

Community News for White Waltham and Woodlands Park

Welcome to this electronic edition of Community News for our local area of White Waltham and Woodlands Park.

In each edition we hope to bring you news from our local area and what's going on at White Waltham Church.

You'll find other features and advertising for local businesses too - please do support them.

If you have an article or advert you would like included, please get in touch. Details are on the final page.

News from your Borough Councillors



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Dear All

At the time of writing we are in August and still waiting for summer. Those lovely hazy crazy days of summer that seem to have eluded us this year. Soon the schools will be reopening and parents will be thinking about getting uniforms etc. ready. Summer has gone all too quickly.

There are several Panels that are now conducted face to face in the Town Hall plus full Council meetings. The Panels are ones where a vote is required – example Planning. It is good to get back to discussing issues face to face rather than on a video call.

Many of you have been interested in the Grove Park application for outline permission to develop 79 houses. 14 separate applications have been submitted in relation to the development. These will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 31st August in Littlewick Green.

The Covid situation

Self-isolation changes on 16 August

From 16th August you'll be exempt from self-isolation if you're a contact of a positive case - only if you've been fully vaccinated. You are advised,

however, to take a PCR test as soon as possible to check if you're a risk to others. You'll also be exempt from self-isolation if you're under 18 and a contact of a positive case.

Vaccination latest

69% of Royal Borough residents aged 18+ have had both doses, yet among ages 40+ it's 84%. The push therefore is to encourage our under-40s to get both jabs. Although the double dose rates among our 18 to 34-year-olds are higher than in our neighbouring authorities, it's still not high enough as it's our under-24s, and 30 to 34-year-olds, who are taking the brunt of new cases.

Royal Borough statistics

Cases are beginning to slowly rise again – at the time of writing 265.7 per 100,000. The Royal Borough is now slightly above the South East average yet below England's.

A rise in cases was always expected after moving into Step 4 on 19 July, but thankfully this isn't being mirrored in a dramatic number of hospitalisations. Central government's message is now 'living with COVID' and 'managing risk.' It's all about behaving responsibly.

For the latest Covid information in the Royal Borough - case rates, ward breakdowns, hospital data, vaccinations etc - visit the [Berkshire Public Health website](#) and see the weekly report in the information centre.

Maidenhead Town Centre

For those who are getting out and about and taking a trip into Maidenhead will see many high rise flats under construction near the Town Hall. The Council has concentrated building the quota of dwellings in the towns to prevent development on our beloved Green Belt.



The Landing, which is the triangle site between Queens Street and Broadway, is one such site. It has now been given the go ahead after a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to secure the remaining land needed was confirmed by an independent Planning Inspector. The Landing is a mixed-used scheme including 431 new homes, along with extensive accommodation for office, retail, business and community use, and associated works.

Consultations

There are several consultations and these can be found in the Home Page of www.rbwm.gov.uk. Below are two that may be of interest.

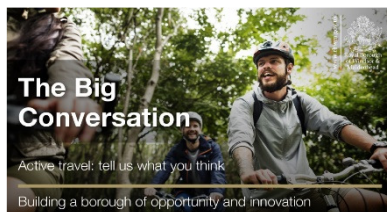
Get ready for Active Travel: The whole community will be invited to share ideas to shape walking and cycling improvements across the Royal Borough, during a public consultation opening on **Monday 16 August**.

A flyer is being delivered to households across the borough, inviting residents to a number of drop-in sessions arranged to explain more about Active Travel and its themes. A virtual session is also planned.

The Consultation runs until Sunday 3

October at

[RBWMtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/travelforwards](https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/travelforwards)



Support our Corporate Plan consultation: Public consultation on the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead's new draft Corporate Plan started on 2nd August. This Plan sets out the headline areas where the council most needs to drive change during the next five years. At its heart is making sure everyone in the borough has the best chance in life. *The consultation is available until Sunday 12 September at* <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/rbwm-corporate-plan-consultation> with support available in Royal Borough libraries if people need assistance in completing it. The feedback from this consultation will help inform the development of the draft Plan before it goes to Full Council in October. If it is agreed, it would then go to Full Council in November to be considered for adoption.

