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Great Warley Open Gardens and Vintage Tea Afternoon

On Sunday 25 June we had a real village treat. Two spectacular gardens were open to the public, and it was a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.



Alan and Carol's garden at Boyles Court

The garden at Wallets, home of Steve and Helen Burgess, was looking wonderful, with its pool, bridge and its flowers all in bloom, and a large vegetable garden as well.

The garden at 6 Dark Lane, home of Alan and Carol Sharp, was also looking fantastic. Teas were served there, with delicious cakes and biscuits, and there was a raffle too, with some great prizes.



Steve and Helen's garden at Wallets

Very many thanks to both families for all their hard work in getting their gardens to such tip-top condition. Opening a garden to the public is a huge undertaking, and we are all most grateful.

VILLAGE NEWS

Great Warley Village Celebration Weekend

The annual village barbecue took place on Saturday 24 June at the cricket club, and it was enjoyed by a good crowd of people, including some families who have recently moved into the village. The food was delicious, expertly cooked by Phil Smith and his helpers, and we are all grateful to Phil and Claudine for their hard work. It was the second large event which they had catered for in the space of four days!

It was great to be able to catch up with neighbours, and to meet some new residents too. The cricket club is such a spectacular setting – we are so fortunate that it is available to us. The children enjoyed games of football and cricket, and they really appreciate the large open space for running around.



Phil Smith tending to the Barbecue



Villagers and friends enjoying the afternoon

Great and Little Warley W.I.

The July meeting should have been our annual garden party but after a month of glorious weather, the clouds gathered and we had an amusing half hour of ferrying the crockery and food between the village hall, our usual meeting place and next door to the garden we intended to be in; however, a decision had to be made and the consensus was that it was better to be safe than sorry so tables were set up indoors. Our enjoyment of the day was not dampened and we continued our centenary celebrations of the W.I in Essex with a cream tea and a special cake made by one of our members.

July has been a busy month with the club participating in a county event at Hatfield Peverel where amongst other things a scarecrow was made and displayed which was awarded a highly commended mark along with a collective exhibit which included five craft based items.

A visit from the Visually Impaired Club of Brentwood also seems to have become a fixture in our calendar and we welcomed them again for an afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones, cakes, trifle, strawberries and cream. It was good to see them once more and a real friendship has grown between our two clubs. Sadly we have to report the passing of one of our oldest members, Iris Saunders. Iris has been a stalwart of this club for many years, holding the positions of Treasurer and President at various times. She encouraged many people to join the WI and on occasions without number she shared her artistic skills for the benefit of all. She had been a member of the organisation for 63 years and 2 days! She will be greatly missed.

Our next meeting will take place as usual on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm when the speaker will be Tracy Mackness of Giggly Pigs.

For any further information contact Pam Tee
Tel 01277 220314.

LOCAL EVENTS AND NEWS

We are now ten years old!!

The first issue of the Great Warley Lychgate Newsletter in its present form was at the beginning of August 2007, and it has been compiled and distributed six times a year since then, at the beginning of the even months. It is both a church and village newsletter, and it tries to reflect the life of our small village. Articles and ideas from you are always welcome – the more the merrier!

For many years before 2007 there had been a church newsletter of A5 size, also called the Lychgate, produced by Susan Evans. Like our present Lychgate, it was distributed free to every house in the village.

The first few issues of the new A4 size Lychgate newsletter were in black and white only, but it was then decided to print the outside pages in colour. Now, of course, people who have decided to receive their Lychgates on email have all pages in colour. We have had two editors, first Gill Clifton, who has now moved away, and now Liz Francis. We are enormously grateful to both of them, and to our faithful team of distributors, who have remained virtually the same throughout the ten years, walking the same route 60 times!

Cheers, everyone, and here's to the next decade! Please feel free to contribute as much as you can – it is our readers who make the Lychgate newsletter such a success

Headley Common

If you regularly drive through the village you will probably have noticed that the pond at Headley Common is looking amazing at the moment.

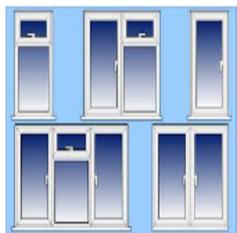
This is in no small part thanks to Gary who has replaced the wrought iron fence with a chain link style fence, which looks so much nicer.

And of course, the geese and other wild species which use the pond now have easier access to the water too.



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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
6 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer
13 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer
20 August	11.00am	Holy Communion
27 August	11.00am	Morning Prayer
3 September	11:00am	Morning Prayer
10 September	11.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism
17 September	11.00am	Family Service
24 September	11.00am	Morning Prayer
1 October	11.00am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival

Harvest Celebrations

Although it only seems like midsummer, we are now planning our autumn celebrations.

On 1st October we will be having our celebrations for Harvest Thanksgiving at church at 11am. Do come and join us and enjoy the floral displays!

7th October will be the village Harvest Supper. We will need help with decorating the Rectory Hall, producing food and ideas for entertainment! Please let myself or Linda Beaney know if you can help out with this. We normally start at 7 pm, and the tickets are £10 each.... bring your own alcoholic drinks... we will provide soft drinks. For tickets, and any offers of help please contact me! Many thanks.

