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Harvest Supper



The Harvest Supper on Saturday 27 September at the Rectory Hall was attended by around 40 people from the village and surrounding areas. The evening was jointly organised by St Mary's and the Conservation Society. We all enjoyed lovely home cooked casseroles of chicken and beef with rice, potatoes, vegetables and bread contributed by various people. The main meal was followed by an array of lovely desserts and cheese and biscuits. After the meal, we were treated to a talk from Revd Rob Binks entitled 'My Life in Flames'. Rob gave us a very interesting insight into his career in the fire service and how he became led to the church in a series of events culminating in his return to the fire service as Chaplin. He had us all captivated and at times holding our breath during this extremely interesting talk and Len Fryatt rounded off the evening by thanking Rob. Thank you to everyone who came along. We hope to see more people at the next Harvest Supper in 2015!

Conservation Society News

The next meeting of the Conservation Society will be a **General Meeting on Thursday 16 October at 8.00pm in the Rectory Hall**. Agendas will be sent to members before the meeting. New members and all village residents will be particularly welcome. Please phone Fiona on 230436 or email fionaagassiz@hotmail.com if you would like more details. Various items relating to the village will be discussed, and there will be a glass of wine for everyone after the official meeting.

Warley Place

Now that the colder weather is coming, Warley Place again has logs for sale at very competitive prices. Please contact Fiona (230436) if you are interested.

Planning permission has been granted for a new Information centre to be built at Warley Place which will be situated inside the walled garden. The present information room is in a very damp building which was once the downstairs cloakroom for the house, so this should certainly be an improvement.

Litter Picking in Great Warley

Ten people took part in the latest litter collection morning on Saturday 6 September, the third one to be held this year. A record total of thirty (yes, 30!) bags of litter were collected from around the village roads. 28 of these were collected on the day, and the final two were collected from Bird Lane and around its entrance during the next few days.

Particular thanks must go to Phil Smith, the Chairman of the Conservation Society, for organising the collection, and to Geoff Bowmer for getting rid of all the full black sacks.

Phil reckons that there is more rubbish in the summer, because people drive with their car windows open, so we hope he is right! Look out in the Lychgate for the next collection, which will be in the spring.

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We meet on 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.

Boyles Court

On Tuesday, 19 August, Boyles Court in Dark Lane was opened to members of the Great Warley Conservation Society for guided tours by Essex County Council staff. An indefatigable Fiona organised a succession of parties so that staff could lead them through the labyrinthine interior to view the moulded ceilings and marble fireplaces of this 18th Century mansion, designed by the architect LEVERTON. Alas, it had been a boys' boarding school, and a change of use must be decided before restoration commences – hopefully to the standard of Hylands House and Merrymeade House. The parkland looked splendid with cedars and ash trees close to the house.

In the 1970's, Boyles Court was accepted as part of our village by the Rev. Derrick Iorns – the last Rector in residence in Great Warley, and the last to tour the village sometimes on horseback. But for visits to the boys in residence he frequently took his church warden Howard (Bunny) Wilkins, when he was not captaining the cricket team. I wish I had been a 'fly on the wall', but the only conversation I can disclose was a youngster saying: 'Uncles Derrick and Bunny tell us when it is our bath night which one sits at the plug hole end?' Obviously bath nights were very special!

Lawrence Miller



A Mountain with a View

Contrary to popular opinion, Mont Blanc at 4,800m is a 'mountaineer's mountain'. Not only is it the highest mountain in Europe ('the roof of Europe') but it features the highest concentration of top-class mountaineering routes. Of these, The Gouter Route is long-established and accounts for more ascents of Mont Blanc than any other route in spite of the need to cross the Grand Couloir where the danger of stonefall can be very high. This was the route I chose to climb with my friend and British Alpine Guide, Neil Johnson in June this year.

There are three factors that determine a successful outcome on Mont Blanc. First, a good level of fitness and the necessary skills (it is not highly technical but experience with crampons, ice axe and basic rope work is a must). Secondly, acclimatisation ahead of the summit attempt to minimise the risk of altitude sickness. Thirdly and importantly, a summit plan that takes into account changing weather conditions (this was my third attempt having been unable to leave the valley on previous occasions due to bad weather).

