

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

March 2018

Great Waltham is heading for France

On 21st July, a coachload of Great Waltham residents will head to our twinned town of Ceyrat for a week of French food and wine, activities, trips and beautiful surroundings.

We will stay with welcoming hosts in their homes. During the day, Ceyrat Twinning Association will organise trips and pay for everything. All we need to pay is the coach and ferry or



tunnel fare. You can make your own travel arrangements, although we will ask for a small contribution to the coach cost. We will go direct from Great Waltham to Ceyrat, stress-free and in comfort.

Does it sound good? It is! How about coming too?

What if you can't speak French? It doesn't matter – the French hosts like to practise their English. And if you have children at school who are learning French, this is a great opportunity for them to hear day-to-day French being spoken and maybe have a go at speaking French themselves.

Are twinning members a bunch of boring old fogeys? No!!! Our members include teenagers and primary school children and the rest of us older members aren't so boring either. The organised activities will be suitable for all ages.

So if you are thinking you possibly might like to go but you are not brave enough, just take a leap of faith and give it a go! This year is your best opportunity to take this chance because we are going to France. So DO IT NOW!

Email Joanna Steel straightaway on joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com, as the list will close shortly. Enquiries are welcome.

Keep on Running



Great Waltham mum Lucy Johnson and her brother Oliver are busy training for the London Marathon on 22nd April, to raise money for Havens Hospices.

Lucy's son Harry, now nine, was diagnosed with Leigh's Syndrome when he was just 21 months old. There is no cure and the condition is both debilitating and life limiting. He is unable to walk or talk and requires constant care and attention.

For nearly five years Harry, his two younger sisters Iris and Florence and his parents, have been attending Little Havens Children's Hospice in Benfleet, for respite care.

"Staying at Little Havens takes away the worry of being Harry's carer for a few days so we can have quality time together. Harry loves going there and so do the girls, it is somewhere we are all cared for in different ways so we wanted to raise money to say thank you for all they do," said Lucy. "This is a massive challenge but we are determined to do it and Harry will be there to cheer us over the finishing line."

The event will be both Lucy and Oliver's first marathon and donations can be made via their fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-johnson38>



After the pancakes ...

This morning our day began celebrating my daughter's fourteenth birthday, which also happens to fall on pancake day.

So breakfast consisted of...you guessed it, pancakes!

In the church calendar this day is known as Shrove Tuesday and is the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was an opportunity to cook up all the flour, fat and eggs before entering into 40 days of self denial and penance. I have often been challenged to take something up for Lent instead of giving something up.

This year I have been pondering what to do and I think I will be trying to get more rest by getting into bed earlier than I normally do.

I would naturally call myself a night owl and find I come alive again once the day's work is done and the children are in bed.

Which wouldn't be such a problem if I could sleep for longer in the morning, but alas I can't and I end burning the candles at both ends (hearing my Dad's voice as I write that!). He always used to say, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man happy, healthy and wise."

So after all these years I am going to put it to the test and give it a go. If you see me about in the coming 40 days feel free to ask me how I'm getting on? I think there is always a vulnerability in sharing your intentions with others, especially if you feel you might fail, but I also believe that others can spur you on and encourage you to keep going. I wonder if you will be considering to do something for Lent this year and who you might share it with?

Maybe you've never considered observing Lent before and would like to know what it's all about.

I'd love to invite you to have a conversation with me or perhaps someone else you know who would be able to talk to you.

It's never too late to start something new and even better when you share the journey with others.

With every blessing,
Rev'd. Jackie Thornton



Church of England Services in March

Sun 4th March	9.30am Communion		Ford End
	11.00am Communion		Great Waltham
Sun 11th March - Mothering Sunday			
	8.00am	Traditional Communion	Great Waltham
	9.30am	Mother's Day Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Mother's Day Service	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Mother's Day Service	Chignals
Sun 18th March	9.30 am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	5.00pm	Evening Space	Blue Mothers Great Waltham
Sun 25th March			
	9.30am	Family Service	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Holy Week			
Mon 26th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Great Waltham
	8.00pm	Compline	Ford End
Tues 27th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Little Waltham
	8.00pm	Compline	Chignals
Weds 28th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Great Leighs
	8.00pm	Compline	Little Leighs
Maundy Thursday			
29th March	11.00am		Chelmsford Cathedral
	7.30pm		Little Leighs
Good Friday			
30th March	10.00am	The Happening	Great Waltham
Easter Sunday			
Sun 1st April	9.30 am	Communion	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals

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Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church March 2018

Contact; Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990
Services 10.30am Each Sunday

