

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

June 2019

What a busy month.....

ANNUAL VILLAGE BOULES TOURNAMENT & WELLY WANGING

The Twinning Association held the annual event on a gloomy Bank Holiday Monday. The 10 teams battled it out with great concentration and surprising skilfulness. The adult winning team who took home the cup were Matt Bradley, Matthew and Esther Miller. The winning children's team were Alex, Lily and Sam.



The Winning Welly Wangers



The Winning Boules Teams



For a light-hearted finish to the proceedings, men, women and children had a go at welly wanging. I am sure there were plenty of sore shoulders the next day! The adult winner with an amazing throw was Rebecca. The child winner was Matthew Miller.

Great Waltham ART SHOW

The 47th Great Waltham Art Show took place over the Bank Holiday weekend and attracted a record number of people. There was a wonderful and varied collection of art work on view from local artists and children from our primary school. There was a record profit made from admissions, sales and refreshments of approximately £1600 which will be distributed to the village church, village hall, primary school and community network. Thanks go to everyone who took part in the show and helped in any way, especially the village church which once again provided such a beautiful backdrop for the show.



CHELMSFORD MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT



The Chelmsford Male Voice Choir treated us to an array of "Songs from the Shows" on Saturday 11th May at the church, organised by the Community Network. The songs ranged from old favourites like 'Some Enchanted Evening' and a spine-tingling rendition of 'You'll Never Walk Alone', to more modern songs like 'I Dreamed a Dream' from Les Miserables. Soloists Pedro Lopez and Peter Freeman raised the rafters with the Pearl Fishers duet and Kirsty Richards got the audience toe-tapping with some Abba songs. Something for everyone.

From the Vicarage,

I do love the sunshine and longer days we have at this time of the year. It always gives you a lift to wake up to a clear and bright sky. It's easier to get out and about without quite so many layers on and enjoy more time outdoors.

Last Friday I babysat my 18month old nephew and thankfully the weather was good, so off we went to the park. It was a much slower walk with him than I would normally take and I had to make the mental shift to do things at his pace. We listened to the birds, smelled the yellow roses and crouched down to look at the ladybirds on the ground. So many simple things I usually rush by without noticing. This is one of the joys of children, they get us to slow down and take notice of the tiny details around us, things we can so often take for granted and miss. Life is busy and full and we can find ourselves going from one thing to the next and land up rather exhausted. When I notice I am living life in the fast lane I often find it helpful to ask myself what is motivating me to do so much? Sometimes there are just times when we face many extra demands on our time, sometimes we live out of fear of there not being enough time or even get satisfaction from talking about how busy we are, wearing our 'busy badges' with pride.

I came across a quote by Suhav Kapoor which says, "Don't rush through life. Instead try to know it. Feel the breeze, walk on the grass, sit under the stars..."

I have tried to hold onto this perspective of enjoying the everyday gifts around me and stopping to say thank you to God for these treasures. When you appreciated these small things you realise how very rich you are and that there is always enough. So may I invite you to slow down this month and enjoy the sunshine, the gentle breeze, the ladybirds and all the tiny things that give you space to simply be. With every blessing,
Rev'd Jackie



Church of England Services

Sunday 2nd June	10.30am	Joint Communion	Great Waltham
		Ford End with Great Waltham	
	11.45am	Stewardship Event	Great Waltham
Wednesday 5th	8.30am	Coffee with Christ	The Castle Gt Leighs
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Family Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals with Mashbury
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 30th	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 JUNE

Sunday	2 nd	Family Worship	P Hamilton
Sunday	9 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev. T Pigrem
Sunday	16 th	Holy Communion (cw)	Rev S Bailey
Sunday	23 rd	Morning Worship	tba
Sunday	30 th	Worship at Felsted Church	11am
Wednesday 19th June Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00			

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

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Contact; Rev Geo rey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am

Sunday 2nd	Rev Geo rey Griggs.	
Sunday 9th.	Christina McClure.	6.30pm. Geo rey Griggs H C
Sunday 16th	Marina Price	
Sunday 23rd	Rev Geo rey Griggs. HC	
Sunday.30th.	Martin Payne	

Thursday June 6th Gossip & Guzzle. 11am -1.pm
Saturday June 15th Co ee Morning in Schoolroom 10am

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Saturday 6th July

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Coffee Morning
Blackchapel, North End
Wednesday 19th June
10.30 - 12.00
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Ford End Gardening Club

For our May meeting the Club visited Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum (near Coggeshall) one afternoon. It was a beautiful day and the whole estate looked wonderful and so carefully tended. The original seventeenth century hall was owned by the Honywood family and was eventually purchased by Thomas Phillips Price in 1898 who made provision in his will to leave Marks Hall estate to the nation in the interest of agriculture, arboriculture and forestry. The hall was demolished in 1950 as it had become neglected and was in a dangerous state.

