

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

September 2019



French Youth try handbell ringing

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 40th 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 <https://www.thelilyfoundation.org.uk/>

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH PRODUCTIONS

proudly present a *new* play
telling the true story of
Elizabeth Lowys

The Waltham Witch

Performances in
Great Waltham Village Hall

At 7.30pm on
Friday 11th October & Saturday 12th October 2019

All tickets £9

Available ONLINE. Go to 'Box Office' on our website, GWPP.org.uk, and follow the link to online booking.

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 1st	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Wednesday 4th	8.30	Coffee with Christ at The Castle Great Leighs	
Sunday 8th	9.30am 11.00am	Communion Pet Service	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 15th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Communion Communion Communion	Ford End Great Waltham Chignals with Mashbury
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am 11.00am	Family Service Communion	Ford End Great Waltham
Sunday 29th	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 st	Family Worship	Mr P Hamilton	10.00 am
Wednesday 4 th	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20 pm
Sunday 8 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev S Bailey	10.00 am
Saturday 14 th	Harvest Supper	Black Chapel	7.30 pm
Sunday 15 th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Speaker from Gideons	3.00 pm
Wednesday 18 th	Good Book Club	School Room	1.20 pm
Sunday 22 nd	Morning Worship (cw)	TBA	10.00 am
Wednesday 25 th	Coffee Morning	Black Chapel	10.30 am
Sunday 29 th	Morning Worship	Holy Cross, Felsted	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 Of 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 Lane, Ford End. 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

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 President.

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.

BLACKCHAPEL 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**

Community QUIZ NIGHT

Support Hospice
Care week!
7th - 13th October

Can you host a Quiz and help make a difference?

This October we are asking schools, colleges, pubs, community groups and friends to get together and host a community quiz in aid of Farleigh Hospice.

For your Community Quiz pack call us now on:
01245 457411

or email: fundraising@farleighhospice.org



It is because you care that we can
www.farleighhospice.org   
Registered charity no 284670



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/>

Parish Directory

To advertise in the Parish News, please contact us by email on adverts@parish-news.co.uk

If it needs **PRINTING**
 from Stationery & Leaflets to a Bespoke Glossy Brochure
GIVE US A CALL
 Fast • Efficient • to Budget



T: 01787 479479
E: info@fmlitho.co.uk
W: www.fmlitho.co.uk

Are you struggling to find the time to get everything done?
 Is your life one constant balancing act?
 Why don't you let me lighten the load
 Let me be your extra pair of hands, helping you create balance in your life



Handy Little Helper

Contact Me:
 Francesca Bradford
 07780614747
fbradford.handylittlehelper@gmail.com
www.handylittlehelper.co.uk
 Fully Insured & DBS Checked



Structural Steelwork, Steel Fabrication, Gates, Railings and anything for the garden

Tel: 01245 237233
enquiries@plesheyforge ltd.co.uk

Unit 20, Warners Farm, Main Road, Howe Street Chelmsford CM3 1BL
www.plesheyforge ltd.co.uk

Free Quotes



EVERETT PAINTING

- INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
- WALLPAPERING
- JUST OVER 20 YRS
- FULLY INSURED
- ONLINE PORTFOLIO

TEL 07595 534872
www.everettpainting.biz

FennWright
 Chartered Surveyors | Estate Agents | Property Consultants

'trusted' property experts

- > Experienced and knowledgeable in your area
- > Large applicant database with access to London buyers
- > Competitive fee structure

Call today for a FREE market appraisal

01245 292 100
fennwright.co.uk

Pleshey Tree Services



Tree Surgeons & Arborists

Telephone 01245 362988

Pruning & Shaping
 Felling & Removal
 Planning & Advice
 Free quotations & advice
 NPTC qualified
 Council Approved
 Work compliant to BS3998 & BS5837
 Fully Insured
 e-mail: tomcrees@plesheytreeservices.co.uk
www.plesheytreeservices.com

CHELMSFORD PLUMBING AND HEATING LIMITED

RELIABLE FAMILY RUN BUSINESS



BOILER SERVICES, BREAKDOWNS AND REPAIRS



NEW BOILERS AND HEATING SYSTEMS



ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN



T: 01245 478 588
W: WWW.CPH.UK.NET

The Rose & Crown
 between Little Waltham and Great Waltham



A Great Little Pub and Restaurant with good food, and a warm and friendly atmosphere

