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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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Little Waltham Parish Council

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Little Waltham Parish Council magazine! What a strange situation we find ourselves in and I hope that lockdown has not been too stressful for you all. Throughout lockdown I was posting information which I hope you found helpful on the new Parish Council Facebook page and I have summarised some of the most useful contact numbers further on in this magazine in case you need them again in the future.

It was disappointing that as a result of Covid the Parish Council was not able to host the VE day event with the Memorial Hall and Church but I know some of you celebrated at home.

The Parish Council welcomes Jo-Ann Tinson as a new Councillor. There is now just one vacancy remaining so if you wish to join the Parish Council feel free to give me a ring for more information and for a chat about the role in helping your community. Information is also available on the Parish Council website www.littlewaltham.org.uk under breaking news.

The Parish Council continues to function with meetings taking place on the first Tuesday of the month but on the Zoom video conferencing facility. Just as with a normal face to face meeting anyone is welcome to attend and speak in the public session at the start of the meeting. The log in details appear on the agenda which I publish on the notice boards and on the website about a week prior to the meeting or you can always give me a ring to find out more.

One recent issue that was discussed was anti-social behaviour that has been occurring in the recreation grounds during lockdown with youths gathering in the area until late into the night causing a disturbance. I am pleased to say that as a result of approaches by the Parish Council to the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's Office, Commander Kelly Thurston logged in to the September Parish Council meeting and agreed to organise a targeted operation to deal with the issue although it does seem that with the colder wetter weather the issue is not so prevalent.

As always if you have any issues for the Parish Council you are welcome to contact me.

Suzanne Walker

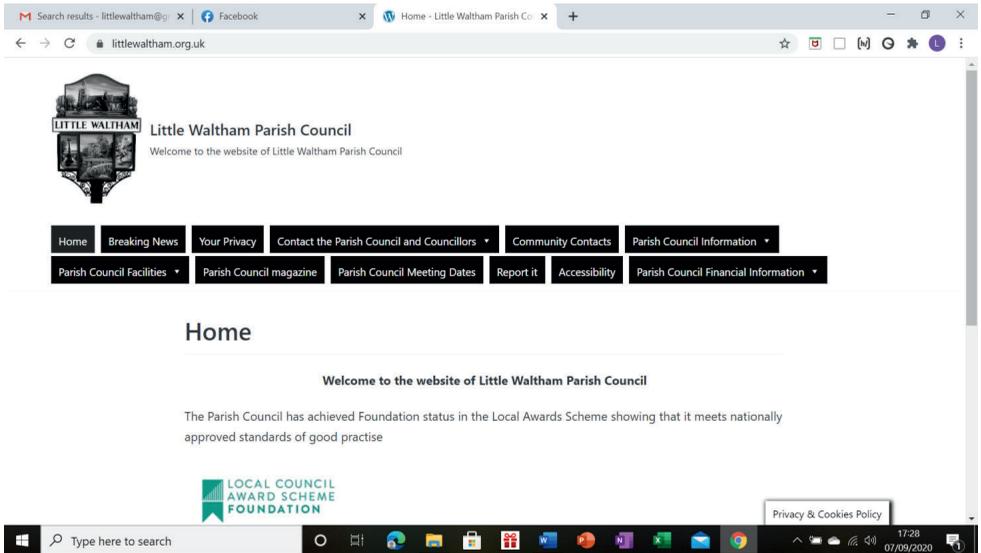
Parish Clerk (01376 331251) email: littlewaltham@gmail.com



Lots of ways to contact the Parish Council!

You can now find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/853840378397995>



Or you can find lot of information on the Parish Council website www.littlewaltham.org.uk which has recently been updated!

You can always contact a Councillor or the Clerk and you can find those contact details at the back of this magazine!



Kemi Badenoch MP

holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents.

If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email

kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 219 1943



Little Waltham Parish Council Covid-19 Support

Little Waltham GP Surgery and Brook Hill Pharmacy:

30 Brook Hill, Little Waltham, Chelmsford CM3 3LL

Surgery: 01245 360253

Pharmacy: 01245 360678

Government Hotlines:

NHS: 111 or 111.nhs.uk

School Closures: 0800 0468687

HMRC: 08000 0159559

Universal Credit: 0800 3285644

Local Coronavirus Support:

If you are a resident in self isolation or unable to leave the house, volunteers are available to help from the following sources:

Channels Residents' Association:

<https://channels.community/community-info/coronavirus/>

Essex Welfare Service: 0330 303 9988

<https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/>

Chelmsford CVS Community Helpline: 01245 280731

<https://chelmsfordcvs.org/>

Essex Coronavirus Action: <https://www.facebook.com/essexcoronavirusaction/>

Other Support Networks:

