

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

July 2019

The Great Waltham Midsummer Music & Arts Festival



The Great Waltham Midsummer Music & Arts Festival arrived at the Legion Club for the ever popular Great Waltham Music Quiz. Alan & Hillary Taylor proved excellent Quiz Masters with a full range of musical questions designed to test the IQ's of the ten teams that filled the Legion Hall. With many teams showing their competitive spirit it was eventually Tom Harper's Team which ended up as victors. The Club's thanks go to Helen Mansfield for the excellent Ploughman's Supper and to all the helpers and participants who took part in a really successful social evening.

The profits from the Quiz will help to further the improvements at the Club which now provides a really excellent village venue for small/medium size social events. If you would like to hire our Hall please phone Lorraine McClement on 01245 360287 for more details.

For details of the the remaining 6 Midsummer Music and Arts Festival events please turn to the back page.



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT WALTHAM - CEYRAT TWINNING

Great Waltham first began to look for a twin town in the Queen's Jubilee year, 1977. Ceyrat, an old town nestling amongst the extinct volcanos of the Auvergne region, was on the list of available French towns. The two communities visited each other and said "Yes!" and "Oui!" and in 1979, with all the paperwork done, the treaty was signed at Ceyrat Town Hall by the Great Waltham Twinning chairman, Mr Frederick Warren and Ceyrat mayor, M. Biscarrat.

Accompanying Great Waltham residents on that visit were groups from Chelmer Valley High School, Waltham Scouts and Pegasus Air Venture Scouts with their leader (and later, valued committee member), "Skip" Catley. The ceremony was later repeated at Great Waltham village hall when a delegation of 70 people from Ceyrat with their deputy mayor,

M. Auxerre, came to sign the treaty here. It was the first twinning agreement in the whole of Essex. As well as featuring in the Essex Chronicle, we also made La Montagne, the regional French newspaper. Special mention was made of Pleshey residents, Mary and Peter Horsnell, who cycled to Ceyrat!

Since 1979, the annual exchanges of people of all ages, (as well as visits by groups such as this one by the Waltham Singers in 1983), the resulting lifelong friendships, the al fresco dining with good food, wines and cheeses, the beautiful scenery, laughter and good company has made our twinning association one of the most successful and enjoyable in

Essex. So it is our great honour to be welcoming 48 French guests to Great Waltham from 21st to 27th July to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Our week of exciting trips will culminate in a welcome by the new mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Bob Massey, at the Mayor's Parlour. He will later be joining us and making a speech at our farewell meal in the evening – a fitting tribute.

(For further information on Great Waltham Twinning Association, visit www.essexinfo.net/great-waltham-parish/



Presentation in 1979



French v English Football match

From the Vicarage,

Last week with Rev'd Jackie and vicar in training Elsie, I led a Pentecost service in school. With the help of whizzing balloons and lots of noisy participation we told the children about the first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit blew in like a roaring wind and fire and filled all the people with courage, power and the ability to tell every nation about God's great love. It's a powerful bible story which tells us a lot about the nature of God. Then on Trinity Sunday in church we thought about God as three in one i.e. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit -three persons yet one God. This is a very big God!

The nature of God is always hard to get our heads around. Attempts to rationalise God and put him into a neat box are bound to fail. Words are never adequate when describing such a big God. In the end we need more.

At the end of the school Pentecost service we offered to bless anyone by anointing their hands or forehead with Holy oils. As a visible sign of the joy and energy of the Holy Spirit we mixed (biodegradable) glitter in with the oil. I could see that this physical act spoke powerfully to the children about the nature of God and the ways in which he/she blesses us.

One way I like to imagine the Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is as a divine dance, continually relating to each other with love and inviting us to join in with that dance. Both Pentecost and Trinity Sunday show us that God is never static but always moving - always before, behind and beside us, hemming us in with love.

Someone I know teaches Circle Dancing and told me there is something about the physicality of dance and people moving in unison in response to music that is a foretaste of heaven.

Elsie is an artist as well as a trainee vicar and she painted a beautiful picture after a dog walk where she said 'the trees and fields seemed to be dancing'. Whether circle dancing, anointing with oil, taking a walk with the dog in the beauty of Creation, or being a listening ear to a friend in need we can be sure that God is always beside us. He is not contained only in the church or the bible but to be found all around us. If we look carefully for him/her maybe we will spot the signs.

