

# Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

# September 2019



### **40 YEARS OF TWINNING**

Have you seen the road sign that says "Great Waltham - Twinned with Ceyrat"? That sign was put up 40 years ago when the two communities signed a treaty of friendship. That friendship is still going strong.

In the early days of twinning, many members went to Ceyrat as part of a group such as the Waltham Singers, Chelmer Valley High School, a football team, a youth group and air venture scouts. Nowadays, the twinning involves an annual, week-long visit to stay with families and enjoy the organised trips and meals.

This July, Great Waltham Twinning Association was thrilled to host 48 visitors from Ceyrat for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary visit. As our guests ranged from age 5 to 75, we had planned something to

amuse everyone. We took them to London, Frinton, Ingatestone Hall, Weald Country Park, bell ringing at St Peters in South Weald, a guided history tour of Chelmsford and, especially for the youngsters, a day at Thriftwood Activity Centre. As an extra special treat, the mayor of Chelmsford, Bob Massey and his consort, Janice Cheese, showed us the Mayor's Parlour. We were also honoured to welcome them to our Grand Farewell Dinner on the last evening of the visit.

Forty years of twinning have given members the chance to enjoy each other's culture, maybe learn another language, even perhaps live and work in another country; lifelong friendships have been made; lives have been changed.

The Ceyratois and Great Walthamites who worked so hard to arrange that treaty 40 years ago would be proud of us!

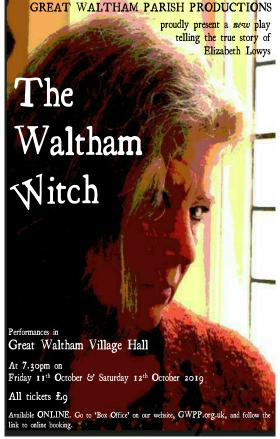
(For more info on the twinning, email\_joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com. (More pictures on page 7)

# CONGRATULATIONS to Great Waltham mum Lucy Thorogood and the 14-strong team who completed the 3 Peaks Challenge as part of Team Harry raising over 13k



The 14-strong team is named after Lucy's son Harry, who has Mitochondrial Disease. The group includes Harry's two uncles and aunt and a trusty gang of friends, many from Great Waltham. They climbed Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowdon – the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales – within 24 hours.

Lucy and the team would like to thank everyone who has supported and sponsored them. 'It really makes a huge difference to this small charity and means so much to me personally. For more information on the Mitochondrial Disease Charity go to 'httpswww.thelilyfoundation.org.uk/



### From the Vicarage

### Hellos and goodbyes

Oh no! The Summer is waving us goodbye when it seems like it just arrived yesterday!



Those long lazy days of the Summer holidays are already behind us. The freedom gained when there is no fixed timetable, no school morning rush, and all the other things that tug and pull at us is slipping away as we return to 'normal'. What is normal for you? A hectic pace? Trying to do too many things all at once? Or perhaps your daily life is more measured and calm? I do hope that these Summer months and their change of pace has left you relaxed and refreshed - though I know if you have young children you may be feeling the exact opposite and glad that normality has returned!

In our 6 churches this Summer we have slowed the pace and had fewer services rotating Sundays around different churches. We have felt the benefits of seeing old friends, fresh surroundings and meeting later than usual. They say a change is as good as a rest!

Modern life has in lots of ways eroded the seasonal rhythms which give us space and balance in life. We eat foods out of season. Modern lighting and heating mean changes in time and the weather don't affect us as much. It can all blur into being the norm. Summer often gives us a chance to retrieve some of the balance and change we are missing.

So we wave farewell to the freedom brought to us by the Summer and say hello to Autumn which stands at the threshold with new delights. We must be careful to really enjoy what she brings with her fruitfulness, the Harvest, beauty and colour. Change is always around us and seasons come and go.

In our churches we are saying goodbye to Rev'd Caroline and Rev'd Jackie as they move on to a new season in their ministries. We are sad to see them go but we wish them every blessing. But with changes there is always the next season to anticipate and enjoy.

