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Christmas in Great Warley

Christmas 2016
may seem a
long time ago
now, but it was
a happy time to
remember, par-
ticularly during
these cold late
winter days.

The festivities
started with a
very successful



Great Warley Conservation Society Christmas party at the
Rectory Hall on 2nd December. Delicious food and good
company - very many thanks to the organisers.

Then on Sunday 11th December we had a very special candle-
lit carol service at 6.30pm in the church. This was led by the

Bra-vissima choir, and the
church was packed. Very
many thanks to the choir
who made this such
a memorable occa-
sion. The service was fol-
lowed by mulled wine and
mince pies in the Rectory
Hall.



The midnight service on
Christmas Eve was also
very popular, and we
were pleased to welcome
worshippers from Christ
Church to join us on that
occasion.

VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place

February is snowdrop time at Warley Place, so we hope everyone will enjoy a walk through the Warley Place Nature Reserve to see our spectacular show of snowdrops. They seem to increase every year! Donations towards the work of the Essex Wildlife Trust will be very much appreciated. Unfortunately dogs are not allowed on the reserve, but people of all ages will be most welcome at any time.

The best time for daffodils is usually the second half of March. If you have not visited in daffodil time before, you really are in for a treat if you come for a walk there during this period. The fields literally turn into carpets of yellow flowers. There are plenty of other wild flowers to see in the spring too.

Warley Place is always open for visitors, but we will as usual be holding special Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends from Saturday 25th February until Easter Monday 17th April. During these weekends we need volunteers to help with the car parking and to welcome our many visitors. Please, please if you could help with this, even if only for one three hour session on one Saturday or Sunday, get in touch with Fiona (230436). No previous experience is necessary, and you are bound to meet some interesting new friends.



GWCS

GRAB YOUR KITCHEN CALENDARS, DIARIES AND TABLETS TO ENSURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON GREAT WARLEY'S 2017 MAIN EVENTS.

Yes folks (oooh sorry, that sounds a bit too Donald Trump – yuk) be certain to be at all the GW key events by diarising NOW. So, change those holiday dates. Cancel the fine dining and theatre trips and get with the action!

Saturday 4th March at 10am

Meet at The Thatchers Arms for the village litter pick. Tongs and hi-viz vests will be provided. It only takes about an hour and then we return to debate how lovely we've made Great Warley look again over a dry sherry, or two!

Summer litter pick dates to be confirmed soon.

Thursday 11th May at 8pm

Great Warley Conservation Society Spring meeting at the Rectory Hall

Thursday 19th October at 8pm

GWCS Autumn meeting & AGM at the Rectory Hall

Saturday 24th June

GWCS & Village BBQ @ the Cricket Club

Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm

Joint GWCS and St Mary's Church Harvest Supper at the Rectory Hall

Friday 8th December at 7.30pm

GWCS Christmas Party at the Rectory Hall.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Linda Beaney

WARLEY PLACE

A year in the life of a Warley Place Volunteer

I enquired about helping with the Monday Work Party at Warley Place when I visited just before Easter 2015 at one of the Spring Bulbs Spectacular weekends. I was encouraged when told that new volunteers are always welcome. A good sense of humour was also a recommendation.

I turned up one Monday morning a couple of weeks later and very soon experienced the 'Warley Place sense of humour'. I was introduced to Richard, the Warden. After exchanging the usual pleasantries, I felt really important when Richard said he had saved a very special job just for me. Beckoning towards the vast East Meadow behind me, he said 'It would be really helpful if you could 'dead-head' all the daffodils in that field'. I turned round and was faced with an enormous meadow of about 3 acres, covered with tens of thousands of wilting and dying daffodils, clearly well past their 'sell by date'. As my jaw dropped with surprise, I heard a titter, a snort and a grunt behind me, turned round and was faced by Richard and the other volunteers grinning at me. It was clearly a 'wind-up', and I couldn't help laughing with them.

The volunteers are mostly retired and come from a variety of backgrounds. But we all have in common a desire to maintain Warley Place for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The intention is to maintain the site, rather than restore it to its former glory. Some of the volunteers have an in-depth knowledge of the history of Warley Place under the ownership of Miss Willmott, and they willingly share their knowledge with anyone who is interested.

