



GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE

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Village Barbecue



The village barbecue on Saturday 19 July at the Cricket Club was a great success, and somehow we managed to avoid all the thunderstorms, although it was in the middle of the period of very hot and stormy weather. How lucky we were! A total of 96 paying adults attended, and all the children made the total number up to about 130 people. Delicious food was provided, and particular thanks must go to the two cooks, Phil Smith and Alan Disney, who must have almost been boiled alive in the heat from both the sun and the barbecue.

Thank you to everyone who provided free salads, potatoes and desserts, especially the de Rougemont Manor who gave us three large bowls of salad, and Tommy and Lesley from North Lodge who provided all the strawberries and cream. Thank you also to people who did the shopping, erected gazebos, did the washing up, provided raffle prizes, ran stalls, or organised children's activities. It was a truly community event, with so many people taking part. If you were not there, make sure that you come next year!!

VILLAGE NEWS

Conservation Society News

The next meeting of the Conservation Society will be a general meeting on **Thursday, 16 October** at 8.00pm at the Rectory Hall. More details in the next Lychgate – please book the date.

We were delighted with the success of our village barbecue on 19 July, which is reported elsewhere in the Lychgate. We are also joining with the church to host the Harvest Supper on Saturday, 27 September in the Rectory Hall.

We have had several complaints from village residents about the high brown fence which has been erected between the paddock and the road just south of the new Forge development. This is part of the village Conservation Area. These complaints have been passed to the planning department at Brentwood Council, who are dealing with the matter.

The Conservation Society is also joining with other residents and local councillors in opposing an application for the change of use of the barn in Dickensons Farm field, near Old Rectory Cottage and the junction with the A127.

We have recently had to say goodbye to Anne Clark, formerly a much-valued member of the Conservation Society Committee, who has moved to South Woodham Ferrers. Anne ran some successful Christmas Parties for the society, doing all the catering and devising some very entertaining competitions which were pinned up on the walls. These competitions usually either involved identifying people from photographs or solving dingbats. Anne also organised a couple of village quiz evenings. We thank her very, very much for all that she has done for Great Warley, and we are delighted that she is able to come back to the village for ladies lunches at IZUMIs and other occasions.

Litter Picking in Great Warley

The latest litter-picking session around our village roads took place on Sat. 12 July. Nine people took part. Most of the village roads were covered and about twenty bags of litter collected. Again, we ended with a welcome drink at the Thatchers after a very hot morning's work.

The next village litter pick will be on Saturday 6 September. We meet at the Thatchers at 10.30.

Our Seventh Birthday

The first issue of our new-style Great Warley Lychgate was printed at the beginning of August 2007, so we are now seven years old. Before this, there was a much smaller monthly church magazine, which also contained a couple of items of village news. This present bi-monthly Lychgate is run jointly by the Conservation Society and St Mary's Church. Its first designer and main editor was Gill Clifton, who has now moved to Norfolk, and we were delighted to find an able replacement in Liz Francis.

The layout of the Lychgate has changed slightly over the years, but we have now reached what we hope is the ideal format – any suggestions for improvement or more changes would of course be most welcome. Brentwood Community Print at Keys Hall do a wonderful job in printing the 180 hard copies for us, and we thank the deliverers who put the hard copies through your letter-boxes. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE MORE ARTICLES FOR THE GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE!

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Our July meeting was to be our annual Garden Party but the weather meant it was held as usual in the village hall. There was a lack of members to support the event which was a shame as the committee had worked very hard. The tea was delicious and the bric-a-brac table had some lovely items for sale. Iris had put together a quiz which seemed difficult until the answers were revealed! Every member present helped to make the afternoon very pleasant.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Childerditch village hall. New members are always welcome - please contact our president Jenny Wright on 01277 261199.

From your Vicar

There is a great epidemic sweeping the country - you may have already heard; it is affecting people of all ages in every corner of the country - both in towns and in the countryside. You might not realize it but the person living next door to you or the person standing by you in the Post Office might be quietly suffering from it. It has few external symptoms but internally, it is highly debilitating. What is this silent evasive disease you may ask? to be short and to the point - the disease is called *Loneliness*.

