

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

September 2018

Royal British Legion – Great Pilgrimage 90.



A decade after the end of WW1, the British Legion (as it was then known) organised for veterans and war widows to visit the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres on 8th August 1928.

Exactly 90 years later, thousands of Legion representatives recreated the 1928 Battlefields Pilgrimage and visited the same battlefields. Then, on 8th August 2018, they paraded their branch standard and a laid a wreath along the same route to the Menin Gate for the One Hundred Days ceremony to commemorate the last 100 days of WW1 which represents an entire generation that served while defending their country.

Great Waltham Legion Branch was represented by its Standard Bearer – Dave Clout, and its Wreath layer – Rebecca Clout who is also the legions Women's Branch standard escort. What follows are a few brief thoughts on what was a spectacularly moving experience.

The Pilgrimage consisted of two days of Battlefield tours concentrating on the Battle of Ypres, visiting such sites as; Passchendaele Museum, Flanders Field, Menin Gate, Hill60, Messines and Tyne Cot Cemetery. In addition, we visited the Somme Battle areas - Vimy Ridge, Arras Memorial, Thiepval Memorial, Deville Wood and the Ulster Tower.

Since arriving back in the UK I have struggled to put into words the impact that this trip has had on the both of us. Perhaps simply sharing some of the facts of this war will put into perspective how terrible a conflict this was:

- 1.5 million artillery shells were dropped in the first week of the Somme. To put this into perspective this means that if you were on the front line you would have heard and felt an explosion every 2 seconds for a week, even before you were asked to "go over the top".
- The Battle for the Somme covered 10.5Km during its 3 battles. For this 10.5Km gain there was one British Casualty for every inch of ground gained.
- 57,470 British Casualties of War on the first day of conflict on the Somme.
- Thiepval Memorial commemorates 72,000 British and Commonwealth Soldiers who have no known grave on the Somme.
- Of the 555,000 graves stones that recognise the war dead there are the same number of names represented at memorials of soldiers that have never been found.

The Memorial March took place in Ypres on Wednesday 8th August 2018. This was truly a site to behold, over 1400 British Legion Standards assembled in the same place something that will never be repeated. A service of remembrance at the Menin Gate was a tremendously moving experience, at times having to blink back tears especially when poppies were descending through the gate and falling on the mass of standards on parade. Great Waltham laid its Wreath of Remembrance amongst the thousands of others and remain on display until November the 11th.



THIS YEAR COMMEMORATES 100 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WWI. IF YOU WISH TO THANK THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR US, JOIN OUR PARADE IN THE VILLAGE ON 11/11/18



In keeping with the current Royal British Legion initiative for the 'Thank you 100'

To acknowledge a 100 days between the 8th August (1914) to the Armistice on the 11th of November (1918) a candle was lit after a small ceremony at the War Memorial on the 8th August with members of the Legion and Scout group being present. The candle will stay there and be lit until Remembrance Sunday'

From the Vicarage,
Jade Sadler Nee Wheldon



The hardest thing I have had to do this month was the funeral for Jade Sadler, a wonderful 32 year old woman with a 5 year old son and husband Kim, who had lived in the village most of her life. As a child Jade loved catching sticklebacks in the Ford and had an ongoing battle with Barney the goose after she accidentally threw an apple at him. Recently the whole family including step children Amy and Matthew made some magical memories when they went to Euro Disney, made possible by crowd funding from family and friends. Jade had so much to live for, so much to give. She should have had a whole future in front of her with Kim and Albie and all her family and friends, but it was snatched away. It seems so unfair. 200 people from across our community came together to celebrate Jade's life and say goodbye. Albie had been christened in Great Waltham church and Jade and Kim had their wedding blessed there. Albie lit a christening candle and we put it in front of a big picture of his Mummy. Towards the end of the service everyone in the church had a candle lit from the Christening candle and we sat and listened to Jealous of the Angels. At the end of it people were invited to blow out their candle as a symbol of letting Jade go, something that can be really hard to do. Some people struggled to blow out their candle and Albie went along blowing out the candles of close family and then he helped other people in the congregation by blowing out their candles. It was one of those completely unscripted moments when a 5 year old gave so much to everyone else who was present and it somehow seemed to help.

What has really impressed me and given me a real hope for the future is the love and practical support offered by family and friends, the sense of community. The day Jade died Kim cooked a BBQ for all who were there, which was quite a few. Children dashed in and out playing games and squirreling away tubes of Pringles, boys shooting each other as boys do.

