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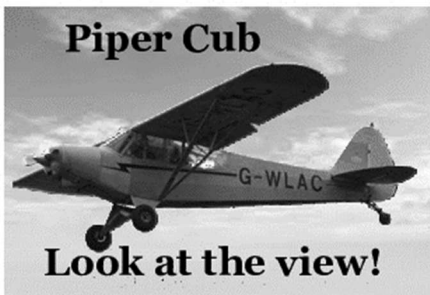
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Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham and Woodlands Park,  
I've just got back from a Christian conference; 'Bible by the Beach' down in Eastbourne. A mix of big gatherings in a theatre for bible-based talks and singing, and smaller seminars, groups for the kids, and gaps for a bit of a break by the sea too!

I picked up, and have since read, a short book called 'How Church could (literally) save your life' by Rebecca McLaughlin who was there to present and to field questions, and who produces podcasts regularly as well as writing thought-provoking books. The book uses some striking statistics, from Professor VanderWeele from the Harvard school of public health, and others, as to **the positive effects of a weekly attendance at a faith gathering**. It makes some surprising claims:

**Belonging to church is good for your mental health** such as reduced depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts.

**Belonging to church is good for your physical health** (yes?!) such as reduced heart disease, stroke and dementia, excessive drinking and smoking.

**Belonging to church is good for your moral health** such as valuing everyone equally, giving to charities with time and money, as well as more stability in family life. A number of these are helped hugely by the regular meeting with others, but the statistics point to the need for it to be a faith community, not just a sport club or similar.

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## THIS MAGAZINE

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It was interesting reading that, whilst never claiming that church cures all ills, and whilst admitting that Christians do struggle in all these areas (come along to meet us and you will see that is certainly true), nevertheless you can see the surprisingly dramatic statistics show measurable benefits overall in society.

And, of course, **belonging to church is good for your spiritual health**, because we are made to know the love of our Father God, shown through the person of Jesus and experienced in our lives every day by His Spirit. And if we don't have that, we yearn for it and seek to fulfil it with other things which leave us unfulfilled or worse. But at church we help each other to discover more of our God, and more of his love and plans for us.

We would love to see you on a Sunday morning at church with us. If you do come, there is always someone there to help you know where to sit, and how you can join in – if you want. But if the thought of pushing open that huge wooden door is a bit much then do think about a small group or small chat. We will run Hope Explored in June *details on page 14*; there is Chat Room *details on page 6* and other opportunities. If something in the autumn would suit, do let me know when/how. Or get in touch for a personal conversation at some point to raise questions, with no pressure or expectations for anything more. We would love to help you; we believe church is good for you, because **we know our good Father God to be good news for all people**.

Dave

Rev Dave Atallah

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The sun is shining and we are out enjoying the field at play times and lunchtimes here at Woodlands Park School. We are lucky to have ample beautiful outdoor spaces here for the children to enjoy. Our caretaker, Mr Hunt, has been busy preparing our swimming pool for our swimming lessons across the school and several staff took part in shallow water training recently. They braved a colder than expected day to get in the pool!



Since the last Parish Magazine, our Year 6 pupils had a super residential trip to Woodrow High House. The children enjoyed a selection of adventurous activities, teambuilding activities and problem solving. The accommodation was very comfortable, and they did not stop talking about how great the food was. The teachers had very positive feedback on the whole trip and they were very proud of the determination and resilience demonstrated by all.



Our Year 5 class have been particularly busy continuing their wildlife project with Claire from The Wildlife Trust. Year 5 has also attended a quidditch festival and a bowls festival at the local bowls club.

Year 5 were also one of the classes to present their class assembly to parents recently. We heard all about the Victorians and about how Victorian schools were different from schools today. Year 3 and 4 also presented their class assembly and we heard all about the rainforest. It was colourful and tuneful! We value these opportunities in school for children to develop their confidence and public speaking skills.



Key Stage 2 enjoyed the Easter service at the church before the Easter break. Thank you, Dave and Katie, for having us. The children enjoyed the service.

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The summer term gets busy right about now! Our Year 6 will complete their SATs assessments. They are, as usual, cool, calm and collected and looking forward to lots of end of term celebrations including pizza and a trip to Legoland. We are very proud of all our Year 6 pupils and of all that they have achieved this year. We also have Sports Days, transition days and our final Learning Champions Assembly of the year to look forward to.



Look out for us in the recent Maidenhead Advertiser!