I do hope you have had a great Summer and have a wonderful and blessed Autumn.

Rev'd Sandra Sykes Associate Priest



### Church of England Services in September 2019

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Wednesday 4th	8.30	Coffee with Christ at The Castle Great Leighs	

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion Ford End 11.00am Pet Service Great Waltham



Sunday 15th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals with Mashbury
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Joint Service Great Waltham

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

### Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Worship	Mr P Hamilton	10.00 am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20 pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev S Bailey	10.00 am
Saturday14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 15th	Harvest Supper HARVEST FESTIVAL	Black Chapel Speaker from Gideons	7.30 pm 3.00 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 22nd Wednesday 25th Sunday 29th	Good Book Club Morning Worship (cw) Coffee Morning Morning Worship	School Room TBA Black Chapel Holy Cross, Felsted	1.20 pm 10.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am

bcp = Book of Common Prayer; cw = Common Worship Services start at 10.00 unless otherwise stated

### Services at Little Waltham URC September 2019

Contact Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990 Services 10.30 am each Sunday

Sunday 1st Martin Payne 10.00am Messy Church
Sunday 8th Rev Guy Goodall 6.30 Rev Geoffrey Griggs
Sunday 15th. Mike Shelbourne

Sunday 22nd Rev Geoffrey Griggs. Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 29th. Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

6.30pm. Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

Gossip & Guzzle 1st Thursday 0f each month 11am - 1pm 3rd Saturday of each month Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am - 11am

### FORD END GARDEN CLUB

The garden club meets in the Village Hall in Ford End and our meetings start at 7.30pm. There is no official membership, although there is a modest charge for each meeting, so just come along and enjoy the talks that have been arranged.

9th September: Robin Carsberg will give a talk on 'Plants for an East Anglian Garden'.

14th October: Phillip McKinder will be telling the story of 'Copt Hall'.

**11th November:** Stephen Westover of 'Gosfield Woodlands' will be talking about woodland management.



#### Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, 2nd September at Woodstock, Church Ford End. Lane, Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

### Ford End Dancing

The club will meet at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall.

For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

### BLACKCHAPEI HARVEST SUPPER Saturday, 14th Sept 7.30pm Includes ploughman's supper, a glass of wine and live music



Proceeds towards North End Defibrillator Tickets £7.50 available from Angie Rechtern, Bennetts Cottages 01371 820559

### **Great Waltham Parish Community Care Group**

The aim of the group is to provide short term and ongoing help to meet the needs of elderly local residents for whom there is no statutory provision.

Predominately this will involve providing transport to doctor or hospital appointments.

If you require the services of the group, please call our co-ordinators who are:

> Sheila Gillies Tel. 01245 360570 Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483 John Lattimore, Chairman Tel. 01245 363818



### WALTHAMBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We held our July meeting in Pam our President's garden. The weather was kind and we were able to enjoy her beautiful

flowers before it became chilly and we went inside for refreshments. We then took part in a cryptic quiz devised by our Presdident.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death in Spain of Brenda Derry one of our members.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 10th September. We are having a talk by the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. We meet in the British Legion Hall 7.15 for 7.30.



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Thank you for your support regarding the Cancer Research UK

Chelmsford Committee Sponsored Walk on September 7th but unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the Committee has had to postpone/cancel the walk. Alan Alexander.

For future events please go to: Cancer Research Chelmsford Committee link https://m.facebook.com/groups/482542425539660 RosemarysCruisers link https://rosemaryscruisers.wordpress.com/

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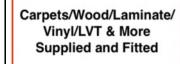
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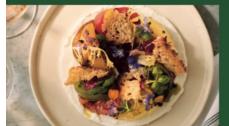
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### Call for entries



Calling all gardeners, bakers, photographers and craft fans – it's time to get your entries ready for Great Waltham's Annual Flower & Produce Show on

### Saturday, September 21st.

Organised by Great Waltham Horticultural Society, the show is a great village tradition and every year attracts dozens of entries which fill the village hall and school classrooms.

