

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; this issue there's an update from our Borough Councillors. You'll find other features and some 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

We were very saddened by the passing of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh and of course honoured that St George's Chapel Windsor was chosen for the funeral which took place on 17th April 2021

The service was preceded by a ceremonial procession inside the grounds of Windsor Castle. The plans for the funeral were in line with The Duke of Edinburgh's own personal wishes which recognises and celebrates The Duke's life and his 73 years of service to The Queen, the UK and the Commonwealth.

The council was heavily involved and ensured Stewards were in place at Castle Hill to support media and manage crowd numbers in the town centre. Additional Street cleansing was put in place in Windsor town centre and in the parks and 'Visit Windsor' newsletters produced for visitors. We are sure many of you will have watched the very solemn ceremony on television.



A fantastic success of the vaccine

The success of the vaccination programme is one factor - so far at the time of writing 40 million people have had their jabs - but by no means is this the whole story.

The public has risen to the challenge of suppressing COVID-19: by obeying the law; staying at home; getting tested when needed; isolating when required, and following the 'hands, face, space' and 'letting fresh air in' guidance.

Now the under 30s are offered alternative vaccines to the AstraZeneca after the UK's independent drug regulator, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) found 79 people had suffered rare blood clots after vaccination, with 19 having died. However, the MHRA said the 79 cases and 19 deaths do not prove the jab had caused the clots after 20 million doses were administered.

Royal Borough councillor Stuart Carroll, lead member for health as well as being an epidemiologist and on the UK vaccine taskforce, said 'Although there's no established link or evidence that the AstraZeneca vaccine caused the rare clots, it was 'right' to offer under-30s alternative vaccines as it will boost vaccine confidence and the UK has enough supply of Pfizer and Moderna jabs'.



The vaccine is one good piece of news. However, we still have to adhere to the Prime Minister's Road Map out of Lockdown. From 8 March, people in England saw restrictions start to lift and the government's four-step roadmap offer a route back to a more normal life.

There will be a minimum of five weeks between each step: four weeks for the scientific data to reflect the changes in restrictions and to be analysed, followed by one week's advance notice of the restrictions that will be eased. Below is just a quick summary of the four steps. Step one has been completed.

Step 2 – came into effect on 12 April: Business and activities

Step 2 saw the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms reopened

(but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, also reopened.

Hospitality venues were also allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2

Step 3 - not before 17 May: Social contact

As part of Step 3, no earlier than 17 May, the government will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances.

This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply – the government will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.

As soon as possible, and by no later than Step 3, the government will also update the advice on social distancing between friends and family, including hugging. But until this point, people should continue to keep their distance from anyone not in their household or support bubble

Step 4 - not before 21 June: Social contact

By Step 4, which will take place no earlier than 21 June, the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact.

Business, activities and events

It is hoped to reopen remaining premises, including nightclubs, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3. This will be subject to the results of a scientific Events Research Programme to test the outcome of certain pilot events through the spring and summer, where the government will trial the use of testing and other techniques to cut the risk of infection.

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As a point of interest, we thought you would like to see the information opposite.

Andrew and I hope you are all keeping safe and well during this difficult time. We are so nearly there and we ask you to abide by the Prime Minister's Road Map to ensure we will continue to be safe. We are so fortunate in White Waltham to have beautiful public walks in our surrounding countryside and we know so many of you are able to enjoy the fresh air this way. The parks are open plus all the businesses in Step 2, so things are looking so much brighter.

Our best wishes to you all and please do get in touch if you have any concerns with council business we can help with.

Andrew and Maureen





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ORDER! ORDER!

A voice frequently heard in the House of Commons as the Speaker tries to get Members of Parliament to listen to the MP who is speaking.

‘Hear! Hear!’ is also often heard in Parliament, usually as members of one party voice their agreement with the opinion expressed by one of their own persuasion.

The vital sense of hearing has perhaps been thrown more into the limelight in the past year. Understanding what is being said, especially for the elderly and those with limited hearing, has been difficult when we’ve all had to be socially distanced *and* wear a face mask. We all take our sense of hearing for granted.

But there is also hearing something, followed by understanding what it means and then probably needing to do something about it. We’re all good at the selective hearing bit, aren’t we, especially if we don’t want to do the action!

In the last year or so, we have been using microphones to enhance transmission of our voices both in church and through the streaming technology. But in the church itself, after the completion of the Heating Project, we’ve been trying to update some other things. We’ve never had a Hearing Loop before (though there is one in The Tree House) so we have been installing one in church. This will enable those who wear hearing aids to pick up the service better. So there’s no longer a need for anyone to call out ‘I can’t hear what you’re saying’!

Easter reminds us of the eyewitness or ‘seeing’ accounts of how Jesus’ friends saw him alive after he rose from the dead. But these were ‘hearing’ accounts too. And the disciples were tasked with the mission to tell others the good news of what they had seen and heard about Jesus to those they knew and those that they met.

I love the true story in Luke chapter 23 verses 13-35 of Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus, following the disappearance of Jesus’ body from the tomb. They talk and listen to each other, discussing what’s happened, but both are confused. The stranger who joins them listens to what they have heard about Jesus. The stranger then tells them more about him, based on the Old Testament, and they listen eagerly. It’s only when they sit down for a meal that they finally recognise the stranger as Jesus! It’s that listening and hearing that makes them excitedly turn round immediately and rush back seven miles to tell the other disciples.

