

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

September 2022

TWINNING FINALLY CROSSES THE CHANNEL!

In July, Great Waltham Twinning members finally managed to visit their French counterparts in Ceyrat in the Auvergne region, the first get-together since July 2019. The small but intrepid group set off by Eurostar, avoiding Dover, Heathrow and train strikes, and arrived bang on time!



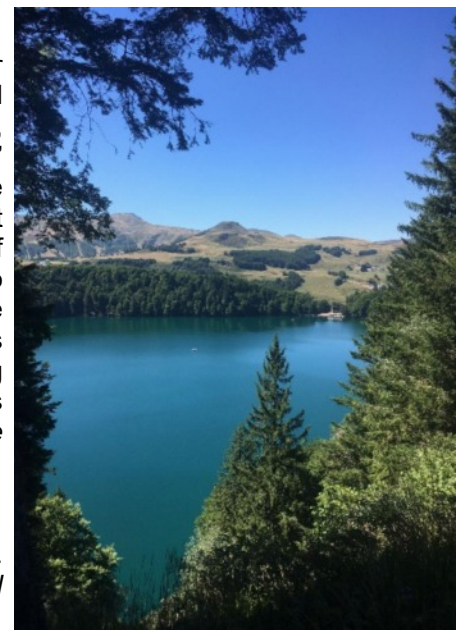
Signing the new Twinning Treaty

At the beginning of the week, we attended a formal occasion where we were greeted by their new mayor, Mme Picard. Joanna Steel of GW Twinning, Michel Passelaigue of Ceyrat Twinning, Mike Steel of GW Parish Council, and the mayor all signed a new twinning treaty to reaffirm our friendship and close links.

We stayed with our hosts in their homes for a week and enjoyed the many organised trips, including a "pate de fruits" factory and l'Opera de Vichy, and basically got stuck into the French way of life with convivial, al fresco dinners and some free time to stroll round idyllic villages and explore this amazing region of extinct volcanoes and beautiful lakes. *(More photos on page 7)*



Two of the many beautiful views



L'Opera de Vichy

We are looking forward to hosting all the lovely French people in July 2023. If you would like to join in, or are just interested in knowing more, contact me. You can be any age and you don't have to speak French. *Joanna Steel* joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com

The Hottest Summer since records began

The Parish of Great Waltham has been tinder dry for a number of weeks. Hopefully when this issue is delivered we will have had some rain although it will take a lot to replenish the rivers and reservoirs. Pictures have been taken by Barry Teader to record the parched parish of 2022. *(More pictures on page 7)*



Panoramic view of the well trodden footpath over Langleys across Deer park

Church Matters

It's holiday time, hot weather (too hot?) just right for strolling along a beach. How about a stick of rock, that's very seaside-ish. Suppose, just suppose, that instead of Blackpool or wherever, it said "God" running all the way through. One afternoon of heat, some years ago, I was working on a computer system in an office in London. One of my colleagues started talking about solar eclipses and made the point that for a solar eclipse to take place, the diameter of the sun and the moon, and the distance between them as they follow their complicated orbits, has to be in a very precise ratio. That isn't something that could just arbitrarily happen, it must have been put precisely in place.

This isn't stating God as only a watchmaker isolated from us, we can meet a living and loving God in Christ. However, like a copyrighted document or a banknote, there are watermarks of God to be seen everywhere - like a young child signing their drawing "I did this."

It's hiding in plain sight, like in detective stories. The detective says something like "well, sergeant, so the villain was just hiding in plain sight" after they've missed the obvious for 50 minutes of screen time. If they'd only seen what was right in front of them...

What's hiding in plain sight for us? We are very lucky to have 6 country churches around us, all different. They certainly look attractive buildings while passing through our villages but all their architectural features, varying according to the period they were built, and modifications over the years, make a statement about God. It's right there to be seen, to remind us of the presence of God throughout the world.

It's like a stick of rock with "God" running right through it - every bite you take the word is still there to be read. These clues of God are right in front of us, hiding in plain sight.
Bill Styles



Church of England Services September 2022

Sunday 4th	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Ford End
	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Communion	Ford End

Morning prayer

is held every Monday at Ford End Church at 8.30am and every Wednesday at Great Waltham Church 9am.

