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lage.

## GWCS Quiz Night



The Rectory Hall was recently the venue for the annual GWCS quiz night, which was this year attended by around 40 people from the village and surrounding areas.

Len and Pat Fryatt had organised an evening of fun which was hosted by Linda Beaney and her supporting team as quizmasters and scorers and what a lovely evening we all had!

Five teams vied for the title of winners and we all enjoyed a delicious supper of fish and chips during the interval which was organised by Phil and Claudine Smith who we would like to thank.

The evening raised a small profit towards Conservation Society funds and we would really like to encourage more people from the village to come next year to support the Society.

The winning team consisted of Richard Osborne, Chris McAllister, Steve McAllister, Elli Francis and myself. We each received a bottle of wine for our efforts.

*Liz Francis*

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Conservation Society News

The Annual General Meeting of the Conservation Society will take place on **Thursday, 14 May in the Rectory Hall at 8.00pm**. Agendas will be sent or emailed to all members well before the meeting. New village residents will be particularly welcome – please contact Fiona on 230436 or email [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more about the meeting or about the Conservation Society.

Various village issues will be discussed at the meeting, and the business part will be followed as always by a glass of wine and social time. It is a good chance to meet new neighbours, so please come along if you possibly can.

### Parking on Headley Common

The Trustees of Headley Common have become increasingly concerned about the number of cars which have been parking on the lane which runs past the back gate of Spire Hartswood hospital. Many of these cars belong to commuters who park there early in the morning and walk to Brentwood Station or to Warley Business Park.

The residents of the two properties at the north end of the lane are finding it impossible to turn left out of their driveways, but they are not allowed to turn right because the lane is one-way at the north end. Also, the verges of the common are being eroded by drivers who are trying to pass this line of parked cars. The South Essex Parking Partnership, as part of the Essex Highways Department, is going to investigate putting double yellow lines along this lane, or in some places single yellow lines with a time restriction to get rid of the commuters. Please support this by signing our petition, (available at the Conservation Society AGM or by phoning 230436) or by signing and returning the slip which will be posted through your door if you live near Headley Common.

### Annual Village barbecue

This year's village barbecue and social event for everyone will take place at the Cricket Club on **Saturday, 25 July**. More details in the next Lychgate, but please keep the date free. Last year about 130 people from the village came to the barbecue, and it was voted a great success. Let us make this one even better!

### St Mary's Church

In addition to our regular service times, Great Warley's very special Arts and Crafts church is open to visitors every Thursday afternoon, 2.00 – 3.30pm from now until the end of October. It will also be open on Bank Holiday Mondays, 12 noon – 4.00pm.

Parties of people come from far and wide to view our very special 'mother-of-pearl' church, so why don't you drop in to see it, and bring your friends and relatives too.

To book a guided tour or to visit when the church is not normally open, please phone Fiona on 230436 or email [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com).

### Warley Place

The snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils have been better than ever this year, and they have lasted a long time because of the cold weather. The daffodils should still be giving a fantastic show for the four day Easter Weekend, when volunteers will be available to welcome visitors, sell guide books and other items, and control the car parking. Entry is free, but donations are requested for the Essex Wildlife Trust.

The guided walks on Saturday mornings have been much appreciated so far. They take place at 10.30am each Saturday until 11 April, and the last Open Weekend day is 12 April. Everyone is welcome to walk round Warley Place at any time, but dogs are not allowed because it is a nature reserve.

## VILLAGE AND SCHOOL NEWS

### Rectory Hall

It was with delight that Rev'd Rob Binks and I at a recent meeting received great support from volunteers interested to get involved in the project to renovate the Rectory Hall.

The rev is actually a whizz with electrics which we decided is the first job. Following that would come the redecoration and making good of the inside of the Hall. New curtains, carpet, additional toilet, an all over paint job and then onto the outside. Further car park clearing and painting the outside of the building are all on the agenda following which we hope to start hiring out the hall to interested community groups.