*Helen Burgess
01277 227557*

**Bishop John
Bishop of Bradwell**

Our Bishop, John Wraw who visited us last year lost his battle with multiple myeloma on Tuesday 25th July.

Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, said: "Bishop John was a wonderful servant of the gospel. When he was diagnosed three years ago he was determined to carry on with his ministry. He just got stuck in, teaching the Christian faith, visiting the parishes he served. His life matched his ministry in a way that was humbling and inspiring to experience."

Please pray for his wife Gillian and their family.

Tim Lee

Baptisms

11th June Sam and George Godding, twins of Daniel and Katie
9th July Rhys and Bethany Hayes, children of Kate and Wayne
30th July Finley Harrison, son of Dan and Nikki

'Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for these children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith'

Funerals

20th June Barbara Rolph James
23rd June Marjorie Patient

'Grant O Lord that their souls may rest in thy peace and protection'

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BARBARA HELEN ROLPH JAMES RIP

Barbara Helen Rolph James (1936-2017)

Barbara, my Mum, was born in the poorest part of East London at the height of the Great Depression in the 1930s. At the age of 3 she was evacuated following the outbreak of the Second World War. She spent the next 6 years as an evacuee being moved from household to household, and institution to institution.

She never talked in any great detail about those early years, but it was clear she'd had a tough time at more than one of the places she was sent to. It was very likely those formative years, in which she had to fend for herself and learn to cope on her own, that shaped her into the resilient, resourceful, energetic and focused person we all knew. Ironically, it was also having to go without basic things as a child, such as sufficient food (I remember her stories of looking for wild berries to stave off hunger), clothing and toys, that helped her to understand and appreciate the needs of others, and which contributed to her generosity; not just in terms of material

things, but in her time and the effort she devoted to others.

Barbara was very proud of her heritage, and particularly her maiden name, Rolph. I did joke during the Eulogy that 'Rolph' comes from the Nordic tongue and means 'loves to argue' and, certainly, she often had a strong opinion about things. However, her views were always well thought-out and she would happily debate a point for hours... this is probably more a Cockney trait than a Viking one, and one that all of us brought up in the East End will identify with.

Some people have the innate ability to not only strike up a conversation with complete strangers, but make an emotional connection with them almost immediately. Barbara certainly had this gift and leaves many friends from across Europe and the USA, who will miss her immensely. There are many ways of measuring the 'worth' of someone's life but, if we consider the positive impact on others and the happy memories and loving feelings left behind us in those we knew, Barbara lived a life of very great worth.

She found out about her cancer 2 years before her death and was well aware of the poor survival rate and what lay ahead for her. But, with her typical panache (and no small amount of bravery), she met it head-on. She attended numerous chemotherapy and radiotherapy sessions at Broomfield Hospital and I can say, without any hesitation, she never let her condition get the better of her either physically or spiritu-

ally. Indeed, she actually became a source of great support to other patients and was, for example, soon producing copious quantities of her homemade chicken soup (Jewish penicillin) to take with her for the many others she got to know there.

In her last weeks, she knew her number was up imminently, but refused to dwell on it. Instead, she chose to focus on the positive things around her and the people she cared for and loved most. It was typical of the way she lived her whole life that she was far more concerned with the welfare and emotions of those she would be leaving (her much-loved Husband, Peter, and her Grandchildren, David and Emily, over whom she doted so proudly) than of her own fate. However, the poem below that she wrote a few weeks before she died, says all this about her far more eloquently than I could ever hope to do.

Edward Guy

Shambala

There is a place nearby I'll call Shambala,
A Sanskrit word for peace, tranquility and understanding.
If you should happen to enter, feel the calm
That will slowly descend upon you and disperse your fears.
Fluttering around this place

Is a field of butterfly-like creatures in various coloured hues.

Their accents are from across the world.
They each have their purpose, dedicated to your every need.
I came here full of fear and trepidation
But will leave here with hope and confidence.

That we and the butterflies
Have achieved more than I could have done alone.
Come, follow me in, don't be afraid.

Barbara



DIARY DATES & LOCAL EVENTS

My White House at the end of my garden

I was given an old Wendy House last year by a friend and neighbour, Gloria. I thought I could turn it into a sort of Swiss Cottage. I re-roofed and mended it, took out the 'bedroom' from inside, painted it brown and white (instead of blue!), and this is the transformation!



I have had various things given to me for it: a chair, cupboards, tables, carpet, etc., and I have turned the inside into a place for ME. All of my war pictures of cars and soldiers, and my war books are in there now, as well as a TV to watch my war films. I ran an electric cable to the cottage too. I am now doing a patio, which will have a renovated bird table and a wishing well!

David James

Rectory Hall Hire available

If you are looking for a venue to hold a club meeting or for a party, then please contact Helen Burgess about hiring our local Church Hall opposite St Mary's in Great Warley Street.

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Dates for your Diary

August

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

September

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

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

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

27 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi. Please call Pat on 220206 for more information

October

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

7 Saturday 10am: Village Litter pick. Meet at the Thatchers Arms.

7 Saturday 7pm: Harvest Supper at the Rectory Hall. Tickets £10 from Helen Burgess 227557



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