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Little Waltham Parish Council

Welcome to the summer issue of this magazine. This issue will particularly commemorate the Coronation events that took place in the village over the weekend of 6th and 7th May where the community came together for this historic event and you will find an article further on in the magazine with photos as well!

The election took place on 4th May 2023. The 6 nominated candidates were elected uncontested leaving one space to be filled at the Council so if you are interested in becoming involved in the Parish Council do take a look at the article in this magazine letting you know how to apply to be co-opted. The list of Councillors can be found on the rear cover.

The Play in the Park session was well attended by children over the Easter holidays despite the rainy weather! The scheme will again be taking place for children at Taylor's Park during the summer holidays with morning and afternoon sessions available on 9th August. Booking needs to be made on the Chelmsford City Council website <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/where/community-sport-and-wellbeing/play-in-the-park/>

The Parish Council Community Litter pick took place on 25th March and was even more wide ranging than usual with residents covering areas outside the village centre. Also, at the request of the Parish Council, Chelmsford City Council came into the village on 8th June in connection with the 'Love Your Parish' initiative to carry out extra litter picking and also a street sweeper came into the Parish to clear the gutters.

Work continues in relation to traffic issues and the traffic survey was duly carried out earlier this year with the results awaited from Essex County Council with a view to proposals being put forward as to how to address the issue of rat running through the village centre. Updates will appear in future magazines and on the Parish Council website.

As ever if you wish to contact the Parish Council and raise any issues, please feel free to contact me using the details below. You can also come along to a Parish Council meeting on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

Suzanne Walker

Parish Clerk (01376 331251)

email: clerk@littlewaltham.org.uk





LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

Little Waltham Gardening Club hosted a very successful Spring Show on Easter Saturday. There were a welcome number of new entrants and an excellent display of entries, especially in the spring flower sections after such a challenging winter and early spring.

In May, we welcomed Sam Baines a trained horticulturist, who gave us a very interesting presentation about summer hanging baskets and containers. Together with slides and hands on demonstrations we learned a lot of useful tips about the use of peat free compost and the successful after care of summer displays.

Gardening Club members and their friends plan to go out enjoying the summer, visiting NGS gardens in the locality:

Wednesday June 7th - Sandy Lodge, Halstead
Wednesday July 5th - Strandlands, Wrabness
Wednesday August 2nd - Mayfield Farm Ardleigh

The Club's programme of evening meetings will begin on Wednesday September 6th, in The Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Andrew Babicz (Dip. Hort Edinburgh) will be giving a presentation on winter baskets and containers. Andrew was booked to come to us last September, but Covid made it necessary to delay his visit until this year.

Visitors are very welcome

For more information, please visit
www.littlewalthamgardeningclub.co.uk
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Patient Participation Group

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Can't get through on the phones?

We know it's difficult. We aim to have 3 receptionists at each site every morning to help ease the phone queues and the queue of people coming into the surgery, but we realise we need to do more.

Participate and share your ideas as to how we can solve the problem

Can't see the GP?

We are offering more Face-to-Face appointments, pre-bookable appointments and on the day appointments.

We have a variety of clinicians including Nurse Practitioners, Paramedic, Physio, Practice Nurse, HCA, Clinical Pharmacist.

We are now able to offer early morning blood tests and some evening appointments.

Participate and help research other possibilities and solutions!

Why should you join the Patient Participation Group?

To have your say as a valued patient of the surgery.

To help liaise and communicate between the patients and the surgery.

To help our surgeries be the best they can be!

Interested? Then email :

Anne Johnson acarpinteiro@hotmail.co.uk

Gill Sturman : sturman.gill@gmail.com

Helen Mallender: hellmallend@outlook.com

Don't miss this opportunity to share your ideas and have your say.



Little Waltham Drama Group

THANK YOU

The curtain recently closed on Little Waltham Drama Group's Murder Mystery – 'Who Killed the Director' and the cast had worked really hard to make it an enjoyable experience for our audiences. The show was a great success and we played to pretty much full houses every evening which was wonderful. The audiences were really appreciative, and many people commented on what great fun they had had being a part of an interactive show as they left. We would very much like to thank our local community, friends and family for their support we really are very grateful indeed.

HOT OFF THE PRESS...

The Pantomime for January 2024 has just been announced - 'Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs'. The script is very funny indeed and the drama group is very much looking forward to rehearsing and performing as Pantos are always such great fun to be a part of.

If you would like to be involved in anyway at all we would love to hear from you as we would love to have more members in our society. We do need some younger members too (we can't have a very old Red Riding Hood or prince12) So if you will be over 16 by January 2024 we would love to hear from you. Rehearsals are always enjoyable, with time to socialise with each other in between acting, dancing, singing set building, painting etc. If you think you would like to have a new hobby then this could be just for you.

