



# GREAT WARLEY

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### Dates for your Diary

Why not come and get involved in something which is going on in your village? There's plenty to choose from - groups and activities to social gatherings and get togethers. If you are organising a local event please let us know so we can include it in our list of diary dates.

#### June

**3 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall (Liz 07825 017056)

**11 Saturday 10.30pm:** GWCS Litter Picking in the village. Meet in the Thatchers front car park.

**14 Tuesday 2-4pm:** Great and Little Warley WI (Jenny 220085)

**29 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Pat 220206)

#### July

**1 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall

**2 Saturday 10.30pm:** GWCS Litter Picking in the village. Meet in the Thatchers car park.

**3 Sunday 12pm:** Open garden and Vintage Tea party at Carol and Alan Sharp's house, 6 Boyles Court Cottages, Dark Lane, CM14 5LN. Cost £2 per adult, children free

**10 Sunday July 11am:** Sea Sunday Church service at St Mary's, remembering all those whose work is associated with the sea

**12 Tuesday 2-4pm:** Great and Little Warley WI

#### August

**5 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall

**6 Saturday 10.30pm:** GWCS Litter Picking in the village. Meet in the Thatchers car park.

**20 Saturday 2.30 - 6pm:** GWCS Annual Village Barbecue and Social Get Together at the Cricket Club, Warley Road.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Warley Place

The daffodils, snowdrops and bluebells at Warley Place were as good as always this year – some people said it was the best year ever, after its early start. The donations to the Essex Wildlife Trust given by our appreciative visitors during the Spring Bulb Spectacular weekend period amounted to £5737.00. Many thanks to everyone who helped to look after our 4000 or more visitors.

The cows will soon be returning to the Warley Place meadows. They keep the grass short, so that the flowers will be just as good next spring.

A large branch of the walnut tree in the east meadow came down in storm Katie on Easter Monday morning. Those of you who have read John Cannell's novel entitled 'The Walnut Tree' will realise that the tree does now not look quite like the photograph on the back cover of the book.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book, or of John's first novel, 'The Wall', which is also about Warley Place, please contact Fiona on 230436 or [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com).

### Bluebell Tea Afternoon

Many thanks to David and Eileen Fife for inviting us all to visit their garden on 16<sup>th</sup> April and to walk round their bluebell wood. The flowers were wonderful, and the tea and cakes were delicious too. If you were not there, you missed a real treat!

David and Eileen also deserve a huge vote of thanks for everything that they do for Great Warley church. David looks after the churchyard, while Eileen is in charge of the cleaning and the flower arranging. The large numbers of visitors often comment on the cleanliness of the church and the beauty and peace of the churchyard. David and Eileen are truly two of our 'unsung heroes'.

### Friends of the Stained Glass Museum

On 22 April a coachload of the Friends of the Stained Glass Museum visited St Mary's church. The museum is based in Ely Cathedral, and the friends of the museum were enjoying a three-day tour of various churches in Essex. We were delighted to show these 45 visitors round St Mary's, and in return we learned some extra details of some of our window designers and producers.

We have already welcomed 12 groups of visitors to St Mary's this year, ranging from 10 to 45 people. This is in addition to the people who come, singly or in small groups, to our Sunday morning services or on Thursday afternoons or Bank Holiday Mondays.

### Bra-vissima Concert at St Mary's

We were delighted to welcome the Bra-vissima ladies singing group back to Great Warley Church on Saturday 7 May. It was their second visit to our church, which has excellent acoustics for concerts. Their performance was in aid of a local charity. The concert this time consisted of works specially written by several different local composers. The programme was very varied, and the whole evening was most enjoyable, including the opportunity to meet the composers and the singers over refreshments in the rectory hall after the concert had finished.

### Bench on Headley Common.

Many readers will have noticed that the Jean Thompson memorial bench on Headley Common was badly damaged by a Brentwood Council mowing machine. The council officers have admitted liability for this, and they are in contact with the Headley Common Trustees about a replacement for the bench.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### GWCS

The AGM of the Great Warley Conservation Society, held at The Rectory Hall on Thursday 26th May, was attended by nearly 40 people. It was preceded by a presentation of the proposed conversion and development at Leverton Hall, Dark Lane, where Marden Homes application for planning permission is imminent. If you were unable to attend but have any questions about the proposals then please contact Linda Beaney 01277 231265 or Len Fryatt 01277 220206 . Minutes of the AGM will be circulated to all members by email shortly and if you have any questions about them or the issues referred to please let Linda know.

### Litter Picking

Forthcoming village litter picks this Summer will take place on Saturdays 11th June, 2nd July and 6th August. Please meet at The Thatchers Arms at 10.30am. Hi viz jackets, litter tongs and bin bags are provided but it's advisable to bring gloves. "Many hands make light work" so do please do try and come along and help keep our environment as pleasant as possible and keep up the battle against the litter jobs!

### GWCS Village Barbecue

The annual GWCS Barbecue and social get together, will be held on Saturday 20th August. Please save the date to join us as this is one of our best attended village events and always a lovely afternoon.

### Quiz Night in aid of the Rectory Hall Refurbishment

On Thursday 28 April Richard Osborn once again organised and hosted a very entertaining quiz evening at the Thatchers in aid of the refurbishment of the Rectory Hall.

There were over 30 people who took part in the quiz and a total of £104 was raised. Very many thanks to Richard and to Geoff Bowmer for all their support with the Rectory hall project.

The main hall is now finished and newly carpeted, and the second toilet is fully functional along with a hot water supply to both hand basin facilities. The lobby has been painted and there is still some woodwork which needs finishing but things are moving forward as time allows.

If you are interested in hiring the hall, please contact Helen on 227557.