Have a blessed Summer
Rev'd Sandra



Church of England Services in July and August

Sunday 7th July	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 14th July	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Family Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 21st July	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 28^h July	10.30am	Joint Service	Great Leighs

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

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End JULY

Sunday. 7 th	Family Worship	P Hamilton
Sunday. 14 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev S Bazlinton
Sunday. 21 st	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev Canon C Sly
Sunday 28 th	Morning Worship (cw)	Mrs J Pratt

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

Coffee Morning
Blackchapel, North End
10.30 - 12.00
Last Wednesday in every month
Proceeds to North End Defibrillator

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church JULY 2019

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am each Sunday

Sunday 7th	Ian Chamberlain	10am	Messy Church
Sunday 14th	Christine McLure		Salvation Army Songsters
		6.30pm	Rev Geoffrey Griggs HC
Sunday 21st	Rev Geoffrey Griggs		
Sunday 28th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs		HC

Gossip & Guzzle 1st Tuesday of each month 11am- 1pm
Third Saturday of each month Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom
10am-11am

Ford End Gardening Club

Our annual barbecue this year is on **Monday 8 July** and will be held in the garden of Tony and Thelma Davis in Ford End.

There is no garden club meeting in August but there will be one on Monday 9 September at the Ford End Village Hall.



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

North End

Coffee Morning

in the gardens of Blackchapel

Saturday 6th July

Tombola
Books
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North End History Exhibition
Plants
Raffle
Games
10am - 12.30pm

Come and meet friends and neighbours over a cup of coffee and biscuits

Everyone Welcome

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Donations of books, plants, cakes & bottles for the Tombola gratefully received

Walthambury Women's Institute



At our June meeting Cheryl Beeney and two of her colleagues gave us an interesting talk and demonstration about Taoist Tai Chi and invited members to join in.

Our **July meeting on Tuesday 9th** is our annual garden meeting and weather permitting will be held in our President's garden.

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 3pm on Monday, 15th July at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

Great Waltham Village Hall Car Park

To help relieve the pressure on street parking in the village centre during weekdays, the Village Hall trustees and Great Waltham Parish Council are delighted to announce an agreement to trial two hour maximum (no return within one hour) free public car parking between 8.30am and 5.30am Monday to Friday in nine allocated bays in the Village Hall car park – the four bays fronting South Street and five (including one accessible bay) adjacent to the exit. The trial will start on 1 July 2019 and last until midnight on 31 December 2019 and, if successful, the intention is to continue the arrangement beyond.

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

Felsted WEA

Our Courses for the coming year are as below:

Music Appreciation: The Musical Golden Age with Bill Tamblyn

Beginning Mon 23/09/2019, 19:45 - 21:15, 10 sessions, Ref: C2226579, £58.00

Venue: United Reformed Church Hall, Stebbing Road, CM6 3JD

Examine the music created by those inspired and empowered by the Tudors and the influence on Europe.

History: Progress at last! History of Medicine - 19th and 20th Centuries with Lucy Rawlinson

Beginning Thu 26/09/2019, 10:00 - 12:00, 10 sessions, Ref: C2226581 £77.00

Venue: British Legion Hall, Bury Chase, Felsted, CM6 3HA

Discover the social impact of the changes and breakthroughs between 1800 and 1930 which enabled progress in medicine, surgery and public health in Britain and Europe.

Music Appreciation: Popular Music and Society: Britain and the USA after 1945 with Ted Woodgate

Mon 06/01/2020, 19:45 - 21:15, 10 sessions, Ref: C2226624, £58.00

Venue: United Reformed Church Hall, Stebbing Road, CM6 3JD

Examine popular music culture from 1945 to 1989 as both a reflection and instigator of major social, economic and political change in the western world.

History: Society and culture of Medieval East Anglia with Kate Jewell

Thu 09/01/2020, 10:15 - 12:15, 10 sessions, Ref: C2226627, £77.00

Venue: British Legion Hall, Bury Chase, Felsted, CM6 3HA

Explore the diverse society of medieval East Anglia and the rich culture which was an important part of that society.