Please note new start time of 10am at Ford End church

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

Services at Blackchapel, North End September 2022

All main services will be at 3.00 pm unless otherwise stated

Sunday 4 th	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th	Family Worship
October	
Sunday 2 nd	Harvest Thanksgiving

For further information contact Patrick Hamilton on 01371 820095

Little Waltham United Reformed Church Services for September all at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 4 th -	Rev. Charles DeLacy
Sunday 11 th -	Rev. Paul Beasley Murray
Sunday 18 th -	Ian Chamberlain
Sunday 25 th -	Rev. Geoffrey Griggs - Holy Communion

Other Activities

Coffee and Cake - Thursday 1st from 10.00 - 12 noon
Coffee Morning - Saturday 17th from 10 - 11a.m.
Bible Study - Thursday 22nd at 11 a.m.

Ford End Senior Tea

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the sunshine.
Our next tea will be on Monday 5th September at 2.30pm
Do contact me for any more information. You do not have to live in Ford End in join us.
I look forward to seeing you all.
Sheila 07977077945

Ford End Gardening Club

The gardening club will be meeting on Wednesday 21st September (always the third Wednesday in the month) in Ford End village hall at 7.30 pm.

Alan has suggested we each bring a flower, vegetable or a piece of shrub and tell us how it has or has not survived the prolonged drought. We look forward to seeing our members after a summer break and welcome new members.



Walthambury Women's Institute

Our first meeting following our successful Garden Party in July will be on Tuesday 13th September at

7.30 in the British Legion Hall. We look forward to welcoming members and guests after a very long hot summer.

Our speaker will be Alan Pamphilon and his talk is entitled "Mr Marconi and the birthplace of Wireless 1898 - 1922."

New members always welcome.

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You can also find more information on hiring fees, terms and conditions, the booking process etc. on the parish website at e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/the-pavilion/.

The Ford End Village Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Wednesday 28th September

at 6.30pm

in the Village Hall.

We would welcome anyone along to the meeting with an interest in the village hall.

Please do come along.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved but cannot make the meeting, please contact

Sandra Brown on (07736) 965286.

Great Waltham Horticultural Society

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September 17th 2022

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We especially need somebody to learn how to operate our Sound Desk for shows tuition given.

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We'd love to hear from you!

Andrew Tinsley 9/7/22

Essex Voices Concert in aid of Great Waltham Church

I would like to thank the artists who will be playing in this concert to help raise money for Great Waltham Church.

Admission is free but there will be a donation bowl at the back of the concert. There will be also be a Licenced Bar.

Do come and join us for a lovely evening and help to support our wonderful Church



Allotment Holders



All Allotment Holders – Invoice time is approaching for the Sept 2022 – Sept 2023 season.

If you have not received an invoice by the time, you are

reading this article, then the details we hold for you on file need to be updated – please let me know of your new e-mail. Please contact the Clerk – clerk@greatwalthamparishcouncil.co.uk to update your details.

We do have a selection of plots available at both Brook mead and Bury Lane and these can be reduced in size to suit your requirements. Allotment holders must live within the Parish.

Little Waltham Gardening Club

7th September - 'What makes a typical British Garden', by Darren Lerigo. Soil types, pruning design and many other features of gardening will be covered.

5th October - 'Beekeeping in East Anglia', by Stacy Cronly-Dillon

Both meetings take place in Little Waltham Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is plenty of parking.

Plant stall, book stall, and refreshments available.

Visitors very welcome - £3.00

For more information, please phone Margaret on 01245 360042

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.

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co-ordinators who are:

Gill Mitchell 01245 362215

Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483

John Lattimore, Chairman

Tel. 01245 363818

Illegal instance of fly tipping

There has been an instance of fly tipping on the rubbish tip in Great Waltham churchyard. The attached photo shows a quantity of rubble and some pallets which were dumped there last month. This spoils what should be a beautiful and peaceful part of the village environment for all to enjoy. Chelmsford Council's fly tipping whistleblower people declined to get involved as it is on private land. If anyone sees any of this activity going on, or has any information about it please contact David Williams, Churchwarden on the addresses or numbers below, The Old Post Office, Main Road, Great Waltham, Chelmsford CM3 1BG
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Left and right - Food featured highly and there were many opportunities to enjoy good food and good company.