The Church has a long history of being at the forefront of reaching out to the deepest and most pressing needs in society; we don't have to look far back in history to see how the Church was instrumental in pioneering some 'big picture' responses. The Church was at the forefront of responding to the need for schooling, healthcare, worker's rights and the care of the destitute.

In our day, loneliness is one of societies greatest ills, it is a hidden and debilitating disease, indiscriminate in its selection of victims.

In many ways society has brought the problem on it's self. Over the past 50 years, collectively we have valued the right to privacy and to have our own front door, with the ease of modern transport, it is commonplace for a nucleus of family members to be separated by great distances. A particular facet of the change in society, which has fascinated me in recent years is how our homes reflect our desire for a private life. For instance, fifty years ago the boundary between most gardens was the humble 3 foot chain-link fence, it enabled people to stand in their garden and hold a conversation with neighbours, even neighbours a few houses away, but now the default is a six foot wooden fence panel - the one nature is always fighting to blow down. The outdoor space that we often prize for socializing is nearly always to the rear of our homes, perhaps we have never given thought to how the humble patio creates an exclusive place, rather than inclusive. Our fences, patios and solid front doors so often define a boundary, which excludes the interaction we so desperately need.

More recently, the internet - which has only been mainstream for the past 20 years, has caused us to start living differently in the world and with a lower quality of human contact - it's now totally possible to live a hermit's existence and not leave our own front door. With a simple internet device and a credit card, you can have all the shopping, food and daily necessities you need delivered to your home.

As Christians, we have to ask, is this the kind of life we were created to live - one of living a 'private life' with little reliance on one another? Armed with some basic garden-shed theology, the answer to the question has to be No! The Bible shouts loudly and clearly that relationships are a central part of God's plan for humanity, relationships with each other and our relationship with God. Even at the heart of the Christian faith, the doctrine of the Trinity reminds us that God doesn't exist in isolation, rather in community - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The great vision of Church, which we find right back at it's origins, is that it serves as the intersection of relationships - with ourselves and God, and with each other. Church would be less than authentic if it was only about our relationship with God or only about our relationship with each other.

The great antidote to the problem of human loneliness might just be the Church.

In Psalm 68:6 we find a great statement on the subject: *God places the lonely in families, he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.*

If you haven't been to St. Mary's recently, you might be surprised to learn that after our service we put the kettle on and enjoy some refreshment together. Some may see this as a kind gesture as people go on their way; I am of the opinion that it is an integral part of our life together, it signifies the bringing together of those two important facets of church life, our relationship with God and our relationships with each other.

Loneliness is a huge problem in all communities and it is not a difficult problem to solve, as long as we don't see the solution as someone else's responsibility. A simple knock on your neighbour's door, or an offer of coffee and a chat might make a world of difference to another's wellbeing - as well as our own. We simply have to lower our 'fences' and open our 'doors' to discover what is a fundamental component of community life - each other.

Rev'd Rob

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 is info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
3 August	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
10 August	11.00am	Holy Communion
17 August	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
24 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer
31 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer
7 September	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
14 September	11.00am	Holy Communion
21 September	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Baptism Morning Prayer
28 September	11.00am	Holy Communion
5 October	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival

Bank Holiday Monday

St Mary's will be open to visitors on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August, 12 noon – 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome to visit on Bank Holidays, and don't forget that the church is open for visitors on Thursday afternoons too, 2.00 – 3.30pm, March – October inclusive.

Heritage Weekend

St Mary's Church will be open to visitors as part of the Heritage Open Days Scheme, on Saturday 13 September 10.00am – 4.00pm, and on Sunday 14 September, 12 noon – 4.00pm. We will also be doing our annual spring clean of the church on the Saturday morning. All offers of help will be welcome. Please encourage people to visit our very special Arts and Crafts/Art Nouveau

church, and to visit other special buildings as part of the Heritage Open Days too.

Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be held in the Rectory Hall on Saturday, 27 September at 6.30pm. This event is run jointly by St Mary's Church and the Great Warley Conservation Society, and it includes a hot meal. Tickets cost £7.50 each (children free) and are available from Pat (220206) and Eileen (224195).

