

Chairmans Report

It does not seem twelve months have passed since I wrote the last Annual Report, but, looking back over that period, much has been achieved by your Parish Council. Many projects that have been talked about and discussed over the previous periods have now come to fruition.

With much help from both the Village Youth and a grant from the Essex Environment Trust the funds were raised for the Youth Shelter which was installed in the Great Waltham recreation ground. A huge thank you must go out to all those who helped raise the funds, and who helped in the construction of the base. This to me shows a healthy partnership between the Parish Council and the community it serves, to bring about the provision of a facility that the community desired. Indeed the youth raised more funds than were needed and the Parish Council has kept these separate in their accounts so that there is some seed monies should another suggestion be put forward (*so ideas please*). A huge array of new play equipment has been installed in the Great Waltham children's play area and my thanks must go to John Bell, Steve Huggins and Peter Bradley for driving this project forward. On the occasions I have visited the recreation ground I have found many a smiling faces playing on the new equipment. Again a large part of the costs for this equipment was raised through grants.

For the past couple of years the idea for a 'Parish Focal Point' has been debated. This has been done in conjunction with the desire for the upgrading and modernising the Hulton Hall, something that has been born out in the findings of the Parish Plan. Plans have been drawn up for the changes to the Hall and costings are currently being estimated. The plan is an



Part of the new play equipment installed at Great Waltham

ambitious one with improvements to the WC facilities, new storage areas, a room for use by the Parish Council and others, upgrading of the kitchen facilities and the replacement of the heating system. Over the coming months we will be holding a series of presentations to consult with you, the parishioners, to gain your thoughts on the proposals.

Why consult?

Two fold, firstly the village hall is a community asset (*Owned by the Trustees of the Hulton Hall*) which needs protecting, and we need the community input into how it can be improved for the users and visitors to the hall; secondly and more directly, the cost of the improvements will need to be met by grants and funding from the Precept. Without exact costing I am not going to state here what the affect on the council tax will be, but full details will be available by the time we consult. Your views will be very important, so please do participate in these.

The Parish Plan has now been finalised and, hopefully by the time you read this, will have been distributed to every house in the Parish. I would like to thank Paul Braisby and the team who spent a considerable amount of time in putting together this document setting out the current desires and aspirations

of the residents as to what facilities their Parish should have. Some of the recommendations have already been undertaken by the Parish Council, but there are still plenty more to do. If any parishioner should wish to help undertake investigating any of the recommendations then this would be most appreciated.

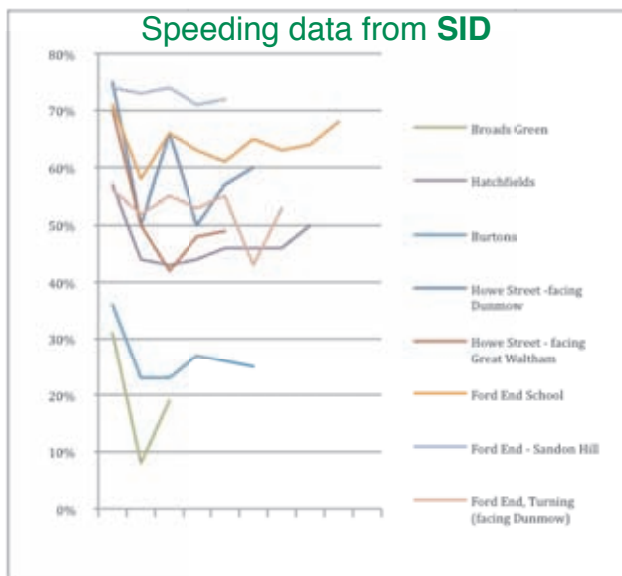
Persistence from residents and the Parish Council seem to have paid off with the Essex County Council Highways Authority now looking to make improvements to the Felsted

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 10th MAY 2009 GREAT WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL 8pm REPORTS, OPEN FORUM AND PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH PLAN & THE CURRENT SITUATION OF PARISH FOCAL POINT PROJECT YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

Turning on the 81008 (*Apple Tree corner*). The proposal is to make the carriageway wider at the junction so as to form a middle zone for cars waiting to turn right, which should aid safety and help with traffic flows.

