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Ellen's Love



Conceived during the Summer of 2014, staging "Ellen's Love", an original play about the life of Ellen Willmott, shortly after August Bank Holiday the next year it was hoped the weather could be relied upon! Sadly it proved not to be so and consequently the band of volunteers from the theatre company The New Venture Players spent several very damp days in the run up to the production early last month. However the performances were mainly dry with the exception of two short showers on the first night. The audience in true British style pulled on their kagools and hoisted up their umbrellas whilst the actors played on! Ellen aficionados (and I've discovered many of them) seemed to be pleased with the play. One of the many issues I encountered whilst writing it was how to avoid it not working as a piece of theatre but merely becoming a master class on Miss Willmott. John Cannell kindly allowing me to use part of his fictional story line about Alexander a young pilot incarcerated at Warley Mental Hospital let me change the pace for some of the second act and explain much of Ellen's later years more sympathetically.

17 actors were involved and rehearsals took four months. When we first considered staging the production at the cricket field there were at least three company members who felt it did not have the potential to work there. Over 400 people came to see it. A further testament to the fascination in which Ellen is still held by so many and the dissenters admitted that we made it work! Indeed there are plans afoot to return with another production in 2017. Let's start praying now for an Indian Summer!

My thanks must go to many members of the local community who helped in many ways. Not least of all those who tamed the temperamental tea urn and to the car park ushers.

Linda Beaney

VILLAGE NEWS

Gardeners World at Warley Place

Carol Klein and her team from Gardeners World have filmed some scenes about 'the botany of plants' in the conservatory and the walled garden at Warley Place. We are told that these excerpts are going to be shown in several editions of the BBC2 programme, which is on Friday evenings. The first one was screened on 25 September.

Carol first came to Warley Place a few years ago, when BBC2 made a film about famous women gardeners. She enjoyed her visit to us then, and she felt that the ruins of Warley Place would be suitable for these new features, so she asked if she could return.

Warley Place Logs

Please contact Fiona (230436 or fionaagassiz@hotmail.com) if you would like Warley Place logs for your open fire this winter. The price is very reasonable, but you will need to transport the logs yourself.

Church Notice board

Very, very many thanks to Alan Sharp and Ian Ellingworth who repaired our superb new church notice board so quickly when it was badly damaged in August. It is likely that a vehicle backed in to it while trying to turn round at the church entrance. The notice board has now been set further back into the bank.

GWCS and St Mary's Harvest Supper Celebrations

Our plans are to hold the Harvest Festival Celebrations at church on the 18th October, and our Harvest Supper, joint between the Conservation Society and the Church on 17th October. This will be an opportunity to see the hard work of all the volunteers at the Rectory Hall, and to enjoy the new look Hall as a community. Please pencil these two dates in your diaries and join us for both if you can.

Conservation Society News

The next meeting of the Conservation Society will take place on **Thursday, 22 October 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 Linda at lbeaney@btinternet.com or 231265 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 can.

WI

The September meeting of GREAT & LITTLE WARLEY WI began with the singing of Jerusalem and a glass of wine to toast the 100 years of WI and its future. The Speaker gave an interesting and informative account of the very important service given by the Essex Air Ambulance Service and its volunteers. Totally run by voluntary contributions it works in conjunction with the Herts and East Anglian services.

A special tea was then served along with a Celebration cake. WI Business was then dealt with and members were advised that the annual Christmas lunch will be at Marygreen Manor on the 8th December.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October at 2pm when the speaker will be Michael Benning talking about "Barnies Bobbies". **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.** Contact:- Jenny 01277 220085.

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.
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RECTORY HALL AND VICAR'S MESSAGE

Refurbishment of the Old Rectory Hall

Hooray, hooray, Brentwood Council have awarded us a grant of £2,940 towards the cost of installation of a disabled toilet, new flooring, and additional storage!

The Conservation society, and the church are very grateful for the support we have received from Kim Anderson, Cllr Will Russell, and both David Tee and Jill Hubbard.