After the meal Rob Binks will entertain us with stories about his experiences as Chaplain to the Fire Service in a talk entitled 'My Life in Flames'.

The Harvest Supper is a good occasion for a village get-together, and everyone in the village will be welcome.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Service this year at St Mary's will be a service of Matins, held at 11.00am on Sunday 5 October. The church will be decorated on 4 October. Gifts of food and flowers will be most welcome, and Harvest gifts will again go to the Brentwood Food Bank.

The Incumbents Board

Eagle eyed visitors will have noticed that the incumbents board is now up to date, with Rev'd Rob's name added. We had a false start, but after a trip to the sign writer, and a redo all is now well!

Clergy	Robert Binks	01277 220428	Rob.binks@me.com
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For visits and guided tours	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Baptisms and Funerals

Baptisms

20th July Leni Mae and Kara Louise Howard
Daughters of William and Keeley who were married at St Mary's

*'Bless we beseech thee all children, and take them
into Thy arms'*

Funerals

14th July. Paddy Mullooly
22nd July Christina Tebbutt

*'Bring us O Lord, at our last awakening into the
house and gate of heaven'*

Paddy Mullooly RIP

Some people in the village might remember Paddy's lopsided smile over the top of a wine glass. Others will recall a lonely figure making his way unsteadily on two sticks down the road wobbling and swaying and sometimes ending up in the road and having to be taken to hospital. A few may recall a highly intelligent person with a phenomenal memory for all kinds of facts. He loved quizzes and once took part in a Quiz Programme for Tyne Tees Television and triumphed for his team representing Ripon! He always did the Times crossword, was an active member of the Conservation Society for many years and organised many fund raising events in our garden and elsewhere for charity. But there was another side to my husband, a daredevil who competed for the Royal Air Force on numerous occasions on the 'Cresta Run' in St Moritz, hobnobbing with the likes of Bridget Bardot and a host of celebrities. That was all before my time but I've seen the photos.

Paddy was a dashing navigator in the RAF and a passionate skier when we first met. The only way was straight down for a daredevil who lived life in the fast lane. The first one on the lift of a morning and usually the last at night, such was his passion for the sport. As his second wife and a non skier, my induction started on our honeymoon, where no mountain was too high or dangerous for my Paddy! For me it was the honeymoon from hell but amid the pain, bruises and terror, I survived. We arrived in Great Warley after he had retired from the RAF 25 years ago having spent the latter years of his service career in Radar and Air Traffic Control. A self-taught cabinetmaker, he named our house 'Little Chippingdale' after his hero, the

original master craftsman! There will be people still in the village whose fire mantels and surrounds as well as furniture was made by him. Woodwork became his passion and he would spend long hours into the night in his workshop at the bottom of the garden.

A cancer scare while we were ski-ing some years later in Vail, lead to the hasty removal of half a lung and put paid to his passion for ski-ing. The final act of his life this became what everyone remembers. He was a man who touched lives and enjoyed life to the full. Many will long remember his charismatic smile and the heart and soul of a truly good man trapped in an aging body who still managed to find pleasure and to enjoy life to the full. He left a lasting legacy of three lovely children and three adorable grandchildren. I was his second wife and he always joked 'Two down one to go!' as his father had married three times! Well he didn't get his way over that, but in all else he had a charmed and happy life. I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful care of Inky and the many kind staff from the De Rougemont Manor who in the final stages of his life walked him home or wheeled him in a wheelchair. God bless you Jason, Davine, and all your truly wonderful staff and friends Wal and Barbara at the De Rougemont Manor for your love and care. He thought the world of you all.

Val Mullooly

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LOCAL EVENTS

The Great Warley Sewing Bee

English Dictionary Definition: Sewing Bee
(Old-fashioned) A small informal social gathering (usually of women) based around the activity of making or mending clothes or other things with a needle and thread.

You may have heard and even seen on TV the programme 'The Great British Sewing Bee'. A competition to pit the sewing skills of a number of contestants against each other and eventually come out with one overall winner.

