

APRIL 2020

The marathon must go on

Four local runners who had been training hard for the now postponed London Marathon have decided to press ahead with their very own 26.2 mile personal marathon around the parish to raise funds for the charities close to their hearts.

Lucy Johnson and Leonie Harper, both from Great Waltham, are running for local children's hospice Havens Hospices; while Angela Holmes from Howe Street is fundraising for Type 1 diabetes charity JDRF; and Claire Honeywood from Little Waltham is collecting for Farleigh Hospice.

Lucy, whose son Harry was diagnosed with Leigh's Syndrome 10-years-ago, said: "We were all incredibly disappointed about the London Marathon, but as April 26 is the date we have been training towards we decided to carry on with a local marathon and we



Keep on running - Claire, Angela, Leonie and Lucy

hope plenty of people will come out and support us."

Angela, whose daughter Lizzie, 15, has Type 1 diabetes, is running for the JDRF charity, which is researching a cure for Type 1 diabetes in children and says: "Lizzie is very positive, running the marathon and fundraising gives us the hope we need to give her a future she so deserves."

Although the route and timing is still being finalised, the four will start and finish in Great Waltham. They are also making plans to run the postponed London Marathan on October 4, to honour the commitment they have made to their charities.

<u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-johnson50</u> (for Lucy and Leonie) <u>https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/angelaholmes6</u> https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clairehoneywood

Coronavirus support - See page 3 for details of who to contact if you need someone to talk to, or help with shopping, errands etc From the Vicarage

To the Cross and

Out the Other Side

At the beginning of Lent I never expected it to be quite such a difficult journey towards Easter. I don't think it has ever seemed more difficult to project myself forward into the coming month than it is at this moment. We are now in the grip of Covid-19 and unsure of what lies ahead. Schools are closed. People have lost jobs and income. At this moment I'm hearing of the first people I know coming down with the virus. Public worship in our churches is on hold and things are looking very different in the world to just a few weeks ago.

Although public worship may have stopped that doesn't mean the Church has. Churches are still open for private prayer (but please observe social distancing and hand cleansing). The life of prayer and following Christ goes on. And we are working out ways we can help those in our villages who may become ill and need to self-isolate. Around the country, medical staff, businesses and individuals are having to make difficult decisions about how to behave in this new and uncertain environment. The realisation that we are all intrinsically connected in this world is dawning. We are all in this thing together.

So the first thing to say is that, whether or not you come to church, the promise of Easter is that after the hard and painful road to the Cross which we remember and re-enact in Holy Week and especially on Good Friday, there is new life and resurrection round the corner. That has been true over the millennia since Jesus first willingly came into this world of disease and suffering and trod that road for us, showing that absolutely nothing the world throws at us can separate us from the love of God.

Fear, like everything in our human makeup, can be a gift from God when used in the right way, to avoid danger, but it can also lead us astray if we let it get hold of us. So the answer is not to deny our reasonable feelings of fear but to ask God to help us keep them in proportion, and walk through this time with love and compassion for each other.

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Church of England Services

All church services have been cancelled due to the coronavirus

For any enquiries, please contact: Alison Bates Parish Administrator Tel: 07957 228467 admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

Blackchapel Services

Blackchapel regret to announce that from 18th March 2020, until further notice, services and public meetings will be suspended and the chapel closed, as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church

Due to coronavirus all church activities on hold until further notice. Contact: Rev Geoffrey Griggs 01245 471990



FOOD BANK BOX

At this time of difficulty, it is even more important to donate food to the Food Bank Box at the back of Great Waltham church. Please pop in and leave something, however small. Thank you.

If you find yourself needing to self-isolate, either because of infection or to avoid infection, remember if you need to talk about your fears you can text me on 07795373832 or email Alison in our office: admin@littleandgreat.org.uk

One thing we can all do is to pray for each other and keep in touch with vulnerable friends and neighbours by phone and email, while respecting their need to keep separate.

May we know that God is with us and all those whom we love as we walk this difficult road together.

Rev'd Sandra

Associate priest

Support group

If you are self-isolating, live in Great Waltham, Broads Green or Howe Street, and have no one to do your shopping or any other errands, or you would just like a chat, we can help.

To talk about what you need, ring either -

Joanna Steel 01245 360918 *or* Wendy Proctor 01245 360483 *or* Phil Lilley 01245 360615.

WHO ARE WE?

We live locally. You may know one or other of us.

