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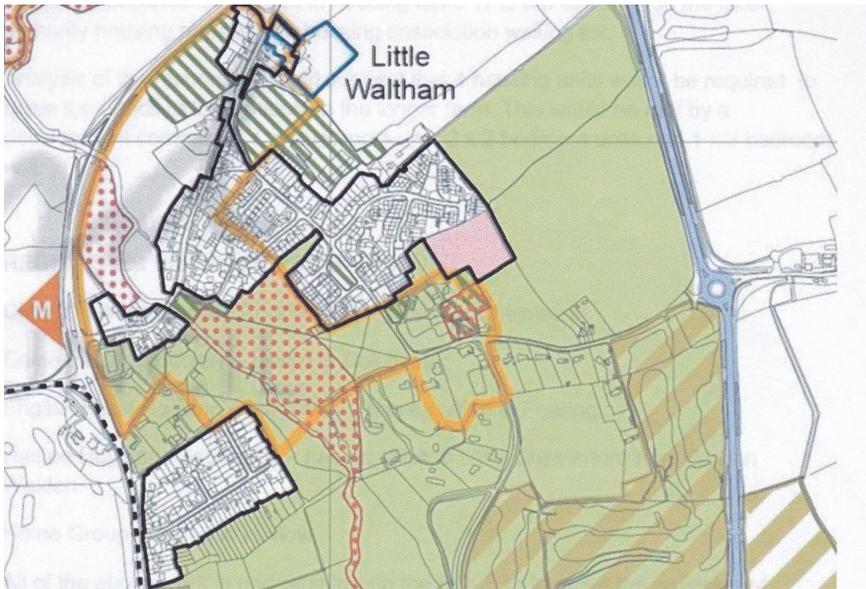
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Little Waltham Affordable Housing Just to keep you updated on this project – as a result of further consultation the plans for this scheme are in the course of being updated in order to provide Affordable Housing to for those with a connection to the Parish. The proposed location is shown on the map below. *More information will be available shortly!*



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**Local articles of interest, residents views and comments are always
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Little Waltham Parish Council

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

At the time of writing this introduction we were still in the second lockdown so I hope as you receive this magazine you have managed to have a lovely Christmas and let's hope that 2021 will be a much better year and that we will be back to normal and able to see all our friends and family again! In the meantime, I have included a list of useful contact numbers within this magazine in case you are in need of any help and support.

The Parish Council has continued to meet on Zoom and to attend online events to obtain information and represent the views of residents. Over the last few months either myself or Councillors have attended events about the proposed North East bypass, the new railway station, the A12 widening and the proposed new Garden Community. We have also attended online meetings with the City Council to hear about the proposals to update Parish boundaries and planning procedures and documentation since the City Council adopted the new local plan.

Representations have also been made in relation to planning matters including attending online meetings of the City Council's planning committee and representations have been submitted for the Government's consultation on planning reform.

There are also issues to consider relating to the Parish itself including play area management and improvement and I am very pleased to announce that the Tom Amos charity has agreed a grant to assist in financing an upgrade to the tennis court area and for the installation of outdoor gym equipment.

Also there has been a substantial amount of liaison with the Police culminating with Commander Kelly Thurston attending a Zoom meeting of the Parish Council to address issues of anti-social behaviour in the recreation grounds.

As you can see there is a lot going on at the Parish Council and maybe you would like to be part of that? There are currently two spaces to be filled so to find out more do give me a ring for an informal chat or take a look on the Parish Council website at www.littlewaltham.org.uk under breaking news where you can find information and an application form.

Another important item to let you know about is that for GDPR reasons the Parish Council has updated all its email addresses and you can find the new addresses for Councillors and myself at the back of this magazine and of course on the website.

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

Happy New Year from us all at the Parish Council

Suzanne Walker

Parish Clerk (01376 331251) email: clerk@littlewaltham.org.uk



The Little Waltham Church Clock

The church clock has been a feature in Little Waltham for around 250 years, indeed in its early life it was probably the only way that many villagers had of telling the time.

You may have noticed that early last year the clock stopped at 11.05 and, later in the year, that the hands of the clock disappeared. What had happened was that, after years of ingenious repairs by the late Ron Dixon, the clock finally needed its once a generation overhaul, having clocked up over 500,000 hours since its last one.

The clock and its hands were removed and taken to A. James Ltd in Saffron Walden and given a complete overhaul.