If you were unable to attend our meeting but would still like to pledge your support we will need lots of help in all sorts of ways. Please email me at [Greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers and watch this space for further information!

*Liz Francis*

### Ursuline Preparatory School Brentwood, Essex



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### WI

Great and Little Warley WI members enjoyed a talk from Ian Kirby on the life and times of Admiral Lord Nelson. Horatio was one of 11 children who's mother died when he was seven. He became a mid shipman at the age of 12 but suffered from acute sea-sickness whenever he went to sea.

Nelson married in 1787 but died at the age of 47 at the Battle of Trafalgar. He is buried in St Pauls Cathedral.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Childerditch Village Hall. New members are always welcome. Please contact Jenny on 01277 220085

### Ursuline Prep News

Holly MacDonald, a Year 6 pupil at the Ursuline Prep School in Warley, volunteered to have her waist-length hair cut short in aid of Cancer Research. With the whole school looking on, brave Holly said goodbye to her luxuriously long hair, as hairdresser Lynette Chasmer took her sharp scissors to Holly's plait.

Holly's target for the charity had been £500, but even before her hair had been cut, the "Just Giving" website showed she had already achieved that aim. Holly is not only raising funds for Cancer Research but is also donating her hair to be made into a wig which will benefit a cancer sufferer. Everyone at the school, including Holly's mum, Deputy Head, Sarah MacDonald and Head Teacher, Pauline Wilson was immensely proud of Holly and admired her great spirit of care for those less fortunate.



**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

Date	Time	Service
3 April	2-3pm	Good Friday Reflections
5 April	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
12 April	11.00am	Morning Prayer
19 April	8.00 am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
26 April	11.00am	Communion and internment of Barbara Crane's Ashes
3 May	8.00 am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
10 May	11.00am	Holy Communion
17 May	8,00 am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
24 May	11.00am	Whitsun Holy Communion
31 May	11.00am	Morning Prayer

**Annual Church Meeting**

The St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday, 19 April at 12.15pm at the Church. This is a public meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend. A review of the year 2014 will be circulated, together with the church accounts for last year, and members will be elected to the Church Council.

If you have any church-related issues to raise, this will be the time to do it. Please contact our Church Warden, Helen, for more details.

**Funerals**

3 March: Barbara Anne Crane  
6 March: John Edward Young

**Funeral and Burial**

19 March: Peter Dennis Ottley

**John Edward Young  
08/02/1921 – 13/02/2015**

John Young, who has died aged just 94, was a member of the church congregation at St Mary's.

John lived in Shoreditch when he was young, and later on he lived in Dagenham, Romford and Upminster. He was married to Connie for 53 years, but she sadly died in 2001.

In January 2007 John married Vi at St Mary's Church. They were very much part of church life, and were much appreciated. They were both members of the PCC, and they organised some wonderful concerts with Vi's grandchildren and friends.

John always had a quick smile and a great sense of humour. He and Vi enjoyed travelling together until John's health sadly deteriorated.

The Requiem Mass to celebrate John's life was held on 6 March at St Mary's, and it was attended by family and friends. It was followed by cremation at Bentley Crematorium.

**St Mary's Churchyard**

Volunteers are urgently needed to help to keep our churchyard looking smart for our many visitors. Please contact me if you feel you can help in any way on 01277 224195 or email [dandefife@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dandefife@hotmail.co.uk).

*David Fife*

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Running up that Road

I discovered a real local gem on 22nd March - I was able to witness a taste of genuine community spirit in and around Brentwood. Last year, on one of my first Sundays as Vicar in Warley, a number of people mentioned that the roads around Brentwood would be closed on a Sunday morning and that it might cause a few problems for folks getting to church, this would be due to the annual half marathon. Over the rest of the year I began to hear different stories about this popular, local event. There is a saying, 'If you can't beat them, join them' so this year I decided to ask for some cover for the morning services and to go and see this spectacle for myself.