A new cycleway proposal is also being championed by the Parish Council. The proposed path is to cross from Broads Green, through Partridge Green, onto Broomfield Hospital and across to Chelmer Valley High School. Whilst this plan is still in its infancy all parties are working hard to see if it is feasible. Again this is something that has been borne out in the Parish Plan and will help with the Parish Councils desire to promote 'Green' and 'safety' issues. The Parish Council has also helped in the promotion of the 'Bikeability' initiative where basic bicycle proficiency training is being re-introduced into our primary schools. We would like to thank all of you who have volunteered to help in this initiative.

Whilst mentioning Safety issues, the 'SID' (*Speed Indicator Device*) has now been in operation throughout the Parish for the past year. Generally the results show that the number of speeding vehicles has declined since it was first installed (see chart) although there are still far too many cars breaking the speed limit. With the help of the data from SID, the Parish Council have been able to persuade the Police to do more speed checks in the area. Speeding is not something easy to control but every small measure helps.



Both the football pitches at Ford End and Great Waltham are now fully utilised, with the ground at Ford End being used by Barnston Youth Football Club under a Partnership with the Parish Council. At Great Waltham, The Walnut Tree Football Club shares the facilities with the United Chelmsford Churches.

All of the allotments in the Parish are fully subscribed and for the first time in years there is actually a waiting list. The Parish Council are looking at clearing a couple of plots in the existing allotment area to make more room by taking out scrub. It is wonderful to see the rise and interest in this rural activity.

The Parish Council has participated in many activities over the past year either financially or physically. These included the very successful second Christmas Tree lighting at Great Waltham in December; the Twinning week in July, where the Twinning Committee welcomed 63 visitors from Ceyrat to Great Waltham for a week to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the signing of the twinning Charter; sponsoring play activity days in the holidays for the children of the Parish and helping facilitate the Parish Open day where residents can all congregate to see and discuss the various clubs, organisations which the Parish has to offer. The Parish Council also sponsored the prizes for the Fun Run and also made a £500 grant towards the repair of the Ford End Church Clock.

Planning: there is often a misconception that the Parish Council decides on planning applications. This is untrue. The Parish Council is just one of the consultees for applications. As such all applications are discussed and comments are put forward based on local knowledge, which are then taken into account (or not) by Chelmsford Borough Council. We would encourage applicants to attend the Planning meetings (*which are advertised on the Parish notice boards*) to explain their application, or indeed residents affected by a proposed development to expand on their grounds for objection.

2011 is Parish Council Election Year:

Great Waltham is divided into 2 wards, Ford End and North End (3 Councillors) and the rest of the Parish (8 Councillors). Any Parishioner can stand for election by putting their name forward to *Returning Officer, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex, CML 1JE*. If you think that you might be interested in standing I would strongly advise that you contact one of the current Councillors to ask about the workings of the Parish Council and attend meetings. Generally we would always encourage the public to attend our meetings to air their views on Parish activities and amenities.

I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and dedication in serving this Parish and its parishioners over the past year. Without their time and help we would not have achieved so much over the year. I would like to also thank County Councillor Aldridge, Borough Councillors Ashford, Taylor and Patient whose regular attendance to meetings is highly regarded and for their help when matters are referred to them. I would also like to thank the Police, PC Jo Taylor, PCSO's Ian Hilton and Jon McDonald for their help in communicating with the Council and for their help in keeping crime at low levels in the Parish.

I would also like to thank Vic Smith for all his help in running the recreation ground changing facilities and to Brian Ager for all the sterling work he has done throughout the Parish in keeping verges tidy, painting, maintenance and for moving the 'SID' on a regular basis.

Finally my biggest thanks must go to Peter Bradley, our Clerk. His dedication to this Parish is unquestioned and the help and advice that he provides not only to the Parish Council but to Parishioners direct is invaluable. He has also been a huge help and support to me as Chairman for which I am ever grateful.