Contact Dick Frost for further information, 07909 526713

Booking Courses: 0300 303 3464, quote course ref. no.

The Village Choir's Summer Concert

It is not too late to get your tickets for this year's great Summer Concert to be held at the Great Waltham School on **Thursday 4th July**. Your ticket will entitle you to enjoy our concert followed by a BBQ and a glass or two of wine. Tickets only **£5.00** a head.

One might describe our Musical Director, Toni's choice of songs as eclectic with such a wide variety of fun songs as well as one or two serious ones, however, we do guarantee, that you will be well entertained by your own Village Choir!



One of the themes this Year is 'Travel' whether by road, train or by rocket...

Admission is by ticket only which can be purchased from the Walthambury Stores or from Malcolm Ward at Lindig, Hatchfields, Tel No. 360149.



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Ford End, Litley Green and Howe Street to join full fibre broadband revolution after rural residents show demand

County Broadband, a specialist rural broadband provider based in Aldham, near Colchester, has announced that Ford End, Litley Green and Howe Street villages are joining the rural technological revolution after the local community expressed significant interest to connect to the provider's new full fibre *ultrafast* network.

The news means residents and business owners in Ford End, Litley Green and Howe Street villages will be able to access some of the fastest and most reliable internet speeds in the UK when the community is connected. The company's 'fibre-to-the-premises' (FTTP) infrastructure offers *ultrafast* internet speeds of up to 1,000 megabits per second (Mbps) as well as a low-cost telephone services.




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GREAT WALTHAM
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

Going for growth

With a new chairman, new committee members and a newly-stocked horticultural supplies hut, Great Waltham Horticultural Society is planning a growth spurt of its own. At its recent AGM, Helen Willis stepped up to the role of chairperson, while newcomers Alison Bridge and June McLean took on the posts of membership secretary and show secretary respectively.

Lending his own support is well-known local gardener Peter Bradley, who has taken on responsibility for managing the Society's horticultural hut at the Brookmead Allotments, just behind the village store.

The committee's thanks go to Peter, who has kindly cleaned and restocked the hut, which is currently open every Sunday between 10am-11am, catering for everything from potato and tomato fertiliser and feed, to runner bean canes, compost and Grobags.



Come and visit the refurbished Supplies Hut open Sundays 10am-11am

Plans are also well under way for this year's **Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday, September 21**, so please save the date and consider putting in an entry.

The Society's Yearbook and show schedule, with full details of the classes and the all-important entry form, are now on sale in the village store for just £3.

Members will receive a free Yearbook and show schedule and these will be distributed shortly, together with new membership cards. This year's annual Society subscription remains at just £4 and includes a number of benefits. The Society is keen to attract new members, so find out more about joining please visit our Facebook page, email alison@bridgeboys.co.uk or call 01245 360851.



Great Waltham Neighbourhood Watch

Parish Watch - Is it still active?

What does it do?

Not heard of it? Well read on.....

Parish Watch is still "live" and receives and distributes details of suspicious behaviour, criminal damage and other matters of concern in the Parish of Great Waltham, to its subscribers.

Key information:

- Contact details - crime@parishwatch.com - please use this address to send an alert or to sign up.
- This is a free service supported by Great Waltham Parish Council and you can unsubscribe at any time.
- There are 427 individuals who have signed up together with the Police and associated agencies.

We are fortunate that levels of crime in our parish are comparatively low, so it is important we look after our neighbourhoods, remain vigilant and report your suspicions to the Police and Parish Watch.

Parish Watch is a means of issuing information, so please remember to always contact the Police to report an incident.

We would like to expand our coverage in the parish so if you would like to join us please make contact using the email address above.

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Wed 3rd July

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SPARE PLACES ON COACH TRIP TO LONDON –

Tues 23rd July



There are some spare places on a coach trip to London on 23rd July, setting off at 9am from Hatchfields, Great Waltham and dropping off at Haymarket, London SW1Y 4RX. It will depart

again from Haymarket at 5pm and will be back in Great Waltham at around 6.30pm- 7pm, traffic permitting. The coach is being hired by the Twinning Association and these spare seats are being offered to non-members. There are no organised activities in London and people are free to go wherever they like. The **coach has air conditioning and a toilet.**

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GREAT WALTHAM Music & Arts FESTIVAL

A multi-venue Music & Arts Festival co-ordinated by the Great Waltham Community Network

Our last 6 events...

