



Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

September 2017

Party time marks successful twinning visit

Great Waltham Twinning Association welcomed 67 French guests from Ceyrat, and launched into a week of activities starting with a guided tour of Cambridge and its colleges, followed by a barbecue in the evening.

The next day started with a trip to Old Leigh, including sampling the oysters, followed by a visit to Adventure Island in Southend for the kids. The French are always keen to get a day in London, and this year was no exception, with two coaches dropping them off near Trafalgar Square, allowing both French and English guests to roam the city at their leisure. Long Melford featured next, including a tour of Melford Hall.

The final day included an excursion to Jump Street for the kids, shopping in Chelmsford for the adults, and a tour of Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council for the Ceyrat Mayor



along with our own Great Waltham Chairman. The week ended with a lavish farewell meal (pictured above) at Great Waltham Village Hall attended by Mayor of Ceyrat, Laurent Masselot, Mike Steel GWPC Chairman, ECC Chairman John Aldridge and Chelmsford City Mayor Duncan Lumley and Deputy Jon De Vries.

Great Waltham Twinning Association has been in existence since 1979 and annual visits to Ceyrat and Great Waltham have taken place with guests staying with host families in Great Waltham and surrounding areas for over 30 years. It continues to grow in popularity attracting all ages from three to 83. A variety of innovative fund-raising events are held by the Twinning Association during the year to finance the visits for French guests.

This year's visit showcased local businesses Dons of Dunmow providing transportation for English hosts joining the trips and Katy's Kitchen, based in Ford End, supplying the excellent farewell meal. See page 6 for more photos.



It's Showtime - 16 September

Support this year's Horticultural Society Show and pick up a schedule to read the secrets behind Gerald and Jean Metson's fabulous Howe Street garden - see page 3



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 29th September
10am – 12 Noon
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Prestigious mass participation cycling event to come through Great Waltham on 24th September

A relative of the famous Tour de France race will travel through the village on Sunday September 24th. The 2017 L'Étape London will follow sections of road that featured in Stage 3 of the 2014 tour.

The event will operate on predominantly open roads and disruption on the roads in Great Waltham will be limited to increased cycling traffic. The organiser advises being more cautious and patient when sharing the roads with the cyclist on this event. The cyclists are expected through Great Waltham between 11:00 – 14:30.

The organisers are looking for support at their feed station at Great Waltham Village Hall, welcoming cyclists, handing out food and filling water bottles.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the Event Director, Josh (josh.o'boyle@humanrace.co.uk).

For more information please visit: <http://www.letapeuk.co.uk/london/event-info/maps/>

Diary Date

Early advice to the concert scheduled for Sunday November 26th in the Grignon Hall 7.30pm Felsted.

Mozart's Requiem and Purcell's 'Come all ye sons of art and music'.

Rehearsals start with Roger Lawrence 7th September 7.45pm in the Felsted Music School. All new singers welcome, a great friendly society of 80 singers plus, no auditions, just bring your voice, follow the crowd and be welcomed at the door.

Any further information call Tony Baker 07799 413191, publicity.

Church of England Services in September

Sunday 3rd Sept	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 10th Sept	8.00am	Traditional communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Pet Service	Great Waltham
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Sunday 17th Sept	9.30am	Café church	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 24th Sept	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	5.00pm	Evening Space	Great Waltham

Flower Festival: "Once Upon a Time" St Martin's Church Little Waltham
9th & 10th September Sat: 11am - 5pm Sun: 2pm - 5pm

Lunches, teas, stalls, childrens' activities. Festival Service Sunday 5.30pm
More details to follow. Sue Trew is Co-ordinating - 01245 360036

Please note that the **Friends in Grief** group which used to meet on the fourth Monday of each month, will no longer meet.

Contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator
Tel: 07957 228467
admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End September

Sun. 3 rd	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev S Bazinton	
Sun. 10 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pigrem	
Sun. 17 th	Harvest Thanksgiving	P Hamilton	
	Speaker from TEAR Fund		3pm
Wed. 20 th	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom	8pm
Sun. 24 th	Morning Worship	S. Merritt	

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship
Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated
Enquiries: contact P Hamilton on 01371 820095

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church September 2017

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30 each Sunday

Sept 3 rd	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	
Sept 10 th	Pauline Edwards 10am Messy Church	6.30pm Rev Geoffrey Griggs HC
Sept 17 th	Rev Jane Mortimer	HC
Sept 24 th	Steve Fenning	Harvest Thanksgiving

Thurs Sept 7th Gossip & Guzzle 11am – 1pm

Thurs Sept 14th Pippins 9.30 – 11.30 am

Sat Sept 16th Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am

Sat Sept 23rd 6.00pm Harvest Supper

Annual show promises plenty of flower power

Join in the fun and games at Great Waltham Horticultural Society's 2017 Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday, 16 September.

