

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 may also find a puzzle or two, along with 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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The good news – shops are now open, but don't forget to wear your mask. Apart from that, many people are still working from home and the council is no exception.

The Town Hall is only accessible to a very limited number of staff who must be there for operational reasons (or who cannot, for whatever reason, easily work from home) but not to the public nor to us councillors. Virtual meetings continue and these can be viewed on YouTube. Risk plans and good governance plans for a potential second wave and associated localised lockdowns have been drawn up by the council ready for implementation. Our key focus remains on keeping residents safe and trying to support the local economy as best we can.

As promised, we will shortly be returning to a weekly collection service for food, black bin waste and recycling, alongside the fortnightly garden waste collections. After a discussion with our waste contractors, Serco, we

have agreed that this change will start on 17th August. However, as part of that, and in the light of increased costs due to the significant extra volumes of waste we are now collecting, a number of routes and collection days may have to change to ensure that the service operates at peak efficiency. Any changes will be communicated to you with as much notice as possible.

A key part of our work has been to encourage people back to our shops, pubs and other amenities in order to support local businesses and traders. However, we have also been reminding residents that face coverings are now mandatory in shops and supermarkets.

- Under the new rules, people who do not wear a face covering could face a fine of up to £100.
- Children under 11 and those with certain disabilities will be exempt.
- Should an individual without an exemption refuse to wear a face covering, a shop can refuse them entry and can call the police.

Environment and climate strategy consultation – update

In June 2019, we declared an environment and climate emergency and we made a commitment to achieve a target of net zero carbon emissions in the Borough by 2050, in line with government policy.

The past twelve months have allowed us to develop an environment and climate strategy. The strategy sets out a framework for the delivery of a net zero carbon borough by 2050, along with an action plan covering the next five years. The draft environment and climate strategy, which has been created by members, officers and the community, was approved to go out to public consultation at Full Council in June 2020. This consultation runs from Wednesday 29 July until Tuesday 29 September 2020, when we will ask residents for their feedback on the strategy and specifically whether we are focusing on the things that are important to them.

Further details can be found on the RBWM website or to receive a hard copy by e-mailing: climate-change.consultation@rbwm.gov.uk

Our Parks and Open Spaces

We have been reminding residents that if they visit one of our many parks or open spaces, they should use the bins for their litter, or if the bins are full, they should take their litter home with them.

New posters have been created which will be displayed in some of our parks and open spaces, particularly where there are known to be problems with littering.

Our parks and countryside team make every effort to ensure that the bins in the parks are emptied regularly, but if you want to report a specific litter problem in parks you can email the outdoor facilities mailbox: outdoor.facilities@rbwm.gov.uk



Andrew and I have been kept busy during this unprecedented period. Andrew, as Leader of the Council, has been extremely busy with all that's been going on in the council – as you can imagine – as well as local issues, whilst I have been working locally towards parking issues, especially in Hurley with all the visitors to Lock Island, litter, missed bin collections, housing issues etc.

As always, please get in touch with us if you require assistance for any council issues that you feel we can help with.

Our best wishes,
Andrew and Maureen

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Noah opened up the ark and let all the animals out, telling them to "Go forth and multiply!" He began to close the great doors of the ark when he noticed that there were two snakes still sitting in a dark corner.

Concerned, he said to them: "Didn't you hear me? You can go now. Go forth and multiply."

"We can't," said the snakes sadly. "We're adders."



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A Strange Beauty

One of the most disturbing sights I have ever witnessed is that of a cat as he tears another unfortunate creature from limb to limb. Blood and gore is appalling; I certainly have no stomach for such things.

With regard to the cat, however – to him, in common with all carnivores, this sight is positively beautiful. It is food.

The other day, I happened to be in H.Samuel's – I needed a new watch strap. A girl in front of me wanted a cross on a chain. 'Oh yes,' said the assistant 'would you like a plain one or one with a little man on it?'