Best Wishes

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Here are some dates for your diary:

**Saturday 27th June** – a demonstration and workshop – details tbc

**Sunday 19th July** – our annual Garden Party in Carolyn's Garden, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Donations of cakes would be welcome. Contributions to the plant stall and raffle would also be very welcome.

**Saturday 1st August** – a garden visit to Little Marlow as part of the National Garden Scheme at 2.30pm. £12 per head to include refreshments. Contact Carolyn (number below) if you would like to join us.

There will be more activities planned for later in the year to include workshops and coffee mornings. Details will be found in the next magazine or contact one of the numbers below.

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The jungle came to Woodlands Park School in the week before Easter as over 20 primary school aged children hunted for treasure with the help of hapless Professor Globetrotter (AKA Revd Dave Atallah) and his somewhat more able sidekick, Jungle Josie!

Exploring the parables of Jesus, the children discovered the treasure of being a part of God's Kingdom and the wonderful welcome that God gives when sinners like us return home to him.

There were fun and games indoors and out, with help from monkeys and an elephant; enthusiastic singing; colourful art and crafts; and videos of the terrified Professor Globetrotter's exploits in the jungle. Lots of silliness prevailed and we are enormously grateful to the team of over 20 volunteers who made it possible, as well as to all the wonderful children who came along and took part.

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The club's 8th season in the Thames Valley Cricket League began on Saturday 9th May, with both teams set to play at the highest level yet (Division 2A & 5B). Amazingly, both teams got off to winning starts. The 2XI brushed aside Yateley 1XI at home, with Captain Metherell scoring a fantastic unbeaten 94. The 1XI travelled to Kidmore End 1XI and also recorded a victory – Kelvin Bailie led the way with the bat, scoring a great 62, before the lads bowled and fielded well to restrict Kidmore to just 167 in chase of 212.

The club was busy over the winter and secured the services of an Australian Overseas Amateur, Noah Edwards. Noah enjoyed a great first game against Kidmore picking up 3 wickets, having stepped off the long plane journey just a few days before. We look forward to him bringing further success.

Many thanks

*Jonny Mahoney*

*WWCC Chair*

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I expect you can think of many reasons why things have changed! Sponsorship entered, minimum football wage abandoned, change in religious beliefs where Sunday was no longer considered a holy day. Some of us remember these changes which haven't always been for the best. Maybe money is the powerful influence behind large life changes.

I remember going by bus with my dad (as we had no car) to watch the Old Kingstonians Football Club who back in the day played for "boot money" as all had day jobs. Life has moved on and today there are countless sports & countless clubs offering sport to anyone!

Today there are different challenges. For young Christians taking part in Sunday morning sport (maybe the only time in the week when their club teams play) there's a dilemma. Some churches have responded by providing these families with Sunday afternoon services so they can attend.



There's an organisation called 'Christians in Sport' which has supported Christian sports people from grass roots to elite international level, recently celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Christians in Sport is not only represented in almost every sport, but is regularly involved with international sports like the World Cup and the Olympic Games. Its reach includes working with similar international organisations at the elite level and laying on sports holidays for young people in a wide range of sports.

What's the difference? Their chosen sport is the key interest but learning about the Christian faith is the driving force behind all of the leaders. Do you know about any Christians playing in the World Cup squad for England? There's Bukayo Saka, Eberichi Eze and Marc Guehi. There will be others from around the world as well!

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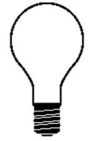
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Acts chapter 1, verse 4

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As we introduce others to God’s kingdom it is this extraordinary Spiritual gift which provides power. ‘Ignition’ is an appropriate term in this context – to ‘set on fire’. Jesus had said:

*“I have come to bring fire on the earth and how I wish it were already kindled”*