The arboretum is extensive and has an area devoted to unusual planting from across the Southern Hemisphere with ancient Wollemi Pines, Monkey Puzzles and eucalyptus.

There is an 18th century walled garden redesigned in 2003 with five contemporary terraced gardens and a 450ft double border. A lake can be viewed and accessed from this garden and has beautiful reflections of the Millenium Walk on the other side.

In the 18th century barn there is a visitor centre with a shop and cafe and a tranquil outdoor seating area with apple trees adjacent to the plant sales. A number of members purchased plants as there is always room for just one more in the garden. During the summer the garden is open every day apart from a Monday but is open on Bank Holiday Mondays.

The club's annual outing this year is to the RHS Wisley garden on **Saturday 29th June** and the coach will be leaving the Ford End village car park at 9.0am.



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



10 reasons to choose Up, Up and Away Pre-school

We are delighted to announce that Up Up and Away Pre-School will continue to run under a brand new committee. We have LOADS of exciting ideas to implement, just watch this space!

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Excitement - The children who attend Up Up and Away are all desperate to burst through the doors every morning - your child will be too!

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School links - We enjoy fantastic links with Great Waltham Primary School, offering visits throughout the year to help get your child school-ready.

Garden - We have the best garden! A large, grassy area, a place to ride bikes and trikes, a hill, a slide, two tunnels, sand, a wooden house, a mud kitchen

Space - Our setting is based in our beautiful, newly decorated village hall. This is a huge room with loads of space to play. **Activities** - Our staff plan an exciting and creative range of learning experiences for our children, including use of our large and completely renovated kitchen

Charity - Up Up and Away is a charity. All funds paid by parents and every penny of our fundraising goes STRAIGHT BACK into the pre-school, which in turn benefits your child.

Tapestry online journal - Staff use a secure online journal to record observations, assessments and photos of your child's learning experiences at preschool. This means that you are able to login, view and comment on them whenever you like! **Food** - We run a breakfast club before preschool and offer healthy snacks throughout the day.

For more information contact: upupawaypreschool@gmail.com

Great Waltham's oldest resident



Congratulations go to Ruth Monk, who lived at Dannetts and now lives with her daughter at Dickeymoors. The picture is of Ruth enjoying her 100th Birthday Party with family and friends.

Lucy's Challenge

Great Waltham mum Lucy Thorogood will be swapping the Essex countryside for something much more challenging soon as she takes on the 3 Peaks Challenge as part of Team Harry.

The 14-strong team is named after Lucy's son Harry, who has Mitochondrial Disease, and the group includes Harry's two uncles and aunt and a trusty gang of friends, many from Great Waltham.

Their challenge starts on June 8th at Ben Nevis, with the aim of climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon – the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales – within 24 hours. Lucy will be raising money for the Lily Foundation which supports families affected by Mitochondrial Disease and funds research into finding a cure.



Team Harry pictured ready for action

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
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News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

Great Waltham village is certainly in a busy period with the Music and Arts Festival, running from 4 May until 7 July. We made a small contribution to the recent Art Show, Miss Bailey working with pupils across the school to make a piece of art called 'The World Beneath Our Feet'.

A big thank you to Ms Lovell for organising Science Day. Children had a great time sharing their work, it was great to see parents visit to view the projects. Very timely with climate change being such headline news.

SATs week has concluded for our Y6 children; they will receive their results in July. They were a delight to be around during the week, very maturely tackling each test. A big thank-you to Revd Jackie's thoughtful gift and message for each Y6 pupil - they were very happy to see them!