Earlier this year, just before the lockdown, the clock was replaced in the church and the hands replaced in the rather precarious looking way shown in the photograph.

The clock now keeps good time and I hope is enjoyed by everyone in the village.

The clock needs to be wound once a week. It is kept going by two weights (one for the bell strike and the other for the clock mechanism) rather than a mainspring, electricity or a battery. These weights start the week at the same level as the clock and during the week drop down to ground level; once a week they need to be wound back up to the clock level.

Would you be interested in becoming a clock winder? This is not for everyone since it requires the winder to climb two different ladders to get to the clock chamber and then some strength to wind the weights back up from ground level. The clock sometimes needs a small adjustment by shortening or lengthening the pendulum to make it go slightly faster or slower. Full training would be given and all the appropriate health and safety and insurance measures would be in place.

An appeal

The bulk of the renovation cost was covered by a grant from the Friends of St Martin's Church, a charity whose purpose is to ensure that the fabric of the church remains in a good state - did you know that the earliest part of the church is Norman and therefore around 900 years old?

The church building is currently maintained by its ever diminishing congregation (not the Diocese or Church of England). It may be that in the not too distant future, there will not be sufficient money to maintain the church and it may face closure, with no more weddings or funerals, unless a body such as the Friends of St Martin's Church can keep it safely maintained.



If you would like the church building to continue to be a resource to the community, please contribute to the Friends of St Martin's Church by contacting Derek Hayes the treasurer at the Old Rectory in Little Waltham. If you have any questions about the church finances, please contact Rupert Watson at Little Waltham Hall.





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: 0800 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: 0300 303 9988 <https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/>

Chelmsford CVS Community Helpline: 01245 280731 <https://chelmsfordcvs.org.uk/>

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

British Red Cross support – 0808 1963651

As well as practical support they offer a befriending service and a hardship fund.

Other Support Agencies

- Carers First 0300 303 1555 or email hello@carersfirst.org.uk
- Domestic Abuse: 03303337444 or www.essexcompass.org.uk
- Mental Health Support: www.mind.org.uk
- Alzheimer's Society – 0333 150 34356 alzheimers.org.uk

Agencies that will refer to other sources of support

- Healthwatch Essex 0300 5001895 or info@healthwatchessex.org.uk (can help people understand and navigate health, social care and wellbeing services in Essex)
- Community Agents 0800 977 5858 or enquiries@caessex.org.uk (help in finding independent living solutions)
- Connect Well Essex – www.connectwellessex.org.uk – a self referral tool containing over 400 local activities and services.



Kemi Badenoch MP

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

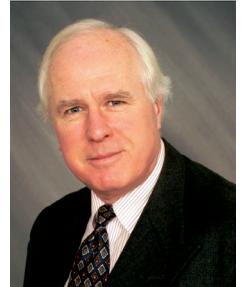
If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email

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



From the County Council - Support for communities and businesses in Essex

It is too early to predict the long-term impact of the second national lockdown but the Council's focus is on supporting communities and businesses in Essex. The County's early entry into Tier 2 restrictions in October to limit the increase in the infection rate will hopefully mean, that when the lockdown is lifted, it will be well placed to recommend to government that we go into the lowest level of restrictions.



In the meantime, 50% of £4.4 million Tier 2 funding from Government will go towards the homeless, those on low incomes together with food banks and other community food distribution groups. The balance will be used to help sustain businesses across the County in liaison with the District, Borough and City Councils together with business leaders.

At the time of writing the latest Covid data will be published weekly on a Thursday on the Essex County Council website here <https://www.essex.gov.uk/local-outbreak-control-plan>

For guidance on national restrictions from Thursday 5th November visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

Your chance to help children in need of technology

Building on the government funded initiative during the lockdown, which saw 2000 laptops being provided to disadvantaged pupils, the Council is calling upon businesses, residents and local councils to donate old devices for distribution to families and young people who need them.

With many places of education opting for a more varied learning offer and homework increasingly becoming an online activity, this new scheme will ensure that pupils from all walks of life are able to access their school or college work at home. The Council and its staff have already donated 500 of their old devices and is working with partners who are keen to support this scheme. The Council cannot do this on its own and would, therefore, like to ask for your help, please.

If you can donate an old or unused laptop device gathering dust or hidden away somewhere, it could make the world of difference to a young person by giving them access to online resources and learning.

Once received, all laptops will receive a thorough clean inside and out with all data and programmes removed securely. No data on the device will be accessed during this process.