Below- the visit to the sweet and chocolate factory.



(Continued from the front page)



Left - Fish in the reservoir, the water level is so low they swim just below the surface and are clearly visible.

Below - is of the ever so dry land that has some very deep cracks in the ground, these cracks can be found all over farmland which shows just how little rain we have had.



(Courtesy of Barry Teader)

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The Parish Council held a monthly meeting on 18th July in the Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation Ground. This is a summary of our discussions – full and approved minutes of all Council meetings are published on Council notice boards and on the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

We were asked by the chair of the Twinning Association to note that a new, post-Brexit treaty between Great Waltham and Ceyrat has been created. It was requested that Cllr. Steel signs the new document on behalf of the Council during a forthcoming visit to Ceyrat – the Council agreed this proposal and Cllr. Steel accepted the nomination. We asked that he passes on our good wishes to the mayor and town of Ceyrat. We were also asked to note that North End residents have fitted a deer guard around the Jubilee tree planted there and also set the associated plaque in a hardwood surround.

Mike Steel, our city and county councillor confirmed that like us, both ECC and CCC have objected to the proposed line of pylons indicated in the National Grid's East Anglia GREEN consultation – we will maintain a close watch on developments. He also indicated that three repair sites for the parish have been submitted as part of his allocation from Essex Highways' (EH) Member Led Carriageway Pothole Repair Programme. He also advised that ECC has signed a contract with RideLondon for a further one-day event next year, potentially over a new route. We also noted that three road/traffic calming initiatives for Ford End are now EH funded or awaiting funding lists, and that work on the sloped section of footway at the junction of Cherry Garden Road and Barrack Lane in Great Waltham is on the funded list too.

The Council noted the contents of the scoping opinion submitted for the proposed development at Strategic Growth Site 7a in Great Leighs. Overall, the Stage 1 Masterplan Framework for the Great Leighs area has provision for 1,200 new residences and we have submitted our initial comments and concerns over the possible infrastructural impacts of these developments on surrounding parishes. Again, we will maintain a close watching brief to understand how our representations are being addressed. You can review all local planning information at CCC's website: www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/.

The Council received a report that initial discussions had taken place to exit the leasing arrangement with the Village Hall now that the office and meeting facilities there no longer meets its particular requirements – the Council is working with the Village Hall to secure a new leaseholder. The meeting also agreed the membership of its new Highways and Transport Committee – its terms of reference will be discussed at our August meeting, with a view to the Committee meeting shortly thereafter. We also agreed the wordings of new policies confirming the Council's positions on bio-diversity and crime and disorder, and a new publication scheme document which details how members of the public can secure information from us. We also agreed revisions to our standing orders. All of these policy documents will be posted on the parish website.

We noted the initiation of meetings with the Royal British Legion and other local organisations in relation to arrangements for this year's (13th November) Remembrance Sunday events in the parish.

The damage to the hedge close to the Hatchfields entrance at the Great Waltham Recreation Ground was noted. We agreed to repair and replant as necessary and also to get quotes for the cost of replacing the wooden entrance gate itself. In relation to possible hazards for pedestrians as they exit the Ground created by parked vehicles on Hatchfields, we decided to monitor the situation before considering any further action.

The meeting received a report from its internal auditor for the period 1/4/2021 to 31/3/2022 and noted no significant issues were raised. Just five minor items are either now receiving attention or have already been resolved. et on 25th August. As always, all parishioners are welcome to these public meetings.

Our next monthly meeting is 19th September, and our Finance and General Purposes Committee will meet on 25th August. As always, all parishioners are welcome to these public meetings. Steve Gilbert, Chair

Great Waltham Remembrance Sunday Parade November 13th

If there are any service personnel or veterans who would like to march with the Parade or lay a wreath at the village War Memorial please contact
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The last date for inclusion in the October issue is September 22nd.