

OCTOBER 2017

Blooming Marvellous Show



Some of the wonderful produce on show

Exhibits at Great Waltham Horticultural Society's Annual Flower & Produce Show transformed the village hall and school hall into a sea of colour and creative craftwork on Saturday, 16th September. Continuing the lengthy tradition of village shows, the event attracted many entries from young and old alike.

The cactus classes were hotly contested with father and son rivalry from Mike and Patrick Abel and mother and daughter entries of Jane and Lucy Moore. For various reasons, the dahlia entries were somewhat reduced but we do hope to see a return of these beautiful flowers next year. The standard of produce was amazing. Carrots, beans and tomatoes tempted the tastebuds; and cakes, bakes and makes, filled plenty of table-tops.

In the fruit and vegetable section there was strong competition from new entrants giving some of our more seasoned

exhibitors a run for their money. Well done Jan Bloomfield and Jo Palmer! Among the most popular were the handicrafts and domestic classes. Both judges and visitors alike were tempted by the fabulous cakes and cookies on show.

There were plenty of fine tipples in the Wine, Beer & Spirits classes, many of which were strongly contested, with Des Bass achieving three firsts

Local photographers and handicraft fans kept the judges entertained with their entries and there were prizes for Sheila Sheldrake with her beautiful quilt winning the 'Best in Show' category.

The children's classes were also down on last year but we did have some

fantastic 'Garden on a Plate' exhibits with the special RHS Junior Competitor's Awards of Merit going to Bella Lopez-Real in the children under 8 classes, and Toby Wincott in the children aged 8-15. (Continued on Page 3)



Great Waltham Parish Productions' "Murder in the Med"



played to a packed audience at Gt Waltham Village Hall on Saturday 9th September.

Set on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean, Captain Jonah Haddock welcomed the audience on board with a cocktail before they settled down to study the murder mystery play. Audience interrogation of suspects under the inexpert guidance of Inspector Clueless uncovered the murderer, with team Praise B led by Rev. Caroline Brown winning the prize after a tie break with team Harper's Bizarre. The excellent players on stage took to their roles enthusiastically, keeping the audience in fits of laughter throughout: Mike Steel (Inspector Clueless), Colin Reynolds (Cato), David Chapman (Captain Haddock), Sam Gouch (Hattie Fitwell), Kalli Cocking (Brandy Whine), Jean Summers (Felicity Starstruck), Andy Tinsley (Monty Moneybags) and Robin Harper (Jack Strangelove). Jack Dixon entertained with a beautiful

rendition of songs during the excellent international buffet meal and



everyone was supported by GWPP's hard working front of house and backstage team.

Watch out for "Jill and the Beanstalk" next spring!



From the Vicarage,

Dear friends

Which is your favourite season? Spring with the promise of new life, daffodils and fresh green leaves or languid summer with longer days and sun on our faces and easy fun out in our gardens or on the beach or cosy winter of big jumpers by Sunday 1st Oct 10.30am Joint Service the fire or my favourite, Autumn: season of mists and mellow fruitfulness with trees decked in orange, red and gold splendour, slanting sunlight and stunning sunsets, harvests mainly gathered in. I guess I also love that we live in a place where Sunday 8th Oct 8.00am we can see the seasons turning, and know that the year has a rhythm. So here we come to September again, a time of new beginnings.

And part of our new beginning this year is to Sunday 15th Oct 9.30am welcome Jackie Thornton as our curate - she has been working as a lay worker over the summer and on 30 September she will be ordained deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral. The Church of England can be a bit weird and the terms don't Sunday 22nd Oct 9.30 am Family Service make much sense but Jackie is an assistant vicar who is learning her trade having spent time in college learning the theory – as well as being a Sunday 29th Oct 10.30am Mum and working with the Schools Youth Ministry, Phew!

So why are new beginnings important? And why might you want to come along and celebrate this with us? The new beginning I have had recently is the birth of my youngest grandson, Roman who is now 3 months old. It is wonderful to see this new person develop and grow and trust us and being loved by his parents and begin to smile and interact with the world and take pleasure in kicking his legs and waving his arms and make his toy make a (rather annoying) noise. Pleasure in the simple things of life, a chance to see again what matters in life and to see the world afresh. I love the way little children are delighted and intrigued by the most ordinary of things, a puddle, a cigarette end, a bug, whatever next!