It’s the same today, as we face the challenge of the risen Jesus. Everyone needs to hear the good news of Easter, of Jesus who gave up his life but overcame death to take away the penalty of our sin. Read the story of Cleopas!

‘Hear! Hear!’

Bob Crittenden

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2021 Season

First game of TVL season is 8th May

We are very fortunate to be able to participate in team sports, under COVID guidelines, since the 29th March. Whilst there are restrictions to the game, and strict guidelines to follow, we are extremely happy to be able to embrace them in order to play our sport again this summer.

TVL Division 3a	TVL Division 6b
Aldershot	Aldershot
Boyne Hill 2	Falkland 3
Cove 2	Finchamstead 4
Finchampstead 3	Fleet 2
Royal Ascot	Hurst 2
Sonning	Sonning 2
Sulhamstead & Ufton	Sulhamstead & Ufton 2
Taplow	Theale & Tilehurst 2
White Waltham	White Waltham 2
Windsor	Yateley

National Village KO Competition (Round 2)

Sunday 9th May away vs Emmbrook & Bearwood

Summer Training

Senior training is held on Wednesdays from 18:15-20:00 throughout the summer. All are welcome to attend and we are always looking for new members.

Juniors

Training is underway on the Waltham Oval every weekend for children aged 5-16, we have a great coaching set up that organises coaching and games for over 60 juniors on a weekly basis. This is an ever growing and developing section of the club and new members are more than welcome to come and try the sport.

For more information, please visit our website or contact us using one of the below options.

Dates for the Diary:

Beehive Charity game vs WWCC – Sunday 21st June.
Presidents XI – Sunday 21st July

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The Empty Tomb

You know how it is when you find something has been taken – stolen. You return to find it gone, leaving an empty space. Following the initial shock, you begin to wonder who could have done such a thing – and why? And where is it?



Imagine the disciple's feelings on finding Jesus' tomb to be empty. In the gospel account (John 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene is said to have been the first to discover Jesus' absence. Clearly, the purpose of her visit had been to view the body of her Saviour. She had visited the tomb expecting to find him there, but found, not the body, but instead, only the linen in which Jesus had been wrapped. In alarm, she told the other disciples of her discovery. Two disciples, Simon Peter and John quickly made their way to the tomb to investigate. Puzzled, they returned home. A tearful Mary remained at the tomb, Jesus appears to her, at first, unrecognized, but he says to her "Go to my brothers and tell them I am returning to my Father". She returns and tells them she has seen him and what he had said. Scripture had been fulfilled – Jesus' resurrection had come to pass.

Bob Packer



From the Registers

Burial at White Waltham Churchyard

1st March Sylvia Sherwood aged 92

Burial of Ashes at White Waltham Churchyard

6th April Janet Cynthia Young aged 82

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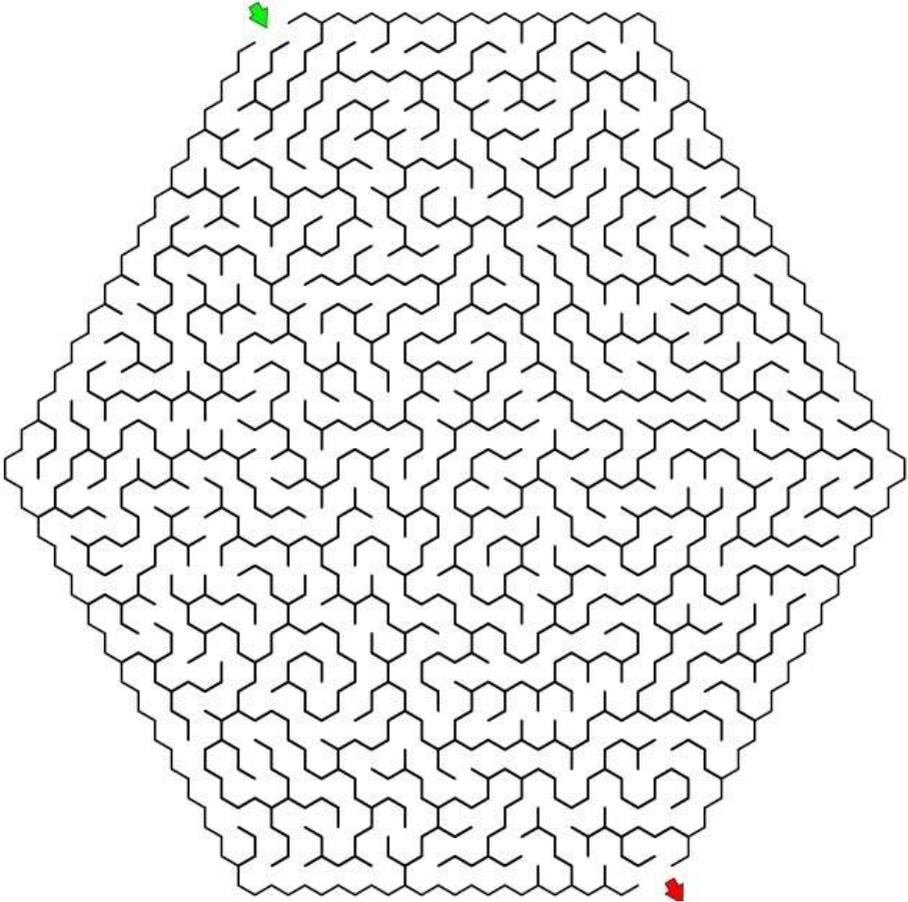


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		7	3			5		
5	2	6	7	9			8	

Medium Su Doku

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Services can also be watched via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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