



# GREAT WARLEY

## LYCHGATE

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### Refurbishment of South Lodge

Village residents will have noticed that at long last work is being done to refurbish South Lodge, the listed building at the entrance to Warley Place. This cottage has now been empty



for nearly eight years, and it has deteriorated rapidly, especially in the last few months. South Lodge is owned by the Carter family, who own the whole of Warley Place. Most of the Warley Place estate is leased to the Essex Wildlife Trust,

but South Lodge and the Thatcher's car park are leased to Scottish and Newcastle, who own the pub. It is a condition of the lease that South Lodge should be maintained in good condition, but Scottish and Newcastle have until now refused to do this, saying that it would be too expensive.

South Lodge was for very many years the home of Jacob Maurer, Ellen Willmott's alpine gardener. He and his wife Rosina had nine children living there, four boys and then five girls. The girls all had flower names: Rose, Lily, Violet, Margrit and Iris.



We are very grateful that at last all the relevant planning permissions are in place, and that work has started. We look forward to seeing South Lodge once again being an asset to our village green area.

*Fiona Agassiz*

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Thank you

The first Lychgate newsletter of 2018 seems to be as good a time as any to thank some of the people who work as volunteers to make our village of Great Warley such a special place. For producing this newsletter we thank particularly Liz Francis, who puts it all together for us, and the team of deliverers who put copies through the letterboxes of every house in the village apart from those who receive it by email.

There are several open spaces in Great Warley for all of us to enjoy. We thank the people who keep the cricket pitch mown and in good shape, also Gary Harrington who does so much work on Headley Common, and Steve McAllister who makes sure that the village green is always kept mown and tidy. We are also grateful to the team, led by Phil Smith, who pick up litter around our roads on some Saturday mornings. There have been more litter-picking sessions this year than ever before, but sadly the rubbish keeps returning, and we thank all of you who keep the roads tidy outside your own homes. Only you know who you are!

Warley Place, run by the Essex Wildlife Trust, is another outdoor asset which can be enjoyed by everyone. It is looked after entirely by volunteers, and most of these do not live in the village, so we are especially grateful to them and to their leaders Mick Hedges, Kevin Win and Anabel Davenport. There are also a group of volunteers who man the gates during the Warley Place Spring Bulb Spectacular Open Weekends. Among many other jobs, they control the traffic when the village could otherwise be overrun with visitors coming by car to see the daffodils.

Great Warley Churchyard is another open space which can be visited by everyone, and which is entirely cared for by volunteers. We are grateful to the Padfield family who organise the strimming of the longer grass there in the early summer, and to PERI who give us a generous donation each year to help with the upkeep of the churchyard at other times. We thank David Fife and his team who mow the grass and keep the paths tidy, and in particular we thank the people who help each autumn with the huge job of

clearing the leaves. Our trees seem to produce more leaves each year!

There is also a web of good footpaths around Great Warley and neighbouring villages. These are cared for either by the farmers whose land they cross, or by a team of volunteers organised by Brentwood Council. We thank all of these people too, for coming in and helping our village.

If you have a bit of time to spare and would like to help with any of these projects, please contact me at [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com) or on 230436 and I will try to point you in the right direction. You will meet new and interesting people, and you will be helping the community around you as well.

### Warley Place

The Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekends this year will be on every Saturday and Sunday from Saturday 24 February until Sunday 15 April, and Good Friday and Easter Monday too.

You can visit Warley Place at any time you like, but on these weekends there will be volunteers to welcome you and answer your questions, as well as guide books and other items to buy, and a special quiz for children to do.

The displays of snowdrops, followed by daffodils and then bluebells, are amazing, and there is plenty else to see as well. There will be a guided walk each Saturday morning at 10.30am during these weekends for visitors to learn more about the history and wildlife of this nature reserve. Donations are requested in aid of the work of the Essex Wildlife Trust. Sadly, dogs are not allowed in Warley Place reserve.

### 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. Contact Tim or Tony on 01277 849021.

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**A brief history of Great Warley  
Part 3  
1600 - 1700**

At the start of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, three of the main houses in Great Warley were occupied by three sisters with the maiden name of Gonson and their families. These houses were Warley Place, Great Warley Hall and Clay Tye Farm. A fourth sister, Thomasina, who was the eldest, owned the manorial rights to the parish, and also some land to the north of the area, including Hartswood.

At this time there was a small settlement around the village green, which included the row of cottages to the east of the green, also Wallets, the Old Post Office, and part of what is now Blake House. The other village settlement was still in Church Lane, and it included the church and Great Warley Hall. The rectory was on what is now the Peri site. There was a brickworks behind Stonyhills farm. An annual fair was held on the village green.

The manorial rights to the parish passed from Thomasina to her son Sir Richard Browne, who later sold them to his son-in-law John Evelyn, the diarist. John Evelyn records in his diary:

*12th May 1649 I purchased the Manor of Warley Magna in Essex.*

*17<sup>th</sup> September 1655 Received 2600 pounds of Mr Hart, for the Manor of Warley Magna, in Essex, purchased by me some time since. The taxes were so intolerable that they eat up the rents, &c., surcharged as that county had been above all others during our unnatural war.*

John Evelyn therefore did not own the Manor for very long, and there is no evidence that he ever stayed here. Mr Hart sold the manorial rights in 1669 to Rowland Winn. Several generations later they passed to his cousin, George Winn, who later became Lord Headley.