As I had previously summited two Himalayan ascents I felt OK with the first factor. To address the second, I climbed and slept high for a few days prior to our summit attempt, building up to peaks at around 4000m. In terms of the third factor, we decided to allocate three full days to the mountain so we had one day in reserve in case of bad weather or other problems. We also decided to skip the lower level hut and head straight for the new, space age Gouter Hut perched on an outcrop at 3800m (no running water but an architectural marvel).

The ascent can be broken down into five stages. First, a walk from the valley to the Tete Rousse Hut up North Wallen type terrain (about three hours). Secondly, a moderate, roped climb up a steep rock rib, across small but steep glaciers and as mentioned above across the Grand Couloir (another three hours). Thirdly, the route from the Gouter Hut to the summit which includes an exposed, high-level mountain ridge with broad and narrow cols, steep steps, narrow crests, seracs and some minor crevasses (about 5 hours). Fourthly and critically, the return from the summit to the Gouter Hut (three hours) and lastly the descent from the Gouter Hut to the valley (just under three hours).

Our plan was to spend the first night at the Gouter Hut and attempt the summit the following morning

with a 2 a.m. departure but as it happened I was suffering from a touch of altitude sickness (in spite of acclimatising) and the weather had deteriorated so we decided to rest for the day - I slept most of it - and try the next morning. Breakfast - a grand name for a slice of bread and jam and a coffee - was either at 2 or 7 a.m. but we decided to be difficult and depart at 5 a.m. on a home-made breakfast of biscuits, salami and marzipan (high in calories). As we roped up and crossed the short ridge from the hut, dawn was breaking and under an orange glow the sharpness of the surrounding peaks started to emerge as we crunched our way towards the Dome du Gouter, our first milestone.

From the Dome the route steepens towards the Refuge-Bivouac Vallot (an often used emergency shelter and life-saver) and then steepens again (I stopped looking ahead at this stage focusing solely on my guide's heels) and narrows to the Bosses Ridge beyond which the ridge becomes very narrow but well-defined leading in a perfect line onto the summit whaleback. From there, a final push for the summit.

The weather was perfect as were the views from the roof of Europe with every major alpine peak visible in the bright sunlight. After a few emotional moments and a couple of photographs to prove we had been there - I had by then lost all feeling in my feet - we carefully started the descent, the time when most accidents happen. Three hours later we were back at the Gouter Hut where we had lunch and slept the afternoon away before spending our third night at the Hut. At 5 am. the following morning we started our descent and by 11 a.m. I was back in my hotel room in Chamonix enjoying a hot shower.

Job done!

Fred Cannon



ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
5 October	8.00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival
12 October	11.00am	Holy Communion
19 October	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
26 October	11.00am	Morning Prayer
2 November	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
9 November	10.45am 12:00am	Remembrance Service Laying of wreath at the war memorial
16 November	8:00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
23 November	11:00am	Holy Communion
30 November	11:00am	Morning Prayer Advent Sunday
7 December	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer

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.

Benefice Memorial Service

At 3.30pm on 2 November at Christchurch there will be a Benefice Memorial Service for those bereaved in the last 12 months.

Remembrance Sunday 9 November

Do join us to reflect on conflicts past and present at 10.45am for our Service of Remembrance. We will be joined by the Warley Cadets who will parade their colours, and lay a wreath at the war memorial on the village green by the Thatchers at about 12 midday. Please help us support our Armed Forces and their families.

Christmas at St Mary's

Do come and celebrate Christmas at Great Warley Church. The church is always beautifully decorated by the congregation who give their time so freely and the services are always very special.

There are a variety of events this year, so hopefully there will be something to appeal to all!

Saturday 13th December 7.30pm

Times and Seasons Chamber Choir Christmas concert. Tickets £5 each from Helen.

