

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

Autumn has come upon us very quickly with a change in the warm weather to blustery wind and rain.

There are changes in the council with meetings that require a vote to be held face to face in the council offices. Overview and Scrutiny Panels and full Council meetings will also be held face to face. All other meetings and forums will be held virtually.

Changes to Waste Collections

Recycling and waste collections will be changing. From *Monday 18 October*, waste (black bins) will be collected fortnightly, placing greater emphasis on recycling household waste. Around 50% of household waste in the borough is currently recycled, but the council is calling on residents to help increase this to at least 65%. In addition, the council will return to a five-day collection, Monday to Friday, meaning 71% of residents will see a change to their general waste collection day. These changes help meet the aims in the Environment and Climate Strategy, which includes a commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Family Hub Service

Raising a family can be rewarding and enjoyable time but there are times when extra support is needed. In May 2021 the new Family Hub Service replaced the Youth Service, Children's Centres and Family Resilience Teams with the aim of providing a whole family approach to supporting our children, young people and families.

Within the Family Hub Service there are Family Coaches, Family Hub Workers, Youth Workers, Parenting Workers, Substance Misuse Workers and the Youth Engagement Officer. The hubs enable staff to work more intensively with families that need that tailored help, improving children's life chances and reducing the need for statutory intervention.

Library

Our libraries are starting an exciting new chapter this month. The new service includes an expanded home delivery service and digital offer.

The Select and Deliver Service/Home Library Service enables readers to reserve their books over the phone, via email or online to be delivered to doorsteps by dedicated volunteers. The books are later collected and returned by the volunteers. Select and Deliver replaces the Mobile Library and is aimed at residents who cannot access a static library. All 11 permanent library buildings are staying open with revised opening hours.

Can you help us sort and categorise donations for Afghan refugees?

We are looking for volunteers to help sort the thousands of donations received. Are you:

- Able to commit to 2-4 hour volunteering sessions at a central location in Maidenhead between 9:30am and 4pm (Mon - Fri)?
- Willing to sort and categorise items including clothing, toys, etc?
- Happy to work in a team with the support of a volunteer coordinator?

If so, please email volunteer@RBWM.gov.uk

£30m phase of secondary schools expansion has been completed

Cox Green School and Furze Platt Senior School are now benefitting from the investment in new facilities including new high-quality classrooms, specialist teaching and ancillary spaces. This provides capacity to meet the projected increase in demand for places.

Maidenhead Town Centre

The Chapel Arches and Watermark developments now give a flavour of what the town will look like. Work on The Landing (between Queens Street and Broadway) is expected to start soon, incorporating 431 new homes, along with office, retail, business and community spaces.



Covid

Last but certainly not least – please take care of yourselves. The formal COVID restrictions have ended but Covid is still very much around and here in the Borough we see rates rising. Please take the same precautions as you would have done previously. Social distance and mask up when appropriate, and encourage everyone to have the injections.



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

Andrew and Maureen

People to Places

People to Places is an independent charity that provide a variety of services to ensure that individuals with mobility needs can travel wherever and whenever they want. We want to enable and empower independence throughout our community.

People to Places offers flexible and affordable membership options starting from just £16 per year (£9 for those on income support).

Community Transport & DialARide Fully accessible transport for residents and community groups of the Royal Borough.

Shopmobility Short or long term hire of mobility scooter and other mobility equipment from one of our town centre offices in Maidenhead and Windsor

Trips & Days Out Our year long programme is a chance for our members to socialise and interact with each other. Our trips head for local cafes, garden centres and even the seaside!

For more details, please visit our website www.people2places.org.uk or call on 01628 587922

From the Registers

Burial

20th July

Lorna Ruth Collins

aged 83 years

Burial of Ashes

24th September

Doreen Ann Stanton

aged 83 years



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Little Roots Baby & Toddler Group

For babies and toddlers with their parents/carers

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.

Write to: Clerk to the Trustees, Carolyn Thompson,
Spire View, Waltham Road, White Waltham, SL6 3SG

or email: carolynt52@icloud.com

for an application form



Celebration of Light!



Sunday 31 October at 4pm

Everyone is welcome to join us
for this very special
celebration on Hallowe'en.

Please book via www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/booking

N.B. This service replaces the 10.30am service that day.

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?***

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RUNNING A MARATHON

Did you watch any part of the London Marathon on TV on 3rd October?
Or did you go to London & support someone who was running 26.2 miles?

Watching the race never ceases to inspire me, as I focus on those thousands of runners (in beautiful or miserable conditions, just like on training days) pound the streets of London from Greenwich to Westminster.



It is not an easy thing to prepare for such an event. Be assured that the months of training, (sometimes at the most inconvenient times or in the most challenging places) will be worth it, as each person aims to cross that finish line.

I guess there are various forms of investment needed that must be weighed up before undertaking such a demanding event.