Luke `chapter 12, verse 50

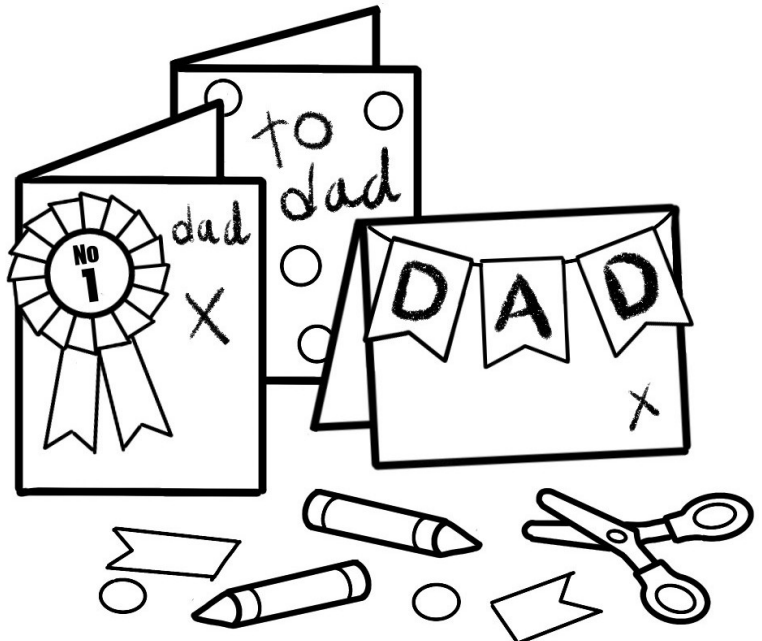
Paul told the Church in Corinth:

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has made it grow’*

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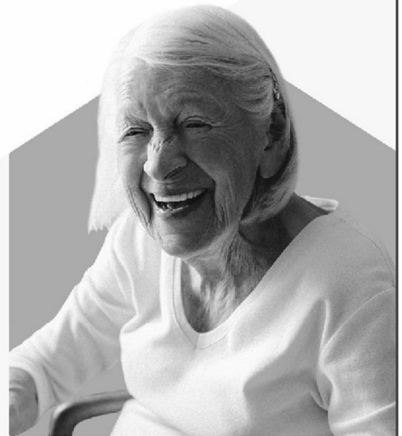
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# White Waltham C of E Academy



It has been a jam-packed term with lots of exciting learning and experiences for all the children at White Waltham. We've had lots of school trips, visitors, special themed days, and have welcomed our new school pets – Posie and Panda, the guinea pigs!



Foundation have been very busy learning all about plants and growing through their *Glorious Garden* topic. They learnt about the different parts of a plant and set up their own garden centre in the role-play area to buy and sell seeds and plants. The children also planted their own tomato plants and watched as the tomatoes developed and ripened.

Foundation also enjoyed a visit to Wisley Gardens, where they explored the Vegetable Garden to discover edible plant parts and learnt where food comes from and how it is grown.

Year 1 and 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic, *Our Community*. The children learnt about the lives and achievements of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and made comparisons between them. The children also learnt about the impact the two women have had on nursing today.

We had a workshop in school led by a visitor from the Florence Nightingale Museum, where the children were immersed in learning all about the life of the 'Lady with a Lamp'. In geography, the children learnt about the local area. They completed fieldwork and used their observational skills to study the geography of the local area. The children then made maps to show what they found. They also learnt that people do lots of different jobs and that some are unique to our locality. They learnt how the community is made up of all the people who live and work in our local area.



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This term, Year 3 and 4 have gone ‘Under the Canopy’ to learn all about the rainforest. They located rainforests around the world and learnt about the similarities and differences between tropical and temperate rainforests. They learnt to use geographical vocabulary to describe the features of rainforests, in particular the Amazon rainforest. They also explored the water cycle.



In history, the children learnt about people native to the rainforest. They researched and discovered that there are people living in rainforests who have never had contact with non-Indigenous people. They learnt about one tribe in particular, the Yanomami. They complemented their topic with a trip to Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and were incredibly lucky to visit on the day the Corpse Flower bloomed – something that only happens for 24 hours!

Year 5 and 6 were inspired by their topic, *Full of Beans*. In history, the children learnt about the Maya civilization. They learnt who the Maya were, where and when they lived, and how they became such a successful and advanced civilisation. They also explored some of the reasons why the civilisation declined. The children learnt about the beliefs, rituals and lifestyle of the Ancient Maya, including the football-like game, Pok-a-tok.

A highlight of the topic was a trip to Cadbury World and, on their return, the children became chocolatiers! They were encouraged to use their creativity to design, brand and make packaging for their own chocolate creations. They conducted market research to gain feedback on their designs by inviting their loved ones in to taste their hand-made chocolates and complete questionnaires.



To end the year, we are looking forward to our annual Sports Day, where competition over which house will lift the cup is building. We also have our whole-school production of Oliver! to look forward to.

As always, if you would like to come and visit our school, please contact the school office on 01628 822533 or email [office@whitewaltham.org](mailto:office@whitewaltham.org).