The fire service visited recently to talk with Y3 and Y6. Y3 learnt about fire / home safety and Y6 cyber safety. Well done to the 18 Y4 children who participated in their Level 1 Bikeability (formally known as cycling proficiency) course in the school playground. They will each receive a badge and certificate.

Lots of recent sport to report; some Y2 children played really well at a local Three Tees Tournament, scoring 158 runs in 4 matches. The tag-rugby team lost 75-60 to a fast and skilful Trinity Rd team. 6 boys from Y5 represented Chelmsford

at the team county cross-finals at Hadleigh Park. The school football team played their final league game, beating St Pius X 2-0. Not league title this year but they played some super football. KS2 have an Egyptian Curriculum Day coming up after half-term to reinforce their history topic. They look forward to dressing up! EYFS have a day visit to Chelmsford to visit Pizza Express, the library and the park. They are very excited!



Level 1 Bikeability entrants



The World beneath our Feet for the Art Show

Notice of vacancies in Great Waltham Parish Council (GWPC)

GWPC has 4 vacancies for Councillors which were not filled as part of the elections of 2nd May 2019. Under these circumstances, GWPC is allowed to invite applications for the vacant positions. To apply or seek further information and eligibility please contact clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

GREAT WALTHAM Music & Arts FESTIVAL

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

Coming up in June and July....

- June 7th - Music Quiz (Legion Club)
- June 14th - Frog Island Jazz Band (Legion Club)
- June 15th - Waltham Singers Concert (GW Church)
- June 22th - Legionstock Music Festival (Legion Club)
- 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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Summer 'Bs' Concert

Great Waltham Church

Saturday 15th June 2019, 7.30pm

The concert forms part of the Great Waltham Music & Arts Festival.

Tickets can be purchased on the door or in advance via the website

www.walthamsingers.org.uk, Steve Readings (01245 440573) or any choir member.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 15th April 2019** held at Ford End. 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/>

The Ford End 40mph Southern zone had been installed but the 20mph work had stalled. ECC Cllr to investigate.

It was felt that the arrangements for the biannual litter pick could be improved by ensuring that there was a coordinator in each area who would advertise and get the volunteers together.

It was agreed that the Howe Street phone box could be used for a "book swap". Some minor repairs were sanctioned.

A request to place GW Summer Festival banner on Banbury Square adjacent to the War memorial, was refused as it was felt that this was an inappropriate spot for advertising.

The PC agreed to proceed with a trial period until Dec 2019 for public car parking at GWVH on the basis of the negotiated offer. At the end of the trial the PC would continue with an agreement to pay for leased places, or terminate.

Following the completion of the Essex County FA Pitch Improvement report, the recommendations have been costed at £12,207 over the next year, to meet full requirements. Cheaper options were investigated by cherry picking aspects of the plan, with the lowest cost option at £4,542, but this may not address all the issues. It was decided to do a minimum renovation over the next year at £4.5K and see how it fairs - remove the goal posts on both pitches, Verti-drain, apply 2 tons of 50/50 sand & soil mix, seed to goal mouths, weed and feed and selective weed killer a month later.

A proposal to renew the basketball area in the GW Recreation Ground included several options for location, including using part of the junior mini-pitch with a 10m X 15m tarmac base. Costs would be in the region of £15K to £20K. More detailed costs to be obtained.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **17th June 2019**, at the Parish Council Office. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting. **Congratulations** to Mike Steel on being elected as a City Councillor. For anyone who wants to contact Mike to help with issues that are not being resolved through the standard channels please email mike.steel@chelmsford.gov.uk



From the County Council

Future of library services in Essex

The Consultation" has concluded. For further information on the strategy and other key associated issues please visit [Libraries Consultation homepage](#) . To learn more about Community Library Services (CLS) , please visit our dedicated web page at libraries.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation/community-library-services

Help our area on "Green Claims"

Claims that the County Council (CC) makes against a third party who has damaged Council equipment or assets are called 'Green Claims'. Annually more than £500,000 because of damage caused to help kerb these claims please go to green.claims@essex.gov.uk.

Essex Children's Social Care rated "Outstanding"

Following a period of assessment by Ofsted Inspectors in November 2018 the CC was judged to be "outstanding" in its services to children.

If you have any problems about CC matters please let me know on Tel. No. 01245 4121524 Mobile 07827 976997 or

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



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