Sunday 21st December 5pm

Carols by candlelight

Wednesday 24th December 5.30pm

Christingle service

Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm

Midnight Communion by candlelight

Thursday 25th December 11.00am

Christmas Communion

Clergy	Robert Binks	01277 220428	Rob.binks@me.com
Church warden	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	helen.burgess1@gmail.com
For visits and guided tours	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

Announcements

Baptism

21st September
Eden McKenzie-Smith

'Bless we beseech thee , all little children'

Weddings

9th August
Ray Walker and Margarita Atanasova

20 th September
Steve Crisp and Ruth Juniper

'O Lord, God bless them and theirs, and grant them to inherit Thine everlasting Kingdom'

Funeral

3rd September
Sheila Moule, mother of Gavin Moule

Burial

15th August
Jesse Clark, brother of Toby, Gina and Harry

'Give rest O Christ, to your servants with your saints; where sorrow and pain are no more'

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.



Miss Barbara Crane

Shown above is a photo of Miss Barbara Crane, who rings the church bells for weddings at St Mary's. Barbara is 88 years old and was born in the village. She helps by taking the church collections, and she is a loyal worshipper. In the photo, Barbara is shown standing next to the bridegroom at a wedding in August this year.

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Chicken Liver Parfait with walnuts and mulled wine chutney

Tempura King Prawns with mango, chilli and avocado salsa

TO FOLLOW

Roast Earls Colne Turkey with ballotine of thigh sausage meat, pigs in blankets and classic turkey gravy

Pan Roasted Salmon Fillet with warm pink fir apple potato, green bean and almond salad

Gressingham Duck Tagine with pistachio, raisin & cumin spiced cous cous

Warm Mushroom Chestnut & Sage Risotto with parmesan, rocket & cranberry dressing

TO FINISH

Clementine Posset Tart with pouring cream

Steamed Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Dark Chocolate Brownie with vanilla bean custard

December Christmas Lunchtimes

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Dates for your Diary

October:

- 3 Friday 10-12:** Sewing Bee (Cushions) at the Rectory Hall. Call Liz 07825 017056 for info
14 Tuesday 2-4: WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Jenny 01277 261199)
16 Thursday 8pm: GWCS General Meeting at the Rectory Hall (Fiona 230436)
22 Wednesday 1pm: Pat's Ladies Lunch at Izumi (220206)
27 Monday 1pm: Sewing Bee lunch at Lot 104. Call Liz 07825 017056

November:

- 4 Tuesday - 8 Saturday:** Godspell by Brentwood Operatic Society at the Brentwood Theatre. Call Liz for details 07825 017056
7 Friday 10 - 12: Sewing Bee (Christmas) contact Liz for details 07825 017056
11 Tuesday 2-4: WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Jenny 01277 261199)
28 Friday 2pm: Sewing Bee afternoon Tea at Marygreen Manor. (Liz 07825 017056)

Readers Letters

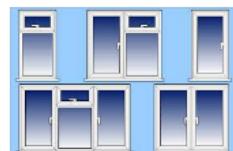
During the summer on a particularly warm day I decided to mow the grass outside my dining room. All seemed to be going well until later the next day when I found a hole and a huge crack in the double glazed window unit! I had not heard it at the time, but by what must have been a one in a million combination of happenings, a stone seemed to have been sent flying by the spinning lawnmower blades which did the damage. I bet I couldn't do it again!

I called Dave from the window repair company who called round swiftly to survey the situation and a week later it was fixed. Simples. I would highly recommend this firm based in Romford should you have any window repairs which need to be done.

A lovely chap and a speedy service. Thanks Dave!

Liz Francis

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Community Speed Watch

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And finally...

Beccy and Rachel meet at the corner of the street. "I'm having an affair." says Beccy; a response came back, "And who's doing catering?"

A Jew fell over a cliff hundreds of metres high. Being a Jew, he was very skilled and he managed to grab a tree root as he fell. When he'd got his breath back, he yelled, "God will you please save me!" A moment passed and the Jew, being impatient, whispered, "Is any one else up there?"

From Janet Miller

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