Laura Denham

*Head of School*

*We invite you to join us for our*

# **All Age Services**

## **Sundays**

### **7<sup>th</sup> June & 19<sup>th</sup> July**

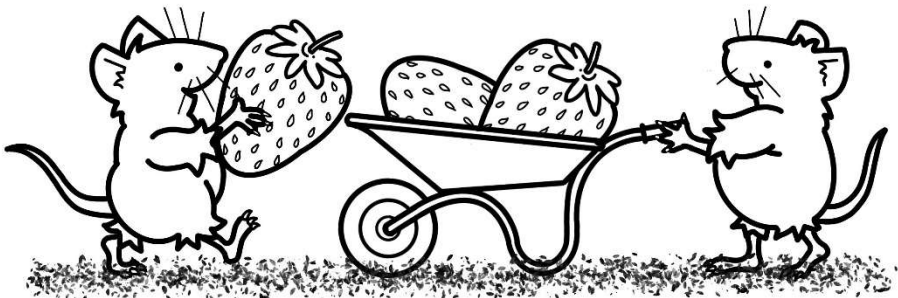
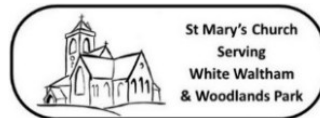
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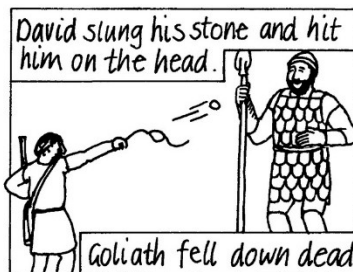
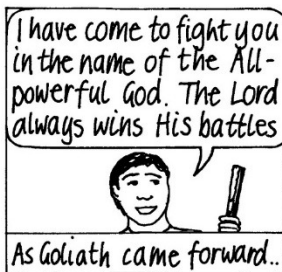
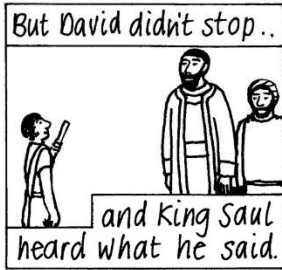
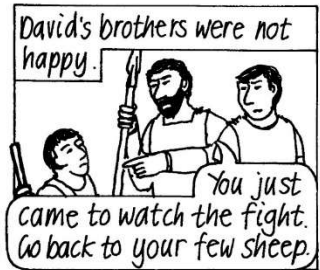
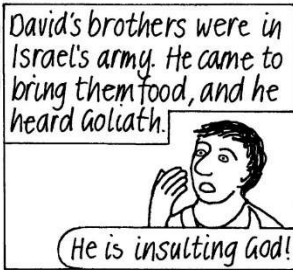
# Read this short story from the Bible...

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies  
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic  
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



...and complete this Wordsearch about it!

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Little Lambs is taking a break for the summer months, resuming in September.

*Do join us then with your baby or toddler.*

## Baby and Toddler Group



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## **All of Life**

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### **Or maybe you are suffering pain or sadness or fear or guilt about relationships, work, retirement, family life.**

You don't have to be on your own. We don't have all the answers, but we know the one who offers peace and hope and would love to come alongside you on any part of your journey.

### **Or maybe you have questions, or you are reflecting on your life and loves and want to explore the idea of a loving Father God and Jesus who came into the world for you.**

Do feel very welcome to come along any Sunday to church. We are all at different stages of a life of faith. Or be in touch for a chat with no pressure or expectations.

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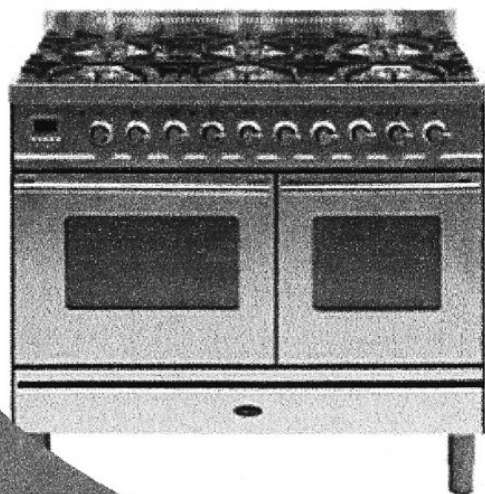
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# Tony Hill's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday - 17 April 2026

A long-term resident of White Waltham reached his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Looking back at 1926, this was the year of the General Strike, the birth of Queen Elizabeth II, Marilyn Monroe and David Attenborough. It was also the year of the first demonstration of a television by John Logie Baird, the first transatlantic telephone call and the first traffic light installed in Piccadilly Circus.