Jade was the one good with words, including writing great things in birthday cards, but her husband Kim really expressed his deep love

Church of England Services in September 2018

Sunday 2nd September	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 9th	8.00am	Traditional communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Pet Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Harvest & Thanksgiving	Chignals with Mashbury
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Saturday 29th	11.00am	Ordination Service	Great Waltham
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Joint Service	St Mary's Great Leighs CM3 1PP

Great Waltham Church Flower Festival



September 8th - 9th 10.30am – 4pm with teas, coffees and cake.

Closing concert 4pm Sunday with Little 2 Big Voices

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

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church September 2018

Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990 Services 10.30 each Sunday Everyone very Welcome

September 2nd	Barbara Durkin. Messy Church. 10am
September 9th	Moira Walker. 6.30pm Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC
September 16th	Mike Shelbourne
September 23rd	Rev Geoffrey Griggs. Harvest Thanksgiving
September 30th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs. HC

Thursday September 6th Gossip & Guzzle 10th Anniversary **10am - 2pm**

Thursday September 13th Pippins Parent & Toddler 9.30 - 11 am

Saturday 22nd September 10am Coffee Morning in Schoolroom

(Jade continued)

for his wife: When you said 'I love you' for the first time my heart melted', and towards the end of his talk the poignant words, 'I am sorry that my love for you could not save you.'

To finish with words from the tribute read by Jade's brother Brett, 'Jade was a wonderful daughter, sister, granddaughter, Auntie and a loyal friend to so many. Her role as wife to Kim and Mummy to Albie, and step Mum to Amy and Matthew was her dearest wish come true. We all miss you so much and promise to take care of Kim and Albie, to love and support each other.'

What a wonderful promise.

Revd Caroline Brown

Ford End Gardening Club

This summer has been quite challenging for gardeners, plants, lawns and vegetables. Some members report having wonderful runner beans while others say theirs are still in flower, but the tomatoes are now ripening, all at once of course. The grass is now starting to take on a shade of green and plants have perked up due to some heavy showers and cooler temperatures. Our next meeting is on **Monday 10th September starting at 7.30** in Ford End village hall and the speaker will be Brian Carline who will be talking about organic vegetable growing. Please come along to the flower festival in Great Waltham church on 8th and 9th September when you will be able to see the Ford End gardening club display and also those of the many organisations in the village.



Jill and the Beanstalk Panto Donation

Pictured are members of Broomfield Hospital chemotherapy unit with Great Waltham Parish Production's very own Betty (Hilary Taylor and Sam Gouch) panto cow from Jill and the Beanstalk, at the handover of a donation of £500 raised from the adult pantomime in May.



Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on **September 5th and 26th** at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

Ford End Senior Tea

This month of September we are going to take a trip to Blake End Craft Centre for Tea. The date will be **Tuesday 25th September**.

Please let me know asap who wishes to come so I can book the tea and sort out lifts and time of departing.
Thank you 01245 237335



GREAT WALTHAM
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Willow weaving success

Giant sunflowers and garden obelisks were carefully crafted under the watchful eye of tutor Deb Hart, as Great Waltham Horticultural Society organised a willow weaving workshop last month (August).

The day-long event was held in the British Legion garden and it was thanks to the patience and expert guidance of Deb, an Essex-based willow artist, that everyone went away with two delightfully created 'works of art'.

Plans are already being put in place for Deb to return for a pre-Christmas Society workshop, so watch this space or visit the Great Waltham Horticultural Society on Facebook.



The willing weavers showing off their garden obelisks.



Some of the attendees proudly displaying their sunflowers.

Local Photographer Mark Francis at Blenheim Palace

Great Waltham photographer Mark Francis put himself in the picture when he met BBC Countryfile presenters John Craven and Anita Rani in August 2017. This year we have another photograph of Mark with Ellie Harrison at this years show at Blenheim Palace.

Along with meeting Ellie Mark also got to meet, Carol Kirkwood, Anita Rani, Richard Cole and had a fair old chat with Ray Mears amongst others.

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.



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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

Get crafty and support our show

Great Waltham Horticultural Society's 2018 Annual Flower & Produce Show takes place on Saturday, 15 September, and organisers are making a plea for plenty of entrants to take part.

This summer's drought has seen many traditional flowers, fruit and vegetables struggle to cope with high temperatures and lack of water, and there are concerns that entries in some classes may be down on previous years.

Show secretary, Jane Moore, said: "The beauty of the show is that there are many different classes to enter, so our message to everyone is please come and support us.

"We love seeing all the flower and produce entries, but we recognise it's been a tough year and we're calling on all those crafty creatives, the bakers, the photographers and the wine-makers and many more to join in the fun."

There are also separate classes for children, including a potato printing picture, six chocolate crispy cakes, and a painted or decorated flowerpot.

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.