Rehearsal take place on Mondays and Thursdays (8.00 – 10.00) at the Memorial Hall in Brook Hill and the dates for auditions for the Panto will be on our new website www.littlewalthamdrama.com (launching at the end of June), on the Little Waltham Chatterbox or, if you want more details and a chat about what goes on then do please contact our Chair (Hugh Godfrey) at hugh.godfrey@virgin.net. We would love to hear from you.

Little Waltham Line Dancing

We are a friendly group of people of all ages 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

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Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Following the election on 4th May 2023 there is one remaining space to fill on the Parish Council – would you like to get involved? The Parish Council is the first tier of democracy and deals with the issues directly concerning your parish so why not join the Council and contribute to your community?

What issues does the Parish Council deal with?

The Parish Council deals with the following matters –

- Maintains the play area and tennis courts on the playing fields and the car park
- Maintains recreational facilities to consider the provision of new play equipment in those areas
- Keeping the Parish clean and tidy by arranging regular litter picking and the emptying of bins in the Parish
- Provides bins and dog bins in the Parish
- Arranges for grass cutting of certain public areas in the Parish in order to maintain a tidy standard.
- Maintains certain bus stops
- In order to maintain a pleasant environment, the Parish Council arranges gardening and the provision and maintenance of flower tubs
- It is responsible for the War Memorial on The Street
- Is responsible for the allotments
- Works hard to address specific issues of concern to the community – specifically at present the issue of rat running traffic through the village centre
- Undertaking an upgrade of the Pavilion to provide a Community hub for Little Waltham
- Makes representations in relation to planning applications and consultations
- Works with other agencies and organisations for the benefit of the Parish
- The provision of grants to local voluntary organisations
- Plans for the future of this Parish

I'm not sure I have the time!

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

What sort of knowledge do I need?

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

is available to advise or obtain advice on more technical matters.

Are there any specific qualifying requirements?

Yes! You need to be aged 18 or above, be an elector in the Parish or have resided or worked within the Parish for a period of at least a year or reside within 3 miles of the Parish, you should not have gone to prison in the last 5 years and you should not be bankrupt!

How can I apply to join the Council?

You can either download a copy of the application form from the Parish Council website <https://littlenthaltham.org.uk/join-the-parish-council/> or ask the Clerk to send one to you either by phoning her on 01376 331251 or by email clerk@littlenthaltham.org.uk

I would like to know a bit more

If you would like to know more about being a Councillor you could always come along to a meeting of Little Waltham Parish Council or give the Parish Clerk a ring for a chat and if you wish she can arrange for you to have an informal chat with an existing Councillor.

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Tom Amos Charity



As you walk down The Street from Ashtree Corner 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.



found in the website as shown at the bottom of this article.

Tom is buried in St Martins Churchyard, where you can visit his grave. If you are interested in reading more about this

In 1999 he set up The Tom Amos Charity, leaving it the bulk of his estate. He died in 2003, and since 2009, the Charity set up in his name, has distributed over £800,000.00 to local people and organisations. The objectives of The Charity are the provision of recreational facilities, advancement of education, relief of poverty, advancement of religion and other charitable causes that are beneficial to the community, and covers Chelmsford City Council and the Districts of Uttlesford and Braintree. If you wish to apply for a Grant, the Application details can be

fascinating man, and seeing photographs of Tom at work in The Bakery, go totomamoscharity.org

For those that don't know us, **Hello from all THE HUB team**, we are **THE HUB - Farm shop & Light Bites**. Based at Womers Farm, Greenman roundabout.

"In a way, we are your local farmer's market but every day of the week offering the best in food but also we're a handy place to grab those daily essentials such as milk and bread or why not order your fresh fruit & veg box to collect".

In addition to our Farm shop, The HUB has a small seating area in our Farm Shop serving tea, coffee and cake, we recently added our Bistro which enables us to serve you great restaurant tasting food throughout the day, breakfast & lunch plus our recent extension is THE HUB PUB so with an alcohol license too, we are open also Friday nights till 10pm, currently serving Tapas style food it's also a friendly place for a glass of wine, prosecco or why not try our draught beers.

We believe a great cosy place to catch up with friends and family plus we have a board or card game!

We named it **The HUB** because we are a daily place to meet friends at the heart of our community so join us at The HUB and see for yourself. We would advise to book a table by calling 01845 527109 FOR OPENING HOURS & WHAT'S ON VISIT www.thehubfarmshop.com

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As we come to the end of the summer term, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you all on what has been happening at our wonderful school over the past few months.

One of the highlights of the summer term was an incredible whole school science visit which saw every class at our school take part in science workshops throughout the day and an exciting rocket launching experience to conclude the day. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was a fantastic opportunity for all.

