

Well done to Oak Class for reaching second place in the Superstars Competition at Chelmsford Athletics Centre. There were some amazing performances and excellent behaviour - we are very proud of you. Also well done to Leighs who earned the most house points during the Autumn Term and had their very own non uniform day.

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As noted in the previous newsletters, the number of residents that are part of the Little Waltham Parish is significantly increasing due to continued expansion of the Channels development. The newest area, Pompadour at Channels, is rapidly growing with new residents moving in regularly.



The Channels Residents Community Group now covers and represents the *entire Channels development* and there is no doubt it gives us a strong voice. We have been lobbying hard to have the bridleway that runs alongside the Southern border of Eagle Rise (down to Essex Regiment Way and linking to Beaulieu) improved as it is almost impassable by foot and as a result a new 'self-bind' surface is due to be laid during March so as to avoid any excessive surface water build up. In addition, we have received confirmation recently that the much needed crossing at the bottom of the same bridleway, to facilitate safe passage across Essex Regiment Way, should be completed during the 2020/21 financial year. We must thank Cllr John Aldridge and Little Waltham Parish Council who have also lobbied strongly on our behalf over recent months on this issue.

To assist in building the community, there are a number of Facebook Groups that have been created to support both the wider Channels Community and each locality development 'parcel'. Channels residents therefore have the opportunity to become members of two core groups, a development-wide one and their locality specific one. There are also two additional community-based groups. A 'Support Local Business' group is a convenient place for local businesses to share and update what they have to offer the community. The 'Community Marketplace' group is somewhere for residents of Channels to flag that they have items they want to sell or to post requests for items they are looking for. There is more information at www.channels.community/social-media/ and we would especially encourage new Pompadour at Channels residents to take a look, join up and become part of the local community.

WE NEED YOU!
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Lastly our CRCG Funding & Finance sub-committee needs your support! The CRCG has no source of regular funding and we therefore need a keen Channels resident to assist in exploring fund raising options including the identification of, and application for, various grants that may be available. We may even explore the opportunity of becoming a registered Charity which will be an exciting project to take forward for the future.

If this is something that you feel you could help with, please do get in touch via www.channels.community/get-involved/ and you can be involved with supporting the CRCG achieve its key goals in creating a thriving and vibrant Channels community. **We would especially love to hear from residents of The Lanes and Pompadour because at present there is limited representation within the Community Group.**

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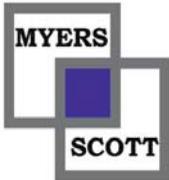
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<u>1st Sunday of the month</u>	11.00 am	Service of the Word, a shorter service led by a member of the congregation
<u>2nd Sunday</u>	11.00 am	Communion Service
<u>3rd Sunday</u>	11.00 am	Service of the Word
<u>4th Sunday</u>	11.00 am	Communion Service in traditional language followed by refreshments and a chance to chat

Looking ahead, on 29th March at 10.30am all six of our parish churches will be worshipping together at St John's Church, Little Leighs.

There is no service at St Martin's on **Good Friday (10th April)** but there will be Good Friday services at Great Waltham and Little Leighs churches at 2.00pm.

On **Easter Sunday (12th April)** there will be an Easter Communion service at 11.00am at St Martin's Church.

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Location: Either Chatham Green or Mann Wood, Essex **Costs:** £450/person with £200 non-refundable deposit **Booking:** Please email info@wildernessfoundation.org.uk to request a referral form.

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By being outdoors our beneficiaries can often feel more relaxed, and less pressured, and using natural tools and exploration the work is more creative and makes engaging much easier. The creative side of the work makes it work well with children and young people – many who reflect on how much calmer they feel outside. We work using core values of equal dignity, personal integrity, personal responsibility and authenticity. Our aim is to enable each person we work with to have an improved understanding of how they can navigate their lives using the core values as a compass for the future, and have tools and increased self-awareness to manage themselves, and life, in a more harmonious way.

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Little Waltham Open Gardens 2020

Gardeners of Little Waltham – Can you help? Would you be able to help us with the Open Gardens this year? It takes place on Sunday, June 28th from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. It is being held, as before, in aid of Farleigh Hospice.

It is a lovely way to show off your garden to visitors and bring your local community together, while raising vital funds for Farleigh Hospice. We are always looking for new gardens to join us. It doesn't matter whether the garden is large or small – a good mix helps to attract visitors. We always get very positive feedback on the gardens.

We do understand that opening your garden is a big commitment and appreciate the hard work that is involved. The Farleigh fundraising team and the local organisers (David and Janet Blainey) will provide all the back up you need to open your garden.

If you would like to consider taking part, or have any questions, please contact David Blainey on 07900 493544 or email at dblainey@aol.com.

Each year Farleigh has the privilege to care for thousands of patients and families living with a life-limiting illness or bereavement in our local community. However, every day Farleigh needs to raise over £16,500 to enable us to help people live as actively as possible from the point of diagnosis to the end of their lives, by providing physical and emotional care, free of charge. We rely on the generosity of our local community to help us continue to provide end of life care, hospice at home, day services, bereavement services, and support for families and carers.

Thank you. Your support is very much appreciated.

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.

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Essex County Council Composting Event

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What will the compost workshop involve? Each workshop will provide an introduction to home composting and will be roughly one hour long and will cover the following topics:

- What are the benefits of composting
- What to put in and what not to put in your home compost bin
- How to set up and maintain your compost bin
- How to use the soil improver from your compost bin
- How to avoid common problems

Once you have attended a compost workshop you will receive either a [220 or 330 litre compost bin](#) delivered to your home free of charge usually within six weeks following the workshop.

Where will it take place? The nearest event will be taking place at Chelmsford City Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street Chelmsford – Thursday 2nd April, 6pm - 7pm *There are other events in other locations which can be found on the website*

How do I book a place? Visit the online link below to book your place!

https://www.loveessex.org/news-and-ideas/attend-a-workshop-and-get-a-free-compost-bin/?fbclid=IwAR2jZgnpRQbdt9bdPd3RoIOBgVn48V_3KFIqnao6mWcOpT6QCAfrl-eLrl



Little Waltham Community Litter Pick

in association with the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean



Come along to the Community Litter Pick organised by Little Waltham Parish Council and help keep your Parish tidy! *All equipment will be provided*

The event will take place on Saturday 28 March 2020 from 10am to 12 noon.

The will be one event in the village centre and one event at Channels.

If you wish to take part in the village litter pick, please meet in front of St Martin's Church.

If you choose to take part in the Channels litter pick please meet in the green by Brassie Wood.

Equipment will be provided. Children must be supervised by an adult – a certificate will be awarded to those who attend!

To book your place please contact the Parish Clerk on 01376 331251 or email littlewaltham@gmail.com





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