For questions relating to donating please email TSLaptop.Donations@essex.gov.uk
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.

John Aldridge CC December / January 2020/21



Wild Times during Covid

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the positive power of humanity to save wilderness

We are so lucky as a community to live in one of the prettiest parts of Essex and the fact that our villages open onto a series of beautiful footpaths and walks. Those of us able to get out have certainly benefited in heart, mind and body through this. The evidence is

overwhelming that a short, nature based walk each day has a significant impact on our wellbeing and mental health, through a connection to nature and physical improvements.

Some of you who can walk the Essex Way will have seen that in our second lockdown (and since July), we have fortunately been back in full swing working in the outdoors with vulnerable young people and adults. We have continued our one to one outdoor therapy with children and adolescents which is always very meaningful and touching to see in action. Don't be surprised to find a therapist and child up a tree together, or playing in the mud, or sitting having their session resting against one of our treasured trees onsite at Hyde Hall farm.

We have been lucky to receive funding from the Lottery, and Sport England during Covid to offer therapy sessions and a series of new group interventions called Brave Futures. We have been running these, a couple of days a week, with separate groups of adolescents and adults. We have had to work with the reduced numbers required for this work in the outdoors, but the main thing is that we are still making a difference in the lives of many whose life stories are heart breaking, with covid just another layer of extreme hardship for those individuals and families who were already struggling to cope.

Sam a participant from our recent Brave Futures programme, experienced such a positive effect from his time with us that he decided to set up a crowdfunding page (<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/brave-futures>) to help raise funds for future Face to Face nature based therapy programmes, which we are extremely grateful and touched by.

"My experience with nature based therapy has been overwhelmingly positive and has made a real difference to my mental and physical health.

I personally believe that there's great value in removing yourself from the stresses of daily life and moving to a place where time seems to stand still and you're only focusing on your basic needs. In my opinion, this relaxes you more than if you were just meditating at home or trying hard to relax.

Doing group therapy in a nature based setting increases its effectiveness tenfold. Using objects in nature to express yourself and be creative as well as lowering the barriers that society makes us put up, the fear of being judged or dismissed. Being able to share in a group and hearing other people speak has been extremely powerful.

For me personally, being circled around a fire calms my mind and takes away the stress and worries of life. I am not thinking about chores, projects or any other distractions. I can focus completely on myself."



Work with our Special Education Needs groups from Edith Borthwick school in Braintree had to halt over the second lockdown but prior to that they were in full flow with young people doing woodwork, making benches, doing woodland and site based work experience and enjoying as always, a warm fire, marshmallows and hot chocolate. Groups of slightly older teens have continued unabated from the Community College Initiative in Chelmsford and have been building a new all weathers outdoor shelter using primitive building techniques and bushcraft.

The woods and site have also been murmuring with the groups of youth at risk from the Out There Academy and the TurnAround programmes - again smaller numbers but significant needs. Our teams hold their groups safe, emotionally and physically, whilst supporting them through outdoor facilitation and group therapy to work through major traumas, behavioural issues, loss, depression and anxiety to name a few problems, whilst also teaching them to love and respect nature and to put back through volunteering on the land.

Next year, as part of our Climate Change and environmental responsibility we will be launching a new initiative in schools and for young people, in both primary and secondary schools on Climate Change Action. Recent funding has also given us a chance to develop a Green Influencers Scheme in the school communities, where we can develop and empower young people to make a difference at school and at home.

We hope that the developments of the bypass will not change the tranquillity and beauty of our very special neck of the woods in Essex and aim to support the community wherever we can.

You can always reach us by email on info@wildernessfoundation.org.uk or pop by for a visit. If you would be willing to help us make sure we can continue to help young people and vulnerable adults, you can always make a donation. There are many ways you can help, just visit our website for more information on how you can gift us this Christmas or become a Friend of the Foundation to help support our life-changing therapy programmes and help them continue into next year and beyond.



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Are you passionate about your community? Do you have concerns about an issue and want to do something about it?

Then why not join Little Waltham Parish Council - there are currently two vacancies to be filled so to find out more and download an application

form please go to the Parish Council website www.littlewaltham.org.uk and click the 'breaking news' section or you can contact the Clerk at clerk@littlewaltham.org.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.

If you plan to attend, please contact the PPG email: lw.gnpatientgroup@gmail.com to express your interest in attending.