And this service for Jackie is a new beginning for us, a chance to refresh ourselves and Jackie brings fresh eyes, not like a child - obviously but still that sense of something good and new starting.

What people say about coming to our services is that find it friendly and welcoming, everyone is accepted as they are and there is a warm sense of community.

So the possibility of coming to either Jackie's ordination in the Chelmsford Cathedral on 30 September, or our Sunday service at Great Waltham on 1 October with cake and bubbly afterwards (details for both below) is that you will have a good time and a sense of something new starting for you as well as us.

Come and join us. Revd Caroline Brown

Ford End Senior Tea

The next tea will be held at 2pm on Monday, 16th October at Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End. Anyone interested or who has not been before, please ring Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945



Church of England Services in October

Great Waltham Jackie's first service as Deacon.

Guest speaker Mr Chris Smith with cake and bubbly afterwards!

Traditional communion Great Waltham

9.30am Harvest Service Ford End 11.00am Harvest Service Great Waltham

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> 11.00am Harvest Service Chignals then on to the Community Orchard

Ford End 11.00am Communion **Great Waltham Great Waltham**

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

Services and Events at Blackchapel, North End **OCTOBER**

Sun 1st Family Worship P Hamilton Sun 8th Holy Communion (bcp) Rev S Bazlinton Sun 15th Holy Communion (cw) Rev S Bailey Wed 18th Prayer Meeting Schoolroom 8pm Sun 22nd Morning Worship J Turton

Worship at Felsted Church

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

11am

Services & Events at Lt Waltham United Reformed Church October 2017

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

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Thursday 5th October Gossip & Guzzle 11am - 1.0pm Thurs 12th October Pippins 9.30 - 11.30am Sat 21st October Coffee Morning in Schoolroom 10.0am

Sun 29th

Ford End Gardening Club

our September meeting we enjoyed a talk given by John Mead on planting containers for Autumn and He gave a hands on Winter. demonstration with colourful plants including pansies and cyclamen and told us a little known fact that the pansy family originates from the Suitable compost was Himalayas. discussed along with the use of vermiculite and slow release fertiliser. Since his retirement from international banking John has been an executive become chauffeur. а horticulturalist, a judge for many shows and is a leading light of Hutton Horticultural Society and is much in demand as a speaker.

Our next meeting starting at 7.30 is on Monday 9 October in the Ford End village hall when the speaker will be Brian Wickenden talking about Gardening in Winter. You are welcome to come along and join us.



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The main event was preceded by the Not-So-Serious Dog Show, which gave many of the parish's four-legged residents the chance to put their best paw forward. Winning plenty of hearts was Lucy who took home the prize for the prettiest dog whilst the show champion was Bailey. This year's dog charity was the Essex Search & Rescue who are part of Lowland Rescue. They arrived with a beautiful puppy they are training and it was very interesting talking to them about their work. Thanks to all your donations and support £54.09 was raised for this very worthwhile local charity.

As always, there were too many winners for a personal mention, but thanks go to everyone for supporting the show and helping to continue its long tradition. Special thanks too, to all the judges, volunteers and supporters - especially Sheila and Peter Sheldrake - everyone's help was most greatly appreciated by the Horticultural Society Committee.



Up Up & Away Preschool



As we start our new term we welcome to preschool 6 new children and their families and also 2 new members of staff. The last 2 weeks have been busy settling the new children in and getting the older children back into the routine of preschool. We have managed to enjoy a couple of walks out around the village searching for conkers and avoiding heavy

rain showers. Over the summer holidays we made some slight changes to our garden, which is proving to be a big hit with the children. Our older children enjoyed planting some spring bulbs in their new patio area so we look forward to those popping up in the new year.

We have changed our days at preschool so we now open all day every week day apart from Wednesday's. This now means our **Toddler group runs on a Wednesday afternoon, from 1.15pm to 2.45pm.** The group is open to families with bumps, babies and toddlers. Each session is £2 per family but your first session is free.

WALTHAMBURY WI

The WI is supporting the Rucksack Project which is providing homeless women with personal care products and members have been requested to bring items, plus a bag (to put items in) along to the October meeting. Twenty four of our members have now applied for tickets to see An American in Paris which will be on 8 November.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10 October** and Sandra Sparrowhawk will give a talk entitled a Question of Colour.