Local villagers are encouraged to enter as many classes as possible and there's also a call for supporters to lend a hand on the big day itself.

Entries cost just 30p for Society members and 35p for non-members. Children's classes cost 20p.

Classes include fruit and vegetables, flowers, handicrafts, cookery, wine, beer and spirits, and photography. There are separate classes for children.



The Show takes place at the Village Hall and the school from 2pm to 4pm, with the 'Not Very Serious' Dog Show, starting at 1.30pm outside the Village Hall. All dog owners are invited to bring their four-legged friends, entry is by donation and all proceeds go to Essex Lowland Search & Rescue.

The Society's Year Book and Show Schedule - which includes an entry form - is now with members and copies are also available at £2 each from Walthambury Stores.

This year's edition is packed with fun gardening ideas and activities, recipes and adverts from the local businesses that support the show.

In addition, Gerald Metson, whose front garden in Howe Street, is packed with beautiful dahlias and bedding plants and is a real show-stopper every year, shares some of his invaluable tips and advice for helping your garden grow.

Entries for the show should (ideally) be completed by Wednesday, 13 September - full details are in the Year Book.

For more details or to volunteer, please contact Jane Moore - 07952 387286 or email rjmoore440@googlemail.com

Applause for Great Waltham Midsummer Music Festival



Pictured above - Villagers enjoying themselves at Legionstock

Once again Great Waltham came up trumps as its first Midsummer Music Festival proved such a great success!

Featuring 11 different music events playing a wide range of music from jazz to folk, choral to disco, opera to rock, the Festival successfully catered for a wide range of musical tastes to provide villagers with first class entertainment right on their doorstep no need to have the expense of the O2 or Glastonbury when you're fortunate enough to live in Great Waltham!

The Community Network, who co-ordinated the Festival, would like to thank everybody who helped make the event so successful. They would welcome any thoughts on whether villagers think the event should be an annual entry into the Village Diary.

If you have any thoughts on the Festival or would like to get involved in helping organise social activities for the Village please call Joanna Steel (Chairman) 01245 360918.

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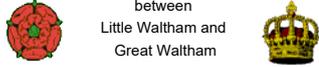


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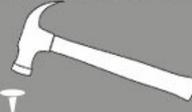
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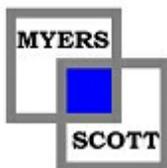
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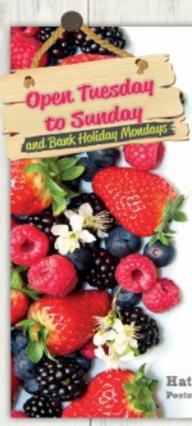


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More Town Twinning photographs



Above: a rare opportunity to visit Pembroke and Kings College in Cambridge.



Right: French guests try their hand at croquet at Melford Hall.



Left: ECC John Aldridge, pictured right, welcomes the Ceyrat Mayor.

The Waltham Seekers take a trip down memory lane

The Waltham Seekers, pictured right at the Midsummer Music Festival, play 60s Folk and perform Charity Concerts in and around the Chelmsford Area. Their show, which is a nostalgic walk down memory lane with songs from The Seekers, Peter Paul & Mary, Bob Dylan and The Springfields amongst others, also comprises a 60s music quiz with memorable themes tunes from popular TV shows, adverts and films.



Our next concert in the Village will be in Gt Waltham Church on Saturday 9th December as part of the Christmas Tree Festival when 'The Waltham Seekers & Village Friends Xmas Concert' will help to get you in the festive mood. Villagers will be invited to perform with us in the concert, which will be a blend of popular Christmas songs and 60s folk, rehearsals for which will start in the autumn.

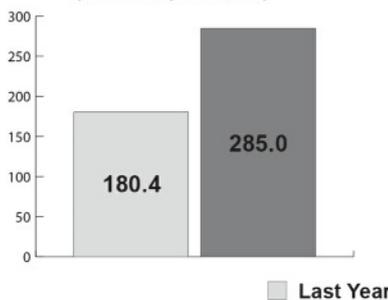
If you would like the group to perform a concert to raise money for a charity close to your heart or would like to take part in the Waltham Seekers Xmas Concert, please contact Andrew Tinsley on 01245 360653.

Stansted expansion plans

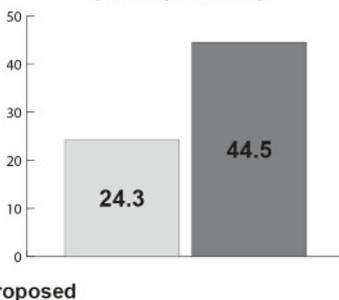


Stansted Airport handled 24.3 million passengers last year and this year will handle just over 25 million. It already has permission to grow to 35 million, granted after a five-month public inquiry held in 2007. Despite this, Manchester Airports Group, Stansted's owners, says that it now "urgently" needs permission to expand to a massive 44.5 million passenger airport over the next 12 years.