### Great and Little Warley WI

The Great and Little Warley WI meet every second Tuesday at the Childerditch Village Hall between 2-4pm. New members are always welcome - please call Jenny on 220085 for more information.

### Great Warley Sewing Bee

If you are new to the village and would like to meet some locals and you also sew or would like to learn more about sewing, then please come along to the monthly gathering of our sewing group.

Every first Friday of the month we meet from 10-1 to sew and chat over tea and coffee at the Rectory Hall opposite the Church. You can bring a project you are already working on or come and make our project of the month. Contribution of £2 per person towards the cost of the hall hire.

Email [greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or call Liz on 07825 017056.

*Liz Francis*

**READER'S LETTER & SPONSORS**

Carol & Alan Sharp will be holding their annual open garden & vintage tea party, on Sunday 3rd July at 12.00.

The event is in memory of our son Ben. All proceeds this year will go to St Mary the Virgin, Great Warley.

The entrance fee will be two pounds per head; children free.

*Carol Sharp*



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Date	Time	Service
5 June	11.00am	Morning Prayer
12 June	8.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
19 June	11.00am	Morning Prayer and Baptism
26 June	11.00am	Morning Prayer
3 July	11.00am	Morning Prayer
10 July	8.00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Sea Sunday Holy Communion
17 July	11.00am	Morning Prayer
24 July	11.00am	Holy Communion
31 July	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
7 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer

**Baptisms**

17th April  
Jasmine Campbell daughter of Paul and Julie

24th April  
Alexandra Lane daughter of Daniel and Diana

15th May  
Jonas Morrell son of William and Carly

*'O Lord look mercifully on all those baptised recently, make the light of your Gospel shine upon them and all their families and friends'*

**Wedding**

28th May  
Robert Reed and Lowri Goldsmith

*'May their life together witness to your love in this troubled world'*

**Sea Sunday**

10th July is the day we remember all those whose work is associated with the sea. Do come and join us to remember all those who have lived their lives with the sea. We will be joined by the Royal Naval Association who will be parading their flag, and reminding us of the sacrifices of the Royal Navy. Do join us for our service at 11am.

**Lychgate and churchyard sign**

All of us who pass through the Lychgate have been amazed at the change in its appearance. David Wellings with the able assistance of Fiona has brushed and scrubbed the east side of the Lychgate. It was almost totally green, but it is now back in all its glory. The fence on either side has also been repaired, and the evergreen saplings cut back. We have a revitalised entrance! Frequent visitors may have noticed a rather sad, almost unreadable sign sitting on the floor of the Lychgate, David has taken this away, skilfully repainted it and fixed it to a post just inside the churchyard. It has truly meaningful words, and will be much appreciated. As a village, we are very fortunate to have such a skilled craftsman in our community...Thank-you David.

**Paths in the Churchyard**

Early in April we saw tracks on the grass, and realised the fairies had visited the churchyard, in the form of Ian Ellingworth and his team. The paths at the far end of the churchyard have been dug out and rejuvenated with new soil, and new gravel. All who visit the churchyard are truly appreciative of the change this has made, not just to the appearance of the churchyard, but also to allowing easy access for families and friends visiting graves, and visitors to see the Heseltine family graves.

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	David Hawthorne	01245 329284	David@hawthorne.myzen.co.uk
<b>For visits and guided tours</b>	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
<b>Church Address</b>	St Mary The Virgin	Great Warley Street	CM13 3JP

## OBITUARY

### Bill Witherstone 1939 – 2016

Bill had been an integral part of Great Warley village life for more than 30 years. His family and friends mourn the passing of a good friend, wise counselor, and horseman extraordinaire.

Bill was born in Plaistow, the eldest of five siblings, Bill, Lani, Liz, Dick, and Joan. He often spoke with pride of his maternal grandfather who was a tugboat man in the royal docks.

He had a lasting passion for horses, inspired by his grandfather, a cavalry soldier (who died when Bill was young). As a “dare-devil”, Bill would enjoy playing in the open land near his home, and learning to ride bareback on gypsy horses. Whilst still at school, he got a job assisting a milkman with his horse drawn milk cart, to pay for hiring a horse. He learnt his skills as a horse breaker, and horse dentist from the legendary Sid Rayment.

At age 20 he was called up for National Service with the Army. He did his basic training with the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, and subsequently was posted to the Royal Fusiliers, serving in Malta, and Libya [Cirene]. Bill was never a lover of authority or regimentation, but he always remained fiercely proud of his regiment, and wore his regimental tie on many subsequent occasions.

For over 20 years he ran his own very successful equine dentistry service company, with many regular quality clients, including the Household Cavalry, and the draft horses for many of the Breweries. His great passion was riding to hounds, either in Essex, or on Exmoor. He was the youngest member in the history of the Essex Union Hunt to receive the Hunt Button allowing him to wear the red hunt coat.



Bill was a man of principle and compassion and he was loved, admired and respected by those he came into contact with. He had an innate sense of decency and respect, and was kind, fair and wise in all his undertakings. He threw himself into life, and thoroughly enjoyed the company of others. Freemasonry was an important part of Bill's life, where he made many long-term friends. He was a member and past master of Upminster Hall Lodge, a visitor at Chelsea Lodge, and member of Chelsea Chapter; he was also a member of Knights Templar. He was proud of his personal achievements within the Masonic community, and he was proud of the high level of charitable contributions made by Freemasons generally, and he had great respect for the fundamental principles of the fraternity, and lived his life by those principles. Bill's unique style, presence and sense of humour will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Dick and Ruth from Great Warley St and all his friends and family are very much in our thoughts at this time.

*Helen Burgess*

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Mrs. P. Wilson. (MSc) Headteacher.

### From the Church Bulletins...

The Fasting & Prayer conference includes meal.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'.

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

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