

# The Vicar's Letter

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Hello Parishioners

This is my first “vicar's letter” in our parish magazine, so I mostly ought to introduce myself so that you have some idea as to who is writing to you!

I am Dave Atallah, and am in the family of Father God through trusting in Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. I was blessed to grow up in a Christian family and, at the age of about 12, I was on a Christian camp and made the decision to make the Christian faith I had heard about at church and home, my own.

I am husband to Helen, we met at church in Exeter and we recently celebrated 18 years of marriage (if you have met her you will know she doesn't look old enough?!). She has been a paediatric nurse, and is currently a governor at Woodlands park school. You might have met her at messy church or Little Roots, the Monday morning toddler group.

I am a father to 3 children who are all enjoying Woodlands Park School.

There are more details below if you are still curious...

I look forward to getting to know the church and community here, but I am not entirely a newcomer and have the head start of 3 years involvement in various activities. I have taken regular assemblies and occasional lessons in both of our schools, have helped at the Woodlands Park Community Events, messy church and occasional Sunday Services. I look forward to getting further stuck into the local community, serving the  
*(continued over)*

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church and looking to bless the parish. We won't move into the vicarage until late autumn so my interim contact details are above. However, we have started, as of a wonderfully welcoming licensing service on 4th July, so do please come up and say hello, and use your name lots as I meet lots of new people. Share with me any hopes or problems for prayer. Come along on a Sunday, details are towards the back of this magazine, my family will be at White Waltham church at 10:30am every Sunday.

*Dave Atallah*

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## Interview with Dave Atallah, our new Vicar!

**Where were you before you came to White Waltham?** I served my curacy for 4 years in Devon, in Okehampton and villages around. Before that I was the Youth and Children's Minister for a church in Exeter, and before that I was studying for a PhD in medical physics.

**What particularly attracted you to WW?** Having worked on the staff of a big city church, and then in smaller local places, this was an opportunity to be supported by the resources of St Marys Maidenhead, where I am still honorary staff, and get stuck into local community church and outreach.

**What made you decide to become a Vicar in the first place?** I had a 'niggle' for a few years, about being a full-time Christian worker in some way, whilst I pursued being a hospital physicist. In the end we decided to test it to see what God's will was for us, and here we are...

**What do you enjoy most about being Vicar?** I love teaching and telling stories, in church or school or wherever. I enjoy the huge variety that a week can bring. And knowing we have the best news in the world to share about Jesus and God's love is always encouraging.

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*Interview with our new Vicar, Dave Atallah, continued from page 2....*

**What are your priorities for your work in this Parish?** I want to find out what God is already doing, what the church is enjoying and doing well. Having a background in children's work and children of my own, families will be a priority and maybe also men - look out for men's breakfasts!

**What do you want WW church to look like in 5 years' time?** Same as now, but more! Through trusting in Jesus, boldly sharing a message of hope, being a community of love, and rejoicing in the presence of our Father God.

**What is your favourite Bible passage and why?** This varies depending on what I am going through and what I am preaching on because God's word is living and active and He always speaks to us into our situation. We recently looked at Acts 2v42 and the verses that follow and I have been using that to ask people how they think we are doing at learning from God's Word, loving each other and worshipping God.

**Favourite hymn/song?** I am enjoying 'Before the throne of God above' which speaks of the absolute amazing confidence we can have about God and eternity through Jesus Christ and what he has achieved for us.

*See page 2 for details of how to get in touch with Dave.*

**What are the biggest issues that face the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?** Amongst them have to be over-busyness, apathy, and the prevailing cultural teaching that there is no absolute truth, and everything is relative. These all come from pride, selfishness, and a huge loss of the sense of living in God's world as God's creations.

**How do you achieve a good work/life balance?** Need to book 'fun' in or it disappears in a busy diary. Having a beautiful wife that you want to spend time with helps, as does the craziness of my 3 children!

**What would your ideal day off look like?** We have some regular things we enjoy, but I love a one-off challenge like a mud-run (done) or a parachute jump (not yet).

