



# GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE

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## Village News

We are very lucky here in Great Warley to have so many village events organised by lots of people who give their time freely for the benefit of all the village residents. We would really like as many people as possible to come along to these functions as they are really good fun and you also get to meet some of your fellow neighbours! Please put these dates in your diaries now to avoid disappointment.

## Village Barbecue

On **Saturday, 19 July, 2.30 – 6.00pm**, the Conservation Society will be organising a barbecue **at the Cricket Club** in Warley Road. Everyone in the village will be welcome, together with their friends and neighbours. Last year we had lovely weather and over 100 people attended. Let us make this year's event even more successful!

The cost will be £5 per adult, free for children. All food will be provided, but please bring your own drinks and glasses, also a picnic table and chairs or a picnic rug if you can. Please tell Lawrence and Janice Grundy (200093) or LHGrundy@live.co.uk as soon as possible how many people will be in your party.

There will be a raffle, a second hand book stall and activities and fun for the children. Other stalls will be most welcome – please phone Fiona (230436) if you would like to run one, or to contribute a salad for the barbecue. Chris McAllister (203898) will collect second-hand books at Blake House. Now is your chance to get rid of some!

## Harvest Supper

On **Saturday 27th September** there will once again be a Harvest Supper in the Rectory Hall at **7.30pm**. Last year was a lovely evening attended by around 40 people. The food was delicious and we had a lovely talk about Great Warley from Fiona our resident expert. The finer details will follow nearer the event but volunteers will be needed to cook the food and bring desserts. Please make a special effort to come along.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Conservation Society News

The Conservation Society AGM was held on Thursday, 15 May in the Rectory Hall. The present committee was re-elected: Chairman, Phil Smith (226077); Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Grundy (200093); Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Len Fryatt (220206); and Secretary, Fiona Agassiz (230436). We also welcome Linda Beaney to our Committee as our new Assistant Secretary. Please contact us with any queries about the village.

### Litter Picking in Great Warley

A total of eleven people helped to pick up all the litter along our village roads on Saturday 17 May. Most roads and lanes were cleared, resulting in 25 bags of rubbish. We are grateful to Geoff Bowmer for disposing of these, and to Phil Smith for collecting them from the roadsides when they were full. A drink at the Thatchers afterwards was a well-earned reward! The next litter pick will be on Saturday 12 July at 10.30am, and we hope that plenty of people will come along.

### Warley Place

The Spring Open Weekends at Warley Place were very successful this year, with the shows of snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells being among the best ever, and lovely weather at the weekends in March to bring out the visitors. The donations from visitors from 1 March until Easter Monday amounted to £6,700.00, the second largest total ever. This money is passed on to the Essex Wildlife Trust. The foxgloves, rhododendrons etc. at Warley Place are still lovely – try an evening walk this month.

### New Village Residents

We welcome the new residents at the Forge development, and we hope they will enjoy living in Great Warley. These are the first new houses to be built in our village for a very long time, and most of them are now occupied.

### New Thatchers Sign and Village Green

Thank you to everyone involved in renewing the inn sign at the Thatchers. It really does enhance the attractiveness of our village. Other people who always deserve our thanks are Steve McAllister and his gardener, who keep the village green so beautifully mown for us. We are lucky to have so many public-spirited people in Great Warley.

### Warley Magna to Great Warley

The Conservation Society has been given a copy of the book 'Warley Magna to Great Warley', written by George Harper, which tells the history of our village. It is available for any village resident to borrow, and it is a fascinating, easy read. It is now out of print, and copies are 'like gold dust'. Please contact Fiona (230436) if you would like to borrow it.

### WI

At the end of April a number of members attended the annual Spring meeting at Upminster. There were stalls and exhibits from each WI. Proceedings began with a rendering of Jerusalem accompanied by a piano playing member. Our speaker was Michael Hamilton the son of famous gardener Jeff Hamilton. He kept us amused with wonderful anecdotes about his father. A very nice tea was served making for an overall very interesting and pleasant afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm. in Childerditch Village Hall. New members are always welcome. Contact Jenny Wright 01277 220085 or Sue Cullen 01277-213763.

### Villager Ami's TV Appearance

At our last afternoon tea event at the De Rougemont Manor we welcomed a new face from the village. Ami has lived in Great Warley for a few years now but doesn't yet know too many people so it was lovely to meet her and when she told me that she had recently been filming for the TV show 'Come Dine with Me' I asked her to write an article for us. So here it is and I am sure we will all be glued to the Tv in July looking out for her!



Ami's love for cooking and the urging of her children motivated her to apply and beat thousands of would-be contestants to clinch a place on the actual show. Her cooking and outgoing attitude landed her the spot, she says.

Ami said, "They shot the show over five nights. The experience is fun but totally exhausting as the whole process goes into the small hours each night and the presence of the cameras and the producer adds an element of stress I was certainly not used to. "

"The first night, the taxi just takes you to somebody's house. I was in such a state because you're not allowed to meet any of the contestants in advance or told anything about them. You don't even know whether they are male or female. I was very shy that night and the whole experience was very scary. Then once we got into it properly, I stopped worrying and had a good time.