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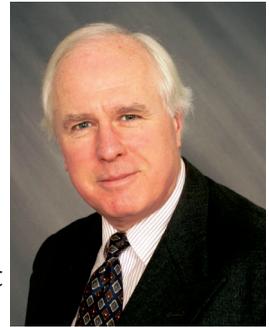
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From the County Council - July/August 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In the few weeks since I last wrote for parish magazines there continue to be enormous changes to the way we lead our lives. Covid-19 has changed the world and will sadly carry on doing so. Many of us though, have so many others to be grateful to from the NHS, to the carers in all our homes, the postmen and women, the refuse collectors, the supermarket staff and all volunteers; indeed, the list is almost endless. Closer to home we also owe so much to those in our respective communities who have given of their time and at some risk to themselves to help others live from day to day. *To all I would like to say thank you and well done!*



But if you or someone you know still needs help do go to the Essex Welfare Service <https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/support-request?> However, if the internet is not available to you, it is also possible to call 0300 303 9988

Changes to Essex County Council Services in response to easing of lockdown

1. The County Council has been allocated £57 million funding for track and trace support which will develop outbreak control plans, working with local hospital trusts and other partners. This provision is additional to the national activity and is specifically to respond to identifying and containing potential outbreaks in, for example, workplaces, housing complexes, care homes and schools. <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/essex-county-council-underlines-importance-of-social-distancing-and-regular>
2. The County's Parks are back to normal opening hours. All parks will be open from 8am to dusk and the car parks and toilets will be open to the public. However, the children's play equipment, visitor centres and cafes will remain closed, for now in line with

government guidance. See more on <https://www.explore-essex.com/covid-19-updates-may-2020>

3. A phased approach to re-open libraries, in line with government guidelines, starts from Monday 6th July with sixteen libraries and then rolling out to all libraries in the County. See further on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/phased-approach-to-reopening-essex-libraries?>
4. The new “Family Innovation Support Fund-Xtra” offers a range of early support services. These are available to help children and young people aged between 0 and 19 years (up to 25 years for young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) and families during the pandemic. They are aimed at those who are not already receiving specialist or statutory support. See <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/new-support-services-launched-for-children-and-families?>
5. Work is taking place in Chelmsford and other towns in Essex to provide bigger, safer spaces in key locations for city centre shoppers, residents, workers and visitors to social distance. Current cycle lanes and pavements have been enhanced as well as new lanes and pavements created. See further on <https://www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/safer-greener-healthier.aspx>
6. Recycling Centres are open for restricted use - but there are still long queues as I have seen for myself. See more at <https://www.loveessex.org/news-and-ideas/recycling-centre-temporary-restrictions/>
7. Registration services have resumed see <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/essex-registration-services-resume>

Meanwhile, if you have any problems about these and any other County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.



Little Waltham and Great Notley Patients Participation Group

Purpose of a PPG

- To give practice staff and patients the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual interest in their own practice.
- A forum for patients and staff to improve and develop services within the practice by co-production.
- To provide an opportunity for patients to make positive and constructive suggestions/ideas about the practice and specific medical conditions as an 'expert' or 'experienced patient'.
- To encourage health education activities within the practice.
- To involve further patients from the wider population.
- To involve patient participation in future commissioning of Health Provision.

The PPG committee has made the decision to delay the Annual Patients Open Meeting that usually meets in October at the Great Notley Surgery until 27th January 2021.

This delay is as a result of current Government guidelines that limit the number of people who can meet together.

The PPG Annual Open Meeting usually offers an opportunity for patients of Little Waltham and Great Notley Surgeries to 'have their say' and hear updates on any recent changes or developments to the services offered.

It is not clear at the moment whether this meeting will be able to go ahead 'face-to-face' or whether it will need to be online.

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LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

Lockdown- we gardeners were so thankful that our hobby/passion gave us such a positive distraction from the pressures that lockdown forced upon us. We were blessed with lots of sun and although rainfall was a little sparse at times,(until late August that is), fruit and vegetable harvests have been rewarding and we have learned lessons concerning the drought tolerance or otherwise of some ornamentals.

Like many other Clubs and organisations, the Gardening Club had to put its plans on hold from March onwards. However, in August, members enjoyed a social afternoon in a beautiful and interesting garden at Chatham Green, hosted by Marion and Peter Lawson. A vote was taken regarding the return to our planned programme of evening meetings this Autumn, following which it has been decided to hold a meeting on WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER, 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall. The speaker will be Darren Lerigo and his subject 'A Very British Garden' - The British love their gardens, but what does a British garden look like and why?

With the help and advice from Little Waltham Memorial Hall Committee, we have been able to put together plans that will enable us to follow social distancing rules, using well spaced seating, hand sanitising etc. However, because of the restrictions, refreshments, raffle and sales tables will be omitted. Audience members must wear face masks and the speaker will be provided with a plastic visor so that, together with our microphone, he will be well and truly audible.

Depending upon the level of attendance and the ease with which we manage the Covid 19 restrictions, we will endeavour to hold a meeting in November, the subject of which will be the importance and value of trees.