How to advertise in this magazine

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Wildlife & Monitoring in lockdown – We can all be involved

From a small garden to the Lake District nature can be found anywhere. Living in a two storey flat behind central park, the past, and current restrictions at least allowed me to explore the Chelmsford landscape and it hasn't failed to impress.

You can walk all the way to Whittle without crossing a single road. The endless fields, hedgerows and hidden water courses rippling across the landscape, the city has a lot to offer. A variety of birds, butterflies, mammals and bees have all been seen.



'Lockdown' has created a greater appreciation of the nature, the relaxing benefits it can bring and how with reduced road traffic the sounds are rekindling perhaps lost connections to wildlife.

With the help of Owen Ward and Broomfield Hospital Radio, back in July we brought local sounds inside to the wards of Broomfield Hospital. What cannot be visited outside, can be brought inside.

www.mixcloud.com/owenontheradio/the-sounds-of-nature-on-hospital-radio-chelmsford/

Monitoring is great for getting even closer to nature. Recording what you see throughout the year helps population trends of wildlife species, that can improve conservation efforts. There are plenty of resources to help. From my personal experience I've made use of the following:

- **The Field Studies Council hardcopy guides**
www.field-studies-council.org/product-category/publications/
- **British Trees – phone app for identifying trees**
- **BirdNET – phone app to auto ID birdsong**
- **iRecord Butterflies – phone app butterfly ID**
- **Mammal mapper – phone app mammal ID**

I use iRecord (www.brc.ac.uk) to record all my sightings. This is a place where projects can access your data to improve their local knowledge.

What will you find on your next walk?

David Jackson – Sustainability
AIEMA, working at University of
Greenwich



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Gardening Club



LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

Together with many other organisations, Little Waltham Gardening Club has not held many meetings this year, but the beating heart of gardening still continues, whatever pandemic tries to overcome the world. We gardeners have reaped satisfactorily good harvests after a very dry (at times!), Summer.

Potatoes, carrots, onions and squashes are safely stored for future use. Annual vegetable plants and flowers are now on the compost heap, slowly recycling into a form that can be used again to enrich the soil next year. Dahlia tubers have been lifted, cleaned and stored and bulbs and biennials planted for our delight in the Spring.

As gardeners, we are always looking to the future and for that we have been ordering seeds from the Club's special discount account. Thus the gardening cycle will be ready to begin again early next year.

With the promise of a Covid - 19 vaccine in mind, the Club is optimistic about resuming meetings in 2021. Exactly when we'll meet remains to be seen. However, when we feel safe to meet we'll publicise the event far and wide and be ready to welcome members old and new. Meanwhile, enjoy the slower rhythm of the season in your gardens, put your feet up and keep safe.

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27th November 2020

HMRC Self Assessment Scams

Self assessment customers are being warned to be vigilant following reports of a number of HMRC scams ahead of the return deadline on 31st January 2021.

Scams use the deadline to panic customers into sharing personal or financial details. Criminals contact customer via SMS text message, email or phone calls pretending to be HMRC offering financial help, tax rebates or refunds.

Customers are also warned to be aware of fake websites charging for government services.

Ways to spot a tax scam

It could be a scam if it:

- is unexpected
- offers a refund, tax rebate or grant
- asks for personal information like bank details
- is threatening
- tells you to transfer money.

You can report suspicious activity to HMRC at phishing@hmrc.gov.uk and texts to **60599**.

For more information or to report phone scams online go to GOV.UK.



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Beware of phishing
scams and copycat
websites when doing
your tax return

gov.uk/self-assessment



If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police on 101**
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at actionfraud.police.uk or call **0300 123 2040**

Keep up to date with fraud and
do **even more** Online at essex.police.uk





Broomfield & District U3A – ways forward

In early September the Broomfield & District branch of the U3A successfully held its postponed AGM using Zoom, with over 40 members taking part. It was lovely to see so many members at one time, albeit virtually. At

the AGM it was agreed to change the membership year to September – August, and the committee was re-elected.

With winter fast approaching, and with restrictions in different parts of the UK seeming to be in a constant state of flux, the 'old normal' ways of planning events, getting together and meeting each other seem more like distant memories. A burning question throughout the pandemic has been how, when, or even if, we safely resume our popular monthly meetings with guest speakers.

It's becoming increasingly likely that Zoom and similar communication technologies will provide the answer.