Great Waltham Horticultural Society

Annual Flower & Produce Show

2-4pm Saturday, 15 September 2018
Great Waltham School & Village Hall

**Plus go barking mad at the
Not-So-Serious Dog Show at 1.30pm**



Support your local show ~ see the Yearbook & schedule at Walthambury Stores or visit the Society's Facebook page for more info



Full details of all the classes and entry forms are available in the 2018 Yearbook and Schedule, which has been sent to Society members and is also available in Walthambury Stores for just £3.

This year's edition is packed with gardening ideas and activities, recipes and adverts from the local businesses that support the show. It also includes an article from Gerald Smith, Hon. Treasurer of the Society, and an interview with local gardening guru and regular prizewinner Peter Bradley. Classes cost 30p for members, 35p for non-members and 20p for children's classes and entry forms should ideally be completed by Wednesday, 12 September.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the show, so if you have a few hours to spare, or would like more details, please contact Jane Moore on 07952 387286 or email Jane Moore (rjmoore440@googlemail.com)

Come and join us on 15 September - Society committee members Alison Dewar, Trina Tolliday, Helen Willis and Ann Prince show off their handicrafts.



GREAT WALTHAM'S VISIT TO CEYRAT

In July, 40 people of all ages from Great Waltham and surrounding villages visited our twinned town, Ceyrat. We stayed with French families and enjoyed a week of excursions, good food, good company and of course, scorching weather!

On arrival, the mayor and twinning officials welcomed us at a get-together in Ceyrat's new community orchard where we were happy to see the English apple tree that we gave them last year – it now has six apples on it. Our excursions included a visit to the royal palace of Randan, mostly ruined in a fire except for the fascinating underground kitchens. We spent a relaxing two hours picnicking and wandering in the extensive gardens and woodland. The following morning, we had a tour round the medieval town of Montferrand and while the adults lunched and shopped, the kids went off for an afternoon of laser battles. We had a free day with our hosts when we could relax and visit somewhere of our own choice – one of our members even went paragliding from the Puy de Dome volcano! The next day we had a trip to the basilica at Orcival, where some of our members gave an impressive, impromptu choral performance, and then on to the highest lake in the Auvergne, nestled among the stunning extinct volcanoes. Those with strong legs ventured up the "Terra Alta" path. To close the week we had a petanque tournament and an excellent farewell dinner and disco. We were happy to see that our visit even made the local newspaper!

Next July, Great Waltham will be welcoming visitors from Ceyrat. If anyone of any age is interested in the Twinning, email Joanna.2.steel@btinternet



Royal palace of Randan underground kitchens



Paragliding from the Puy de Dome



A relaxing picnic at Randan



An impromptu choral performance at the basilica at Orcival



"Terra Alta" path in the Auvergne

Parish Council Announcements

Anti-social behaviour -

There continues to be a number of incidents around the Great Waltham area. If you see anything, please report it to Essex Police, either online via <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/> or by calling 101. It is important to ensure that all incidents are recorded so that appropriate action can be taken.

The Great Waltham Litter Picking Group

The group meets regularly and we hope you notice the difference. We can always do with new members and if you are interested, please either ring 01245 363965 or email sarahjickie4@gmail.com for further details.



We will be meeting on the second Monday of the month at 9.30 and the forthcoming dates are:
10 September, 8 October, 12 November and 10 December. If you would like to help, do get in touch.
Sarah Dickie

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Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Old Fire Station, Great Waltham, Essex
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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meeting of **Monday 16th July 2018** at Ford End Village Hall. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website to www.greatwaltham.org.uk

It was noted that the requested SID pole for South Street has been installed and will be added to the rota.

The PC considered the request for an extra dog waste bin to be placed at the junction of Bury Lane / Barrack Lane / Mashbury Road. Given that extra bins incur additional costs (£210 installation plus annual service charge £100), it was decided to consider this in the context of the current locations and feedback from the public. The Clerk will produce a map of locations and the PC consider the request at the next meeting. An article to be added to the Parish News requesting feedback.

The PC had received a complaint about a bonfire in the Church Yard causing smoke to enter nearby houses. The PC agreed to write to the Church and ask them to take care to minimize any nuisance caused by the burning of waste, noting that the PC is not against such bonfires but does ask for due care.

Following a meeting held at Bury Lane allotments, it was decided that the area would be tidied up by the PC Handyman and volunteers. Combustible waste would be burnt (with due care to neighbours).

Following interview of candidates, the PC agreed to co-opt Alan Martin for the position of vacant Cllr in Ford End.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at GW Parish Office, Monday 17th September 2018 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.

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at 7.00pm**

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Come along and listen to Deb talk while she completes a demonstration.

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