

Parish News

Great Waltham Ford End Howe Street Littley Green North End

September 2023

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Established 1973
Musical Director Andrew Fadell



Our Golden Anniversary concert in June was a fantastic celebration of the life of the choir over the past 50 years. The audience in the packed church heard pieces that had been commissioned by the choir over the years, including a world premier of Alan Bullard's new composition "Endless Song". The Maggini quartet treated us to Mozart's String quartet no 17 in B flat major and young local soloist Kayleigh McEvoy sang with joy and purity of voice, especially in Jeffery Wilson's piece "Pandora was her Name".

However, it was the audience singing of Bruckner's motet "Locus Iste", a piece sung at a number of significant events in the choir's history, that summed up all that the past 50 years has meant to all linked with the choir, especially those in the audience no longer able to sing regularly with us.

Our next concert is in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday November 11th when we will be performing Haydn's Creation with the Salomon Orchestra plus soloists and we will be back in Great Waltham on 16th March with our spring concert. If you would like to join a local choir that performs choral works with professional musicians, we rehearse at 8pm on Thursday evenings at St Cedd's school in New London Road and our first rehearsal is on 7th September. You are welcome to come along. For more details see our website www.walthamsingers.org.uk

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16th September 2023

Great Waltham Primary School

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Inside a four page spread highlighting the recent and successful Great Waltham Twinning week. Visitors from Ceyrat near Clemant Ferrand stayed with people & families in and around the village..

From the Vicarage What Time is it?

Think about your use of time and the influences upon your time. Few of us feel like we have enough. Just the word itself can induce a level of guilt, rigidity, apology, anxiety. Take a moment now to think about TIME. What 3 words, good or bad, sum up your feelings about TIME?

We know we only have so much time. Only so much time in a day, only so much time on this planet. Take a moment now - go with your gut - and answer the following...

How do you rate your use of time out of 10? 1 being a disaster and, 10 being exceptional. What are the three biggest draws upon your time?

There are heaps of demands on our time, not least our inner expectations never mind the considerable external expectations of friends, family dynamics, media, social pressures, our bosses or colleagues and so on and on and on. Let's call all these many internal and external expectations NOISE. This is not about the virtue or otherwise of the NOISE. I'm simply saying most of us experience it at high volume. We are surrounded and saturated in NOISE. And this NOISE affects every little decision we make about our use of TIME. As often as you make even the smallest choice about TIME there will be a barrage of NOISE infiltrating your decision-making process. In the Bible book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3 we are told "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,



Church of England Services

September 2023

Sunday 3rd	11am	Communion	Great Waltham
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Communion	Ford End
Sunday 17th	11.00am	Communion	Great Waltham
	11.00am	Communion	Chignals
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Community Worship	Ford End
	4.30pm	Community Meal	St Francis Beaulieu

Parish administrator: Alison Bates admin@littleandgreat.org.uk
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Services at Blackchapel, North End September 2023

Services are now held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month.
There is no need to book your place.

Sunday 3 rd	Family Service
Sunday 17 th	Family Service

Little Waltham United Reformed Church September 2023

Minister: Rev. Hans Stein 07763 169605
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Sunday 3rd - Charles de Lacy
Sunday 10th - Rev. Geoffrey Griggs
Sunday 17th - Frances Couch
Sunday 24th - Rev. Geoffrey Griggs (Holy Communion)

Other Events

Thursday 7th September - Coffee and Cake from 10a.m. until 12 noon
Saturday 16th September - Coffee Morning from 10a.m. until 11a.m.

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a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace."

One of the most valuable things we can do is take time to consider our use of time. By taking time to think about our use of time and filter through all the noise we can actually save time! Time pondering our priorities is time well spent. Some people do this through mindfulness techniques which can be excellent. I often do this through prayer, asking God, "What time is it now?" "What is my time for?"

Rev'd Dan Pierce
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Little Waltham & Great Notley Surgeries Patient Participation Group

Summer Update:

The surgery is pleased to announce that the new E-consult booking system is in operation and should be used for all routine appointments. The phone booking system is for urgent cases that need to be seen on that day.

