

# Community News for White Waltham and Woodlands Park

Welcome to this new 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 the local area and what's going on at White Waltham Church; this issue there's an update from our Borough Councillors. You'll also find some advertising for local businesses - please do support them at this challenging time.

*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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In the autumn of this year, the Coronavirus has still not left us although our way of life is very slowly returning to some sort of normality with the schools reopening and some people going into work rather than working full time at home. Members of our amazing village and church community in White Waltham are still very active to give help or reassurance but please do contact us if you require any help from the council.

**Covid 19** - The Town Hall is still closed and public council meetings are held virtually which are open to view on You Tube – [www.rbwm.gov.uk](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk) council meetings and agendas.

Our key focus remains on keeping residents safe and trying to support the local economy as best we can. However, the virus is still with us and in all public spaces masks have to be worn. New government regulations confine us to meeting with six people only and that includes children. Track and Trace is very important and businesses open to the public should be

displaying an NHS Covid 19 QR Poster for customers to scan the code when they arrive using the NHS Covid-19 app which is available to download from the government website. This will help to trace and stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Businesses, places of worship or community organisations with a physical location that is open to the public, or an event which is taking place in a physical location, should create and display the QR code.

The NHS Covid-19 app is available now and is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from the virus. It will alert you if your postcode is at risk and give advice on what action to take. It allows you to easily 'check in' to pubs, restaurants and other public venues and send an anonymous alert if you have come into close contact with a person who reports a positive Covid-19 test result. The app can be found in your app store when you search for NHS COVID-19 app on the NHS website.

**The Vulnerable and Homeless** - All vulnerable and homeless people were housed during the pandemic and we have recently secured government funding to support them into longer term accommodation into the private rented sector and single households with the transition into the accommodation.

**M4 Closures** - Closures on the M4 continue

- Junctions 5 to 6 from 9-12 October
- Junctions 7 to 8/9 from 23-26 October
- Junctions 5 to 7 from 30 October - 2 November

**Waste Collections** - The council collection company – Serco – aimed at achieving higher efficiencies and lower carbon emission if they changed the routes by using the latest software. This was done at the same time as we returned to weekly collections. Unfortunately, after a time of dismay, inconvenience and concern, this did not go as planned and many of you have had missed bin collections, either waste or recycling – or both. This went on for an inexcusable time and officers and councillors have had meetings with Serco to ensure all bins were collected every week.

Weekly bin collections should now be normalised but if you do have any missed bins, can we ask you to report this online – [www.rbwm.gov.uk](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk) - home page – Environment and Waste.

If your bin continues to be missed please send us an email.

We wish all our residents stay safe and well and please do let us know if we can help you.

Our best wishes,  
*Andrew and Maureen*

# All Age Service

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**

**White Waltham Church**

**Discover the treasure to be found in those stories Jesus tells**

*We are asking families to book in for this service so that we have sufficient craft packs prepared – visit [www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk).*

The service will be about 45 minutes long. If you are not a regular and would like to come, you are very welcome; if you are unable to join us in person please do watch from home via [www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk)

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**Burial of Ashes at White Waltham Churchyard**

**28<sup>th</sup> September      Michael Antony Withers, aged 81**



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# Antarctic Story

Captain Scott, in his tent at the South Pole, makes an entry in his diary on Thursday 29th March 1912:

*‘Since the 21st we have had a continuous gale. We had fuel to make two cups of tea apiece and bare food for two days on the 20th. Every day we had been ready to start for our depot 11 miles away, but outside it remains a scene of whirling drift. We shall stick it out to the end, but we are getting weaker, of course, and the end cannot be far. It seems a pity, but I do not think I can write more’.*

R.Scott

The final entry reads *‘For God’s sake look after our people’*.

Scott and his four companions were to die in that frozen waste. They anticipated their deaths. In his suffering and knowing great pain, Captain Oates had bravely said, those words, *‘I am just going outside and may be some time’*. He went out into the blizzard and was not seen again. His last thoughts were for his mother. As death approaches each of us, we may experience fear or defeat. Disappointment may prevail as we acknowledge that we have not achieved all that we had hoped for or we become aware that this will not come about. We may, though, like Titus Oates, approach our pending death with great acceptance and courage. The nature of our own ending is open to conjecture – it may be anticipated or it may not.