We hope you will all stay safe and well and do please contact us if we can be of any help.

Andrew and Maureen

Harvest Festival is coming up!

White Waltham Church
Sunday 26 September at 10.30am

Our Harvest gifts are going to Maidenhead Foodshare.

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Have you ever....

- wondered what the church is or what it is for?
- thought about dipping your toe in, trying out a service, but didn't know where to start or worried about getting it wrong?
- thought that it might be nice to be part of a church community, but you are not sure of the rules or requirements?

Well this is for you!

This autumn at White Waltham Church, from the beginning of September for 10 Sundays at 10.30am, we are having a series looking at:

- **who we are**
- **what we are for**
- **and why we are good news for our community**



***Will you accept the one-off challenge
to give it a go for this season?***

Come with questions, come with challenges, come ready to be welcomed and accepted and have your preconceptions changed. Come and meet with a church family of a Father God who is truly Good News!

Starting on September 5th and running until Remembrance Sunday, covering topics such as:

- **what it means to belong**
- **what it means to serve each other**
- **the bible and prayer**
- **what God does in our lives**
- **and the difference He can make through us**

***Book out those Sunday morning slots in your diary now,
and get in touch or check our website nearer the time for details of
what covid restrictions are still in place for your safety.***

St Mary's, White Waltham

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We meet between 9.00 & 11.15am on Mondays during school term time. Come when you can, go when you must – we have a range of toys out for free play, Bible story time and music, and for the time being please bring a snack - we plan to provide snacks again in due course, once Covid regulations are relaxed further.

We meet in The Tree House, which is located in the churchyard at White Waltham Church. Some parking is possible at the bottom of Church Hill, and more spaces are available in the yard of Bury Court Antiques (Alistair Price).

We would love to see you!

 Little Roots Toddler Group
www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk



***Little Roots starts again in September,
in the meantime keep up to date via the Facebook group.***

Want some financial help with your education?

Have you left school?

Are you thinking of full-time training or education?

(apprenticeship/College, university etc.)

or are you already there?

If you are under 25 and live in the civil parishes of Shottesbrooke or White Waltham, or the south ward of Hurley ... then the Duell and Hawes Educational Trust may be able to help you with a grant.

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Run the Race

If you love your sport like I do, you will probably spend quite a bit of time in front of the TV screen in the next few weeks. But I urge you also to find a Bible and look at Acts chapter 2 and see for yourself how the Mediterranean visitors celebrated!

It's been a strange but fascinating Tokyo 2020-2021. Not like any previous Olympic Games. In the past we've had black power demonstrations, terrorist assaults, drug doping scandals and powerful world leaders exerting influence to enhance their world status – to name a few of the challenges. This year it was no spectators.



But the date says it all. A year of delay to enable Tokyo to inspire the world of sport and host a remarkable spectacular. The Olympics are for most athletes the pinnacle of their achievements ~ and a medal is recognition of that. For this occasion it's taken five years of blood, sweat and tears. For some, 2020 would have been too soon, for others, 2021 was too late. Everyone has been on their own pathway.

I always love the Olympics. Like many of you I went to events at London 2012. So assuming you followed the Tokyo Games, which competition was your favourite? Who was your most admired athlete? Who was your surprise medallist?



To reach the top in any world class event is outstanding. But to do so without any spectator support must be deflating & isolating. It takes character to overcome hurdles (both literally and metaphorically). There are a few people that ideally every athlete needs to provide them with the right preparation:

- family giving love, support & finance to encourage them on their sport's journey
- coaches who see potential & encourage dedication with inspiration
- medical staff who advise & treat injuries to enable the best recovery
- psychologists who help develop a healthy mind in a healthy body (as the Ancient Greek Olympians believed) which thankfully has been very encouraged in recent years
- engineers to provide the latest equipment to wear or implements to use

Three things have struck me about these Games

- diversity: of individual athletes, of wonderful kits worn & of cultural entertainment plus the beautiful display of flags; they all highlight the diversity of our world

- maturity & humility of the medal winners who acknowledge support they've received
- Team Spirit across those who win & those who don't, in the GB team & other nations.