On the morning of race day, upon walking into town, there was a definite buzz in the air. Police were poised on the street corners, waiting to cordon off the roads, the sound of a brass band could be heard playing in the distance and streams of people, young and old, were all heading towards Sawyers Hall Lane. As I mingled with the gathering crowd there were many conversations to be had, runners with the names of charities, loved ones and running communities could be seen emblazoned across a multitude of colourful vests - some looking serious other just determined to have a good run and enjoy the day. I have never stood in the line-up for a half marathon before, so as tension built and the 10am start time approached, I manoeuvred myself to a suitable place... ..and pinned on my number. Yes that's right.

Almost silently, the race began, and a couple of thousand folks patiently passed through an inflatable archway and on the road towards the A12 at Mountnessing. As we began to find our pace, I grabbed a moment to chat to fellow runners about their good cause and their reason for running. The race settled down and following the warm-up of the gentle downhill through Shenfield, the route took us north across the open countryside to Black-

more. Blackmore is the halfway point on the route and it was there that I really noticed the warmth of the local community who all seemed to be out in the street and involved. Live music, roads lined with cheering people and children holding out bowls full of the runner's secret fuel - Jelly Babies.

People I had never met before, shouted encouragement, while community groups from the Brentwood area manned the water stations at different points, giving an endless supply of water bottles, then picking up the empties a few hundred yards further along.

Psychologically, the turn on to the Ongar Road at Kelvedon Hatch, is immense - It's the road that brings you back into town and the finish line. As the A128 reached the outskirts of Brentwood, the community spirit was again plain to see, people lining the footpaths, drivers beeping their horns and shouting encouragement... ..of a positive nature, and of course more Jelly Babies.

The last half mile was uphill, but this was no reason for slowing down, I crossed the line at 2hrs and 7mins, and after tea and medals it was time to enjoy some more community spirit and conversation with fellow runners. For those walking home, Sawyers Church put on a grand free BBQ and refreshments on their forecourt, and a good many joined the queue to enjoy their generous hospitality, elsewhere there were stalls for different charities, and a place to lay down and have a massage. My first half-marathon was over, and I am pleased to say that all the effort was worth it. My hope for the run was to discover this local spectacle for myself and to raise some money for two charities: The Firefighter's Charity and the Essex Clergy Charity. All in all it was a lovely day and a reminder of what it is to stop now and again and to celebrate community life at its best.

Rev'd Rob Binks

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## DIARY DATES, READERS LETTERS

### Dates for your Diary

#### April:

**14 Tuesday 2-4:** WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Jenny 01277 220085)

**15 Wednesday 1pm:** Pat's Ladies Lunch at Izumi (220206)

#### May:

**1 Friday 10-12:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Call Liz 07825 017056 for more info.

**12 Tuesday 2-4:** WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Jenny 01277 220085)

**14 Thursday 8pm:** GWCS AGM at the Rectory Hall

#### July:

**25 Saturday:** GWCS Village Barbecue

### Readers Letters

#### Barbara Anne Crane



Great Warley without Barbara will be a different village.

She was born in the village and lived here ever since with her family.

We have known her for over half a century and will miss her very much.

She always had jobs to do around the village and delivered papers for Mr Harding, worked at a nursery where her meticulous care in handling seedlings was much appreciated. She walked the village almost every day until the last few years, delivering the Lychgate and picking up a mountain of information which he would distribute to her chosen acquaintances that stopped to chat!!

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Although she lived with her mother and sister she enjoyed social events such as fêtes and sales.

She was a wizard at knitting, sewing and embroidery. We have some of her knitted rugs and cushion covers. Amanda our daughter took a rug with her to Newcastle and she says it helped her to survive the Tyneside winters!

Both my girls found her lovely to talk to and were so sad to hear of her death.

St Mary's had a special place in Barbara's life and she was a great help with bell ringing at special services and assisting in the collections etc. Punctuality was very important to her and she loved coming to church.

We will all miss you in the village Barbara.

**David Fife**

### 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](mailto:info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk).  
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## LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS

### CROCUSES AND DAFFODILS AT WARLEY PLACE



### EMBELLISHMENTS ON THE ORGAN AT ST MARY'S