Think about it – the item being requested – a pendant to grace a female neck; something to be chosen for its beauty, but in fact representing the crucifixion, the cruellest form of execution imaginable. Reserved by the Romans for the basest of criminals, the victim usually succumbed after 2 or 3 days through heart failure or loss of blood. But why *THE CRUCIFIXION*? If Jesus Christ had not been put to death in this way, a cruel form of capital punishment would be consigned to the annals of history and be totally forgotten instead of being news. And it is Good News – for us, as Jesus gave his life for us. By suffering this gruesome execution, he died instead of you and me; spiritual food for us.

The ubiquitous crucifix – do you wear one?

In the New Testament, full accounts of Jesus' crucifixion can be found in Chapter 27 of Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 15 of Mark's, Chapter 23 of Luke's, and Chapter 19 of John's.

Bob Packer

Online Services at White Waltham Church

Our services are currently pre-recorded and available via our website:

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk.

On the home page scroll down and click on 'This Sunday's Service'.

Services in church resume in September with Covid measures in place.

These services will be live streamed for those who cannot join us.

From the Registers

Funeral

Burial at White Waltham Churchyard

15th June Elizabeth Gazur, aged 92 (*Bailey's Close,
previously Foliejohn Way*)

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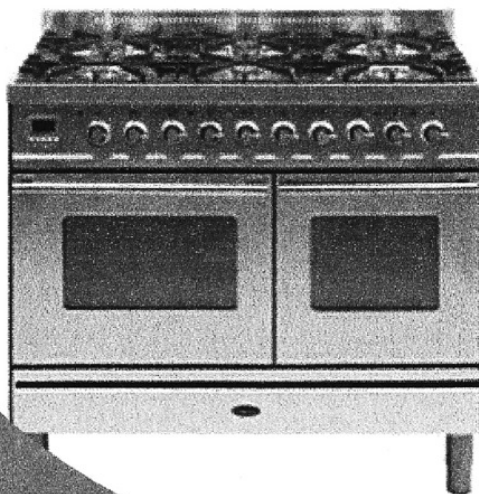


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What a week!

Last time I wrote about the Covid-19 virus so this time, apart from one brief comment, I shall not use the same topic. I have a relative in the UK who caught the virus and an in-law who sadly died as a result. But as I look at what has happened here in New Zealand and what is still very sadly happening around the world, I am so grateful for the actions taken here.

But it has been quite a sad week for our family here. As I write, I can look up to a lovely photo hanging on the wall. It is of a long haired black and white cat called Teak. His story is very special to us and we think back to the days when my wife used to help out at a local pet shop. One day, the owner had had some kittens brought in; they were not caged but kept behind a wall of cardboard. As we turned to leave, this wee kitten climbed over the wall and then right up my trouser leg and into my arms. I stroked him and then placed him back behind the wall as we turned to leave the shop.

But he had not finished with me; he again got over the wall and in no time was back in my arms. So you guessed it – we took him home and he quickly became part of our family.



He was a real gentleman and had no aggression towards our other pets nor to people. He was definitely “my cat”. But just before the virus, we took him to the vet with a growth on his nose which we already realised was cancer but the vet could operate. A previous cat of ours had been treated successfully a few years ago. However, by the time the restrictions were over, the tumour had grown so as to be inoperable.

We kept on loving him, making sure he was not in distress or pain until this week when we knew the time had come to let him go.

I took him on Tuesday and our vet very lovingly administered the anaesthetic and laid him, as he went to sleep, in my arms. The final medication was then given and I sat and cried with him as his life ebbed away.

Liz and I have shed so many tears and even getting his ashes back will do little to lessen our loss.

We grieve for our pets; we grieve even more for our friends and family but the Bible tells us that there are two kinds of grieving – the first relates to those whom we know are in heaven because they trusted in Jesus while they lived – we shall see them again in heaven as the Bible tells us. For these we grieve but we have a sure hope. But for those who pass away having never accepted Jesus as their Saviour, these cause us deep grief because we shall not see them in heaven. If you love the Lord, make sure these friends and family know it and are challenged to accept Jesus for themselves.

Eric Green

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 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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