So we need to continue to work hard to complete the project, which is being coordinated by Rob, Mike, and Liz.

The next stage will be more painting and making the curtains. Please contact Liz if you will be interested to join in with either of these.

Helen Burgess

Giving and receiving

Life is full of surprises - some of them can be profound. Whilst taking some time off at the end of August, as a family we enjoyed some time at a small holiday park in western Brittany - the site was not large but it gave us time and space to switch off and enjoy. Our holiday home, along with 15 others on the site, was in the care of a British couple who had chosen to work the summer as reps for Eurocamp; their office was a humble, family sized tent, their aim, to make guests feel as welcome as possible with what they had to hand. On arrival their welcome was certainly tangible, with the nearest supermarket several miles away, our first appearance of their office was that they were seeking to offer a randomly stocked camp shop too. Neatly spread out on shelves and racks we found what-to-do guides and local maps, beside this were shelves of beach balls, children's buckets, spades, tennis rackets and footballs, then a few shelves of books. Another area was set out with pasta, tinned food, cooking oil, sun cream, shampoo, charcoal etc. etc. The shop was quite unrefined, though it seemed to have lots of helpful things. Every few days we visited this shop (tent) and chatted about our plans for days out with this very helpful British couple. It

wasn't long before we asked the couple why nothing in their shop had a price on it, the answer they gave was a surprise... 'It is all free'. Over the coming days we began to see the world of the camp site in a different way. As homes were vacated at the end of people's stay, this couple collected up the items which had been deliberately or accidentally left behind; sometimes it was unopened food, sometimes it was children's toys or the latest holiday read. Instead of throwing perfectly useful things away, the couple took these items and put them in the tent in the hope that they would bless someone else who was staying on-site. As our holiday progressed we decided to have a BBQ, and of course a quick trip to the tent furnished us with half a bag of free charcoal and some fire lighters, a few days after we needed a drop of cooking oil - the tent was where we found this too. As we spoke to others on site - it was clear that the economy of buying and selling which we know so well, was being replaced by a different way of thinking - the economy of giving and receiving, as our, and other's holiday drew to an end - we were not so much in conversation about what could we get from 'the tent' but what should we give back to it, what could we deliberately leave behind to go into the tent that it might bless the new arrivals? The refreshing momentum of the camp-site 'sharing economy' seemed to work very well, during our stay it was evident that most of the children's toys and books which were taken were returned for the use of others, while food was constantly being brought to the tent to be shared. It's always tough to head home after a relaxing holiday, but back in Blighty, it wasn't long before we realized that the sharing economy is growing here too, the growth of websites like freecycle.org.uk and freegle.org has for sometime been enabling people to give away surplus possessions. The campsite experience is certainly food for thought - there is another economy which we can all be part of, one which has no price tags.....and that makes you feel more human.

Rob Binks

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
11 October	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
18 October	11.00am 3.30pm	Harvest Festival and Baptism Memorial Service at Christ Church
25 October	11.00am	Morning Prayer
1 November	11.00am	Morning Prayer
8 November	8.00am 10.45am 12.00pm	Holy Communion Remembrance Service Dedication at the Memorial Cross
15 November	11:00am	Morning Prayer
18 November	7.30pm	Confirmation Service at Christ Church
22 November	11.00am	Holy Communion
29 November	11.00am	Morning Prayer
6 December	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Harvest Supper 17th October

We have postponed the Harvest Supper to the 17th October. Please come and join us. We shall be having home cooked hot food, a sing song led on the accordion by Colin, and a real appreciation of the new decorations at the Rectory Hall. Please contact Fiona 230436, Pat 220206 or Helen 227557 for tickets. Please let any of them know if you have any favourite songs you would like so we can get the words and music together.

Harvest Festival 18th October

Do come and join us to give thanks for the Harvest. The service is at 11am, and we are looking forward to singing some Harvest songs!

