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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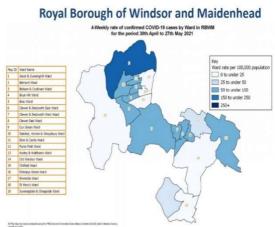


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Dear All

The summer has arrived and at the time of writing, all of us are awaiting the 21st June date when we will be able to move around more freely and begin living life - maybe not as we once knew but certainly better than it has been.

In our Ward, there has been a fantastic uptake in the vaccine which is now available to the younger residents, and we want to thank everyone for collaborating to ensure we are all protected. Interestingly, in the last report to come out at the end of May, there were no cases in Hurley and the Walthams (see map opposite – we are area 13 on the west of the map).



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For information (which we hope you will never need to use), if you think someone has COVID-19 in your workplace, school or other setting, please contact the council on 01628 683820 (Monday–Friday 9am-5pm) and for urgent referrals on Saturday and Sunday between 9am to 5pm, please email Env.Health@RBWM.gov.uk

The council now has to weigh the impact the pandemic has had not only on the residents, all the services etc but also the huge impact on businesses.

Meetings continue, albeit virtually for the most part at present though some have moved back to being face to face. Most can be viewed on YouTube; <u>School Improvement Forum 7.6.21</u> is one such meeting you may be interested in – especially if you have primary school aged children. In this meeting, there was a discussion about the consultation that the council and schools undertook to look into the effects that school closures had on school children. Most children were delighted to be back in school though a few didn't want to leave their parents. The consultation also looked at the impact on schooling in the different years in primary schools and the way forward to address any problems.

Upcoming changes to Maidenhead Police Station front counter hours From Monday 30 August, Maidenhead Police Station's front counter hours will be reducing from 8am-10pm seven days a week, to 8am-4pm Monday to Friday. Police say that this will not affect officer numbers nor the number of police bases in the Thames Valley area. The change follows a Thames Valley Police public consultation earlier this year on proposed front counter services police stations changes to at across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. You can learn more by visiting the Thames Valley Police website.

We hope you will all stay safe and well and have a really enjoyable summer.

From the RegistersFuneral5th MayDonald Carnallaged 91Burial9th JuneGordon Pirie Dobbieaged 84

Andrew and Maureen



EUROPE & ASIA

This summer is a catch-up time for men's and women's sport - with some events from 2020 and others from 2021. Football, cricket, athletics, rowing, rugby, tennis, to name a few, are due to take place. the men's 2021 European There's UEFA Championship in June and then in August there is the amazing range of sports at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. It's wall to wall coverage!



One of the things that always interests me is the coming together of different countries, with their variety of language, customs, celebrations, and culture. Each brings their own identity – and rightly so. Not only will there be 24 European countries taking part in this 2021 UEFA Championship, but 11 different nations will be hosting the tournament. That's a great coming together and sharing in a world in which there are still so many problems and disagreements.

With the way life has changed over more recent years, every European nation has citizens from all over the world who have settled there and become an important part of that particular country.



Now here is the link...! On 23^{rd} May 2021 the Christian church celebrated the feast of Pentecost, the day God sent his Holy Spirit on the disciples to give them the neuronal sector P and Pabout Jesus. This remarkable account in Acts

chapter 2 tells us about Jews from many nations who had come to Jerusalem on holiday to celebrate the festival! Just as the UEFA football championships represents all the nations of Europe, Pentecost had visitors from all around the Mediterranean, which would include modern-day Italy, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt and north Africa! It was Simon from Cyrene in Africa on holiday in Jerusalem, who was forced to carry Jesus' cross. Notice also that although this multinational group at Pentecost all spoke different languages, God gave the disciples the ability to speak the necessary native languages, so everyone could understand the message about Jesus!

People from all these nations were there for a purpose – to witness the outpouring of God's Spirit and then go home to tell others what they'd seen, experienced and learned about Jesus for themselves.

If you love your sport like I do, you will probably spend quite a bit of time in front of the TV screen in the next few weeks. But I urge you also to find a Bible and look at Acts chapter 2 and see for yourself how the Mediterranean visitors celebrated!

Bob Críttenden

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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

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!

G Little Roots Toddler Group

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An Acrostic

Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

What is the Bible? It is many things, but it is not a book of rules. It is truer to regard it as a book of promises. In the first epistle of Peter (Chap 1:4) we are told of the 'inheritance that is kept for us in heaven – an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade'.

Jesus's response to one of those crucified with him was 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise'. It was a promise that could be trusted.

One translation of the Bible is termed 'The Message'- the text is presented in everyday language, but therein, we find the scriptures presented in their entirety in a form that is easily understood by all who turn to it.

It is true to say that Jesus is central to the Bible's message – throughout the Old Testament, prophesies foretell his coming, as the promised Messiah, whilst the New Testament gives us a full account of his life and teaching – a disclosure of God's plan and will.

Bob Packer

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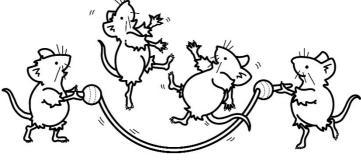
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Wordsearch

St Alban was the first British martyr – read about him and find 20 words from this passage in the wordsearch below.

Persecution of Christians worldwide is rising fast, so it is worth remembering St Alban, the first British martyr. Alban was a Roman citizen living in England when the Roman emperor, Diocletian, began a fierce persecution. Soon Alban found a desperate priest on his doorstep, hunted by local soldiers. Alban gave the priest shelter, and within days was converted. When the soldiers arrived, Alban took the priest's place, refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, and was condemned to death. Alban went to his execution on 22nd June 250AD with such serenity that one of the executioners was converted. He died on the site of the Hertfordshire town that now bears his name.





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Garden Party & Afternoon Tea

Sunday 11th July, 2.30 to 4pm *All welcome* Spire View, Waltham Road, White Waltham *Proceeds in aid of Flower Guild Funds to support work in the Church*



Private Garden Visit to Deepwood Stud at Stubbings



Thursday 22nd July, 2.30pm Cost: £10 to include garden visit, tea and cake

> Proceeds go to the Arthritis Research Charity

Please let Carolyn know by email or phone if you would like to join us. Carolynt52@icloud.com or 07834 545967

Flower Guild Coffee Morning

The Tree House (in White Waltham Churchyard) Saturday 4th September, 10.30am A chance to meet together, enjoy coffee and cake and a catch up!

Contact Carolyn Thompson on 07834545967 or carolynt52@icloud for further information about our events or joining our group



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Services at White Waltham Church

Services are now taking place in person and live via Zoom from the church building: <u>http://www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk/zoom</u>

If you would like to join us in church, please book via our website at <u>this link</u>.

Services can also be watched via our website: <u>www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk</u> 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:

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If you have news about something going in our local community that you would like to be included please email:

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