Flu and Covid booster vaccinations will be held on the following Saturdays: 30th September; 7th October; 14th October; 21st October and 28th October. You will be contacted by the surgery if you are eligible.

The new website, which we hope will be more user friendly, is in the process of development with the active involvement of the PPG in representing patient viewpoint.

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions on issues relating to the running of the surgeries then please contact the PPG on lw.gn.ppg@hotmail.com and we will get back to you.

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:

Gill Mitchell 01245 362215

Wendy Proctor Tel. 01245 360483

John Lattimore, Chairman

Tel. 01245 363818

Ford End Gardening Club

The next meeting of the gardening club will be on Wednesday 20 September starting at 7.30pm in the Ford End village hall. Our speakers will be Donna and Mark who have extensive knowledge on all aspects of gardening and salvias will be one of the subjects of their talk.

Do come along and join our friendly and enthusiastic group for this interesting and informative evening.

Coffee Morning Blackchapel North End

Come and join your neighbours
for a coffee and chat for just £1.



Last Wednesday in the month
10.30 - 12.00

OPEN INVITATION

You are invited to attend

The Friends of Great Waltham & Ford End Churches Trust

Annual General Meeting.

To be held at Great Waltham Church
on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.00pm

We will be publicising future events and would be very pleased to hear suggestions for events that you would like us to put on.

Refreshments provided.
All are welcome!



Autumn Events



Rugby World Cup Screenings

Throughout the Autumn
Members Free Entry – Guests £1
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Live Music!

Friday 6th October – 7.30pm
Members Free Entry – Guests £1
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Kid's Bingo

Friday 20th October – 6.00pm
£3 per child includes 4 games, hot dog, and drink.
Kick start the half term holiday with a jolly game of Bingo – there are shopping vouchers and sweet treats to be won. So, eyes down and dabbers ready... get ready to shout "quack-quack," "almost there" and "BINGO!"



Family Halloween Party

Friday 27th October – 7.30pm
Free Entry
A fancy-dress party for monsters and ghoules of all ages. Prizes will be awarded for the best child and adult costumes, so get on your frightful frocks and get ready to bust some moves at this family fun disco.



Trick or Treating

Tuesday 31st October – 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Free
£2 per child includes hot dog and Juice drink.
Once you've done your trick or treating around the village, pop on down to us to share your sweets with friends. Swap stories of your spooky antics and see who has the best costume of the night.

All events and sports fixtures will be advertised on social media and displayed on posters. Please contact us by email or social media for any information on becoming a member. Guests are welcome, they will need to be signed in by a member and pay a donation. We are available for private hire for any occasion.



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Who are we?



Great Waltham is twinned with the French town of Ceyrat. Our aim is to promote friendly relations between our two communities. We do this by visiting each other's towns biennially, in the last week of July, staying in each other's homes and experiencing the real life of each other's country. We have been twinned with Ceyrat since 1979. It is a small town in Auvergne - a region of extinct volcanoes, mountains, lakes, wooded countryside and pretty villages. In July this year, 30 French guests joined us and stayed in homes in Great Waltham and nearby, enjoying the hospitality of their hosts and activities organised by the committee of the Great Waltham Twinning Association, as follows.



Bowling at the Falcon Club – Channels Drive

Falcon Bowling Club organised a team of coaches to teach 54 novice French and English players, divided into 12 teams, how to play this very traditional British game. The teams then competed for over 3 hours on the 6 indoor "Championship-sized" rinks. Falcon Bowling Club has 2 outdoor bowling greens (1 grass, 1 artificial), a massive indoor bowling area, bar, kitchen and shop



and all rinks are fully accessible for wheelchair users. The club is involved in

the community and with local schools through the Chelmsford School Partnership initiative and provides coaching for local youngsters at no cost. The club hosts the Essex County Indoor Finals each year and in March 2024 will be hosting the

Home Internationals and British Isles Championships.

A massive thank you to our team of coaches who gave up their time to teach us. Check them out on www.falconbowlingclub.co.uk. They

are always looking for new members! The winning team received a cup and a Union Jack bowler hat and the losers got a cheap plastic medal!