March 4th	Christina Maclure	10am Messy Church
March 11th	Rev Jane Guest	
Mothering Sunday	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	HC 6.30pm
March 18th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	Passion Sunday
March 25th	Rev Geoffrey Griggs	Palm Sunday
March 30th	Good Friday	Rev Geoffrey Griggs 6.00pm
April 1st	Easter Day	Rev Geoffrey Griggs HC

Thursday March 1st Gossip & Guzzle. 11am- 1.00pm
Thursday March 8th Pippins Parent & Toddler Group 9.30-11.00am
Saturday March 17th Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10am

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

We have reached the half-way point of the spring term which also marks the halfway point of the school year. Our Y6 children they have 20 weeks and counting before they embark on the exciting transition to senior school.

We welcomed Revd Jackie into the school to lead Collective Worship before we broke for half-term. She enlisted the help of 4 children to retell the story of the Good Samaritan. The theme of the week was our community.

There is a change to the school calendar, the church have asked us to move the Easter Service which is now: Tuesday 27 March at 09:30.

Mr Paugh led Collective Worship on a theme linked to World Safer Internet Day. The children discussed the uses of the internet and looked at some scenarios and voted on what to do.

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Cross Country teams ran well in the last races of the season. We had three children record top 20 finishes. Y4 competed in a Superstars events at CSAC, coming 5th on the day – they had a great time.



We have a new project – The

Healthy Ambassadors Club. The club is aimed at supporting pupils to have the knowledge and confidence to make sustainable healthy choices, and have a true understanding of why it is important to be healthy. It is linked with 'The Children's Health Project' which promotes children's health through four areas; Healthy Movement, Healthy Eating, Healthy Habits and Healthy Thoughts.

Three of the classes in school participated in the Big Schools Bird Watch the children saw plenty of our feathered friend and helped collect valuable data. The volcanoes continue to be a topic of great interest in KS2, it is a shame a school trip cannot realistically stretch to visit a one!

I asked some

children to write down 'Why is school important?' Here are two excellent responses:

I think it is important to go to school because otherwise you won't have enough knowledge to go to secondary school and then you won't be able to get a job and earn money for your family when you are older.

School is important because you will learn all different kind of subjects and core subjects such as Maths, English, science and P.E. It will also teach you how to interact with other people, and how to make friends.



Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End MARCH 2018

Sun. 4 th	Family Worship	P Hamilton
Sun. 11 th	Holy Communion (bcp)	Rev T Pigrem
Sun. 18 th	Morning Worship at Holy Cross, Felsted	11am
Wed 21 st	Prayer Meeting	Schoolroom 8pm
Fri 23 rd	Good Friday Meditation Hour	12 noon
Sun. 25 th	Morning Worship (cw) Palm Sunday	Joanna Pratt

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

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday 26th March 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 on 7th and the 14th March at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945.

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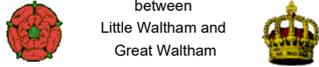


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GW Hort Soc AGM

Great Waltham Horticultural Society's AGM will be held on Tuesday, 3rd April at the British Legion, starting at 8pm. All members are welcome and the committee would love to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the Society.

Don't forget to book your child's place at the paint a plant pot workshop on Saturday 3rd March. Call 01245 364217.

Ford End Garden Club

Our February meeting was a fascinating talk by Clare Matthews on the history of Easton Lodge and gardens from Tudor times to the present day. We learnt about Daisy, Countess of Warwick, her life as a socialite and mistress of the future king while also being a great philanthropist in the local area. She engaged designers to develop the gardens which are now being restored from dereliction by keen volunteers.

The March meeting will be a talk on the work of the NGS, "the Yellow Book scheme", in Essex.

All welcome to come along, 7.30pm, 12th March in Ford End Village Hall.

Ford End School

Children from classes 2 and 3 enjoyed their day at the O2 recently. We participated in one of the Young Voices concerts, during which we sang with 7,800 other children from around the country to make one of the biggest choirs in the world! We have been working hard to learn the music and the words since September. We sang some Stevie Wonder songs, danced and enjoyed singing some current and some older pop songs. It was a long day but a good time was had by all.



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Little Waltham Gardening Club

The first meeting of 2018 for the Little Waltham Gardening Club saw many members and guests hear from Michael Sullivan of the Essex Alpine Society.

As Show Secretary for the Society, he has extensive experience of growing alpines, together with an enthusiasm for his subject, which made the talk very interesting. He displayed scenes from the Atlas Mountains in Morocco to the Spanish Pyrenees with saxifrage growing in tiny cracks on the mountainside, showing how these lovely plants grow in their natural habitat.