Open All Day

Ben and his staff will be delighted to welcome you. If you want to ensure a table is available

Telephone 01245 360359
www.roseandcrowngreatwaltham.co.uk

Walthamby Stores
 Great Waltham, Essex



POST OFFICE Post Office opening times
 Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm (open lunch hours)
 Saturday 9am to 12.30pm

When visiting the Post Office, why not use the shop? You will find -
 Groceries, Fresh Produce, Sausages & Bacon, Newsagent, Stationery, Dry cleaning, Delicatessen, Frozen Food, Greeting Cards, Photocopying, National Lottery, Car Tax
 Barrack Lane, Great Waltham
Telephone: 01245 360278

Woody's Peat
 Great Baddow est. 1982

Suppliers to the home gardener of bagged:

- Somerset peat
- Growbags
- Topsoil
- Mushroom compost
- Redwood bark

Our compost and growbags are peat based and are free of contaminated garden and trade waste.

Personal service and free delivery
 15 mile radius of Chelmsford
 01245 473912 anytime

BOWMAN

CARPENTRY & JOINERY

FITTED WARDROBES - BESPOKE CABINETS - SKIRTING & ARCHITRAVES - FLOORING - INTERNAL DOORS - BOOKCASES - SHELVING - FLATPACKS & MORE

WWW.BOWMANJOINERY.CO.UK
 07984947531
DEAN@BOWMANJOINERY.CO.UK



HJOPSON CARPENTRY

07748 732168
 email: hjopsoncarpentry@hotmail.com

Flooring Matters

Carpets/Wood/Laminate/Vinyl/LVT & More Supplied and Fitted

Domestic & Commercial Options

We will beat any genuine quote

Andrew@flooringmatters.co.uk
 07432 119220/01245 361892

Travel to **Peru & South America**




Tailor made itineraries
 For personalised groups
 Tour Leader if required

25 years experience based in Peru.
 Disabled friendly.

Contact: stuart@travelperu.co.uk
<https://travelperu.co.uk>

TRAVEL PERU

YOUR LOCAL COUNTRY STORE



ernestidoe power
 where you can buy with confidence

FYFIELD, ONGAR CM5 0NS
 TEL: 01277 899464

AD FUEL OILS LTD.
Your local answers!

NOW SELLING LPG AND AdBlue



Commercial and general public welcome with easy access for all cars and vans

Yard sales from A D Fuel Oils Ltd
Banters Lane, Great Leighs, Nr. Chelmsford, Essex CM3 1QX
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday: 8am - 5pm
Saturday: 8am - 1pm
01245 362616 • www.adfueloils.co.uk

Products available for collection or delivery:

• Petrol	• Paraffin	• Barrel dispensers
• Diesel	• AdBlue	• Rotary pumps
• Kerosene	• LPG	• Boiler additive (Additive for Aga's)
• Gas Oil/Red Diesel	• 20L containers	• 200L containers
• PBO		

Old Park MEADOW
NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

Celebrate lives lived in a beautiful natural setting



Telephone **01245 806332**
www.oldparkmeadow.co.uk

Coppice Lane, North End, Chelmsford, Essex CM6 3PL

L. BARTRUPT & SON LTD
Lavenders Farm
Ford End
Chelmsford
Essex CM3 1LL



Locally grown selected potatoes (25kg bags)
Available in season - October to April

Desiree (reds) Estima (whites) & King Edwards

Frozen Chips & Roast Potatoes (2 ½ kg bags)

ALWAYS OUTSTANDINGLY GOOD VALUE
Free local delivery for larger orders

Telephone: 01245 237371

JCMSERVICES
AMENITY AND GROUNDCARE

PADDOCK MAINTENANCE

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

TREE MAINTENANCE

01245 408777
07788 941 501

www.jcm-services.co.uk
james@jcm-services.co.uk

Visit our website for more info

A & W Gowers Ltd
Specialist Joinery Manufacturers

A local family run company with many years of experience providing bespoke joinery to trade and private customers.