Falcon Bowling Club

Welcome buffet

Falcon Bowling Club allowed us to use their restaurant for our Welcome Buffet, which we purchased from their in-house caterers. A couple of short speeches were followed by prize-giving to the winning bowling team. An enthusiastic round of applause went to the team of Falcon coaches, and a message from the Mayor of Ceyrat was read out.



Two Days of Amazing Art

Nothing can beat our very own National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery in Trafalgar Square.

We took our French guests, our own members and some Great Waltham Art Club members to visit the galleries to see world famous paintings by Monet, Manet, Renoir, Seurat, Constable, Turner, Vermeer, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Hans Holbein and



many more.

The galleries provided inspiration for us to create our own paintings. Diane Hughes, of Great Waltham Art Club gave a tutorial in acrylic painting to about 40 budding artists in the church.

The artists then went out into the churchyard to select a scene to paint. The sun shone, the artists concentrated hard and Diane walked round giving helpful advice .

The resulting paintings, in a variety of styles, were magnificent and featured in a display at the Farewell Meal.



Thank you to the Essex County Council Locality fund for the grant to fund the London trip and purchase the painting equipment.

War Artist Rosemary Rutherford Exhibition

Broomfield church was opened up for us to see an exhibition of paintings by war artist Rosemary Rutherford, some featuring local evacuees. Her stained-glass windows were installed in the 1950s and 60s after bomb damage. Rosemary studied at the Slade School of Fine Art, London and was part of the Benton End set of artists along with Lucien Freud.



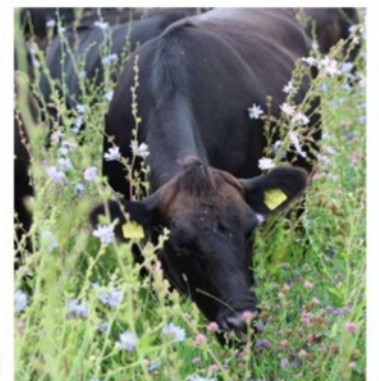
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Often our visits look at the environment, so we took the opportunity to tour local Wild and Rooted Farm, which practises sustainable farming. From the beautiful farmhouse, we walked through flowering fields before we came upon the herd of Aberdeen Angus cows. Farmer, Sam Squier demonstrated how he moves the herd several times a day from one small strip of legumes, grasses, and herbs to



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Countryside walk

To show off our beautiful countryside, some members were taken on a walk through Langleys, Croxton Mill and Little Waltham, where they stopped off at the White Hart pub and for a picnic and frisbee session at Tufnell Hall.



Things we did on the Free Day

The first day of the visit was free for hosts to take their guests to a place of their own choosing. Here are some of the places they went to.



Saying Goodbye at the Farewell Dinner



All too soon the week was over and we had to say goodbye at the Farewell Dinner. This time it was a delicious BBQ run by Hungry Hog BBQ of Chelmsford (www.hungryhogbbq.co.uk) Music was provided by Jamie Li, a brilliant guitarist and singer, who inspired young and old to dance the night away. The two Twinning Committees exchanged gifts. We were



pleased to receive a large hamper of home-made jams of many varieties. Some short speeches by the

respective chairpersons were helped along by the free bar! A

“thank you” speech from all the French children was particularly endearing, especially as they gave it both in French and English.



Great Waltham Twinning Association — background

The current committee is :

President Joanna Steel,

Treasurer Ian Bloomfield,

Secretary Pauline Excell,

Committee Members Mike Steel, Sue Matthews, Louise Layton-Joyce and Jean Blaber.



Our job is to run fund raising events to pay for the activities during a twinning visit, plan the programme of events for the French guests coming here, and organise our visits to Ceyrat.



Is it expensive? No!

When we go to Ceyrat, our only expense is the travel cost . Accommodation and activities are free. Your hosts will provide meals and picnic lunches.

What about the kids?

This is not just a group for oldies—we have members of all ages. If you are a young family, are your children thinking about their GCSE choices, or studying for A levels? If so, it is a far better experience for them to stay with a French family than in a hotel, and try out day-to-day French. You'll be there too, and there will be lots of fun things to do and French culture to enjoy—just think cheese, wine, dinners in the garden overlooking the hills and good company.

But I don't speak French!

You don't need to know any French to join us. Some of the French members don't speak English either! But we all get by somehow.