"The other contestants were very different to me. Different backgrounds and even different orientations!" Amazingly though we all hit it off really well and they were so supportive of me that I count them all as genuine friends.

So much so that they all went for a big night out together recently in Chelmsford and relived the challenges and all the funny moments of their real life tv experience together.

The day Ami cooked for the other contestants, she went all out and prepared a really varied, daring and exciting Indian taste experience.

"My night was the second night. You don't get to pick! The camera crew arrived at 8:30 am and they were literally filming all day," she adds, "so that nobody cheats."

"There are so many things I had to do very quickly, and with the TV cameras watching every move it made the challenge even greater!"

"In my home setting I hopefully created a great ambience and I think the other contestants enjoyed both their surroundings, with the great views Great Warley has to offer, as well as most importantly the food itself.

Dishes prepared included Goan Style Prawn Curry, Butter Chicken, Mumbai's Red Hot Potatoes, Vada Pav, Dhai poori, Indian Bread, and Methi Rice. Ami will be looking to publish recipes that were featured on the show in newspapers.

Ami is about to start a business that makes full use of her cooking skills. She is planning to start hosting exclusive Indian dining parties in the comfort of people's homes as well as starting her own Indian cookery classes. The classes will take place in her home monthly and host between 2-8 people, with a dinner-party theme, teaching a huge variety of Indian culinary delights! What she cooked on the show was only a small selection of her full range of Indian dishes so there will be lots of exciting and authentic dishes to choose from!

Ami says, "I'm planning on teaching people to make real Indian food. I will teach them quick recipes that take under an hour to prepare, and are very healthy and fresh"

Ami describes the overall experience as uplifting. She says, "This has given me the momentum to start my own business now that my kids are growing up. It has definitely opened up new avenues for me."

The show which features Ami will be aired on Channel 4 in July.

Ami can be contacted by email directly at [amimehta27@hotmail.com](mailto:amimehta27@hotmail.com).

#### Brentwood Community Print

Once again we would like to thank the staff at Brentwood Community Print who produce our newsletter in rapid time and to such a high quality. They can be contacted on 01277 849021 - speak to Tim or Tony. Their email address is [info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk](mailto:info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk).

**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

Date	Time	Service
8 June	11:00am	WhitSunday (Pentecost) Holy Communion
15 June	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
22 June	11.00am	Holy Communion
29 June	11.00am	Morning Prayer
6 July	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
13 July	11:00am	Sea Sunday Holy Communion
20 July	8.00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
27 July	11:00am	Holy Communion
3 August	8.00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
10 August	11.00am	Holy Communion

**Chelmsford Diocese 100th Anniversary**

This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Chelmsford Diocese; our celebrations partly give us opportunity to be reminded of our history and partly cause us to look forward to where we might be in the future.

The Diocese was created on 23rd January 1914, - previously, Essex, and East London were part of the St. Albans Diocese. The first Bishop of Chelmsford, John Watts-Ditchfield was very much ready to take on the challenge of his new post, he had a heart for seeing the Good News spread throughout the Diocese, urging the Diocese to be a 'praying Diocese' and calling 'every church to be a mission church'. During the past month, Bishop Stephen reflected that this statement is as right for the Diocese today as it was then. Now in 2014, our vision for the future is very much being brought into focus, the question being asked: how in the midst of our contemporary society, with it's different values and challenges, can we be that praying people and a church with mission at the heart of our being?

As our Diocese enters it's hundred and first year, Bishop Stephen has offered us four simple priorities to guide us in our future direction as God's people:

- \* Be people who inhabit the world in a distinctive way.
- \* Pass on the Good News of Christ in ways that are effective.
- \* Be Christian communities who faithfully continue the ministry of Jesus.
- \* Resource and release people who have gifts of ministry to serve in their parishes.

To provide a catalyst for awakening these priorities, Bishop Stephen has set every Parish or Benefice in the Diocese a challenge - to put on an event that reaches out to their local community.

Locally, at Christ Church in Warley an event takes place soon - a Welcome Weekend running from Friday 4th July to Sunday 6th July, while other local parishes are planning a variety of events through the Summer months. In Great Warley we hope to respond to the Bishop's call with an event later in the year.

Each event across the Diocese is an opportunity to begin rising to the challenge of being God's people in our time - not to hold a one-off event to celebrate our centenary but to take on-board the need for a fresh approach in making a genuine response to the call of being followers of Christ.

So as part of this year of celebrations, where the Diocese of Chelmsford's 100th anniversary is remembered, may we give thanks for the journey thus far and pray that this year of reaching out will be the beginning of a time of renewal for all of us in serving God in Essex & East London.

Rev'd Rob

**Change to St. Mary's Service Timetable**

Our services have changed!! Please note!! Rev Rob together with your PCC have changed the pattern of services. We shall still be having a service at 11 am every Sunday, but as he would like to be with us for our communion services, we will be having morning prayer on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, and Communion services on the second and fourth Sundays.