Tony was born in Oxford, went to school and University there although his academic career was interrupted by the war. He was sent to university in Wales but didn't value his degree from Aberystwyth very highly, so took himself to Oxford where he read Physics.

Tony then went to work in Newcastle upon Tyne. At one stage, he worked for Procter and Gamble and was on the team who invented Fairy Liquid - a great claim to fame! Later in his career, he worked for Lyons Maid and was in charge of several ice cream factories all over the country, actually introducing Ice Cream to India.

When Tony retired, he started doing A levels - he did Psychology, Sociology, Politics, Economics followed by a Cordon Bleu cookery course. After that, he did a Diploma in Horticulture at Reading University, followed by a Masters' Degree. During some of this time, he was also looking after his wife who had ovarian cancer and died in 1992.

Tony was a keen traveller, once to China with Norris McWhirter of Guinness Book of Records fame, to Italy and further afield to Kenya, Croatia by boat, Morocco by Jeep, Antarctica and Egypt. One of his final trips was to the Isle of Man.

Tony and his wife Joyce moved into the village in 1976 and quickly became interested in all aspects of Church and village life, joining the committee of the Shottesbrooke fete shortly after taking residence in Innings Lane. He spent many years on the Parochial Church Council and as Church Warden, he enjoyed many hours researching the history of St Marys Church, White Waltham. He took a great interest in the Church building and offered informative tours to interested parties. Tony was instrumental in raising funds and managing the finances for the Tree House project, which extended the meeting areas and facilities of the Church.

Around the year 2000, the giant sequoia tree in White Waltham Churchyard was struck by lightning, Tony rescued a seed from the tree and nurtured this in his greenhouse. 25 years ago, this was planted on White Waltham Cricket Pitch where it continues to grow and thrive today.

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Tony was a school governor for White Waltham C of E School for many years and was also a director for Abbeyfield Nursing Home from 1994 to 2012. Here he became very friendly with Sir Nicholas Winton and they enjoyed many rounds of Bridge together.

Alongside his other activities Tony did a great amount of work in the village of White Waltham, serving as one of the founder members and Treasurer for the Village Association since the 1980s, helping to run fireworks displays, barn dances, summer picnics, getting involved in local planning matters and much more. He was also involved with Woodlands Community Events, using his expertise gained while developing Fairy Liquid to come up with the perfect bubble mixture, and also providing a variety of 'wands' to enable children and adults alike to make enormous bubbles!

Tony joined the trustees of two village Charities, Duell and Hawes Advancement in Life and the Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Welfare Fund in 1995, becoming Chairman in 2006 until 2023. He did an enormous amount of work for these two charities, establishing the funds with the Charity Commission in 1992. His work ensured that the two funds continue to thrive in the village, mainly supporting young people in education from the age of 16 to 25.

Tony is a great source of information on many topics, we have only lightly touched on all of the work he has been involved in and has devoted so much time and effort to White Waltham Village, his home for 50 years.

We all wish Tony a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and thank him for everything he has done for the village and community.

Carolyn Thompson

*Sadly, Tony died just over a month after his birthday. We give thanks to God for Tony and all he did with his long life. May he rest in peace.*

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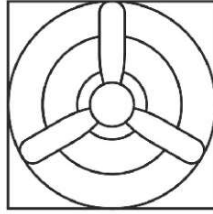
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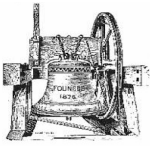
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# Tales from the Bells



 White Waltham Bell Ringing

As a band we have made big strides in last two months and can ring a couple of methods, albeit Plain Courses (this is without a command called a “Bob” being called which makes the method longer – a total of 120 changes instead of a plain course of 40 changes).

We are now learning to ring up or down in peal. This is where we start off together and chime the bells in rounds from the bells in the down position until they are in the up position. A very tricky, but skilled thing to do. I’m sure with practice we will get there.

Our youngest ringer has been very busy with their ringing. They attended the Radley Ringing course on a Saturday, followed by the Youth practice on the Sunday afternoon. Then the following weekend they were taking part in the South East Striking Competition (SEECOM). They were in team B of the Bucks and Berks Youth Ringers; Team A won the contest overall.