**What do you do to wind down?** I play sport, or I get grumpy, mostly racket sports at the moment. I belong to a badminton club, the squash league at the Magnet and am looking forward to tracking down the White Waltham tennis court! But dads' 5-a-side anyone? Also reading, going to theatre or watching films, and I play sax.

**Favourite food?** It varies – definitely includes fried breakfast, and anything with chocolate

**Favourite drink?** Partial to cider or wine, or fresh cold mango juice

**What are your personal ambitions?** Not sure... write a children's allegorical adventure book(?) exploring ideas of God, creation and rescue, set in space!

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# St Mary's Flower Guild

Our thanks go once again to Carolyn Thompson who let us use her garden in White Waltham to hold our summer fundraising tea party on 24th June. We all really appreciate the work she puts in behind the scenes to make this event so successful. The weather was lovely and the afternoon well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and donated raffle prizes.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July** – Carolyn and Mary plan to set up a Flower Guild table outside the Tree House during the serving of the Church teas on this date. They will demonstrate some flower arrangements and there will be a chance to buy them if you wish or to have one especially made to order.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – a workshop will be held in The Tree House at 10am. The theme of the morning will be confirmed nearer the date.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – decoration of the church for Harvest Festival. If you would like to do an arrangement or some Harvest decoration for the church then you will be most welcome on either of the above dates. From 11am on the Friday and from 9.30am on Saturday. There will be no cost. Further information will be available in September.

If you would like details of the September workshop or any of the Flower Guild activities, please contact Liz Atlay (01628 778462) or Julia Hodgson (01628 821058).

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO ESCAPE FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME?

White Waltham Church will be open for contemplation and prayer from 12 noon to 2pm every Tuesday during the month of August.

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St Mary's, White Waltham

# Church Teas

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*As I write it's over! The dream of having the World Cup trophy back in England faded away last night.... What is your take on it all? Should we have won? Or did we still reach an amazing pinnacle without winning the trophy? I guess there are a few million different views within that range. So what do you think our England team have achieved at this World Cup?*

**Atmosphere:** joy, excitement, challenges, friendships & teamwork; bringing people from around the world together in peaceful rivalry; values that can promote a real wave of harmony amongst the many troubled nations of our world

**Leadership:** from our Manager/Coach, his expertise, encouragement & support for both his individual players and his team

**Footballers:** their willingness to listen & improve, to train hard, to prepare tactics, to carry out instructions, to obey the rules (hopefully!)

**Equipment:** the marvellous arenas, fitness centres & personal equipment that have been designed & built to help players compete in the best possible ways

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**Team Spirit** spreading from our whole football squad; the players themselves, all their dedicated staff, the wonderful support of their families & friends & fans (who often undertake amazing travels!)

*Well, maybe those are some of the valuable things that Gareth Southgate has shown us in his style of leadership! Of course he is to be congratulated especially on the team's wonderful progress and success. I'm sure you can think of other positive things too. BUT how does all that affect you and me here in White Waltham?*

**Atmosphere:** we try to show how Jesus makes a difference by giving us joy, excitement, challenges! At St Mary's services, in our outreach, in our friendships, in our teamwork & in our lives

**Leadership:** with a new 'Manager' we know that Dave (& Helen) will encourage, direct & support us as we seek to move forward in serving God here

**Our 'players':** we need to listen, to train & avoid wrong things in our Christian lives & to be dedicated in sharing Jesus with others

**Equipment:** we need to use the equipment we have to help us grow, through Bible study, prayer & fellowship & enable us to share the Good News of Jesus in our community

**Back-up staff:** we are very grateful to so many behind the scenes as it were, who are so valuable, helping in our Little Roots, Messy Church, visiting the housebound, doing odd jobs and so on...Could you be one of those in the future?

**Team Spirit** in our church: as we support & share each other's joys and sorrows, success and failure;

Our journey to each match is reaching out to families and friends around us.

*HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT COMING TO JOIN THE ST MARY'S TEAM ?*

*Bob Crittenden*

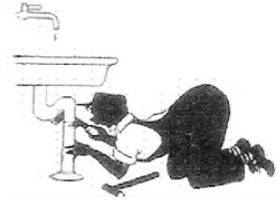
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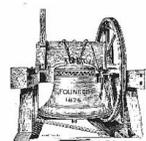
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We have had visitors at both churches recently: a group from Whiting Society of Ringers and also The Somerset Ringer and Friends Group.

At the Hurst Show the Sonning Branch of Bell ringers had a mini ring to demonstrate the art of bell ringing and to let members of the public have a try on The Charmborough Ring which is a portable ring of mini bells. The heaviest bell is  $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt and it is the heaviest portable ring in existence. Those who wanted to pursue their interest in finding out a bit more about ringing were offered taster sessions at a tower in the Sonning Branch.

There are times when even to an experienced ringer things do not always appear the way we would expect them. On a recent tower visit a couple went to visit a tower, not to ring there, but to enjoy the view. On the way up they passed the bells and were really surprised and taken aback to see the 'Stay' which is the part of the bell, was not a conventional solid ash stay but appeared to be just a branch and was held in by a nail! This ring of bells was also one of a few rings of bells which had Patent Redenhall clappers which allows the ball of the clapper to slide down the stem of the clapper once it has struck the bell thereby making it sound for longer.

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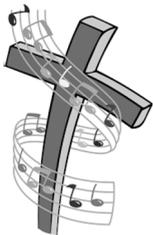


## White Waltham CE Academy

We have had a blazing Summer Term, one of the warmest on record! It has been a very busy term with a whole lot of activities that the children have participated in and enjoyed. Parents also came into school for various events including 'Work Viewing' afternoon and 'Dads in School' day. Dads, grandads, brothers, uncles etc had a fantastic time taking part in the many activities with their children for dads in school day. Some of their comments were "It was so good to see all the children talk about their dads in such an affectionate way. Even the 'dad jokes' were good!" "It was wonderful to see the children having fun and showing their affection in different ways for the men in their lives. The 'dad-isms' echoed true and the laughter to the dad jokes had a deeper tone than normal showing that they really know their dad!"



We are always encouraging children to try an array of different sporting activities at school. We hosted a Rounders Festival for Years 3,4,5 & 6 for our three Trust schools at White Waltham. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and comments included how much fun they had learning how to field, bat and playing in teams with Knowl Hill C of E Academy and Bisham C of E Academy. It is always lovely to watch children show enthusiasm and enjoy sport and other outdoor activities. These events also give children who are good at sport an opportunity to shine outside the classroom.



We also held our first ever 'Praise in the Park' in our school field. The theme was 'Celebration', and there was a selection of Bible readings. Children also sang their favourite Christian songs that they have been enjoying singing each morning for Collective Worship. Parents commented on how lovely it was to see the children singing and performing all the actions along with doing the bible readings. They also commented on how events like these enrich the children's lives spiritually.

As a Church of England school, our Christian values are central to our teaching. Every term we celebrate a special value like 'Forgiveness', 'Compassion', 'Service'. The value for this term is 'Truthfulness'. We have been celebrating children who have been displaying this character quality through the stories their parents have been sending in to school.

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The sun shone the whole day for our Summer Fayre. It was a great success as children and adults alike had a great time trying out all the games, enjoying the BBQ food, having a go on the bouncy castles, winning tombola prizes! As ever, the PTA did a tremendous job organising the Fayre, creating a fantastic community event for the village and school families to come together and enjoy. Our special thanks go to Tracy Hyde, our head of PTA and her team for organising the Fayre and all other fundraising events throughout the year.

Years 3, 4, 5 went on their residential trips to Hooke Court in Dorset and Wales respectively. Children thoroughly enjoyed their trips as can be seen by their comments – ‘At Hooke Court, I enjoyed measuring the river and going on a really long walk’, ‘I enjoyed meeting the Knowl Hill children and sharing a room with my friends. ‘I also enjoyed going to the beach and rock pooling, then swimming in a huge rock pool!’, ‘I enjoyed making fossils. Pond dipping was super because it was interesting, we saw baby frogs’.