Adult classes include Arts and Crafts, Wine, Beer & Spirits, Domestic and Flower Arrangements, as well as the traditional Flower, Fruit and Vegetable classes.

There are two children's sections catering for under 8s and 8-15-year-olds. Classes include a vegetable monster, sunflower with the largest head and the ever-popular Lego challenge.

All entries must be on an entry form, available in the Yearbook and Schedule, available for just £3 in Walthambury Stores. Entries can be delivered to the village hall on Friday, September 20 from 6.30pm-7.30pm or on the morning of the show from 7.30am-10am.

The show itself runs from 2pm-4pm and is preceded by the Not-So-Serious Dog Show, which starts at 1.30pm at the village hall, raising funds for Danaher Animal Home.

For updates, visit the Society's Facebook page and for anyone who wants to know when the Society's new website will be launched – watch this space, it will be ready this Autumn.



**Great Waltham Horticultural Society** 

# Annual Flower & Produce Show





2~4pm Saturday 21 September
GW Village Hall & School
and don't forget the
Not-So-Serious Dog Show 1.30pt

Classes for gardeners and bakers, photographers and crafters, plus lots more.

Schedules in Walthambury Stores £3 each. Visit the Society's Facebook page for updates.



#### FELSTED CHORAL SOCIETY

welcomes all NEW members, with or without experience.

Rehearsals start with Roger Lawrence and Christopher Weston, on 5th September 7.45pm in the Felsted Music School(BKA), Stebbing Road, Felsted, CM6 3JG.

Marion our librarian will be issuing the music for Berlioz 'Child of Christ' and Finzi's 'In Terra Pax' we commence rehearsal at 8pm.

All 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 in formation call

Tony Baker 07799 413191 or 01371 871658.



# Great Waltham Village Choir invite you to a One Day Workshop 'Time to Sing'

on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> at Chelmer Valley High School from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

If you enjoy a day singing then come along and join the fun. By the end of the day you will have experienced what it is like to be part of a group working together to achieve a goal.

Why not give it a go?

Cost will be £10 and bring your own picnic and pencil!. Tea and coffee available. Further details from Clare Lyne 01245 361996, <a href="mailto:clare.lyne11@googlemail.com">clare.lyne11@googlemail.com</a>; Malcolm Ward 01245 360149, mgm.ward@yahoo.co.uk

### LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

We recently visited Barnards Farm Gardens in West Horndon for the July outing. We enjoyed wandering around the grounds where round every corner or clearing we came upon statues of all shapes and sizes. Some amazing works of design and others you can only describe as quirky. There is so much to see, from the formal Japanese garden to the water features in the many ponds. Unfortunately, the miniature railway was not working on the day we were there but I'm sure

a ride on that would be great fun. We finished off the visit in the barn where we enjoyed tea and cake and were welcomed by the owner, Bernard Holmes. This is most definitely somewhere I will revisit – a garden of statues!

Our August outing was to RHS Hyde Hall for a guided tour of the vegetable garden and greenhouse. Unfortunately for some, it was more of a general tour of the gardens rather than specifically the vegetable garden. However, others thoroughly enjoyed the day and appreciated the background information that the guide provided.

In the vegetable area, it was interesting to see the tomatoes were all trained up wooden stakes and were doing extremely well. Surprisingly Dahlia's were flowering in the South American section and our guide explained this was due to the fact that the roots are eaten and therefore treated as vegetables. Many of the vegetables that we eat today and consider to be 'Traditional British veg' have actually originated from overseas and have a rich history. If you haven't been to Hyde Hall recently. I would definitely recommend a visit as there is always something new to



see.The next two meetings of the Gardening Club will be held at the **Memorial Hall in Little Waltham on 4**<sup>th</sup> **September** concerning the eastern region's orchards, their legacy and their future; and **2nd October**– a talk entitled Natural, Renewable and Sustainable Garden Products. All are welcome.