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

Great Warley will be remembering the Armed Services, and the sacrifices made in the two world wars, and in recent conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Northern Ireland and Korea. Our service will begin at the village church at 10.45, to be followed by laying of wreaths at the war memorial on the village green at about 12 midday. The Service of Remembrance will be attended by the Warley Cadets, and the Deputy Commandant Lt.Col. Coffin. Do come and join us for this moving service and act of Remembrance. Please let me know if there is anyone you would like mentioned either in the service or at the war memorial.

Helen Burgess

Christmas Music at St Marys

We are looking forward to welcoming Times and Seasons for Christmas music on 19th December. More details to follow.

**Licensing of
Dr Adrian McConnaughie**

We are delighted to welcome Adrian to join Rob, as part of the team serving Great Warley and Warley. He may be better known to some as the chaplain, and chemistry teacher at Brentwood school. The licensing service was held at Christ Church on 4th October.

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	David Hawthorne	01245 329284	david@hawthorne.myzen.co.uk
For visits and guided tours	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

CHURCH VISITS

Visits to St Mary the Virgin Great Warley

We have many visitors to our special Arts and Crafts church. The list below shows the people who came on every day in one week earlier this summer of 2015.

Tuesday 28 July

8.30am onwards. Visit by our Diocesan Architect, Helen Axworthy, and builder Robbie Wilkes and his assistant, to inspect the bells in the tower and the sinking floor underneath the far left leg of the organ. The builder boxed in the font to keep it safe while he and Helen mounted a very long ladder to reach the belfry. Helen (Burgess) used the opportunity of this visit to sort out the contents of some of the drawers and cupboards in the vestry, and Rob called in while taking a rest from his renovation work at the Rectory Hall.

8.00 – 9.45pm. Visit by the singer/songwriter, lighting specialist and producer of a group who are hoping to make a video of songs in our church.

Wednesday 29 July.

5.00pm. Visit by 12 people (6 couples) who have been friends for very many years and who meet up with each other a couple of times each year in different places. They visited St Mary's after a very long reunion lunch at the de Rougemont Manor. One couple had been before and told the others how special our church is.

Thursday 30 July.

2.00 – 3.45pm. 5 people came to our regular Thursday afternoon open session, including two ladies who lived in Leigh-on-Sea and had travelled on three buses to visit us. They had tried to come last week but could not find the church. Our Rural Dean, Paul Hamilton, also came at this time, and met with Helen and David in the vestry for the annual Church Visitation.

Friday 31 July

2.00pm. Visit by 41 people from Havering U3A. They were all very appreciative of our important Arts and Crafts church. This visit was followed by tea and biscuits in the Rectory Hall, served by Eileen.

Saturday 1 August

9.30am. Visit by a married couple from the other

side of London who were spending the weekend doing a tour of the Essex Churches described in Simon Jenkins' book '1000 Best Churches'. St Mary's was the first stop on their tour.

Sunday 2 August

11.00am. 18 people attended our regular Matins service, led by Tim. Among the congregation was a married couple from Yorkshire who had stayed the previous night at the de Rougemont Manor, and who had been advised by the staff there that our church was the best and closest one to attend. The husband had trained as an engineer (as had William Reynolds-Stephens, the designer of our church), and he is also an amateur artist, so he found plenty of things at St Mary's to interest him. This couple were delighted to have stumbled upon our 'hidden gem'.

Monday 3 August

11.00am. Visit by 10 people from Rayleigh U3A Visiting Churches Group 4. They said as they left that of all the churches they have visited ours was about the most fascinating. We have now had a good number of visits from U3A groups, and we are likely to have more in the future. This visit was preceded by coffee in the Rectory Hall, again served by Eileen.

Fiona Agassiz

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13 Tuesday 2-4pm:

WI at Childerditch Village Hall - Jenny 01277 220085

17 Saturday 6.30pm:

Harvest Festival Supper at the Rectory Hall - contact Pat 220206, Fiona 230436 or Helen 227557 for tickets.