As well as going on their residential trip to Bude in Cornwall Year 6 also went to Chessington as a treat for working so hard for their SATs. They had a fantastic time as one can tell reading their enthusiastic comments – ‘Bude was so much fun and I enjoyed every moment of it’, ‘I loved all of the activities and the time with my friends. We all stepped out of our comfort zone trying out new activities!’, ‘The teachers let us go on all the rides. It was really fun and we made some lasting Year 6 memories!’ We will be sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and wish them all the best in their secondary schools.



We still have our new parents’ picnic, transition week with our new foundation children, annual prize giving assembly, sports day and the much awaited school production – ‘Peter Pan’ to look forward to. The staff and children have been working very hard practising. The production will showcase all our children’s talents – there will be singing, dancing, acting and fine music which we are sure will be thoroughly enjoyed by families, friends and carers of our children.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please go on-line on [www.whitewalthamschool.co.uk](http://www.whitewalthamschool.co.uk). You are also very welcome to arrange a visit to see our school community at work. From all of us at White Waltham CE Academy, we wish everybody a fantastic summer break.

*Mr Matt Thompson,*

Head of School

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Children's centres can also help families with managing finances and getting back into work. One of the ways we can help people get into work is through our volunteering programme. A volunteer is someone who gives their time and commitment free of charge to help out at their local children's centre. Volunteers are an important and valued part of children's centre, as they help us to deliver services and to reach out to families in the local community.

We have a variety of voluntary roles available across all the children's centres. Volunteers are currently involved in:

- helping with stay and play sessions
- preparing snacks and washing up
- registering families
- gardening
- reception duties
- meet and greet families
- signposting families to groups and other services.

Free training is offered to all our volunteers, including food hygiene, safeguarding, and paediatric first aid. All volunteers will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and references will be obtained.

Volunteers along with children's centres also work closely with other services including health visiting, libraries and youth services.

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The children's centre at Woodlands Park Village Centre runs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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# Children's page

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:23-27, Lk 8:22-25

Jesus had spent the day teaching big crowds by Lake Galilee, and when evening came he told his disciples..

We'll sail over to the east side of the Lake



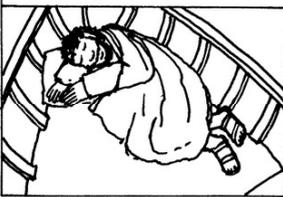
Suddenly a massive storm blew up



Even the experienced sailors panicked



But Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat



Lord, save us! We're going to drown!

Teacher, don't you care we're going to drown?



Be quiet!



Immediately the wind stopped and everything was calm.



Why were you afraid? Don't you trust me?



Now the disciples were even more afraid.

Who is he? Even the wind and sea obey him!



Only God has power like that!

# Wordsearch

based on this month's true story from the Bible

*(see the page opposite)*

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# St Mary's Church, White Waltham

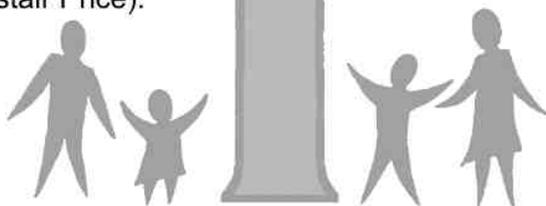


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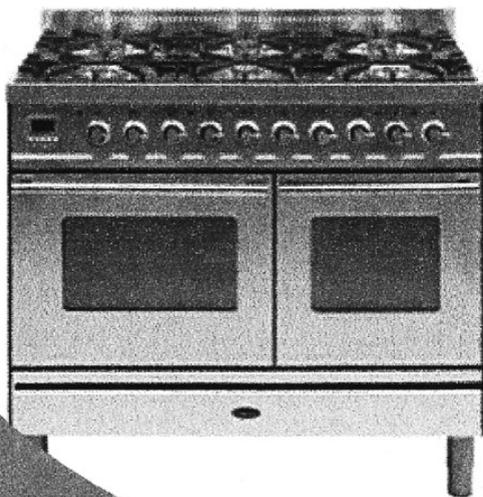
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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July was another successful annual charity match. The Beehive finished victorious for the first time in 3 years. We would like to thank Dominic and his team for putting out a competitive side and making it a great day for all involved.