Our attitude to our own demise and what is to follow, depends on what we believe – or more correctly, on what we are able to believe. It all turns on that belief and the accompanying reason. It is clear that our life here is brief. In the words of the Psalm:

*‘As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more’.*

We are mere mortals; we are promised though,

*‘that inheritance in heaven that can never perish, spoil or fade, shielded by God’s power’*  
(1 Peter chapter 1 verse 4).

Words we can trust.

*Bob Packer*

## Online Services at White Waltham Church

Our services are now live-streamed and available via our website:

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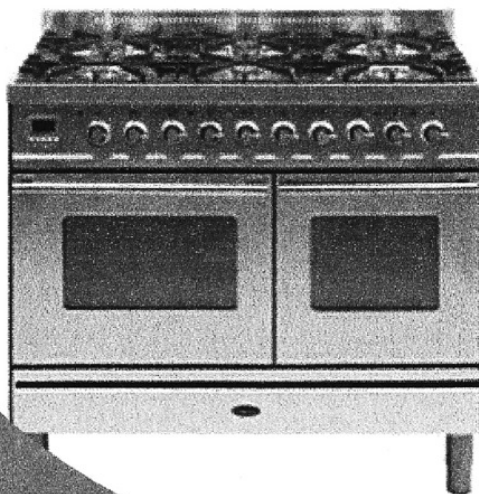
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# Remembrance Sunday Service at White Waltham Church

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am

*Due to Covid, please book for this service via  
[www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk)*

On Remembrance Sunday a collection is taken during the Remembrance Service in White Waltham Church. As usual, the proceeds of this year's collection will be shared between two charities: the **Royal British Legion** and **Combat Stress**.

*We will not be walking to the War Memorial after the service but will hold an Act of Remembrance there at 10.45am on Wednesday 11 November.*

## Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm  
at White Waltham Church

This quiet, reflective service provides the opportunity for us to remember loved ones, to give thanks for all that they did for us, and to light a candle in their memory while discovering the difference that Jesus makes.



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# Burbidge



# Autumn... or Spring?

As usual, it is always a pleasure to receive an invitation to write something to be read in the Woodlands Park area in the church parish. In my head I can see the church and hear the pealing of the bells and recall afresh the many lovely times I spent in the church. Just a thought, I wonder what has happened since that lightning strike on a tree in the churchyard. I'd love to see inside the new building, The Tree House... but I know that is not about to happen.

For you it is indeed autumn and so for us it is spring... well we thought it was! Some may recall that I have a weekly run delivering pamphlets around where we live and as it turned out, I had to get the vast bulk of that delivery on Tuesday (September 29th) almost a month into spring. Sadly the weather forecast was very accurate – very cold and snow to sea level. Very cold turned out to be 4°C! I walked over 9 km that day and by the end I was completely wrecked! It was the first time snow had settled where we live for several years. Now October has dawned and today is fine and warm and 17°C and the weekend prediction is 20°C. Not too sure about what summer weather we will have nor whether it is all down to global warming or global cooling! As you might guess, I'm not a fan or either.

Our wee dog Lily (she has three legs and always accompanies me on the pamphlet runs) has severely injured her back and so is confined to a crate. Amazingly, she has taken to this very well. The cost of surgery is way beyond our means so it is likely she'll have to stay restrained to allow natural healing to occur. She is very special to us and is much in our prayers.



So life here on earth is almost totally unpredictable and we never know from day to day what to expect. This leads me to think about heaven where the conditions are not subject to climatic changes because we'll be with Jesus Christ whom the Bible describes as "the same yesterday, today and forever". But will you be there? If you are not sure, it is time to make sure! Talk to a Christian you know (or email me) and you will learn just how to be sure of your eternal future. Please don't let time go by because soon it will be too late.

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

## Food

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Just scroll down the home page:

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***For our Children's Sessions*** click on 'Families and Kids' and  
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Some other content is available on our Facebook page

 **White Waltham Church**

*We hope you can join us!*



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