After I volunteered at Easter 2015, the walled garden was cleared of invasive weeds. During the summer, one of the rockeries was cleared, and ragwort had to be removed from the meadows because, when dried, this is poisonous to the cattle which graze there over the summer.

There is enough work to do on the reserve to keep everyone busy, and no chance of being made redundant!

The Warden is licensed to fell trees and cut the trunks into manageable pieces which are then split into small logs and sold as firewood, providing valuable additional income to the Essex Wildlife Trust which manages the Reserve. This continues throughout the autumn, when leaves need to be swept and placed into compost silos for making leaf-mould, which is also sold.

From then onwards priority is given to the preparation of the Reserve for the 'Warley Place Spring Bulb Spectacular' weekends leading up to Easter.

During these weekends the Monday volunteers are amongst those who man the car park and the gate. On several occasions I heard visitors, on leaving the Reserve, thanking us for the work we do there. Everybody likes to be appreciated, and those compliments really make being a volunteer at Warley Place a worthwhile thing to do.

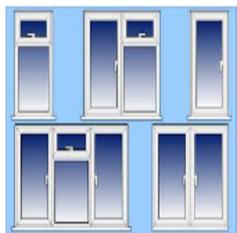
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Photographs of the working party hard at work on Monday 30th January 2017

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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
5 February	11.00am	Morning Prayer
12 February	11.00am	Holy Communion
19 February	11.00am	Morning Prayer
26 February	11.00am	Morning Prayer
1 March	11.00am	Ash Wednesday Service
5 March	11:00am	Morning Prayer
12 March	11.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
19 March	11.00am	Morning Prayer
26 March	11.00am	Holy Communion Family Service - Mothering Sunday
2 April	11.00am	Morning Prayer
9 April	11.00am	Holy Communion - Palm Sunday
16 April	11.00am	Holy Communion - Easter Sunday

Funerals and Thanksgiving

7 December - Eileen Williams

18 January - Peter Ford

"Give rest, O Christ to your servants, where sorrow and pain are no more, but life everlasting"

Flowers and cleaning at Great Warley Church

We are indebted to Eileen Fife and her team of cleaners and flower arrangers. Sadly one or two people have recently dropped out of the rota. If you feel you could help, even every couple of months it would be fantastic. If you can help in any way please get in

touch with Eileen on 01277 224195 or by email dandefife@hotmail.co.uk. Eileen would be happy to help set you up, and then it can be done in about an hour.

Admin Help for Great Warley Church

We are desperate for help to take minutes and circulate them for our meetings. This is not an onerous task. It would probably take less than a couple of hours a month. Please let me know if you can think of anyone willing to consider giving us a hand.

(Helen.burgess1@gmail.com 01277227557)

Helen

Bra-Vissima

For our Carol Service we were delighted to welcome the Bra-Vissima choir with their organist David Pickthall. The service was a wonderful combination of communal singing, bible readings from Fiona Agassiz (Warley Place), Jane Duffill (Bra-vissima), Steve Brabner (Parish member), Linda Beaney (Lychgate), Phil Smith (GWCS), Jill Hubbard (Warley Councillor), and Helen and David (Church Wardens), and awe inspiring devotional musical singing of work by Peter Warlock (part of the Heseltine family), and plainsong carols.

Bra-Vissima will be at Great Warley again on 2nd April for an evening concert, we will send out more details via the Lychgate mailing list when we have them.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bob and Sheila Flunder

Village residents are sad to say goodbye to Bob and Sheila Flunder, who have moved to Upminster after living for many years at Croft Cottage in Warley Street.

Bob played an important role in the Great Warley Conservation Society for many years, and he also served for a few years as Chair of the Trustees of Headley Common. We thank him for all that he did for our village, for his detailed planning and his expertise.

We wish Bob and Sheila all the very best for their life in their new home.

