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Easter at St. Mary's



Easter was a very special time at St. Mary's and the Church looked fabulous thanks to the beautiful floral arrangements both inside and outside the Church.

These two photographs (and the one above) do not really capture well enough the true beauty of the displays which were very much admired by all the Churchgoers.

The flower arrangements shown in these photographs were put together by some very talented ladies who regularly support the Church. Special thanks go to Debbie Chapman and Jenny Cannon and everyone else who visited the Church over the Easter period.



VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place

The eight Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends at Warley Place this year were a great success. The weather was particularly good for most of them, and for the weekdays too. A total of £9,250 was raised in donations for the Essex Wildlife Trust. This is much higher than our previous record total of £7351 in the year 2003, and we thank everyone who contributed.

There were plenty of new visitors this year, many of whom came after reading enthusiastic comments on social media. Many thanks to our faithful cohort of volunteers, particularly those who manned the car park – not an easy job. It was very useful to have the use of the cricket club for overflow parking at our busiest times.

The volunteer warden of Warley Place, Richard Barklem, is about to step down after eight years. Many good changes have taken place under his leadership, and we thank him for all the time he has spent and for all the encouragement he has given to the other Monday work party volunteers.



Richard Barklem with the EWT Reserves manager, Marc Outen in the conservatory at Warley Place

Three members of staff from Abbotts Hall, the headquarters of the Essex Wildlife Trust, came to Warley Place on 22nd May to

officially thank Richard for all he has done for the reserve. The photo shows Richard with the EWT Reserves manager, Marc Outen, in the conservatory.

Warley Place is now in its 'pink' phase, with plenty of rhododendrons in flower, and lots of foxgloves about to bloom. There will also soon be plenty of rosebay willowherb flowering on the daffodil bank. It is still well worth a visit.

Great and Little Warley W.I.

Our May meeting took place as usual at 2pm on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month in Little Warley and Childerditch Village Hall. This meeting was the AGM and it also incorporated voting for two resolutions that the WI nationally will support this coming year. The committee was thanked for all its hard work, with special recognition being given to our outgoing President, Mai Humm, who began her year with her leg in plaster and ended it with an arm similarly enclosed but somehow she did not let these inconveniences hold her back and always fulfilled her role with good humour. The committee for next year was elected with three new members being willing to serve and Pam Tee being elected the new President. There was no guest speaker this month due to the business part of the meeting taking longer than usual but everyone enjoyed having more time to socialise afterwards with a cup of tea and a cake.

The next meeting will be held on June 13th and will be a pre-ordered fish and chip lunch which is part of our club's celebration of the 100th centenary of the WI in Essex.

LOCAL EVENTS AND NEWS

Richard's Big Quiz Night

Thursday 18th May was a very good night to visit the Thatchers Arms where, once again, Richard Osborne was hosting another of his famous Big Quiz Nights.

This time, the evening was in aid of the Marie Curie Charity. The grand total of £190 was raised in support of this amazing organisation who offer help for people living with any terminal illness, and their families. The charity offer expert care, guidance and support to help them get the most from the time they have left.

Once again, sincere thanks go to the lovely Sharon and Geoff Bowmer from the Thatchers who welcomed over 60 people to their establishment for the quiz evening. Thanks also go to everyone who supported the cause. The winning team "The Three Amigos plus one" led by Mark Skinner, with Fiona, Kelly and Colin are pictured below.

If you missed the quiz don't worry. Richard will be hosting the next one around October. We will let you all know the date once it has been finalised.



Winners of the quiz night are presented with their trophy by Quizmaster Richard Osborne

Great Warley Open Gardens and Vintage Tea

On 25th June from 1.30 to 5pm two Great Warley gardens will be open for you to visit. No 6, Boyles Court Cottages, Dark Lane CM14 5LN and Wallets, Great Warley Street, CM13 3JE, will both be open.

Vintage Tea will be served at Boyles Court Cottage. In aid of Great Warley Church and St Francis Hospice.

Please park along the edge of the field at Wallets or in the orchard, then take a short walk down Dark Lane for Tea, or drive between the two! Tickets are £5.00 to cover the cost of visiting both gardens.

Many thanks to Alan and Carol, Helen and Steve.

Great and Little Warley Cricket Club

All who have any contact with the cricket club and grounds will see that the grass is now in good order, with many thanks to a most generous local resident, who has also agreed to fund insurance for the pavilion and a gate. This of course is only a temporary fix.

In the long term, a group of interested people are needed to work together to organise bookings, be key holders etc.

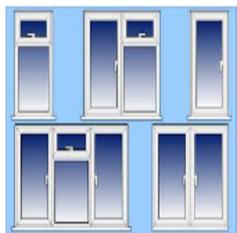
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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
4 June	11.00am	Morning Prayer Whit Sunday
11 June	11.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
18 June	11.00am	Morning Prayer
25 June	11.00am	Family Service
2 July	11:00am	Morning Prayer
9 July	11.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism Sea Sunday
16 July	11.00am	Morning Prayer
23 July	11.00am	Family Service
30 July	11.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
6 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer
13 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Upkeep of the Churchyard

We are very grateful to Peri for their continued support for the upkeep of the churchyard. They have generously donated £250.00. If anyone feels they can help us towards the costs of upkeep, please contact Helen or Steve. Any donations can be gift aided.

Bra-Vissima

We were privileged to enjoy a remarkable concert on 2nd April. Bra-vissima (Bras) are celebrating their 10 th anniversary this year. This concert was put together to celebrate Spring, and raise money for Fundatia Innocenti, a charity for Romanian children supported by one of the choirs ex members, now living in Romania.