He suggested that when growing alpines in your garden, you have a minimum depth of 4 inches of shingle to allow free drainage. The soil type is not so important so long as the shingle ensures that the alpines don't sit in water at any time. Michael noted the next show for the Essex Alpine Society is in Harlow on 3rd March.

The most points this month in the President's Trophy was achieved jointly by Bill & Lesley Bryden with their flowering Camelia and Hellebore.

Our secretary, Maggie Williams reminded members that the AGM will be held on 7th March and includes our own version of Pointless after the AGM.

The annual Spring Show will be on Saturday 7th April at Little Waltham Memorial Hall and the Show Schedule is available from Show Secretary, Marion Lawson on 01245 361857.

The Gardening Club is looking for new members to join the Committee, in particular we will need a new Secretary from next year to take over from Maggie Williams, who has worked tirelessly for the Club for many years and feels it's now time to step down. Complete support and assistance will be provided. Please contact Maggie on 01245 360042 for further information.

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Up, Up and Away Preschool

The children have been making/decorating love bugs to take home for their families for Valentine's Day. We stuck a photograph of each child's face onto the bug, the finished bugs caused lots of giggles and parents said how sweet they were.

During our Valentine's themed week the children also had fun making perfume/potions from rose petals and enjoyed many other love themed activities.

A couple of weeks ago we visited our local coffee shop 'The Stores' with a few of our children. While waiting for their drink of milk and a cookie they enjoyed colouring in some pictures. We were kindly welcomed by everyone there and some of the customers even commented on how well behaved the children all were. The spring bulbs which we planted in our garden last year are all starting to pop up, the children find this quite amazing and enjoy studying them as their appearance changes.

We desperately need help to run our toddler group, the group can only run if we have volunteers to support it. Toddlers is every Wednesday afternoon at the village hall so if you can spare some time to help out with setting up and the running of this session please let us know.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chairman) of the Parish Council meeting of **15th January 2018**. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website www.greatwaltham.org.uk

Broads Green residents attended and confirmed that they would like to see the bollard gaps filled around the whole green. Chelmsford City Council had only fitted down one side and the PC debated how they could do the other sides within budget. CCC to be asked if they could fit the additional 8 bollards that were not required down one side, to the other side. The Broads green residents also made their feelings known about the request to the PC to give their opinion on 4 houses proposed for fields in Broads Green. The CCC Cllr in attendance stated that there is no development proposed in this area (or the GW Parish) in either the current development plan or the new plan being discussed to cover Chelmsford up to 2036. The PC stated that they only comment on formal planning applications and would give no opinion but would respond to the email request by passing on the feedback from the Broads Green residents, in full.

Cllr Steel stated that a fresh report (as requested) on Ford End Traffic issues had been received from ECC and that the Ford End Road Traffic Committee (FERTC) would formulate a response. Cllr Aldridge had stated in an email that "LHP there was general agreement to the 2 end Traffic Committee 20 mph non-mandatory signage by the School and the 40 mph buffer at both ends of the Village. They are both on the Potential Schemes schedule and will be determined when the final budget is determined for 2018/19".

Cllr Allen agreed to look at the flooding in the GW Recreation Ground car park to see what could be done.

The PC decided not to repair the water heater in the changing rooms on the basis that it was a high cost and there was still one in operation.

The next Parish Council will be held at the Parish Office, **Monday 19th March 2018** starting at 7.45pm; Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the Parish website and notice boards before the meeting.



The ECC Budget 2018/19 - by County Councillor John Aldridge

Essex County Council's £1.8 billion spending plan for 2018/19 has been approved resulting in an overall increase of 4.99% in Council Tax. It will rise by 2% through the Government's Social Care precept, which will be ring-fenced for adult social care, and 2.99% to support the delivery of vital services such as highways, public transport, libraries and recycling.

Other details of the Budget include investing £14 million in Superfast Broadband, £126 million into major road schemes and maintenance, plus an extra £3 million for pothole and footpath repairs. The Budget also provides £87 million for mainstream schools and £17 million for special schools to create an extra 2,750 school places to ensure all our children get the best start in life.

The increase in Council Tax represents a £1.12 per week rise for the average Band D property which will rise from **£1,163.70 to £1,221.75**.

(Note: these figures do not include the precepts from the Police, the Fire Service, the Chelmsford City Council and Parish Councils).

If you have any problems about County Council matters please contact me on 01245 4121524 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.

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

Don't forget

The Women's World Day of Prayer is on 2nd March at 2pm at Great Leighs Free Church. For details, contact Libby Hill 01245 360655.

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