Don't miss the 2024 visit to Ceyrat—join now!

It is our turn to go to Ceyrat next July 2024. So now is an ideal time to join.

Contact joanna.2.steel@btinternet.com, check our webpage by searching for Great Waltham Parish e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish/great-waltham-twinning-associa/ and our Facebook page *Great Waltham twinning*.

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Walthamby WI



The WI holds monthly meetings at the British Legion Hall, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. We have interesting talks, go on visits/walks etc and lots more but enjoy socialising too! Guests and new members very welcome.

Do come and join us. Contact walthambywi@gmail.com

Great Waltham C of E Primary School

We held the year 6 leavers service at the church during the last week of term, thank you to Rev'd Dan for handing out the commemorative bibles, a tradition at school which is always well received. Congratulations to all of our year 6's and a special mention to our award winners.

Stoker Star for Maths - Scarlet S; Wilson Writer- Faye W; Palmer / Eva Sports Award - Louis R
Tinsley Performing Arts - Chloe C; ASPIRE Award - Albie G

We all send our very best wishes to you all as you start your new journey. Thank you also to the FOGWS who supported the event. Our leavers also got to spend time making memories whilst at an activity day at Skreens Park which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our EYFS children can be very proud of their first year at GWPS – the academic success was evident and the incredible enthusiasm that ensures they learn so well will continue to be nurtured at school and at home. Their year 6 buddies did them proud. They will return as Y1s very much ready for the next stage of their education.

School is understandably very quiet at the moment other than the staff busily preparing the school for next year. We are planning to have the running track installed at the end of August (weather permitting) and I know the children are looking forward to finally using it!

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back in September but especially our new reception cohort who, I am sure are eager to get started.

The Horticultural show takes place at the school in September and we have been given some wonderful tasks to enter, I look forward to seeing the children's work.

Have a restful summer.

Mrs Brooks, Headteacher.

Parish News readers did you know? We operate a school lottery, which is not only open to members of the school community it is also open to our wider community! Please see this link for further details of how you can help the school by playing our weekly lottery.

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Little Waltham Gardening Club

Wednesday 6th September
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7.30pm Little Waltham Memorial Hall

Visitors very welcome.
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GREAT WALTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Every year we hold the Annual Flower & Produce Show but this year is special as it's our 150 year anniversary. Please come and support us on September 16th (see advert on the front page). There are lots of childrens classes and we have guess the weight and guess how many competitions plus a raffle. The flowers and produce shown are always amazing and we auction them at 4.00 (with entrants permission). Everyone is very welcome. There are classes for the children to show their photography skills. These are the same for both age groups. Entries are of photograph(s) to show: 'I love my village because.....' It can be any village not only Great Waltham.

There is a planned visit to Hyde Hall on October 6th. It is free to members but non-members can join the GWHS for £2. There will be a guided talk at a small extra cost for those interested. Details in the October Parish News.

Community Defibrillator Seminar Ford End Village Hall September 14th 7pm.

To support the new defibrillators recently installed at Ford End and Howe Street the Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.



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Residents living in the countryside of the Hundred Parishes are fortunate that the intrusive sounds of human activities are less when compared to those living within built up areas close to main roads or railway tracks or beneath regular flight paths. Even within our homes our ears are subjected to a cacophony of sounds: TV or radio programmes, ring tones, the hum of machines, barking dogs or noisy neighbours. Rarely are we surrounded by silence!

Appreciating tranquillity is an essential aspect of being in the countryside, where it should be possible to scan attractive views of verdant landscapes or cloudy skiescapes, hear natural sounds and catch glimpses of wildlife without intrusive background noises. Evidence gathered over the past 15 years reveals that tranquillity is not just a pleasurable experience but is essential for human health and wellbeing reducing stress levels and lifting spirits.

In the early 1990's concerns were raised about the harmful levels of intrusive noise in daily lives. The Countryside Commission and the Council for the Protection of Rural England worked together to produce an Intrusion Map which highlighted areas that were most affected by human-induced noises. Since then, research has been undertaken by CPRE and others to develop suitable methodology for measuring noise and evaluate the visual impact of developments on landscapes.