Alexander Micklem
Chairman Great Waltham Parish Council

Police Contacts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Your local community policing team
PS Neil Marshall PC Jo Taylor
 (neighbourhood specialist officer NSO)
PCSO Ian Hilton
 The team is based at Melbourne Police station
 Mobile number **07866542447**
 Email **ian.hilton@essex.pnn.police.uk**
 For non emergency crime and incidents call
0300 333 4444 ext 485950
In an emergency always dial 999
 Website **www.essex.police.uk**

Information

Allotments- There are two allotment sites in the parish at Brookmead, Great Waltham (*behind Walthambury Stores*) and Bury Lane. Apply to Peter Bradley, Clerk to the Council **01245 360293**. There is currently a short waiting list.

The following items are available to members of the public from the Parish Council:

Dog Bags - are available from Scott Sanders, The Stores, Great Waltham and Tudor Upholstery, Howe Street.

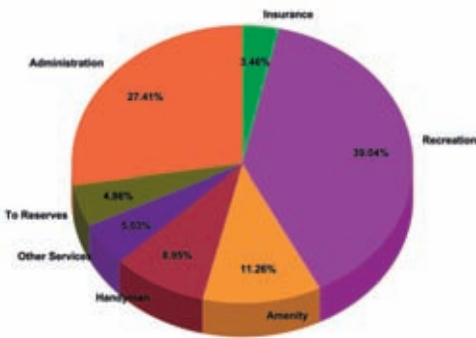
Chelmsford Borough Council Recycling Bags for plastic are available from Peter Bradley **01245 360293**

Community Items - The Parish Council currently holds on behalf of the Community the following items which may be used by organisations. Bunting, Laminator, Public Address System, Megaphone, Exhibition Display Boards.
 Contact Peter Bradley **01245 360293** for further details.

Financial Information

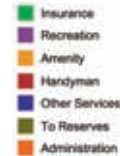
Financial Year 2009/2010

In the financial year the Parish Council expenditure totalled **£70,769**
 This is broken down as follows:



Financial Year 2009/2010

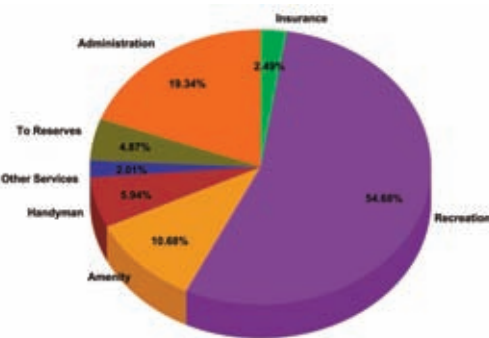
Insurance	£1761
Recreation	£38695
Amenity	£7557
Handyman	£4204
Other Expenditure	£1420
To Reserves	£3446
Administration	£13686



To meet this expenditure the Parish Council precepted upon the rating authority (*Chelmsford Borough Council*) for **£34,617**. The remainder was met from grants, donations, rent and drawing upon reserves.

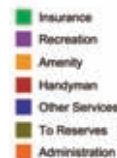
Financial year 2010/2011 (estimated Budgetary figures)

In the financial year the Parish Council is estimating that it will spend **£53,510**
 This is broken down as follows:



Financial year 2010/2011

Insurance	£1850
Recreation	£20888
Amenity	£6025
Handyman	£4790
Other Expenditure	£2690
To Reserves	£2601
Administration	£14666



To meet this expenditure the Parish Council precepted upon the rating authority (*Chelmsford Borough Council*) for **£35,656**. This represents an increase of **£1039** (3%). This equates to **£38.16** per band D property per annum (*i.e 73p per household per week*). The balance of the projected expenditure is anticipated to be raised from Grants, rent and drawing upon reserves.

Your Parish Council



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Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7.45pm - (see your local notice board for full details). Members of the Public are most welcome at every meeting of the Parish Council and are able to address the Parish Council at the Public Open Session. This is generally held at the commencement of the meeting. Planning, Recreation and Finance Committee meetings are also held. The agenda are published on notice boards.