## Club

The bar renovation was unveiled earlier this summer and is proving a big hit. The transformation is incredible! Come down when we are playing and have a look for yourself, all are welcome.



## WWCC Seniors *Email: whitewalthamcc@sky.com*

Our two Saturday teams are competing well in the Thames Valley leagues with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI sitting middle of the table (4a) whilst our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI push for top spot in 7a sitting just 2 points behind Fleet and 12 points ahead of Kidmore End. Keep an eye on our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI as they continue their campaign with real potential of winning the league!

## Junior Cricket *Email: johnhancock48@hotmail.com Tel: 07717 827188*

Over 40 Juniors! – All Stars 5-7, U9's and U11's playing and training on Saturday mornings. Our U11's are the standout side this summer with some great results against top local clubs. The Juniors continue to thrive and are the heartbeat of the club. *If you know anyone interested in having a go then please contact us for more information.*

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at Cox Green Community Centre (Free Parking)

Throughout the year we have speakers, walks with pub lunches, and holidays both home and abroad.

Scrabble and arts & crafts groups are held at members' homes.

### Programme for August - October 2018

**August** *No Meeting*

**September 20th** Tales of the Unexpected *Speaker: Alan Copeland*

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12 <sup>th</sup> August	9 <sup>th</sup> September
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9 <sup>th</sup> December	13 <sup>th</sup> January
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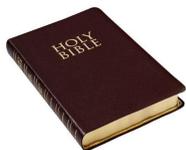
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# Am I too late?

My computer gave out on me this week and so I just might be too late to send this article in. At least my laptop is still working!

So, I thought, what about lateness? Let me be totally true to my Christian beliefs and what the Bible has to say. Across the western world, which certainly includes England and New Zealand, belief in the Bible has become a minority view and this is the work of Satan, gods, and the Christian's adversary. If he can persuade people that the Bible is nothing but an out-of-date book of stories he is on to a winning road.



But if we look at the facts honestly, we would have to admit that the Bible stands unchanged (unlike science which changes its mind from month to month and we only have to look at evolution to see how true that is). Modern research and archaeology simply add to the reliability of God's word and never has the Bible been shown to be in error.

Thus we ought to get to know what God has to say to us and to take it very seriously.

So let us see just a few things that God says to us. (Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Oh yes, I realise that lots of you will say "But hasn't science proved that . . ." Let me remind you that science still cannot explain the origin of life and has never produced any fossils that are half way from one species to another. Let's be clear, evolution means one species transforming into another species and there is absolutely no evidence of such a transition. In reality what evolutionists tell us are theories . . . which are regularly modified to take into account the latest scientific discovery. I should also tell you that despite real scientific evidence, they have stated over and over again that they could never admit the possibility of a divine being (the Bible calls Him God of course) being responsible for creation.

So they deny God's existence and in effect, declare themselves to be gods and thus they can make up their own rules particularly about right and wrong.

The Bible also talks a very great deal about heaven . . . and hell. On the basis of God's word, I know that my place in heaven is secure – is yours? I also know that many people I have known and loved here on earth will also be in heaven. Sadly, I also know that many will not be there because they have gone to their deaths denying God's salvation and His free offer of eternal life. They left it too late.

Please, please don't be among those folk, take the time to decide today to trust in what God offers through His Son and His death for our sins on Calvary.

In one of Paul's sermons he said: 'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'  
(Acts chapter 4 verse 12)

*Eric Green* ([eric.green@xtra.co.nz](mailto:eric.green@xtra.co.nz))

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We urgently need more people to get involved in the planning and organisation behind our Woodlands Community Events. Typically we have 4 meetings spread over 3 months in the run up to an event. The meetings are at 7.30pm in the lounge at Christian Smith House and last for about 1½ hours.