In 2012, tranquillity gained recognition in national planning policy. Now studies are prepared to evaluate Landscape Character Areas and their Sensitivity to Change, and these are included in the reports prepared for Local Plans. They must include appropriate mitigation measures to help reduce intrusive noise to acceptable levels.



Little Easton



Hatfield Broad Oak

The walk descriptions listed on the Hundred Parishes website provide opportunities to appreciate the tranquillity of this part of the country, to hear bird song, sense the wind in the trees and view some wonderful rural landscapes.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

Up Up and Away Preschool

Up Up & Away is a charity run preschool in the heart of the beautiful village of Great Waltham, Chelmsford.

Our spacious indoor learning environment, large, well-equipped garden and forest school ground at our neighbouring Great Waltham primary school set the scene for free-flow play and adventure alongside our friendly, experienced staff; including our early years teacher, forest school lead and SENCO.

We love to get out and about in our village with the children, and often go for walks to visit our allotment; the park; the church; the stream; the cows; the coffee shop...

DRESS FOR MESS We know that children love to explore, dig, splash, roll, paint, jump, giggle, play and have adventures - so that is exactly what we encourage them to do! (Warning - they WILL get messy so dress them in clothes you don't mind them getting dirty!

We have some spaces available on our register from September, so please email us at upupawaypreschool@gmail.com or call us on 07501313321. We look forward to meeting you! Leonie, Dan and team.

Great Waltham Parish Council

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This is a summary of discussions at the latest monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July. For more details, see the full and approved minutes are available on Council noticeboards and the parish website (e-voice.org.uk/greatwalthamparish).

We elected three new councillors to fill the vacancies which arose following the election process in May. Oliver Micklem, Christine Page and Roger Stephenson were welcomed to the Council.

In his city and county councillor updates, Mike Steel confirmed that both councils will oppose the latest National Grid (NG) plans for pylons and transmission lines across East Anglia. As far as the Parish Council is concerned, we too agreed to maintain our stance of strongly objecting to the proposals and will respond to NG's latest consultation accordingly. Mike also confirmed that in relation to the Wheelers Farm music events, a more restrictive noise level licence condition would apply in future, and he reminded us that City Council sound monitoring officers can be contacted during an event to measure any excessive noise.

Evidence gathering in relation to any proposed restoration work on the war memorial at Banbury Square has continued, but members remained wary of approving works without further examples from those carried out elsewhere – we are mindful of not wishing to authorise changes which could prove harmful in the medium- or long-term. Since the meeting we have obtained new information which will hopefully allow us to make progress at our August meeting.

The process of organising this year's Remembrance Sunday events was agreed. Liaising closely with the Great Waltham Royal British Legion, the Parochial Church Council and other parish organisations, the Council will initiate the group which will organise the various events, including the Great Waltham parade, wreath laying and church service.

We noted that our internal auditor's report for 2022/23 gave us a clean bill of health with no significant issues. We also discussed (in the context of school staff and parents taking advantage of them) the underutilisation of the public car parking facilities in Blossom Way. The Council negotiated hard with the developers to get the spaces, but their optimal usage is rarely achieved.

Our next monthly meeting is on Monday 18th September at The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground. As always, all parishioners are welcome to attend these public meetings. Steve Gilbert, Chair



Live Music
Navarro
Friday 6th October
A night of music by four piece band Navarro – the 60s to 00s rock, pop and party covers band
Members Free
Guests £1
GWRoyalBritishLegion
The Village, Gt Waltham, CM3 1DE



trick or treat
Tuesday 31st October
5.00pm - 7.00pm
Stop at the Legion this Halloween after your trick or treating.
Grab a hot dog and a drink before eating all your sweets with your village friends.
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Remembrance Sunday Parade



On behalf of the Remembrance Sunday events committee we invite any service or ex-service personnel to join us on our parade in Great Waltham on Sunday 12th November this year. We would really like to see all services represented.

Anyone who fits the above description and would like to join us please contact
John Andrews, Royal British Legion, Mob 07740 871170.

Thank you for all of the contributions to this edition of Great Waltham Parish News. Please send your contributions for the next issue, together with any enquiries or advertising requests, by e-mail to: gwparishnews@gmail.com.
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