Joanna Steel – I run Great Waltham Community Network and I am the wife of the parish council chairman, Mike Steel. Wendy Proctor – I am a member of Great Waltham church and one of the coordinators of Great Waltham Community Care Group.

Phil Lilley – I am a member of the Parochial Church Council and a member of Walthambury WI.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

We will not come into your house. We will leave shopping on your doorstep We will wash or sanitise our hands frequently If we are unable to come ourselves, we will find a team member to help you

If you know of someone who might need some help, please encourage him or her to ring us. Please do <u>NOT</u> share this list with anyone outside the area or post it on social media, due to privacy issues.



and GARDENERS QUESTION TIME & a brief AGM

We aim to keep the Hut open every Sunday 10.00- 11.00 for gardening sundries



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

Ford End Dancing

Unfortunately, due to the current coronavirus situation, we have decided to suspend the dancing lessons held in the village hall until further notice. Wendy Johnson 360362

Facebook support group

For those with access to Facebook, a Great Waltham Coronavirus Community Support Group has been also set up to help with local information.

Village Choir and Art Show announcements

Great Waltham Village Choir will not be meeting until further notice. We will continue to keep in touch with all members by email. Keep singing and hope that we can be back choiring on Thursdays as usual before long.

Great Waltham Art Show May 2nd and 3rd 2020. Sadly the art show will not take place this year following the very clear guidelines published by the Government recently. Any enquiries concerning either of these announcement should be made to Malcolm Ward on 360149.

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH VE WEEKEND 8th to 10th May



The VE Committee have been working hard to deliver a range of events over the VE Day weekend: - Participation in the national events – bell ringing, nation's toast, last post, and reading of the cry for peace

 Several social events to include a 1940s-night, WW2 Quiz, Family Picnic, Tea Party and 2nd World War entertainment.

The plan was to add a centre spread to the Parish News with full details. However, given the uncertainty caused by Coronavirus, we will hold this back and include a modified version in the May edition.

Mike Steel - Chair VE Committee

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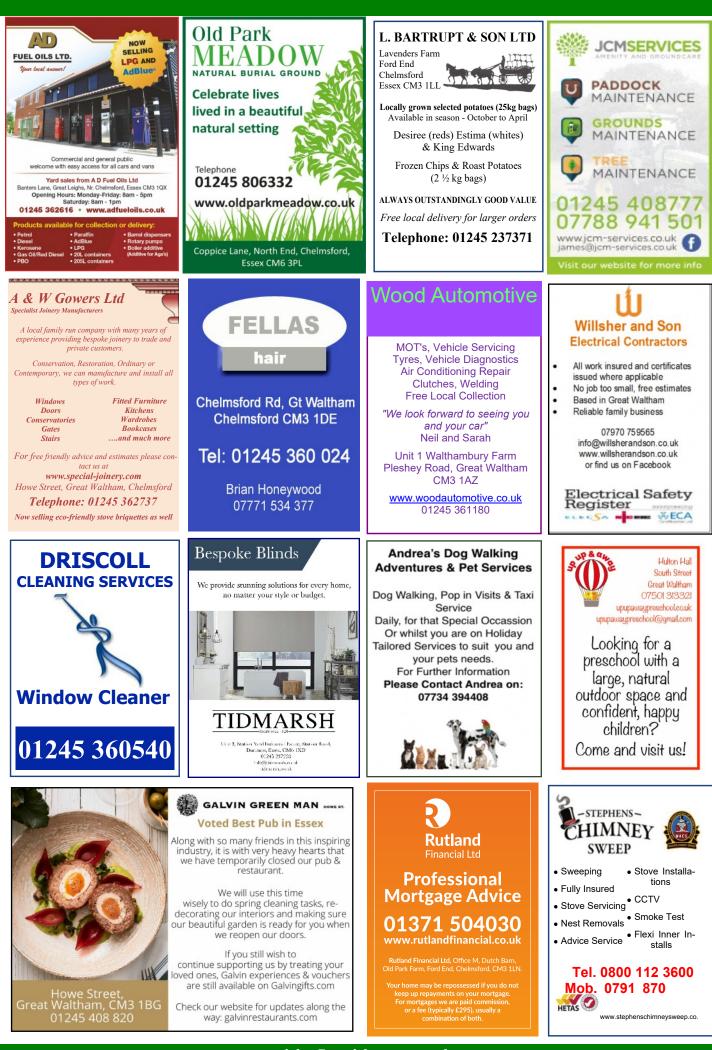
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Information from Kemi Badenoch MP regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This is a worrying and challenging time for us all and the advice on coronavirus is changing day by day because of the fast-moving environment. I understand it is difficult to know what advice to follow when there is so much information out there.