The 8am services have also changed, and we shall be having our 8am services on the first and third Sundays. Do come and join us for our services, we are always happy to welcome you for coffee after the service.

Helen - Churchwarden

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<b>For visits and guided tours</b>	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

## CHURCH NEWS

### Sea Sunday

On 13<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am the church will be welcoming the Royal Naval Association to parade their colours, and join the congregation at St Mary's. The Rev Adrian McConnaghie will take the service, and we shall be supporting the Mission to Seafarers.

### News from Ellen Goldsmith

Ellen is the wife of our previous Rector Chris Goldsmith, who is now the Bishop of St Germans in the Diocese of Truro. Ellie is also an ordained minister, and she has just been licensed as a team vicar for several parishes in the Truro Diocese.

Here are parts of a recent letter from Ellie.

'Thank you so much for your support and prayers for my licensing with the Probus team. I did feel very welcomed, as well as uplifted and supported. Chris did a good job on me!! And I enjoyed my first preach at St. Erme & Ladock with Andrew, Team Rector, presiding. Now the real work begins! As always, it is a challenge to discern the priorities, and to encourage and challenge people appropriately.

Next Sunday I go with Andrew to the Methodist Church in Grampound – a 'pulpit swap'. So my days of going out and about with Chris will be curtailed somewhat, though the year off has given me a chance to do that and to see a bit of his life as well as getting to know Cornwall a little better. It is very beautiful, especially in spring – though part of the freshness is that there is always rain to wash away the dust! The gardens and hedgerows are quite stunning at this time of year – and very tempting for us with the wonderful plant sales!

A couple of weeks ago I was with Chris on a visit to a church in Gwinnear, and we met the Revd. Sam Marsden and his wife (who I think belong to the neighbouring parish). So it was very nice to chat about Great Warley and NZ and Australia!

Today Chris has gone to London for the Consecration of 2 bishops, and to celebrate his own first anniversary. Where did that year go? He will stay on in Tooting, catching up with Laura, whose baby girl is due in July.

My knee is doing quite well. Not a lot of kneeling! I should see the surgeon for a routine check in mid June.

I hope all at St. Mary's are well. Do share love and news from both of us.'

### Baptisms and Weddings

#### Baptism

20<sup>th</sup> April Teddy Madlin son of Nicola and James

*'O God make the light of your gospel shine upon him'*

#### Wedding

26<sup>th</sup> April Julie Keen and Andrew Dudley

*'Eternal God in holy marriage make your servants one'*

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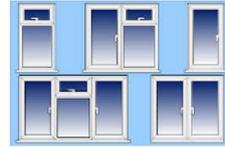
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## Brentwood Operatic Society

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If singing isn't quite your thing, we are always looking for backstage helpers, and assistance with wardrobe and scenery. Auditions for the next show are being held on 12 June so if you're interested to get involved, then come along on a Thursday and see what we are all about. You can email us [info@Brentwood-Operatic.com](mailto:info@Brentwood-Operatic.com) for more information or come along to see our show Bless 'em All at the Brentwood Theatre on July 6th to support the Brentwood Arts Council and our Society in remembrance of WWI. Or alternatively you can speak to me if you see me. Liz (Ed)

## DIARY DATES, READERS LETTERS

### Dates for your Diary

#### June::

**10 Tuesday 2-4:** WI at Childerditch Village Hall

**14 Saturday 7.30:** From Harold Wood to the Somme by the New Venture Players at the Harold Wood Memorial Hall, Gubbins Lane. Contact Linda Beaney (01708 754116 or 07710 286977)

**25 Wednesday 1pm:** Ladies lunch at Izumi. Contact Pat (220206)

**30 Monday 1pm:** Lunch outing to the Shepherd and Dog. Please let Liz know if you would like to join us (07825 002634)

#### July:

**8 Tuesday 2-4:** WI at Childerditch Village Hall

**12 Saturday 10.30:** Litter picking meet at the Thatchers Arms

**19 Saturday 2.30-6.00:** GWCS Village Barbecue at the Cricket Club. (Please see page 1 for details)

**20 Sunday 11-4.30:** Carol & Alan Sharp's Open Garden (article adjacent)

**31 Thursday 10-12:** Village Coffee morning. Please call Liz for details (07825 017056)

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### Readers Letters

#### Thatched Cottage, Great Warley.

Thank you to everyone who came to see the blue-bells and have tea and cakes with us on April 26th. Kind donations to St Mary's Church organ refurbishment amounted to £113 - 00. Many thanks.

David and Eileen Fife

#### Vintage Tea Party & Open Garden

Carol & Alan Sharp would like to invite you to our fund raising event for St. Francis Hospice in memory of our son Benjamin James Sharp on Sunday 20th July 11.00am until 4.30pm.

We will be opening our garden to the public for a fee of £2.50 and selling tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

The address is:  
6 Boyles Court Cottages

Dark Lane  
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Roast Rib of Beef & Yorkshire  
Pudding  
Roast Orchard Farm Pork Belly,  
Apple Sauce  
Roasted Sea Trout, Sauce Vierge  
Stilton Pear & Walnut Tart Tatin

Dessert

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