We gardeners, like so many of our plants, are Hardy Perennials and are of a mind to continue our Club meetings as much as possible during these challenging times.

Good Gardening!

**Maggie Williams (Hon. Secretary) For more Information, please phone me
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**Due to changes in Government requirements in relation to social gatherings,
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You will now only be entitled to a free TV licence if:

- You, as the licence holder are 75 years or older, **AND**
- You, or your partner living at the same address, receive Pension Credit.

Households that do not fall into this category will need to begin paying for a TV Licence. During August and September, TV licencing will be writing to those who need to set up a licence explaining the next steps. However, we know that criminals have been exploiting TV licencing email scams for a number of years.

TV licencing have provided an excellent [FAQ on how to spot a genuine TV licence email](#) but the five key points to look out for are:

1. **Check the sender**—all genuine emails are sent from *donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk* or *donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk*.
2. **Check for a postcode**—if you have provided a postcode to TV licencing then their emails will include part of that postcode.
3. **Check your name**—TV licencing will address you by name. Be suspicious of any that address you as ' Dear Customer' or just use your email address.
4. **Check the spelling & grammar**—look for unusual hyphens and strange or missing full stops. They may also put capital letters on unusual words.
5. **Check the links**—always check where the links are taking you before you click on them—hover over them on a computer or press and hold on a phone/tablet.

REMEMBER

There are other ways of contacting TV licencing, including over the phone. There is also a helpline for over-75 TV licence queries—call **0300 790 6117**.



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LITTLE WALTHAM MEMORIAL HALL

The Little Waltham Memorial Trust Committee have vacancies for Trustees and would welcome submissions by persons interested in becoming a Charity Trustee to work alongside the other members of the Committee, giving input to the wide and varied aspects of running the Memorial Hall.

Please contact the Committee Secretary to pre-register your interest and for more information:

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Thank you

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Little Waltham Drama Group

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Please see website or Facebook Page for updates and social events.

When we're able we will Meet again, we'll be at the
Memorial Hall LW
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We welcome any New members so get in touch via FB or website.

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**Little Waltham United Reformed Church Minister
Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654**

**Recent information regarding Church events due to
COVID 19**

We are planning to hold an open air short Service
Sunday 13th August This will be held inside if
weather is bad & is being led by Rev Geoffrey Griggs

Our next Service is planned for **October 4th** This will
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We are delighted to be back at school after such a long absence for some of the children. The first few days have gone really well, the children have settled back to work with enthusiasm and embraced the new way of working. All the staff are thoroughly enjoying being back with their pupils. Our thanks to all our families for supporting their children, and our school, through the difficult days of lockdown and the process of coming out of lockdown. It has been a very challenging journey but I am proud to say that we have reached this point as a community.

At the end of last year, we bid farewell to Mrs Draper who many of you will know. After many years at Little Waltham she has retired with her husband to Suffolk. We will all miss her very much but wish her every happiness in the future.

It is impossible to say what activities we will be able to take part in over the next few months but, once we are settled into a routine, we will be planning different ways of celebrating all the things we would normally do at this time of year.

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Mrs Maycock

Mrs Liz Maycock Headteacher

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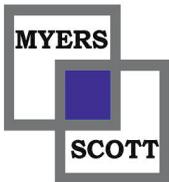
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Rev Sandra has an online service at 10.30 on Sundays and a Soothe Your Soul Night Prayer every Wednesday, also online.

You can find them on the “**Little and Great Churches at Home**” Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Little-Great-Churches-at-Home-110993963898881/>

The October service at St Martin's will be on
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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. We are social distance dancing at the moment and taking all safety precautions in line with Government Guidelines.

£5 per class - for any more information call Sue on 01245 361019

Dog Fouling

To comply with its Plastics Pledge to reduce the use of plastic, Chelmsford City Council is no longer providing free dog poo bags to Little Waltham Parish Council so in turn the Parish Council is no longer able to provide them to residents.

However, the Parish Council continues to ask that residents pick up after their dogs and are respectful of where they take their dogs for a walk. You will probably know that dog fouling is an offence and the fine for owners not cleaning up after their pets is £100 with further costs up to £1,000 if the case goes to a Magistrates Court.

Please therefore abide by the law and not spoil the area for others. Also let's work together as a community and if you witness dog fouling please report it to Chelmsford City Council either by ringing 01245 606606 or the report may be made online at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/dogs/report-dog-fouling/



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Come along to the Community Litter Pick organised by Little
Waltham Parish Council and help keep your Parish tidy!

*All equipment will be provided but you MUST bring along your
own gloves and hand sanitisers.*

**•The event will take place on Saturday 26 September 2020
from 10am to 12 noon.** Please meet in front of St Martin's
Church.

*Equipment will be provided.
Children must be supervised by an adult.*

Due to Covid restrictions booking is essential so to book your place
please contact the Parish Clerk on **01376 331251** or email
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Little Waltham Parish Council - Your Councillors

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