With all that has been happening, the Branch Striking Competition has been put back to July. We hope that by this time we will be able to ring a touch of a method for the competition.

A belated birthday quarter peal was rung to celebrate one of our ringer's and their twin brother’s significant birthday. The chosen method was April Day as the birthday was in the month of April. The quarter peal went very well, though it is not one that will be forgotten when the ringer on treble went out of place after an incident with their rope. Yet amazingly all the other ringers in the band didn’t go wrong and the quarter peal carried on and was a success!

At White Waltham we follow the ‘Learning the Ropes’ structure and one of our ringers received their Learning the Ropes Level One certificate, which was presented to them during a practice evening.

As ever, if you are interested in learning to ring, please get in contact by emailing [whitewalthambells@gmail.com](mailto:whitewalthambells@gmail.com). We can arrange a mutual time and day for you to have a one-off taster session with an experienced bell ringer teacher. If it is something you are interested in, then you receive one-to-one sessions to learn bell control with the aim of joining the band.

While writing this article we have been having some lovely sunny, warm weather, with a few cold nights. That said, we hope that by the time you are reading this, the weather will have improved and we wish you all a lovely summer. We hope that whether you are going away or staying at home, you have a peaceful, refreshing time.

*Lesley Graves, Tower Captain*




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## My Story (part 7)

My wife's call home to heaven was not unexpected, but anyone who has had a similar experience will understand some of my feelings as well as those of our two daughters. After a day or so, I sat down and wrote a letter to my parents in Devon, in which I poured out my heart as I told them of these events. As time went by, I realised that God, who knows everything, had called Sylvia home to spare her months of pain. Plus, of course I knew, as I still do, that one day in heaven we shall be together again with all who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. But there were many practicalities to be done and decisions to be made so I prayed for guidance and God answered my prayers in amazing ways.

We had a wonderful funeral. Sad, of course, but full of eternal hope. I was left with Sylvia's ashes as I need to work out where to scatter these. Since I had said I would scatter Sylvia's ashes in a place special to us, I decided that I would return to UK and try to visit all of my and Sylvia's family as well as pay a visit to Ireland to see the many friends we had made.

I arrived in the UK just a couple of days after the Great Storm. After visiting family and friends, I made my way to Arundel Park where Sylvia and I had spent several visits. I had planned to scatter her ashes there so was in a somewhat emotional state. Close to the lake, I saw a small boulder sunk into the grass and on it a plaque with a quotation from the Psalms, extolling our God. I took a photo then made my way up the hill where I scattered the ashes and then prayed in Arundel Cathedral.



Now it was time to get to my parent's home in Honiton in Devon. They were very pleased to see me and gave me much love and comfort. On the Sunday just before Christmas, we all went to their church where, again, I was greeted with love. A family in the church invited me to pay them a visit that afternoon which I did. Dad, Mum and daughter Elizabeth were there. I showed them the photos and they were especially taken with the one of the plaque. They told me there was another in a wood close by and offered to take me there the next day, explaining that some German nuns had installed these plaques giving praise and worship to God.

I need to stop here because this is where our heavenly Father takes over in ways that I could never have imagined. The events of the next few weeks mean so much to me and I do not wish to contract them – I want to try hard to give you the whole picture. God was at work in my life, and the lives of others close to me in ways that were, and still are, totally wonderful and, to me, miraculous. How does it work out? Where does Maidenhead and St. Mary's, White Waltham come into the story? Is there still an Arundel aspect? Oh yes but this must wait until next time.

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

Dear White Waltham and Woodlands Park Clients.

Thank you so much for your fabulous support over the last 8 yrs.

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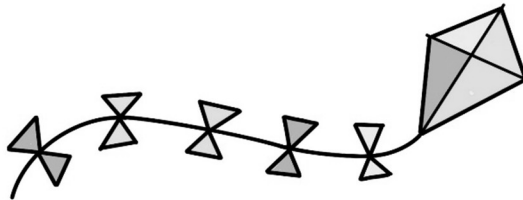
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## Some of the great questions of life

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Shouldn't they be called built?