Meetings start at 8.0 pm and are held in the Legion Hall, Great Waltham and visitors are welcome.



Ford End Dancing

The club will meet on 4th October and 18th October at 7pm in Ford End Village Hall. For more information, contact Sheila Bearman on 01245 237335 or 07977 077945

News from Ford End Primary School

Changes are afoot at Ford End School. At the end of last term we said goodbye to Hazel Arnill, who was the Headteacher here for 11 years. We gave her a good send off and the hall was packed with

parents, children staff and friends, from past and present. Hazel performed a beautiful piece on the flute, accompanied by pianist Clive Smith. Leaving gifts were presented and performances given by each class. It was a very moving time for all involved.

We also said goodbye to another member of staff who retired, Charlotte Aires. Charlotte was our SenCo for 5 years. We wish them both well as they start their retirement.

Our new Executive Headteacher is Liz Maycock who is also Headteacher at Little Waltham School; she will be working alongside Sarah Cottee who is Head of School. We also welcome Debbie Rudkin as our SenCo:

All the children have settled in well with 11 new children joining us in Foundation Stage along with 2 new families who have children in other year groups.

The term is now in full swing and the classes have started their topic areas. Class 1 are learning about Holidays and classes 2 and 3 are studying the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children have also been working hard on their contributions for the Great Waltham Horticultural Show. They have made entries in the handwriting/art sections during school time. However, all children are encouraged to make something at home to enter as an individual. Those who have previously taken part get great pleasure producing their entries and then proudly seeing their work displayed on the day.

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Great Waltham British Legion

Events in October



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Scary Movie Night

Friday 27th October - 7.00pm

Free entry. Come on down for a scary movie night, dress in your PJs and grab some popcorn and sweets which will be available to purchase. Adults only.



Family Halloween Party

Saturday 28th October - 7.00pm All children and adult members FREE. £2 non-members. There are games to be played, prizes to be won, face painting, costume competitions, food and drink! There is no better way to enjoy Halloween.



Trick or Treating Pitstop

Tuesday 31st October - 6.00pm to 8.00pm Stop at the legion after your trick or treating. Grab a hot dog and drink with your friends before eating all your goodies.



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Pets Service

On Sunday 10th September, a lot of dogs, one cat and two bats came along to the churchyard, bringing their well-behaved owners with them. They had come to our annual Pets Service

which, this year, welcomed Emma England, a volunteer from the **Essex Bat Group**, who gave us a very interesting talk on bats, before showing us a couple of tiny ones that she had brought. Thank you to everyone who came, we raised £58.73 for their charity!

Harvest Service



Our next Family Service will be for Harvest and we are hoping to welcome another guest, this time a volunteer from the **Chelmsford Foodbank**. We will be

collecting items for them, so please bring along with you what you can from the following list: tins of soup, tinned potatoes, ready-made custard, tea bags, tinned rice puddings, packets of mashed potato, toothpaste, shaving cream, washing up liquid (they currently have sufficient stock of baked beans, pasta and sugar). Come and help us support local people who are in need!

Thank you in advance and we hope to see many of you on Sunday 8th October at 11am in Great Waltham church.

HELP NEEDED WITH OUR LOVELY CHURCH YARD

Firstly thank you to those kind villagers who came and helped recently to start the autumn tidy up of the Ford End Church Yard .

Your hard work was appreciated

Please does any one fancy going on a rota to help throughout the year to keep it tidy?

There is a small team at the moment.
Are you able to offer 2 or 3 hours a month?
It would not mean a heavy commitment just when you have time to spare.

Roger Bearman organises this and would really like to hear from of few more villagers please.

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Great Waltham FRIENDSHIP CLUB

n July, members enjoyed hearing from Johr Andrews, local artist, about how he became interested in painting and how he got started Instructions were given on drawing people. faces and derelict places. Members then had results from two or three of them.

The August meeting took everyone to the seaside. Well, actually the seaside came to the Legion with a quiz on seaside towns, sticks of rock, ice cream and a good old 'end of the pier' sing-song.

In September the Club held a fund-raising auction which is always a lot of fun and a chance to bag some bargains and gifts.

In October we have the Hooters versus the Clangers for a musical quiz.