Furthermore, I am receiving messages from constituents who are offering to help and others who want to know how they can help. It is good to see the community coming together in a desire to support one another, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

For both these reasons, I have put together a page on my website that includes the links to the most up to date information from all the various bodies I am in touch with. These include the Government, local authorities such as Essex County Council, Uttlesford District Council and Chelmsford City Council, as well as information from local organisations and charities across the constituency. Please follow this link to access it: <u>www.kemibadenoch.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-</u>**19-advice-and-guidance**

For constituents who do not have access to the internet, as advised by Public Health England, if you think you have might have coronavirus don't go to your doctor's surgery or hospital. If you need to speak to someone, call <u>111</u> and they will make arrangements directly for testing and treatment or 999 if you require urgent medical treatment. Carers are also advised to call 111 or doctor surgeries for specific advice.

The Government will be holding daily televised briefings on Coronavirus and I would encourage constituents to tune in for the most up to date information and advice.

If you do have any individual concerns, please do contact me via email at **<u>kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk</u>** or call my office on **0207 219 1934** and we will endeavour to sign post you to the relevant organisation for information.

From the County Council - John Aldridge CC

As we all know since early March the number of coronavirus cases in Essex has grown significantly, with the frail and the elderly among the most vulnerable groups. The County Council is helping to coordinate support for our communities during this unprecedented time of uncertainty.

Essex Coronavirus Action is a collaboration between Essex County Council, the Essex Public Health Team, and local Facebook group administrators which enables residents and businesses to volunteer their skills to support those in need. Registration is now **OPEN** for any residents or businesses who want to volunteer in their local area via the forms below. Details will be passed directly to the group or groups that are operating near to you:

INDIVIDUALS - http://bit.ly/ecaformvolunteers

BUSINESSES - http://bit.ly/ecaformbusinesses

As a community we must take the necessary actions to stay safe, but we also need to look out for our neighbours who may need our help.

In addition a new Facebook page has been launched to help Essex residents during the Coronavirus outbreak. To access the Facebook page go to: <u>https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=104370547862769&id=104361277863696</u>

It is vitally important that during the period of the Coronavirus, there is a recognition that we need to sustain the providers of social care to ensure they can continue in business in the face of enormous demand. Essex County Council has released £11.4m from its reserves to support Adult Social Care providers to cope with the anticipated demands placed upon them by Coronavirus.

Here are useful key links that are all regularly updated.

ECC Official Coronavirus Update - https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/coronavirus

Public Health Guidance - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

NHS - https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

To contact Cllr Aldridge about County Council-related matters: 01245 421524 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.



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Blossom Way Affordable Homes in Great Waltham

City Cllr and Parish Council Chair, Mike Steel says:

CHP have now completed the 10 dwellings in Blossom Way (formerly the garages site) which are all rented accommodation, owned and managed by CHP. Applicants on the Housing register, with a local connection to Great Waltham (i.e., live in parish, have relatives or work there) have been given priority for 5 of the homes, with the remainder open to all.

CHP are having a celebration event on Thursday 16 April, 12 noon to 1pm if anyone from the local area wants to come and have a tour of the site and some of the properties (please note allocation for all properties is handled via Chelmsford City Council's housing register). CHP is a locally community focused housing managed, association. They were established in 2002 with the core social purpose of meeting local housing need, providing new properties for rent and sale. They manage 10,000 homes and provide services for over 20,000 customers. They aim to build 365 homes a year



The site originally belonged to City Council and was sold to CHP. CHP have generously built a car park of 14 spaces and handed them over to GWPC. These will be operated as a public car park for anyone to use, but a condition of the sale was that four of the spaces must be reserved for use by the Scout Group. GWPC are trying to increase the public car parking in the village, and these add to the nine daytime spaces leased from the Village Hall. GWPC will monitor the situation on the Blossom Way spaces and determine if they should continue on this basis. We ask people to use the spaces in a way that maximises off-road parking and minimises the congestion we see around the village due to on-road parking. It is a legal requirement that cars are taxed and roadworthy (and does not include commercial vehicles).