We have been encouraging leaders of special interest groups to consider how their groups could run virtually, and by the time you read this, we will have had the first of our entertaining and informative monthly speaker meetings via Zoom, attended by over 50 members. Another guest speaker meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon 9 December. Looking ahead, some of the speakers already booked for 2021 have expressed their willingness to participate in this way. The monthly newsletter continues to keep members informed about developments. You can access current and past issues via our website, by visiting <https://u3asites.org.uk/broomfield/welcome> and clicking the 'news' tab.



Little Waltham United Reformed Church

Minister Rev Hans Stein 01371 875654

Services are limited at present but please feel free to call Hans at anytime.

All services COVID secure, Face masks must be worn.

January 3rd	No Service	
January 10th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	10.30 am
January 17th	No Service	
January 24th	Rev Hans Stein	10.30 am HC

Please see Church Notice Board for all further Services as COVID restrictions allow.



census
2021

The Census is Coming Households across England and Wales will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

What is the census? The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It's been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Who should complete the census? Everyone living and working in England and Wales (Scotland and Ireland are doing their census in 2022)

How do you complete it? It will be the first census run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

If you're 16 or over you can call the census helpline and request access to complete a questionnaire independently and anonymously to the rest of your household.

I don't have access to the internet? Paper questionnaires will be available by calling the number on the letter you receive or you can complete it online by visiting one of the census support centres

When does it take place? Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

What questions does it ask? The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

How secure is my data? When the ONS publishes statistics they're completely anonymous. They don't include any personal information and you can not be identified via census data. Your personal census information is protected by law and it's a crime for anyone to share it. This means government departments dealing with any applications you've made or any payments or services you receive cannot see your census information. For example it cannot be used to influence benefit claims, a residency application, immigration status or taxes. Private organisations and individuals such as landlords will not have access to your personal information. ONS will never sell your data. All census records are kept secure for 100 years and only then can they be viewed by future generations, for example, by those interested in family history. **For more information visit www.census.gov.uk**

Also the ONS has contacted Little Waltham Parish Council with a view to arranging an event in the community to assist those who may not have online access to complete the survey – this will be before the next issue of the magazine but information will be available on the notice boards and from the Clerk



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

Despite a second lockdown it is business as usual at school – albeit in a slightly different way. Our normal school tours did not take place, but a 'virtual school tour' can be viewed on our website. This was planned, written and filmed by Willow Class (Year 6) and they have done a superb job – thank you.



Christmas is on the horizon and all the staff and children are getting prepared. Sadly, we aren't able to have our Christmas Bazaar, which is a great shame, however our brilliant office staff have set up an online Christmas shop and are helping to coordinate a range of activities.

Although the pantomime is online this year I have no doubt it will be just as noisy. At least we don't have to travel on the bus into Chelmsford, I will miss our traditional Christmas Tree count from the top of the bus though.

We currently have an online 100 square with cash prizes, the raffle is being set up as I write this, The Friends of Little Waltham are organising a Gingerbread Bake Off competition, we have badges and Christmas gifts for sale (online) and Santa's secret room is very well stocked thanks to fabulous donations from parents and carers.

The traditional carol service and nativity will be more difficult to replicate but we are sharing thoughts and ideas as to what it might look like.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Little Waltham CEVA Primary School for giving so much of themselves in order to keep our school open and safe. The class teachers are doing an amazing job making sure the children are happy and learning, taking much shorter breaks and being with their classes throughout the day, including serving lunch. Everyone has adapted to all the changes and restrictions sent our way without a murmur. Also to our pupils and their families for continuing to support us all and following our current routines and procedures. Thanks also to our governors who have maintained their support for everyone, looking after our well-being.

We hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and welcome 2021 safe and well.

Take care, Mrs Maycock

Mrs Liz Maycock Headteacher

Little Waltham CEVA Primary School



Sadly, due to Covid 19, socialising and Booking restrictions there will be no panto this year, but we are hopeful we will be back by spring 21 production. 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 **Every Monday and Thursday 8pm to 10pm.**

We welcome any New members so get in touch via FB or website, ***We'd love to hear from you***