Well, here in Great Warley, we are going to run our own sewing bee! Ours, however, will not be a knockout competition but a regular meeting for like minded folk who love nothing more than to sew.

Myself along with Chris McAllister initially will run the group which plans to meet every 2-4 weeks. At each 2 hour meeting, we will be giving people the opportunity to make something which can be completed during the meeting or taken away to finish at home.

If you would like to join the group we plan to hold our first meeting on 5th September. Anyone can join, you do not have to be a sewing guru. If you do not know how to use a sewing machine which is in your loft there is nothing we would enjoy more than teaching you how to use it.

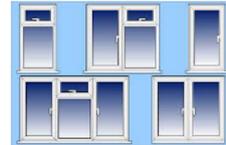
The projects will be quite simple to start with, but you will be welcome to bring along something of your own to work on instead of our idea at the meetings which we plan to hold somewhere suitable for the number of people who want to come along.

If you would like to put your name down to join us then please either call or text me on 07825 017056 or email Greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk.

The culmination of our efforts will hopefully be a craft fair during December to raise funds for the renovation of the Rectory Hall.

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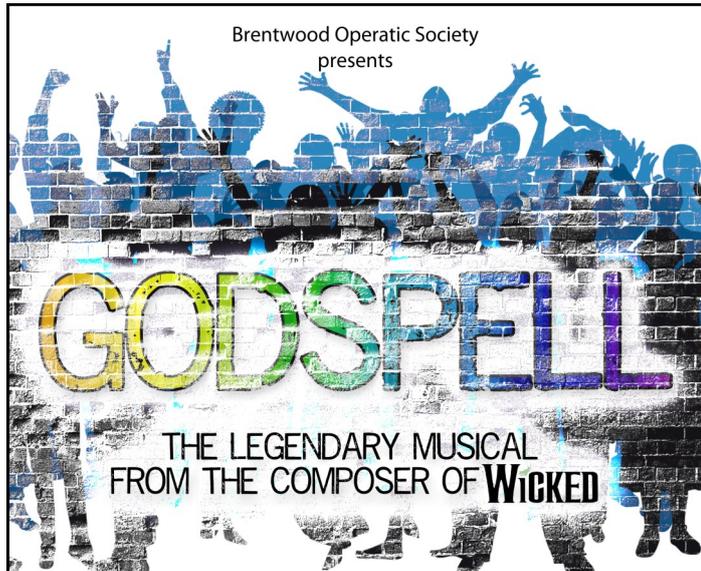
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Dates for your Diary

August:

25 Monday 12-4: Open day at St Marys

September:

5 Friday 10-12: Great Warley Sewing Bee - contact Liz for details 07825 017056

6 Saturday 10.30: Litter picking meet at the Thatchers at 10.30

13 Saturday 10-4: Heritage weekend Open day at St Marys

14 Sunday 12-4: Open day at St Marys

17 Wednesday 1pm: Ladies lunch at Izumi

27 Saturday 6.30pm: Harvest supper at the Rectory Hall.

Readers Letters

Quiz Night

The New Venture Players are holding a quiz night at the Studio, Fairkytes Arts Centre, Billet Lane Hornchurch (opp Queen's Theatre) on Friday 12th Sept. Doors open at 7.30pm and the quiz will start at 8pm. £6 . BYO food, drink and glasses. Please let Linda Beaney know if you would like to go along on 07957 258280.

Vintage Tea Party Thanks

Carol, Alan and Tamsin Sharp would like to offer our gratitude to all who attended our Vintage Tea Party and Open Garden event on Sunday 20th July.

The weather held out for the duration. Cream teas and delicious cakes were enjoyed by all.

Our thanks also go to friends who gave their time and baking skills to donate various delights for the enjoyment of all. Visitors came and went throughout the day, some lingered to explore our woodland or to just take in the garden delights. The day raised over £600.00 which will be donated to St Francis Hospice in remembrance of our son Benjamin Sharp.

It was also a great day for our family to meet new people from the community and to spend time relaxing in good company. Thank you to all who made such lovely comments in our visitors' book, which we have been able to enjoy at leisure. In light of the events success we hope to repeat it again next year.

Carol, Alan and Tamsin



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