We also had a wonderful coronation celebration where we invited parents and our community for a special lunch with music and entertainment. The children really enjoyed making their own crowns and bunting and it was heart-warming to see everyone come together to celebrate in this way.

This term, our pupils have also had the opportunity to showcase their learning to parents with two class assemblies. Year 3 gave an informative presentation about their learning about the Titanic and Marconi while Year 4 used songs, drama and art to share their knowledge about the Ancient Egyptians. It is always a joy to see the children sharing what they have learnt with such enthusiasm and creativity.

As we move into the final half term of the summer term, we have more exciting events in store. Our Reception class is looking forward to their class assembly to parents and we are eagerly anticipating our Year 6 production. We will also be holding our school Sports Day, which is always one of the highlights of the year, and our community Summer Fete.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new pupils and families joining the school in September. We will be holding stay and play sessions during the Summer term to allow the new children and their families to get to know our wonderful school community.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, parents, and the wider community for your continued support. We look forward to finishing the academic year strongly.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer.

**Stephen Saunders
Headteacher**



The Parish of Little Waltham celebrates the Coronation of King Charles III



Despite the rainy weather on Saturday 6th May 2023, Little Waltham Parish Council hosted a screening of the Coronation on a large screen in Taylor's Park. Residents braved the weather bringing camping chairs and umbrellas and enjoyed the spectacle of the event!





An ice cream van was available as well courtesy of JB Ices!

The Parish Council is also grateful to other village organisations for their involvement over the weekend.

The bellringers from Broomfield church came along to 'Ring for the King' at St Martin's Church at 9.30am on the morning of 6th May.

Little Waltham Memorial Hall hosted a demonstration of line dancing as well

as providing refreshments and also screening the Coronation within the hall itself. To keep the youngsters amused the pre-school arranged a fancy dress competition and Professor James came along to provide Punch and Judy shows and magic for the children!





The Tufnell Hall hosted a cream tea, drinks, competitions and a bouncy castle. Thanks to all the volunteers for assisting with leaflet drops, decorating around the village with bunting and supporting their individual organisation on the day. On Sunday 7th May the weather was much improved and the Parish Council hosted the screening of the Coronation concert from Windsor Castle on the large screen in Taylors Park which was well attended by residents. Elsewhere in the village street parties were arranged by individual groups of residents and other village





organisations held their own events. Coronations don't come around very often so this was a weekend to be remembered!

This comment from a resident was received by the Parish Council and we hope you all enjoyed the weekend:

"I was very lucky to attend three events to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. First was the Good Companions afternoon tea. The committee had worked hard to get it all ready. Thanks to the 'new' Morrisons who provided some of the food and fizz.

Then it was the turn of the United Reformed Church who arranged a buffet lunch for about 30 people. A great time was had by everyone.

On Sunday residents and friends gathered in Roman Road for our 'Big Lunch'. We had lots of bunting up and music playing. It was lovely to sit in wonderful weather and catch up with people".

I'd like to thank everyone who made all these events a great success".
Barbara Naitby





Broomfield & District U3A



u3a learn,
laugh,
live

Join the branch and you become part of a friendly community which comes together around the monthly meeting and numerous interest and activity groups.

The meetings offer an opportunity to socialize, find out what's happening in our local area and wider u3a network, followed by a presentation from a

guest speaker. The range of topics covered is very diverse, and has ranged from 'interpreting Egyptian hieroglyphics, through 'chocolate' to 'Wildlife Photography' via 'Slavery' and 'Walking the Camino'!

Our interest groups are too many to list here, but you can find out what's available and see the topics we've covered in our meetings by visiting our website. Simply search online for 'Broomfield & District u3a'. You can also come along to one of our meetings to find out more directly if you wish. We meet at the Broomfield Village hall on the second Thursday of every month except August.

One of our activities in the past month was a fascinating tour of Sudbury, with emphasis on its role in English Silk manufacturing. 35 members were led by 2 official town guides.

How to advertise in this magazine

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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What's in a name?

As vicar to seven Church of England churches it can often be a mouthful to list them all so over recent months we have been trying to decide upon a banner name by which we can all go. We have wanted a shorthand, a name that identifies us as working collaboratively together across the villages and housing developments north of Chelmsford.

Which 7 churches am I talking about? Well, take a deep breath and I'll tell you! They are St Mary & St Lawrence (Great Waltham), St John's (Ford End), St John's (Little Leigh's), St Mary's (Great Leigh's), St Martin's (Little Waltham), St Nicholas (Chignals), and St Francis (Beaulieu & Channels).