We need people to use their skills to help plan and resource the activities. For example, this *could* involve contacting donors and/or volunteers, helping to publicise the event, using any specialist knowledge you may have, and assisting on the day with some set up, running activities, and/or taking down.

***Helping does not cost you money, but will use your energy, enthusiasm and commitment to help bring about this amazing free community event!***

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woodlandscommunityevents or email [waltham.vicar@btinternet.com](mailto:waltham.vicar@btinternet.com)

## NEW CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

The Diocese of Oxford has recently introduced new churchyard regulations which require us to remove items which have not been properly authorised.

In particular, the following items are not allowed: any lighting, whether electric or otherwise; any glass shades; kerbs, fencing, railings or other demarcation; stone or glass chippings; individual gardens, including the planting of shrubs; plastic flowers and wreaths (other than poppies of remembrance); toys or other objects which are not part of a properly authorised memorial.

We have displayed notices asking people to help us to adhere to these new regulations by removing these items. Any items which are not removed from the Cremation Area will be carefully stored and can be collected by arrangement with Tony Hill on Tel. 01628 822654 or via email at [hillhomewood@btinternet.com](mailto:hillhomewood@btinternet.com) until 31 May 2019. After that time any remaining items will be disposed of.

The complete set of regulations is displayed in the church porch.

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# Hurley & Walthams Ward

## News from your Borough Councillors

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**Cllr Carwyn Cox**  
[cllr.cox@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.cox@rbwm.gov.uk)  
07808 470486

**Cllr David Evans**  
[cllr.d.evans@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.d.evans@rbwm.gov.uk)  
0118 903 4124

As reported in an earlier issue the Hurley and the Walthams Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by the council in December 2017.

In our Neighbourhood Plan land at Breadcroft Lane is listed as Local Green Space Designation. The justification given: 'A natural and historical boundary between the two parishes of White Waltham and Cox Green. The individual communities benefit from this natural green space that protects the biodiversity of the area. It is also listed as Countryside Open Space in the CROW Act 2000.

However in the submitted Borough Local Plan this land is listed in the Housing Site Allocation Proforma. Your Neighbourhood Plan Chairman, Cllr Maureen Hunt responded to Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 commenting that this did not comply with our adopted Neighbourhood Plan, or with policy IF4 in the Borough Local Plan (Open Space) and is Green Belt. Mention was also made of the added vehicle movements on the already very busy Cannon Lane.

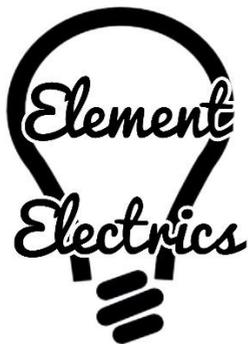
At the recent Hearing for the Borough Local Plan your Parish Councillor and a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group spoke in support of keeping the land as Local Green Space. There will be more representations made in September and we await to hear if we are called to speak.

This may seem a little complicated (and without having some knowledge of the Neighbourhood Plan, the submitted Borough Local Plan and what Regulation 18 and 19 mean – it is) but we are working diligently for our Parishes.

### Land north of Breadcroft Lane and south of the railway line

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**Cllr Carwyn Cox:** Council, Public Space Protection Order Panel, Vice Chairman Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Chairman of Licensing Panel and Reserve for: Aviation Forum, Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Maidenhead Development Management Panel.



**Cllr David Evans:** Council, Lead Member for Maidenhead Regeneration and Maidenhead (including School Improvement), Achieving for Children Joint Committee, Cabinet, Cabinet – sitting as Trustees of the Kidwells Trust, Cabinet Regeneration Sub Committee, School Improvement Forum Chairman, Rural Forum Vice Chairman. Reserve for Audit and Performance Review Panel.



**Cllr Maureen Hunt:** Council, Borough Wide Development Panel, Maidenhead Development Panel, Highways Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Licensing Panel, Local Access Forum, Planning and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel Vice Chairman, Rights of Way and Highways Licensing Panel Chairman. The outside bodies: White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee

That keeps us a little busy.