News from Great Waltham C of E VC Primary School

Welcome back to another school year. We hope all the Parish News readers had a good summer.

Our new children in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) have completed



their first few weeks in school and have settled really well - we have 27 in the class this year - they certainly look happy enough in the photograph! This year Mrs Mayell and Mrs Moore will take our EYFS class. We welcome two new teachers to the school, Mr Brady, the teacher of Class Antarctica (Y1/2) and Mrs Sedman, the teacher of Class North

America (Y5/6). All the remaining teachers have moved year groups this year; Mrs Paugh our Deputy-Head is with Class Africa (Y2), Ms Lovell with Class Europe (Y3/4) and Mrs Elmes with Class Asia (Y4/5).

In our Collective Worship time we have launched our Life Long Value for the a dabble themselves with some amazing half-term, Aspiration, looking at examples of what this might look at in school and discussing the Creation Story and the aspiration God had for the world. As well as lessons, the children at Great Waltham School have lots of opportunities to learn through extra-curricular clubs. This year we have: football for KS1 and KS2, netball, tag-rugby, film club, games club, choir, homework club, rugby tots for KS1, computing for Y2-6, a sports development club, recorders, cross country and a ukulele club!

> In KS1, the children's topic is Toys - certainly lots to learn about there! In KS2 the children are learning about the Victorians, a real hands on topic. They will visit the Victorian Museum in Braintree at the end of the month, we can add a photo in the next edition of the Parish News.

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LITTLE WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB

Margaret Williams chairperson, welcomed members to the first meeting of the Club's Winter programme.

Deb Hart gave an interesting and informative presentation on all the aspects of willow weaving.

The audience learned about the many types of willow that are used in willow weaving and how it is cut and prepared for sale. Deb used a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the wide range of ways in which willow was used in the past, from vegetable baskets and eel traps to the support of trenches in World War 1. She included a number of photographs of her own work which displayed her amazing talent. Besides many woven garden ornaments Deb has made long garden fences, living willow tunnels and even a maze in the shape of a strawberry for a local jam factory. The RHS, National Trust and English Heritage are among her customers.

The audience had a chance to watch a willow artist in action as Deb made a 6 foot high willow obelisk which she donated to the raffle. The lucky winner was Doris Brown

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm, Little Waltham Memorial Hall. The speaker will be Darren Lerigo who will be advising on ways to conserve water in our gardens. Visitors and new members very welcome.

For more information please phone M Williams 01245 360042

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH CLEAR UP DAY

Saturday 30th September 2017

Volunteers may wish to clear an area around their home or a favourite walk or join the team of litter pickers who will meet

at

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Sunday 29th October

(Note change of date given in previous Parish News)

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Great Waltham Parish Council

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The following is a summary extract of the Parish Council meeting of 21st August 2017. The full and approved minutes are published on the Parish Council Notice boards and at the Parish Website www.greatwaltham.org.uk

Attempts to formalise the location of the Talking Bench at Banbury Square have resulted in ECC declaring that both the bench and the planted area require a licence as it is Highways land. ECC are insisting that this includes 3 or 4 bollards to protect the public from the carriageway. Licence to be requested and bollard installation to be costed.

Members of the public attended to support the requirement to get the War Memorial cleaned. Quote has been obtained (£1,752 inc VAT) and work will proceed. PC will also attempt to obtain grant.

The PC received feedback from the Twinning visit 23rd to 29th July, which was very successful with 67 French guests visiting for the week. This year, the Mayor of Ceyrat also attended. Gifts were exchanged at the farewell meal and the Ceyrat Mayor presented the PC with 3 bottles of French wine. The PC have decided that these will be given to local organisations for fund raising. Contact the Chairman to make a request and they will be fairly split.

Notice has been given by CCC for the garages at the Cherry Garden Road garages area. Cllr Huggins proposed that PC approach CHP in order to form a PC/residents liaison group to facilitate some form of communications channel that will reduce the inconvenience of the build stage as much as possible. This was agreed.

The electrical tests on the Recreation Ground changing rooms has outlined the need for a number of repairs and modifications. The company that did the tests have already quoted for the remedial work. The Clerk was instructed to obtain 2 further quotes.

Mike Steel (Chairman)

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Ford End Village Hall, **Monday 16th October** 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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