### **Great Waltham Bury Lane Allotment Site**

Thanks to everyone who turned up on 17th August to help clear the Bury Lane allotment site. 15 people .... allotment holders, parish councillors, neighbours and members of the community.... worked very hard and the site is now clear and clean and ready for cultivation. Special mention should be made of the refreshment brigade who took orders and supplied welcome teas/coffees/squash and biscuits.

If any parishioner would like to take on a plot ... size is negotiable ... please contact the parish clerk email: clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk Tel: 01245 362638

### Great Waltham/Ceyrat Twinning Photos July 2019 (continued from the front page)



French visit to the Mayors Parlour



Fun on the beach at Frinton



French Youth outside St Peters church South Weald



**Thriftwood Activity Centre** 

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Village and Hamlet Clear Up - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Litter Pickers, Gloves, High Vis and Bags can be collected from the

### The Parish Office (The Old Fire Station) Starting at 8.30am



### Great Waltham & Ford End Churches Trust –

### The Annual Meeting of all members & the AGM

will be held at Ford End Church on

Monday 7th October 2019 between 7pm and 9pm, with wine to follow.

All those who are interested in the support and preservation of these two important buildings which are part of your heritage & integral to our community, are asked to come along.

The trustees will be announcing some important initiatives to meet changing times.

### **Great Waltham Parish Council**

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019** at Ford End Village Hall. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <a href="https://www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/">https://www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/</a>

Ford End residents sought permission to turn the GWPC adopted phone box into an information point and a useful facility which included provision of dog bags, battery and printer cartridge waste collection. North End are also looking at using their phone box as a resident defibrillator site. This is the only operational box in the parish and the residents requested that GWPC adopt it for this use (with power retained).

A report was given showing the expected outturn of the GWPC current account (precept vs ongoing "budgeted" costs) at the end of the Financial Year and the resulting status of the Reserve account (Capital account and General Reserve). The PC had spent, or committed to spend, on a number of measures and projects which will eat into the reserve – Great Waltham (GW) field refurbishment, new SID for Ford End (FE), Village Hall car park, Broads Green bollards, FE traveller clean-up operation, more gating on rec grounds, Special Constable, HS fence. The outcome is that the PC still has a healthy reserve but the remaining capital works provision will need supplementing with grants if we are to address some of the requested projects like Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) and GW changing room refurbishment

The PC agreed to spend the £1,800 to implement the replacement of the missing bollards around Broad's Green.

Whilst the Travellers were quickly removed from Ford End rec ground, thanks to the swift action of the Chairman, it was agreed that measures would be taken to improve the security of the parish's open areas with the installation of drop bollards at FE, Howe Street (HS) and GW rec grounds,

With pressure from FE Road Traffic Committee, ECC highways have agreed a design of an Average Speed Camera System at FE. Installation will be up to £150K. Next steps are public consultation, and reviewing funding means.

The PC is proceeding with public consultation on MUGAs at GW and FE rec grounds.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **16<sup>th</sup> September**, at the Parish Office. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.

#### From the County Council

#### Libraries to stay open

I am pleased to confirm that all Essex Libraries are to remain open after a consultation revealed a renewed enthusiasm for the library service. The new service strategy proposes a future for every single library in Essex, as well as giving them the opportunity to expand. It also commits that no libraries will close in the next five years. The strategy focuses on developing an investment plan to improve libraries and work with community

groups or other partner organisations to set up community run libraries, with the aim of ensuring a library service is retained in every current location, and potentially established in three or more new locations.

A £3m investment programme for library services will be introduced to:-

1. Improve libraries to deliver a consistent, high-quality look and feel across the County. 2. Up-date library management computer systems; 3. Review extending opening hours; 4. Upskill staff and volunteers to improve the service to users; 5. Embrace new technology and 'smart libraries' functionality that enables users to choose when and how they access books and learning materials; 6. Deliver more outreach than ever before – taking the library service into a wide range of communities. For more information see also:

https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation/essex-future-library-services-strategy-2019-2024/ and if you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524

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