22 Thursday 8pm:

GWCS general meeting at the Rectory Hall

November:

6 Friday 10-12am:

Sewing Bee at Rectory Hall. All welcome - call Liz 07825 017056

December:

4 Friday 10-12am:

Sewing Bee at Rectory Hall

8 Tuesday 2pm:

WI at Childerditch Village Hall

19 Saturday:

Times and Seasons concert at St Mary's (details to follow)

Idle thoughts of one wandering mind.....

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

I am neither for nor against apathy.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

One nice thing about ego-tists ... they don't talk about other people.

Barbara James

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Wedding

5th September - Danny Trigg and Leanne Bonar

Baptism

16th August - Scarlet, daughter of Ed and Julia, and sister to Elliot.

"She is a new creation in Christ"

Readers Letters

Ladderback Kids have moved!

We have moved permanently to the newly refurbished Rectory Hall.

Congratulations to all who have worked so hard in transforming it into a comfortable, clean and bright venue.

We have enjoyed using the Pavilion in recent years and thank Great and Little Warley Cricket Club for their hospitality and for being so accommodating to our needs, often putting ours before their own!

The generosity of John Head, a former member of the club, who has paid our rent for many years also deserves special thanks.

For those who do not know what we do, Ladderback Kids is a charity that offers therapy to children who have Cerebral Palsy. We meet on a Saturday morning and take members from south Essex. If you know anyone who would like to join our group or if you would like to raise funds for us, please contact Jenny Cannon on 01277 223813.

Jenny Cannon

Riding and Striding for St.Mary's

The annual Ride & Stride on behalf of the Friends of Essex Churches event took place on Saturday, 12th September and as the sole participant for Great Warley Church I chose a route that took me from Westcliff to Leigh, Old Leigh to Hadleigh

and then to Thunders-ley. As I commenced at 10 am and got back to Westcliff at past 6 pm, I got back rather exhausted-leigh !

The aim of the day is to visit as many places of Christian worship of all denominations (excluding Mormon/Jehovah's Witness and Christian Spiritualist) as all are eligible for grants to the fabric of their buildings from F.O.E.C. Although some Cathedrals can apply for grants from the Government, it is not commonly known that even really historic church buildings do not qualify for direct Government support. The one important proviso about the visit is that no motor transport is permitted, so the most popular method is bicycle followed by foot and in rural areas, horse riding. I believe in the past people have tried Penny farthings, pogo sticks etc but as I fall off bikes I think a pogo stick would be stretching things - even using the ends of my legs I find quite a feat.

So using old fashioned Shank's Pony I visited 32 churches - not all of them open on the day, but a number were. The Fishermen's Chapel (Methodist) in New Road, Old Leigh (visited by John Wesley in 1748), St. Clement's in Leigh and St. James the Less in Hadleigh were all wonderfully hospitable and beautiful places well worth a visit. Our own lovely church at Gt.Warley was manned by volunteers on the day and was open to visitors as well as Riders and Striders.

Because of issues with the flooring and foundations in the chancel floor near the organ, it seems highly likely that we at St. Mary's will need to call on the resources of F.O.E.C. shortly. All funds raised from the Ride and Stride goes 50% to the nominated church of the Strider and 50% to the fund. If anyone would like to support our fund raising efforts please go to www.justgiving.com/STEPHEN-BRABNER or www.justgiving.com/foect (and go to the donation link) you can join my donation web site there. Many of my donations have come direct through the church congregation so are not on the web site, but if anyone from the village would like to help I would be most grateful.

Many thanks.

Stephen Brabner

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TO FOLLOW

Turkey Breast

With sage & onion stuffing, mini chipolatas wrapped in bacon and turkey gravy served with butter roasted new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Marinated lamb Cutlets

With a spiced apple chutney, red wine jus and butter roasted new potatoes

Sea Bass Fillet

With salsa verde and crushed new potatoes

Spiced Lentil Stew (V)

With crisp Savoy, sautéed baby onions served with warmed pitta bread

TO FINISH

Traditional Christmas Pudding With brandy sauce and dried cranberries

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With stem ginger and custard

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