The concert began with Requiem of Peace by Andrew Wright, the choir interpreted the music to make the sound fresh, and meaningful. The choir then sang songs written by choir members

and reflecting the innocence of the children we were supporting. We then heard the Peace Mass. For further reflection, and finally were cheered on our way by Carnival, a melange of amazing animal noises and words!

Finally we had a cheeky glass and a bite to eat in the Rectory Hall.

Next events for the Bra's...

30 th June Fundraising quiz night Shenfield Parish Hall 7.30 Jane Atwell 07764614802
jmatwell@aol.com

7th October Anniversary Concert Brentwood cathedral 7.30

10th December Nine Lessons and Carols back at Great Warley to help our Christmas celebrations start

Janet Miller

Those of us who have known Janet during the last sixty years will not be surprised that learn that she is now in Old Shenfield Place at 2, Hall Lane Shenfield, CM15 9AB. Sadly she has speechless aphasia as a result of a stroke. She had always been a performing musician, a pianist and vocalist, so her frustration at this is understandable.

During the 11year interregnum at Great Warley Church she was Anglican Licensed Reader, she had responsibility for leading the church, organising funerals and weddings, singing and preaching.

During that time, her boast was that she visited every house in the parish- if baby needed winding, or the floor scrubbing, so much the better!

In recent times she played and sang for charity, instructed for the advanced driving qualification, and loved playing bridge.

We all wish her and Lawrence the very best, and a more restful time.

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PHYLLIS CLARKE RIP

Phyllis Clarke

Phyllis was born in Brentwood, and lived to be 89.

At home she was always known as Phyll. Her mother died young. In World War II her father worked in a bomb disposal group based at Warley Barracks, which was how the family came to live in Brentwood. Their first house in Headley Chase was bombed, so they moved to St Johns Road, where she and her brother Bill lived for the rest of their lives, Phyllis living there for eighty-seven years.

After the war she worked in the family carpet shop near Brentwood station.

Phyllis enjoyed travel: as a young woman in the 1950s she travelled around Europe with a group of friends. In the days before package tours they planned their own train journeys all over Europe; they did it all on a shoestring, and they had a lot of fun. Phyllis kept in touch with her old friends all her life.

She joined St Marys church in Great Warley as a young woman, faithfully singing in the choir for many years. She was a woman with a deep, but private faith.

Her dream was to study to be a teacher. Unfortunately it was not to be. When her father became ill, Phyllis had to give up her dreams, as her father expected her to care for him. After her Father's death she then looked after her brother Bill. She never complained, she was not that sort. Although a quiet person, she was a positive, and gentle person.

She never married, because she had to be a carer. Her family remember her as a kind aunt, thoughtful, good company, someone they liked visiting. They also remember her beloved and faithful cat, Simpkins who could often be found sunning itself in the garden. It was only after she died that it was discovered the cat was not hers, she had tempted it over from

next door with the offer of fresh salmon! (After she went into care, I heard the cat was distraught and had to get used to going back home; on the day she died, it was found sitting on her front step.)

Phyllis lived simply and never hankered for luxuries -I remember the house in St Johns Road being really quite spartan, the front room a pre-war time warp (apparently they held off accepting electricity for years). Her niece Jean told me about a time once when the tax office told Aunt Phyllis about some unclaimed benefit she was due: Phyllis wrote back to say, no thank you, she didn't need the money, she had quite sufficient-!

She was kind and thoughtful, and always remembered all the family birthdays with flowers and cards.

She liked music, songs from the shows and, singing hymns in the choir. She was popular in the church, loyal, kind and positive.

Above all she loved her garden. She had a good garden and was popular with her neighbours. It was her place to be close to God. We all remember the relentless guerrilla war she waged against the badgers, who ate her flowers.

What she didn't say was that she was also she put out bread in the garden every day for the birds or maybe even the badgers themselves – at any rate the badgers enjoyed dining off it! She loved all kinds of wildlife.

At her funeral we remembered a person who was kind, thoughtful, gentle and positive, someone who lived a humble simple life, without regrets. She did without common luxuries but accepted her life without complaint or regrets, a quietly joyful person. That is a gift. She was a woman of faith who accepted other people without envy or pride. She brought kindness and love to others. Her funeral was a great celebration of her memory.

Tim Lee

DIARY DATES, LOCAL NEWS & SPONSORS

Dates for your Diary

June

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

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

24 Saturday 2pm: GWCS Annual Village Barbecue at the Cricket Ground, Warley Road. Contact Linda 220206 Adults £6.50 Children FREE

July

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

8 Saturday: Village Litter pick. Meet at the Thatchers Arms at 10am. All equipment is provided

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

26 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi. This month please call Fiona on 230436 for more information

VILLAGE BARBECUE Saturday 24th June

After last year's threat of terrible rain that didn't materialise and a strong cold wind that did, we must surely be set for a wonderful afternoon of weather and good food and, certainly, company. We are able to use the cricket field and pavilion again and the fun will kick off from 2pm. Tickets must be booked in advance please via Len Fryatt on 01277 220206. Adults - £6.50. Kids - free. So bring friends and family galore!

Help is required to get things set up at the ground from 10am onwards please. If anyone feels able to bring any home made desserts they always prove very popular indeed so, please bring them along on the day but, if you can make something then, to help ensure enough for all on the day, please let Linda know in advance on 01277 231265.

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