- the serious desire to compete and plan to build up fitness
- the determination to achieve that finishing medal
- the dedication to train for six months, covering hundreds of miles
- the focus of training in all weathers, as race day could be awful
- the purpose of a personal challenge plus supporting a charity
- the financial outlay of kit and good comfortable trainers
- on race day the massive exuberant crowd support
- the live street bands entertaining runners and spectators
- the Chariots of Fire theme played incessantly
- the free orange slices & jelly babies from children (*maybe not this year*)
- the beautiful landmarks of the London landscape
- the camaraderie of fellow runners from around the world
- the family and friends cheering each runner on

What more could you want for a great family day out, running or watching?
Apply now for London 2022!!

The Christian life is a marathon not a sprint! The disciples knew all about fitness on long distance walking with Jesus and about long distance running from their knowledge of the regular Ancient Olympic Games. Christians then, were encouraged to endure hardships and persevere in their faith, despite many difficult times, just like marathon runners do and just like we do today.

For me, marathons bring back many memories, both of exhaustion and insanity, excitement and achievement!

The marathon of the Christian life is worth checking out! Some of the ideas above point to getting started. Just as any potential runner checks out what marathons are all about, come to church and check out what the Christian faith is all about!

Bob Crittenden

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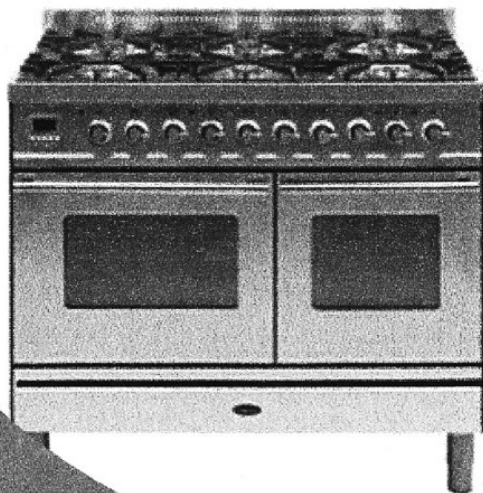
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TICKETS ON THE GATE

Once again it's time for this year's spectacular pyrotechnic event - The Village Bonfire!

As in previous years it will take place in the field behind the cricket pitch and a big thank you to Barty Smith for the use.

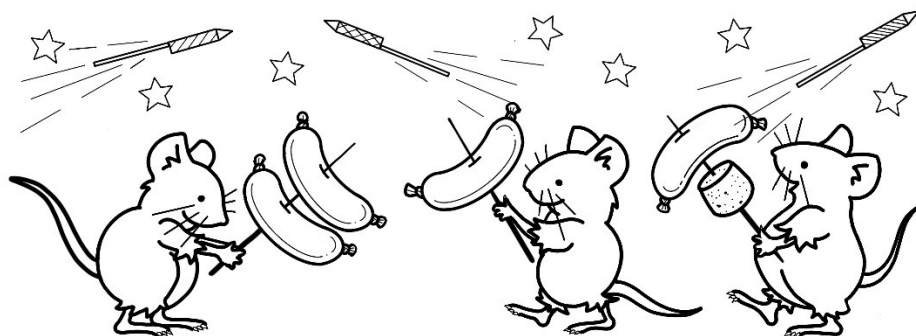
There will be the usual fireworks display by our very own village-based and award-winning Shellscape, a mighty bonfire, BBQ, bar, mulled wine and other goodies. The gates will open at 5:30 and the fireworks will start at around 8:30ish or when it's dark enough to appreciate the display. Don't forget it's close to Hallowe'en so feel free to dress up appropriately.

Please bring along any suitable material for the bonfire to the site on Saturday am between 10:00 and 12:00

Parking will be available in White Waltham School.

Please Note : **NO** sparklers or glo-sticks will be allowed in the field as they may harm the sheep that graze there

HELP NEEDED - PLEASE CALL
07834 545867 TO OFFER ANY HELP

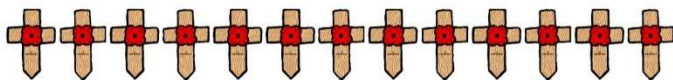


Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Sunday 14th November at 6.30pm

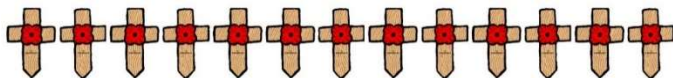
For all who have lost a loved one

This quiet, reflective service provides the opportunity for us to remember those we have loved and lost, and to give thanks for all that they did for us while discovering the difference that Jesus makes.



This year's **Remembrance Sunday Service** is on
Sunday 14th November at 10.30am
followed by a short Act of Remembrance at the
War Memorial in White Waltham

Please book via www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/booking
to come to Remembrance Sunday Service in church.



Wordsearch

Here at White Waltham Church, we recently celebrated Harvest Festival. Psalm 65 expresses it perfectly: “You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it... You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance... the hills are clothed with gladness, the meadows are covered with flock and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing.”

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

Corn	Rain	Mud	Wheat	Abundance
Goodness	Riches	Pumpkins	Marrows	Water
Thankful	Food	Crops	Soften	Carts
Overflow	Praise	Care	Blessing	Meadows
Flocks				



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If you would like to join us in church, please book via our website at [this link](#).

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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Published every 3 weeks or so, and available on
White Waltham Church's Facebook page and website:

 **White Waltham Church**
www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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that you would like to be included please email:*

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