Ford End Garden Club

John Cullen came to our March meeting and gave a very informative and interesting talk on dahlias and how to propagate them. Dahlias have become very popular in the last few years, probably due to their stunning colours and their long flowering season from high summer to the first frosts. When buying dahlia tubers the most reliable are Taylor's English certified but always check that any tuber you buy isn't soft. Just sit the tubers on the top of a pot of multipurpose compost and keep in a frost free place until they start sprouting. Cuttings may be taken from new growth to grow on for flowering this summer.

We are organising a coach outing on Wednesday 17 June to Fullers Mill Garden which is a waterside gem in the heart of Suffolk and one of two gardens maintained by Perennial which helps support horticulturists in crisis. The same day we shall also be visiting Ickworth House which is a National Trust property near Bury St Edmunds.

WALTHAMBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our March meeting we welcomed Maz Keenan from Farleigh Hospice who outlined the numerous services offered by Farleigh from in patient care, Hospice at Home and, of course, the many spa treats and therapeutic leisure classes. The next meeting planned for Tuesday 14th April has been cancelled.



The Parish Council has two allotment sites in Great Waltham Village. There are several allotment plots available for rent. There are a variety of sizes and these plots can be sub divided to suit. Costs are as low as £10 per year. There is water available on both sites - Brook Mead (behind the shop) and Bury lane (at the end of Barrack Lane /Mashbury Road). Contact the clerk on <u>clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk</u> if you are interested in taking on a plot. A reminder to current allotment holders that the annual invoices will be issued in the next few weeks.

articles@parish-news.co.uk

By-pass update

An expected article regarding the Chelmsford North East Bypass and Beaulieu Station, has been delayed. Latest news can be found at <u>www.essex.gov.uk/chelmsford-northeast-bypass</u> and we will publish any updates in the next edition.

LW Gardening Club

Little Waltham Gardening Club held a flower arranging workshop on 12th March at the Little Waltham URC. The morning was both informative and entertaining with professional tutor, Lionel Clark. The Club's Spring Show due to take place on Saturday April 11th has been cancelled.



SUNDAY 26th April 10.00am-12.00noon

Meet at the village hall where hand washing facilities are available

Litter pickers, High Vis jackets and bags will be provided. All equipment will be disinfected

PLEASE WEAR YOUR OWN GLOVES All under 18's will need to accompanied by an adult

Any time you can give is very much appreciated to keep our village clean and tidy. Thankyou!

Great Waltham Parish Council

Clerk, W Adshead-Grant, Great Waltham Village Hall, South Street, Great Waltham, Essex CM3 1DF Tel 07880 717329 clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

The following is a summary extract (by Mike Steel – Chair) of the Parish Council Meetings of **17**th **February 2020.** The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website <u>https://e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/</u>

Cherry Garden Road residents attended to say that they needed a solution to the parking difficulties. The area does not provide enough off-road parking for modern households, and road parking is a problem, and cars are parking on the green areas, causing contention and damage. Requests for driveways across the greensward appear to be addressed inconsistently by City Council Planning dept. The PC can appreciate that residents should have more of a say in their environment and it is important to understand their views. It was decided that the PC would survey residents to get their views.

On a positive note, the PC is close to agreeing the handover from CHP to GWPC of 14 parking spaces on the new Blossom Way development. GWPC will manage these as public parking spaces, but 4 must be exclusively retained for Scout use.

GWPC listened to the request to refurbish the Millennium Gate passageway into GW Church grounds but is unable to act. Extensive research by GWPC has shown that this land is not recorded at the Land Registry, is not a Right of Way, appears not to be owned by anyone, and GWPC cannot commit public funds to assets it does not own or have the right to use. Given the difficulties and potential costs, GWPC cannot see a way forward on this, but will defer to next meeting having established the above facts.

Various options for the GW Rec Ground Changing Rooms were considered and it was agreed that we would proceed with refurbishing the building, starting with the replacement of the roof.

The Annual Assembly will be held at Ford End this year, 1st June, and it was agreed to invite County Broadband (CBB) to present their approach to offering Superfast Broadband to Ford End, North end and Littley Green. Some parishioners have raised concerns about communications by CBB to both residents and their own contractors in terms of locating new telegraph poles.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held **19:45 Monday 20th April 2020**, 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. (Note: meeting likely to be cancelled.)

Great Waltham Litter Pick



Well done to those that turned out for the Great Waltham litter pick on 14th March. A strange mix of discarded items were collected. The rubbish was neatly stacked in the Recreation Ground car park for collection on the following Monday, but someone decided to spread it around over the weekend, including smashing glass in the play area. If anyone noticed who did it, please let the police know (101 or https://www.essex.police.uk/) and contact clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk

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