Conservation, Restoration, Ordinary or Contemporary, we can manufacture and install all types of work.

Windows	Fitted Furniture
Doors	Kitchens
Conservatories	Wardrobes
Gates	Bookcases
Stairsand much more

For free friendly advice and estimates please contact us at
www.special-joinery.com
Howe Street, Great Waltham, Chelmsford
Telephone: 01245 362737
Now selling eco-friendly stove briquettes as well

FELLAS
hair

Chelmsford Rd, Gt Waltham
Chelmsford CM3 1DE

Tel: 01245 360 024

Brian Honeywood
07771 534 377

Wood Automotive

MOT's, Vehicle Servicing
Tyres, Vehicle Diagnostics
Air Conditioning Repair
Clutches, Welding
Free Local Collection

"We look forward to seeing you and your car"
Neil and Sarah

Unit 1 Walthambury Farm
Pleshey Road, Great Waltham
CM3 1AZ

www.woodautomotive.co.uk
01245 361180

Willsher and Son
Electrical Contractors

- All work insured and certificates issued where applicable
- No job too small, free estimates
- Based in Great Waltham
- Reliable family business

07970 759565
info@willsherandson.co.uk
www.willsherandson.co.uk
or find us on Facebook

Electrical Safety Register
EASA + ECA

DRISCOLL CLEANING SERVICES




Window Cleaner

01245 360540

Bespoke Blinds

We provide stunning solutions for every home, no matter your style or budget.



TIDMARSH
Established 1928

47 Warners Farm, Howe Street, Great Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1BL.
01245 237228
info@tidmarsh.co.uk
tidmarsh.co.uk

Andrea's Dog Walking Adventures & Pet Services

Dog Walking, Pop in Visits & Taxi Service

Daily, for that Special Occasion
Or whilst you are on Holiday
Tailored Services to suit you and your pets needs.

For Further Information
Please Contact Andrea on: 07734 394408



up up & away

Hulton Hall
South Street
Great Waltham
07501 313321
upupawaypreschool.co.uk
upupawaypreschool@gmail.com

Looking for a preschool with a large, natural outdoor space and confident, happy children?
Come and visit us!

GALVIN GREEN MAN HOWE ST.
Voted Best Pub in Essex



20% OFF

Please quote 'Great Waltham Parish' upon booking
Monday to Friday, lunch & dinner from our A la Carte menu. Maximum 8 people.
Not valid in conjunction with any offers or events. Valid until 30 September 2019.

Main Road, Howe Street CM3 1BG | 01245 408820

Rutland Financial Ltd

Professional Mortgage Advice

01371 504030
www.rutlandfinancial.co.uk

Rutland Financial Ltd, Office M, Dutch Barn, Old Park Farm, Ford End, Chelmsford, CM3 1LL.

Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.
For mortgages we are paid commission, or a fee (typically £295), usually a combination of both.

STEPHENS CHIMNEY SWEEP



- Sweeping
- Fully Insured
- Stove Servicing
- Nest Removals
- Advice Service
- Stove Installations
- CCTV
- Smoke Test
- Flexi Inner Installs

Tel. 0800 112 3600
Mob. 0791 870

HETAS

www.stephenschimneysweep.co.uk

Lincoln tate

Interiors | Design | Construction

www.lincolntatedesign.co.uk
enquiries@lincolntatedesign.co.uk
07787 164085 | 07938 108606



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 1.30pm

**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](tel:07799413191) or 01371 871658.



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

on Saturday October 12th

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, clare.lyne11@googlemail.com;

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 !



Hyde Hall Tomatoes

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 Dahlias 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 4th 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 Peter's church South Weald



Thriftwood Activity Centre

ADVANCE NOTICE

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Village and Hamlet Clear Up -
Saturday 12th 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

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Old Fire Station, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF
Tel 01245 362638 clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 15th 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 <https://www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/>

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 **16th 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

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 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk. **John Aldridge CC September**

Libraries to stay open

Thank you for all of the contributions to this edition of 'Parish News'. Please send your contributions for the next issue by email to: articles@parish-news.co.uk. Enquiries and advertising requests should be sent by e-mail to: adverts@parish-news.co.uk **The last date for inclusion in the October issue is September 19th**