Jessica Ellwood

We are sad to announce that Jessica Ellwood died on New Year's Eve. Jessica lived at Bellropes Lodge, in front of Warley Auto Salvage. She was a member for many years of the Great Warley Conservation Society, she donated many items to the Spring Fairs, and she always enjoyed a chat if she was in her garden and she recognised someone who walked past.

Jessica and her husband Fred moved to Great Warley from Rainham in 1988 after their vehicle salvage business became too large for the premises they were occupying. When they approached Brentwood Council back in 1987 and requested a change of use from

the then United Tankers haulage company to a vehicle salvage company, they were very reluctantly granted permission on condition that they keep the premises looking clean, smart and tidy!

They certainly did just that, and to this day people in the area still don't know that the company is there, apart from the sign in the front garden.

Fred and Jessica lived for their garden, and their children Jack, Helen and Mark are now trying to keep it to its high standard. We extend our sympathy to them on their loss.

Jessica's funeral service took place at Rainham church on 26th January, followed by cremation.

Peter Ford

A congregation of more than 200 people packed in to Great Warley Church on 18th January to attend a memorial service for Peter Ford, who was born at Childerditch Hall and who lived in Childerditch for the whole of his life. He was very well known, particularly among the farming community, and he was instrumental in many changes and developments in the area. David Tee, who took the memorial service, rightly referred to Peter as 'the squire of Childerditch'.

We were very pleased to be able to host this service at St Mary's, and we extend our sympathy to Peter's children Lindsay, Susan and John, and to their families.

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DIARY DATES AND LOCAL EVENTS

Dates for your Diary

February

3 Friday 10-1pm: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall (Liz 07825 017056). We would like to welcome you to our group of sewers, knitters and crocheters who meet once each month at the Rectory Hall. £2 charge to cover costs.

14 Tuesday 2pm: Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall

22 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies lunch at Izumi. Contact Pat 220206.

March

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

4 Saturday 10am: Litter picking in the village. Meet at the Thatches at 10am.

9 Thursday 6.30pm: Lent course at Wallets. Contact Helen

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23 Thursday 6.30pm: Lent course at Wallets

April

2 Sunday: Bra-Vissima evening concert at St Mary's Great Warley. Details to follow.

9 Thursday 6.30pm: Lent course at Wallets

Richard's Quiz Night

Please make a note in your diary of the next quiz night to be hosted by Richard Osborne at the Thatchers Arms on Thursday 23rd February, starting at 7.30pm.

As before, there will be a variety of rounds with bags of multiple choice to make it as painless as possible.

It's £2.50 a head, this time in aid of Georgia's Teenage Cancer Appeal, a local charity with few overheads that helps children and young adults (more info at www.gtca-appeal.org)

Lent and Easter at Great Warley

The season of Lent is when we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness fighting temptation, and fasting. Traditionally we "give up" some treat or give money to charity if we don't manage to stick to it, we also think hard about what we believe, either on our own or in discussion with others.

Shrove Tuesday ("Pancake day") is the day before the start of Lent when we make pancakes to use up all the special treats we won't be eating in Lent.

Ash Wednesday follows, this year it is 1st March. There will be a special service at Great Warley to mark this, we will be reading the bible and considering what we can do better.

Mothering Sunday (Mother's Day) is the middle Sunday in Lent. This is traditionally when servants returned home to see their family, so now we all celebrate the dedication and care of all mother's. At Great Warley we celebrate this Sunday by having posies of flowers for the congregation to take home and give to all mother's. We are planning to aim this service at all family members.

Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus riding on a donkey through Jerusalem over Palms. We will be giving palm crosses to everyone who comes to the service.

Finally we come to Easter Sunday when having remembered Jesus's suffering on the cross on Good Friday we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, so that he is always here for us. We break our fast and enjoy chocolate eggs, and no more fasting!

During Lent there will be a Lent course at Wallets, opposite the Thatchers, on Thursdays the 9th and 23rd March, and on the 9th April at 6.30 pm.

Do join us for any of these events!

Helen Burgess

New Venture Players

The next performance of the New Venture Players will be 'The Vicar of Disley' at the Brentwood Theatre from 6-8th April with a Saturday matinee. Tickets from Linda Beaney 231265.

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