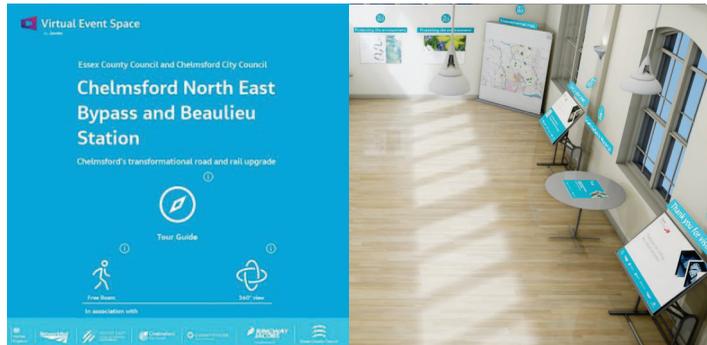
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Chelmsford North East Bypass and Beaulieu Station Newsletter

November 2020

Virtual Engagement Success

Please visit the scheme website to download the scheme brochure and watch the Chelmsford North East Bypass scheme fly through



The first Virtual Engagement Exhibition for Chelmsford North East Bypass and Beaulieu Station, attracted **5,637** individual visitors to the website, meaning it was in the top ten most visited Essex County Council web pages throughout the engagement period.

We would like to say thank you to all who visited the scheme and website.

In total over **2,000** people visited the virtual exhibition. Compared with a face to face event, we reached a bigger audience, covered a wider age range and gave more of you a say in this important infrastructure project.

We were pleased to see the success of this online engagement during these challenging times.

Feedback from Online Engagement

"Great way to view the information. Able to come back whenever I want instead of having to attend a real in person event". online visitor

- ◆ More than two-thirds of visitors agreed or strongly agreed that the information presented was helpful
- ◆ More than half of visitors strongly agreed or agreed that they would participate in future virtual events.

Next Steps

Results from environmental surveys and investigations continue to inform our ongoing design work.

There will be a further opportunity to formally comment on the bypass proposals when it is submitted for planning approval.

We are expecting to submit the planning application for the bypass in April 2021.

If you have any enquiries or comments regarding the bypass or the station plans please email: CNEB@essexhighways.org

You can visit the website and view the flythrough film at:

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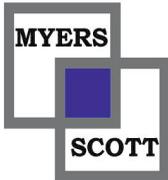


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January services are not yet confirmed. Details of services are posted on the notice board outside St Martin's along with information on online services.

There will be midnight services at 11.30pm on 24th December at Great Leighs and Great Leighs churches. Please use Eventbrite to book a place at Great Waltham services.

Rev Sandra has an online service at 10.30 on Sundays and a Soothe Your Soul Night Prayer every Wednesday at 8pm, 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/>

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. We are social distance dancing at the moment and taking all safety precautions in line with Government Guidelines.

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Fly Tipping

The Parish Council has reported a number of fly tips over the last few months, especially at The Street near the bus shelter and also at Back Lane where particularly large fly tips have included everything from a tent to a barbeque, lawnmowers to household rubbish.

The Parish Council has been working closely with Chelmsford City Council to address the issue and the City Council has said –

When a fly tip is reported to us an officer will visit the scene and secure any evidence which might lead us to being able identify an offender. A thorough investigation is then conducted which includes interviews under caution, financial investigations and enquiries with outside agencies. The offender can either be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for £400 for fly tipping or the case can be referred to our legal team for prosecution. If convicted the offender will receive a substantial fine which includes all court costs and up to five years imprisonment. We also investigate and prosecute individuals who fail to check the legitimacy of waste operators who then subsequently fly tip the waste collected from households on public and private land. If you employ someone to remove waste from your property they need to be fully licensed and it is the responsibility of the persons who waste it is to check this. The offence committed is a Breach of Household waste duty of care for which someone can receive a Fixed penalty Notice for £300 or a court prosecution.

In the period 2019-2020 Chelmsford city Council have taken a number of fly tipping prosecutions to court and have secured a number of convictions. These have also been accompanied by a substantial fine.

Recently we have been working closely with Essex Police to crack down on unlicensed waste carriers and we conduct numerous days of action to target these offenders all over the borough.

Let's work together to keep the Parish a clean and tidy place to live! If you wish to report a fly tip you can do so via the 'Report it' tab on the Parish Council's website at <https://littlewaltham.org.uk/report-it/>

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The Great British Spring Clean

Once again the Parish Council organised a Community Litter pick in collaboration with 'Keep Britain Tidy'.



The litter pick had been postponed from March due to lockdown and took place on 26th September 2020. Thanks to those who volunteered and attended on the day and managed to collect a number of sacks of rubbish. The Parish Council intends to organise another litter pick later this year!



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