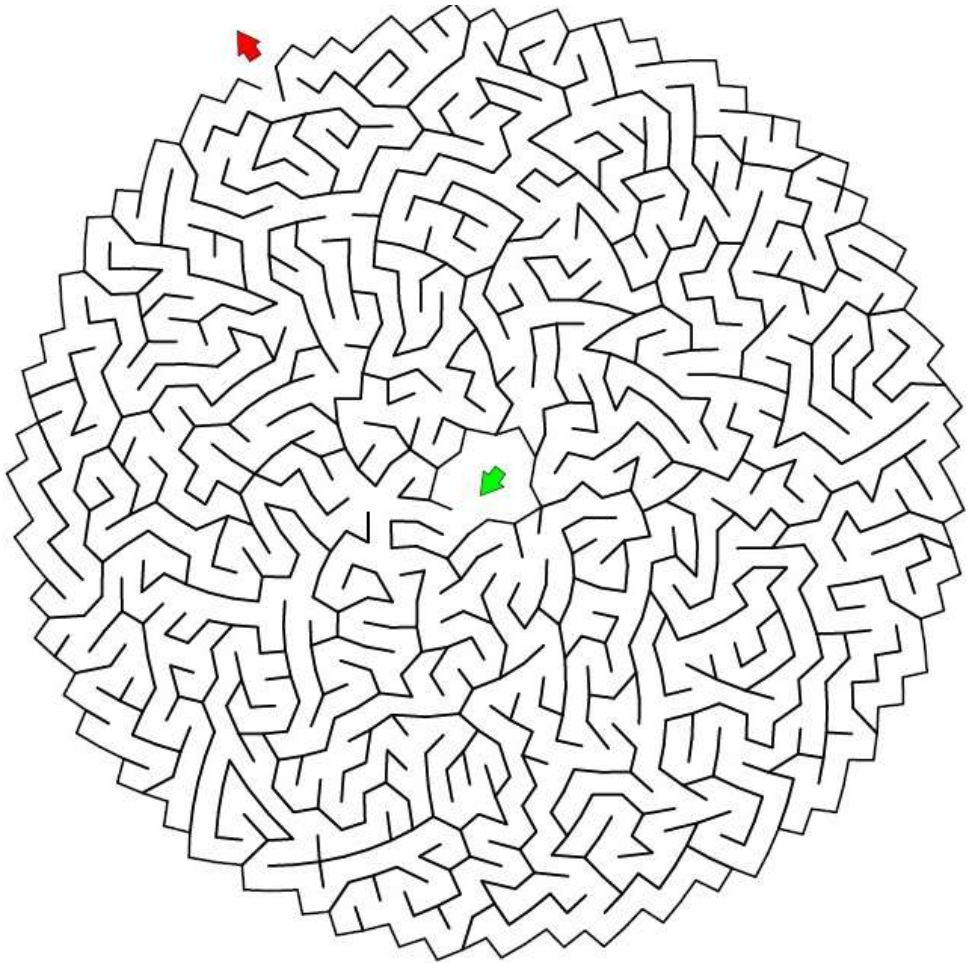
Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is it that when you tell a man there are 400 billion stars he will believe you, but when you tell him there's wet paint, he has to touch it?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If a firefighter fights fire and a crime fighter fights crime, what does a freedom fighter fight?

# Find your way out of the Maze



## Oops

I went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and am now the proud owner of Aisle 4.

## Golf

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddie: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

## Moon

For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese.

But then astronauts visited it, and they say that the moon is really a big hard rock. Well, that's what happens to cheese, when you leave it out.

# Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Charities

Clerk – Carolyn Thompson 07834 545967 carolynt52@icloud.com

## Shottesbrooke and White Waltham Welfare Fund

This fund was established by the Charities Commission in 1912 to help those living in the 'area of benefit' (the Civil Parishes of Shottesbrooke and White Waltham and the Ward of South Hurley).

**How we can help:** The Charity income may be used to help generally, or help individual people living in the 'area of benefit' who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. It can do this by making grants of money or by providing or paying for items, services or facilities.

**Restrictions:** The trustees cannot help pay for rates, taxes or other public funds. However, it may use its funds to add to help that is already being provided out of public funds.

Each application for funding will be considered separately. Applications that are successful on one occasion may not be successful in future.

If you believe you would qualify for funding, please get in contact with the clerk by email (carolynt52@icloud.com) or telephone (07834 545967) and you will be contacted by your local Trustee.

*A letter of support will be required from a Social Worker, a Vicar/Priest, a Head Teacher, or another official body.*

## 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 (*this includes areas within Knowl Hill, Warren Row, Littlewick Green, Woodlands Park and Paley Street*).