Having had a great many suggestions I took the dubious responsibility of deciding upon a name by which our close working relationship can be known. Having named my three sons and various bands I knew the jeopardy of undertaking this task. Not everyone will like it right? Some will even hate it! Nevertheless, I felt it had to be done.

Our collective name is Gracefields. Yes it sounds a bit like a retirement home for Elvis impersonators but I got over it and hope others will too. Our aspiration is to serve these communities together by God's grace; to love and bless these villages, new and old neighbourhoods and the land itself. I chose Gracefields because it says something about who we are and where we are. People of grace in a place of beauty. I hope that together we can live up to that dream.

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Rev'd Dan

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At St Martin's Church Little Waltham we are always pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to join us for our service.

Our next communion service will be on Sunday June 18th at 9.30 AM Please note that this is a new time for St Martin's and over the coming month there will be some meetings to discuss how we can restructure the services in our Parishes to best meet the communities needs and for a system to be workable for one vicar serving eight churches.

The services for our parish (St John's Little Leighs, St Mary's Great Leighs and St Martin's Little Waltham) are as follows:

Sunday 4th June 11 am Trinity Sunday Joint Communion at Great Waltham.

Sunday 11th June 9.30 am Communion St John's, Little Leighs and 4.30 pm A joint service for all seven churches at St Francis, Beaulieu Park.

Sunday 18th June 9.30 am Communion St. Martin's, Little Waltham and a 9.30 am family service at St John's Little Leighs .

Sunday 25th June 9.30 am Communion St Mary's Great Leighs and 4.30 pm a community meal at St Francis Beaulieu Park.

Sunday 2nd July 11am Joint Communion Great Waltham.

Please check the church noticeboard for news about our summer services.

**We will look forward to welcoming any who wish to join us for our services.
The St Marti's Team.**

LITTLE WALTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Hans Stein 01371 875654 Web Site: www.littlewalthamurc.org.uk
Services at 10.30 am:

July 2023

2nd Rev. Geoffrey Griggs (Palm Sunday)

9th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs

16th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs

23rd Rev. Hans Stein HC

30th Rev. Hans Stein

(Joint service with Dunmow URC at Dunmow)

August 2023

6th Marina Price

13th John De Lacy

20th Rev. Hans Stein

27th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs HC

September 2023

3rd Charles De Lacy

10th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs

17th Frances Couch

24th Rev. Geoffrey Griggs HC

On the 1st Thursday of the month there is **COFFEE & CAKE** from 10.00am to 12.00noon,
and on the 3rd Saturday of the month **COFFEE MORNING** from 10.00 am to 11.00am.

Please see the Church Notice Board for updates.



Spring has sprung

Over the past few months, exciting developments have taken place, including the much-anticipated hedge laying project around the car park.

Hedge laying, an ancient technique dating back centuries, has seen a resurgence in recent times due to its numerous benefits. Hedge laying involves

selectively cutting and bending live tree branches to create a dense and robust hedge. When it's first done it can look a bit destructive, but it helps create a healthy and diverse hedge. Not only does it provide an aesthetically pleasing boundary, but it also offers a range of advantages for both wildlife and the environment. In this case, the car park also feels safer as it's now more open.



By rejuvenating hedges through laying, we create a valuable habitat for various species, allowing them to thrive. The dense structure acts as a natural shelter, providing protection from harsh weather conditions and predators. Additionally, hedge laying promotes bio-diversity by encouraging the growth of native plants and wildflowers, further attracting insects and pollinators.



In the future we'll be doing more of this down the side of the lane.

As the seasons change, Little Waltham Meadows bursts with life and there's plenty to watch out for when you walk around.



With its distinctive bright green plumage and undulating flight, the Green Woodpecker is a common visitor just now. Listen for its distinctive "yaffling" call (yes, that's why the woodpecker in Bagpuss was called Professor Yaffle), and you might spot it probing the ground for ants.

In the sunny patches, you'll be treated to a kaleidoscope of butterflies, including the graceful Peacock, the vibrant Red Admiral, and the delicate Orange Tip.

Keep an eye out for bumblebees, honey bees, and solitary bees busily collecting nectar and pollinating the blossoms. Their important role in sustaining plant life cannot be overstated. It's likely that any large bumble bees you see on their own just now are early females hunting for a nest site.

I've just got back from a walk and there was a honey bee swarm sat on the kissing gate near Croxton's Mill. An amazing sight. Now the flood waters have gone down, if you walk alongside the river keep an eye out for a glimpse of the flash of electric blue—a kingfisher darting across the water's surface. If you are quiet, you'll also often see the Grey Heron fishing.

If you'd like to get involved with any volunteer sessions please contact through the EWT website, or of course simple do your bit by taking any litter home with you as you enjoy the amazing meadows.



Little Waltham Sports & Social Club

(Rear of Tufnell Hall)



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