### **Investment set to improve road network**

The council is investing on our roads spending more than £7.7million over the next year. Being a councillor we always take note of our roads but with the largest Ward in the Borough and with some tucked away lanes, it is difficult to get around the whole area so please do help us to help you.

£2.7 million is for annual works programme including resurfacing and an extra £240,000 to repair winter damage. The rest of the funding will be used to maintain and improve the highway network including bridge maintenance, cycle schemes, verge protection, road markings and more. This investment will restore infrastructure and prevent the need for more expensive works in the future. It will also create new features including crossings and widened carriageways and launch schemes to boost safety and make cycling easier.



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At the time of writing in July we are having some very enjoyable summer weather and we do hope you all have a lovely summer with a little rain now and then to keep the garden green.

Please do contact us if you have any concerns that you feel we can help with.

Kind regards

*Carwyn, David and Maureen*

## **Help with your Education/Training?**

Have you left school, or will you soon be leaving school? Are you in, or will you soon be in, training or education? (Apprenticeship/college/university etc)

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## **Could you help mow the grass in White Waltham churchyard?**

We urgently need people to help with the mowing in White Waltham Churchyard. If you could help, or would like to find out more, please contact Bob Crittenden via 01628 822000 or [waltham.vicar@btinternet.com](mailto:waltham.vicar@btinternet.com)

## Fundraising appeal for Maidenhead Charity Re:Charge R&R

Re:Charge R&R is a Maidenhead-based charity whose focus is to support local vulnerable children, families and individuals through weekly drop-in sessions.

These sessions aim to offer a safe, friendly environment for local families, and to provide advice and support to enable them to overcome challenging, difficult and sensitive situations. Users are signposted to relevant agencies already established within the Borough, when necessary.

Additionally, a new service has just been launched, called “Freedom Café”, to support individuals recovering from addictions.

Freedom Café assists with addiction recovery without the need for an official referral, runs the session entirely on voluntary donations, and provides hot meals and refreshments every week along with valuable advice and support on different issues, in particular housing, benefits and education.

Freedom Café’s next goal is to be able to help individuals in the later stages of their recovery with Maths and English tuition so that they can get GCSE qualifications and increase job opportunities, help them with job search, build CVs and apply for jobs.

Ultimately, the “Freedom Café” contributes to reducing risks of depression, loneliness and relapses and all the consequent risks.

The Re:Charge R&R staff running the drop in sessions were once receiving support themselves, and have gone on to be trained, mentored and nurtured to gain skills and confidence to help and support our current users. In this way, Re:Charge R&R is growing organically.

**However, with the sessions growing and to be able to reach more families in need within the community, we now need to raise £4,500 per month.**

We need to strengthen our short and long term funding streams as a matter of urgency, so we would be pleased if you would consider our request at the earliest opportunity.

Any donation would have a huge impact on our users and help them to gain the skills, vision and motivation to change their life.

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Thank you!





# Parish Registers



## Marriage

### Cox Green Marriage at White Waltham

June 16th                      Nicholas Paul Bowley &  
Charlotte Caroline Patricia Downing

## Funerals

### Burials of Ashes at White Waltham

May 22nd                      Evelyn Chivers  
June 19th                      Maureen Ann Hogan

## Children, Young People and Families at White Waltham Church



*Children and young people  
are welcome every Sunday*



On most Sundays children's groups meet in church before moving to their separate activities during the service. There is a crèche for babies and a group for younger children in the Chapel Room in the church building. Older groups take place in our new building, The Tree House. On the first Sunday of each month the service is shorter and simpler.

At festivals, such as Christmas Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter Day, all ages meet together in a Family Service.



# Church Services for August & September



***There are no services at Shottesbrooke in August***

**Services at Shottesbrooke Church**  
are at 9am on most Sundays

**Services at White Waltham Church**  
are at 10.30am every Sunday  
*with children's activities every Sunday*

**Messy Church is on Saturday 22 September**  
at White Waltham Church at 4pm



**Harvest Festival is on Sunday 30 September**  
at White Waltham Church at 10.30am

*N.B. this is a Joint Service -  
there will be no service at Shottesbrooke that morning*



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