Over 2000 years ago the Ancient Olympic Games (from 776 BC to 393 AD) were part of life. Athletes from the Mediterranean Greek States had to come to Athens in peace!



The Bible records a number of athletic illustrations like Hebrews 12.1 "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." The Christian life is a race – to glory not medals!

When Jesus chose a Team of Twelve, a real diverse bag of individuals (see Matthew 10), he coached them in their team tactics, despite their vastly different characters.

It wasn't till Pentecost (Acts 2) when the Team Spirit was given to the disciples that maturity & humility began to become evident. They changed. There they shared the Christian message of Jesus giving his life for sinners, overcoming death & rising again, in the many languages of the hundreds of holiday-makers at that Pentecost festival!

Following on from that, the disciples Team Spirit grew & so they supported each other, they shared their income, their possessions & land. "They had everything in common."

We can change like the disciples.

We can have that same Team Spirit recorded at Pentecost in our lives too!

Take a look at Acts chapter 2 and see God at work.

Bob Crittenden

Your local churchyard needs your help!

If you regularly visit White Waltham Churchyard you know what a great job our churchyard team does to maintain it. This year, with the wet weather and ill health of some team members, our regular churchyard team is now just two people – so we need your help more than ever!

***Could you help to mow or strim in our churchyard
– either on a regular basis or as a one off?***

To find out more please speak to Bob on 01628 676117
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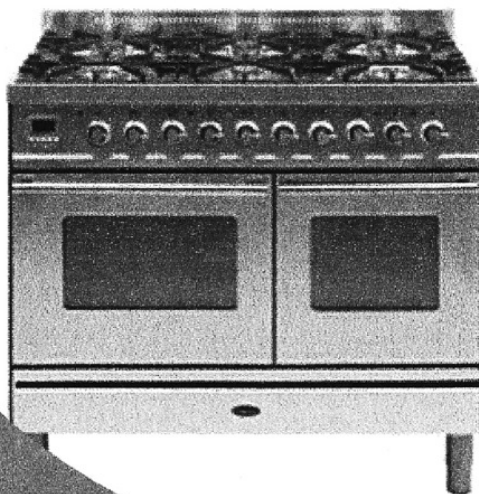


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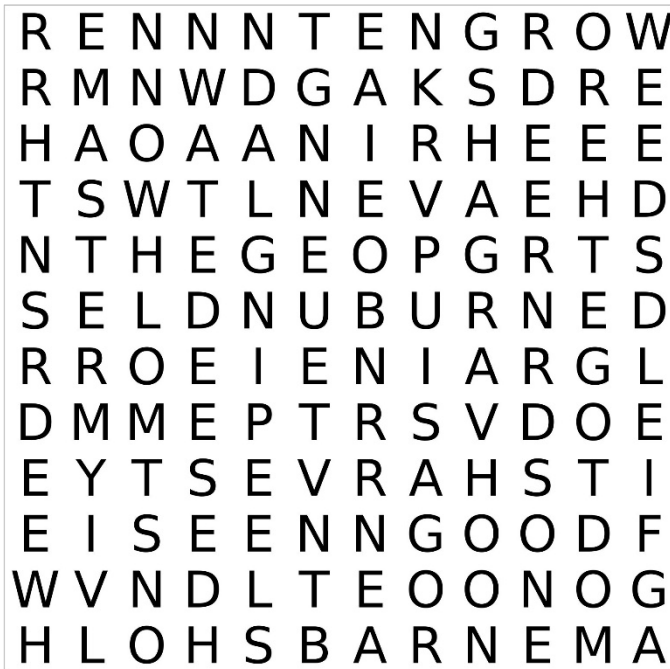
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The Parable of the Weeds (*Matthew 13.24-30*)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

See if you can find these words in the wordsearch below:

Kingdom	Heaven	Good	Seed	Field
Sleeping	Grain	Weeds	Enemy	Servants
Master	Sow	Gather	Reap	Root
Let	Grow	Together	Harvest	Bundles
Barn	Burned			



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Services can also be watched via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

Scroll down the home page and click on
‘Catch up on the last Service’

Some other content is available on our Facebook page

 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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