For further information on the areas covered and eligibility, please 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

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# News from your Borough Councillors



**Maureen Hunt**  
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**George Blundell**  
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What a beautiful area we live in, especially seen in the spring when the trees blossom, the cow parsley hugs the verges and birdsong marks the beginning of the warm weather. As this edition is dropped on your doorstep, many of you are looking forward to summer and putting bedding plants in the garden for those lovely bright colours during the season.

In May, the council elected a new Mayor – Sian Martin from Belmont Ward, Maidenhead, and Deputy Mayor – Helen Taylor from Oldfield Ward, Maidenhead. Both are long-standing councillors and will have a busy year ahead.

## **FUEL – Summer Holiday Club for Families**

With recent national changes to support for vulnerable households, it's more important than ever for families to know what help is available.

FUEL is our **Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) programme**, funded by the Department for Education and delivered by Achieving for Children. If your child receives **benefit-related free school meals**, they can enjoy **free holiday club places** this summer — including a nutritious lunch each day.

Find out more about FUEL and other local financial support available on the Here to Help hub.

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## **Royal Borough stepping up fly tipping enforcement**

The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead is stepping up its zero-tolerance crackdown on littering and fly tipping, with more than 2,750 fixed penalty notices issued since April 2025 as part of the council's drive to create a cleaner, greener and safer borough.



This comes as the council reiterates that dumping rubbish or dropping litter is a criminal offence, with offenders facing tougher penalties than ever. Fly

tipping now carries a £500 fixed penalty, while the most serious cases can lead to court fines of up to £50,000.

## **New measures to help tackle catapulting**

The council has approved new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour involving catapults – protecting wildlife, people and property.



At its meeting on Tuesday 28 April, Cabinet agreed to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), a common tool used to tackle antisocial behaviour, covering Eton & Castle, Old Windsor, Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury. This follows reports of catapults being used to harm wildlife – including swans and other protected birds – and damage property.

This will make it an offence to carry a catapult in public within the specified areas, giving Thames Valley Police officers and the council's Community Wardens additional powers to intervene. Officers will be able to challenge anyone carrying a catapult, seize items where appropriate, and issue Fixed Penalty Notices of £100 on the spot.

The decision follows a six-week public consultation, which attracted over 1,400 responses and showed strong support for action. Evidence gathered with partners identified repeat hotspots and incidents ranging from wildlife crime to smashed windows and intimidation.

Although these PSPO measures are not for White Waltham, it is important that you contact the police should you be aware of catapults being used to harm wildlife or damage to property or persons.



Please remember we are here to help you with any council issues. Please do email as we can follow up on this more efficiently than a phone call.

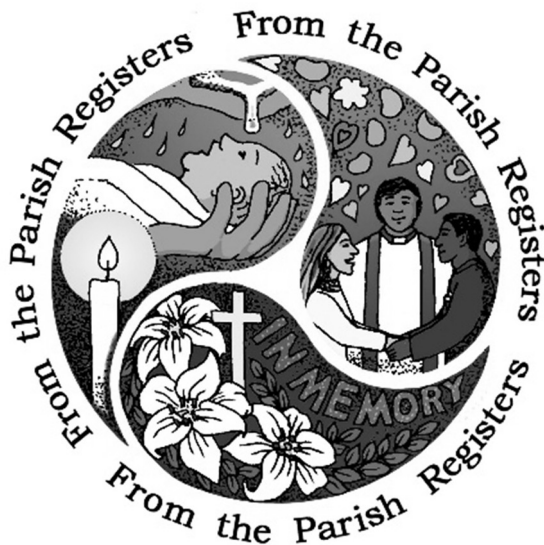
Our kind regards

*George and Maureen,*

*George Blundell and Maureen Hunt*



# From the Registers



## **Blessing of Marriage**

16<sup>th</sup> May Mitchell Andrew Stark Christie &  
Matilde Moreira Duarte de Sousa Antunes

## **Memorial Service**

21<sup>st</sup> March John Brian Ferriday aged 92

## **Funeral Service at White Waltham Church followed by Burial at Oakley Green Cemetery**

24<sup>th</sup> March Joyce Margaret Hawkes aged 86

## **Funeral Service & Burial at White Waltham Church**

26<sup>th</sup> March Colin John McKee aged 73

## **Burial of Ashes**

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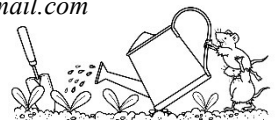
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