- June 26th - Jazz Night (Rose and Crown)
- June 28th - Sing-A-Long 'Mamma Mia' (Legion Club)
- June 29th - Consort of Viols (GW Church)
- July 3rd - Gong Bath for Relaxation (Legion Club)
- July 4th - Gt Waltham Choir & BBQ (GW School)
- July 6th & 7th - Oz (Great Waltham Village Hall)

For more information about the Festival visit our Facebook Page or call the Festival Co-ordinator Andy Tinsley on 01245 360653
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From the County Council Footway Repairs

During the coming months Essex Highways will focus on the repair of pavements, I have been asked to liaise with the 11 Parish Councils in my County Division to identify locally important footway problems. On receipt of the most pressing cases Highways will expedite necessary repairs.

New Domestic Abuse Helpline in Essex

I would like to draw your attention to new helpline which has been launched to help people in Essex, Southend on Sea and Thurrock who are victims of or who have experienced domestic abuse.

COMPASS, which went live on 1st April, is a new 24hrs a day point of access for victims of domestic abuse and provides information, advice and guidance from trained members of staff and, where appropriate, assessment and access to specialist services. The COMPASS telephone number is 0330 333 7444 and the website is www.essexcompass.org.uk

Three New SEND Schools to be built in Chelmsford and Witham, to provide 209 new much-needed school places for children and young people with autism and social and emotional health needs. Two schools will be built on the old St Peter's College site in Fox Crescent, Chelmsford, and one will be built close to the New Rickstones Academy in Conrad Road, Witham and will be centrally funded by £23m in grants from the Department for Education.

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**

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 20th May 2019**. 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/>

This was the Annual Meeting and the first of a new term. Cllr Steel was re-elected as Chair with Cllr Jackson as deputy Chair. In total 7 Cllrs have been appointed (Cllrs Steel, Jackson, Palmer, Dunn, Martin, Huggins, and McDevitt) leaving 4 vacancies which will be subject to co-option (see separate invitation in this Parish News).

Appointments for committees F&GP, Recreation, Planning, Emergency Planning, and Staffing, were made along with GWPC representatives on local organisations.

It was agreed that GWPC would enter into a trial with GW Village Hall to make 9 spaces of public car parking available 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. The trial will run until December 2019.

The PC formed a sub-committee to negotiate with GW Village Hall for a Parish Office.

A request from a Ford End resident for a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on their recreation ground, was considered. It included the option for the requestor to raise funds. The PC agreed their support.

The PC sanctioned the work to improve the GW football pitch - Vertidrain, weed and feed and seed the goalmouths. Improvements to the mini-pitch were also agreed – new nets and moving the goal posts to relieve the worn areas,. It was also stated that any organisation can loan the toilet keys provided they commit to ensuring they are left in an acceptable state afterwards.

The annual renewal of the Parish Watch domain name (funded by the PC) raised the question of whether this was a service that people still wanted. Article to be placed in the Parish News seeking feedback. See page 7.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **15th July 2019**, at Ford End Village Hall. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.



I am 2 months into being a City Councillor and it's been an enlightening experience. So far it's mostly been about attending various training courses and some scene setting meetings. The Chelmsford Local Plan seems to feature quite a lot, although this doesn't have a direct impact on Great Waltham parish residents. But I also represent Broomfield and Little Waltham and they are significantly affected by the strategic plan to build 22,000 homes in the Chelmsford area over the period 2013 to 2036. I am happy to report that I continue as Chairman of the Great Waltham Parish Council and those who know me, know that I like to get involved in all that is going on in the parish. I approach my role as a City Councillor in the same vein and I am already involved in a few issues across the whole ward. The one major difference in being a City Councillor, is the support and access to the officers in the City Council organisation, which I intend to fully utilise. So if there are any issues you need help with, contact me on mike.steel@chelmsford.gov.uk

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