Proposed increase in Flights v 2016
(thousand per annum)



Proposed increase in Passengers v 2016
(million per annum)



The expansion plans would mean almost 20 million more passengers and an extra 104,000 flights annually compared with today. This translates into an aircraft overflying during daytime hours from the current average of every 2¼ minutes, to a plane every 85 seconds, in contrast to the airport's claim that there will be "no significant adverse environmental effects".

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) is gearing up to scrutinise the application when it is lodged – expected later this year – in order to make representations on such issues as noise from overflying, impacts on local roads and rail, community well-being and quality of life.

An email news service is available for those who want to stay in touch with the latest developments. To subscribe, email info@stopstanstedexpansion.com with 'sign up for email news' in the subject line and your name and postcode in the main message.

Snap Happy



Great Waltham photographer Mark Francis put himself in the picture when he met BBC Countryfile presenters John Craven (above) and Anita Rani (below) at the Countryfile show at Blenheim Palace on Friday 4th August.

Mark is usually found hunting down local wildlife to photograph, but in this instance he used his hunting skills to track down both presenters, who were very obliging in having photographs taken.



Parish Watch

On Thursday night/Friday morning 3/4 August between Midnight and 1am, a garden shed in Broads Green was broken into.

Hasps & heavy duty padlocks were ripped off by the robbers, leaving a great deal of damage to the doors. This was a targeted robbery as the items stolen were Stihl garden equipment. Chainsaw, Leaf Blower and a selection of Stihl-Kombi heads & tools for hedge trimming & strimming.

The thieves loaded the items onto two bicycles and proceeded to wheel these along the side of the property into the middle of a farm field where the cycles were abandoned, and the thieves made off on foot, to a most likely waiting vehicle in Larks Lane with the Stihl equipment.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chairman) of the Parish Council meeting of 17th July 2017, held at Ford End VH. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website www.greatwaltham.org.uk

The PC reviewed the three quotes for electrical fixed wire testing of the Rec Ground changing rooms and accepted the cheapest one and will proceed with the tests and review any follow on work.

The PC noted that their response to the Dannatts resident in regard of the noise from the British Legion, had been returned.

A thank you letter has been received from Ford End and Great Waltham Churches for the grant for the hedge cutter.

A letter has been sent to the Green Man to congratulate them on winning the Essex Best Public House in the National Pub&Bar Awards 2017.

The size of the tree on Banbury Square was discussed and it was decided that the only practical action that could be taken was to raise the crown (to make it easier to maintain the grass and avoid any potential H&S issues). Further work to remove the top or reduce the width was thought to be ineffective in stopping growth and may even encourage it.

An offer to relocate the Broads Green notice board to the pub wall was rejected as the notice board is best served by being on publicly owned land.

There was a discussion on concerns around “handyman” maintenance tasks not being addressed, the management of the priorities, and the efficiency (specifically in relation to supply of materials). It was agreed to use the Highways ranger service for minor works. Also to improve the efficiency of the handyman by purchasing a new head and cable for strimmer, and a long arm lopper / chainsaw attachment.

The PC noted an e-mail from the owner of the land adjacent to the Green Man, stating that the vegetation on the land would be cut back. The ditch was due to be cleared w/c 24th July.

The next of the Parish Council will be held at the PC Office, **Monday 18th September** commencing at 7.45pm; the Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

TABLE-TOP SALE

Sun 22ND OCTOBER, 10am
Great Waltham
Village Hall

Returning by popular request!
Do you have stuff to sell? Start clearing out those cupboards now and have a table at our Table-Top sale.

See next month's Parish News for further details. Organised by the Community Network.

Great Waltham British Legion

Events in September



Kids Bingo

Friday 8th September - 6.00pm
£3 per child. This Bingo evening is designed specifically for the KIDS! With 4 games of Bingo there are plenty of prizes to be won. Don't forget to grab your free hot dog and unlimited squash.



Live Music – Wannabe Shadows

Saturday 16th September - 7.30pm
£3 members / £4 non-members. After their success at Legion Stock the Wannabe Shadows return for a solo gig! This swinging rock group bring all the favourites from Cliff Richard's backing band. Tickets on door only

Follow us on Facebook for updates on all future events and activities. The club is also available to hire for private functions. Pop in to the club for details.



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Harvest Festival

At Black Chapel

Sunday, 17th September at 3.00 p.m.

Followed by afternoon tea



Donations of produce to be sold, and/or items for the tea, would be much appreciated.

Speaker from FLAR Fund

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7.30pm Saturday 9 September 2017

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cocktail or soft drink on arrival
two course international buffet meal
interactive murder investigation with prizes
picture quiz with prize
variety and comedy acts
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