Parish Clubs, Organisations & Activities

Ford End Bell Ringers. Contact: Paul Braisby.Tel.01245 361927.

Ford End Carpet Bowls Club. Contact:Tina Knight.Tel.01245 237491.

Ford End Gardening Club. Contact:Alan Adcock.Tel.01245 237522.

Ford End Senior Ladies Tea Afternoons.

Contact Sheila Bearman.Tel.01245 237335.

Great Waltham Badminton Club. Contact: Mrs Gill Mitchell.Tel.01245 362215.

Great Waltham Bell Ringers. Contact Bill Pepper.Tel.01245 360613

Great Waltham Carpet Bowls Club.

Secretary: Mrs. Jean Terry.Tel.01245 361564.

Great Waltham Community Network. Contact: Joanna Steel.Tel 01245

360918 Great Waltham Cricket Club.

Contact: Philip Burton.Tel.01245 360318.

Great Waltham Friendship Club. Chairman: Elaine Shepherd.

Tel 01245. 360000.

Great Waltham Horticultural Society,

Chairman: Peter Hughes.Tel.01245 360579.

Jubilee Twinning Association. Chairman: Joanna Steel.Tel.01245 360918.

Players at Waltham (Drama Group) Contact: Julie Flint.Tel.01245 440988.

Walnut Tree Football Club. Secretary: Mr Peter Stokes.Tel.01245 360222

Royal British Legion. Branch and Club. Legion Hall.Tel.01245 362380.

Waltham Singers, Contact: Frances Harrison.Tel.01245- 444066

Waltham Wanderers, Contacts: Maureen or Peter Bradley.

Tel.01245 360293, or Clare Lyne.Tel.01245 361996.

Walthams Scout Group. Group Scout Leader John Brogan 01245 444066

Beavers – 6 - 8yrs Contact: Catherine Reed.Tel 01245 362880

Cubs – 8 – 10.5 yrs Contact: Fran Brogan.Tel 01245- 444066

Scouts 10 -14yrs - Contact Matthew Bradley.Tel 01245 363626

Walthambury Women's Institute, Contact Phil Lilley 01245 360615.

Up, Up and Away Pre School, Contact: Mrs Ashmore 01245 237227

Great Waltham Primary School

Headteacher Diane Wilson.Tel 01245 360395

Ford End Primary School – Headteacher Hazel Arnill– Tel 01245 237209

Ford End Nursery School – Contact: Joanna Mardell.Tel 01371 874457

Great Waltham with Ford End PCC

Contact Rev Carla Hampton.Tel 01245 364081

Black Chapel – Contact: Pat Hamilton.Tel 01371 820095

Ford End Village Hall Committee Contact: George Hassan.Tel 01245 237397

Great Waltham Architectural Society Contact Chris Mills.Tel 01245 360115

The Friends of Great Waltham and Ford End Churches

Contact: David Moncaster.Tel 01245 362778

Great Waltham Village Hall Committee

Secretary: Harry Spooner.Tel 01245 360789

South House Residents Society – Contact: Robin Gilbert.Tel 01245 360697

Great Waltham Parish Care Group – Contact: Sheila Gillies.Tel 01245 360570

Parish Plan Group – Contact: Paul Braisby.Tel 01245 361927

VOICE – Contact: Sonia Slater (Chairman).Tel 01371 821013

Great Waltham Netball Club – Contact: Rebecca Clout.Tel 01245 360178

Neighbourhood Watch Chairman Robin Gilbert.Tel 01245 360697

Community Speedwatch (Great Waltham) Mike Steel.Tel 01234 360918 (Ford End

and North End) Paul Braisby.Tel 01245 361927

Great Waltham Book Group – Contact: Clare Lyne.Tel 01245 361996

Bridge Club - Contact Phil Lilley 01245 360615

Chelmsford Angling Club - Contact Dave Rounce.Tel 07840 881 970

United Chelmsford Churches Football Club

Contact Martin Jones.Tel 01245 262604

Barnston Youth Football Club - Contact Bob Tyler.Tel 01371 872017