An interesting story concerns the clergy at this time. David Jenner, who became Rector in 1678, married a local girl, 19 year old Mary Samm. Soon after they married, he became rector of Compton Basset in Wiltshire, and John Stedman became the new rector. Just prior to leaving Great Warley, however, David Jenner had become patron of the living, and when he died the patronage passed to his widow Mary.

John Stedman died within a few months of David Jenner. Mary wanted to return to Great Warley and to live in the Rectory again, so she approached John Wigmore, saying: 'if you will marry me, you can have the living of the parish of Great Warley'. This is what happened! John Wigmore became Rector of Great Warley in 1694, and they were married one month later. John Wigmore still retained his previous post as vicar of Maldon. They had one son, Seth.

When John Wigmore died in 1698, Mary invited Samuel Hulme to become the new Rector, and within a year she had married him too! She died in 1702 at the age of 46, having been married to three of the clergy of Great Warley.

*Much of this history has been taken from the book 'Warley Magna to Great Warley', by George Harper.*

Fiona Agassiz

## CHURCH NEWS, DIARY DATES AND SPONSORS

### Seasons in the Church's Year

We are approaching a thoughtful, and an exciting time.

We are coming up to the season of Lent when we reflect on the sufferings of Jesus, and ask for forgiveness of our sins, as we try to "give up" a pleasure, to better identify with Jesus' temptations.

Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) falls on 13th February. We should be trying to use up our extravagant food (eggs) to make pancakes!

At The church we will be holding a Holy Communion service for an hour to mark the beginning of Lent, at 11am on Ash Wednesday 14th February. Do join us.

Mothering Sunday on 11th March, is the middle Sunday in Lent. We will be thinking of all mothers and distributing a posy of flowers to all of the congregation.

Palm Sunday, is the Sunday before Easter, when we celebrate the return of Jesus to Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, and with palms thrown down before him. We will have palm crosses for the congregation.

On Good Friday 30th March we will be thinking of Jesus' suffering during his crucifixion. A service will be held at Christ Church, led by Rev Adrian McConnachie. The service will start at midday. If you can be with us for any time between 12 and 3 it will be great. We expect folks to come and go during the reflection.

Easter Sunday... Now for the celebration! We are delighted to welcome Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden to lead our Communion service and remember that Christ is risen, and our sins forgiven.

Do come and join us for what promises to be a very special service.

If you can join us for any of these services, please do... We are a welcoming team, and serve coffee, tea, and biscuits after all the Sunday services.

*Helen Burgess*

### Diary Dates

#### February

**1 Thursday 7.30pm:** Richard's big Quiz Night at the Thatchers Arms. £2.50 a head in aid of Warley Primary School.

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

**13 Tuesday 2pm:** Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Pam Tee 01277 220314)

**24 Saturday:** Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekend at Warley Place. Guided tours every Saturday at 10.30am. Last open weekend 14th and 15th April.

**28 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Pat 01277 220206)

#### March

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

**3 Saturday 10am:** Litter pick. Meet at the Thatchers

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

**28 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi

#### April

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

**14 Saturday 10am:** Litter pick. Meet at the Thatchers

**21 Saturday:** Bluebell Wood Experience and Tea at Eileen and David Fife's

#### May

**3 Thursday 8pm:** GWCS Spring meeting at the Rectory Hall

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11 February	11am	Morning Prayer and Baptism
14 February	11am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
18 February	11am	Family Service
25 February	11am	Morning Prayer
4 March	11am	Holy Communion
11 March	11am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
18 March	11am	Family Service
25 March	11am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion
30 March	12-3pm	Reflection at Christ Church
1 April	11am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

**Christmas at Great Warley**

Miracles do happen!! For the Carol Service, flowers and candles were in place, readers organised, guests and parishioners invited. The day dawned....with thick snow and ice! Phone calls from the choir and organist.... sorry we can't get past the end of our drive!

“Dunkirk” spirit appeared! We walked, clubbed together in 4x4s, collected friends, put on our thickest boots, and 60 of us sang away in candlelight. Extra readers were mobilised, (many thanks Amy, Steve x2). Colin volunteered for an extra sing-song, playing the organ. A most uplifting experience. We all joined together for mulled wine and mince pies to celebrate!

Our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve had a true family feel, with 30 of us reflecting on the coming festivities.

At 11.30pm 60 of us gathered for midnight Mass, to bring in Christmas Day. We had great support from the village and our sister church Christ Church. Many hands made candle lighters and snuffers! We jubilantly sang in Christmas Day and felt the presence of mystery during our celebrations.

*Helen Burgess*



Pictured above are the leaf clearing team having a well deserved hot drink after a hard morning's work at the Churchyard on Saturday 2nd December.

**Funerals**

4th December - Peter Proud

7th December - Vera Tolley

*“Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting”*

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	Stephen Brabner	07767475531	stephenbrabner@rocketmail.com
<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

## Peter Proud

Peter Proud was a former Church Warden at Great Warley Church, and he did a large number of other jobs around the church for many years as well. He died on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the age of 85, and his memorial service was held at St Mary's on 4<sup>th</sup> December after cremation at Upminster.

Peter was born in 1932, and he lived his early life at Rowlands Gill, near Newcastle. He had an older brother, Alan, and the two of them spent as much time as possible in the open air. Peter read History at Sheffield University, and it was during his time there that he met Brenda, who was to become his wife. He had a good singing voice. Peter and Brenda were married at Christ Church, Cockfosters, in 1955, and they later had a daughter, Valerie, and a son, Stephen.

Peter did National Service in the Royal Air Force. He then took a permanent position and served in the RAF for 18 years, including 3 years in Kenya. He left as a squadron leader, his last posting being at the Ministry of Defence. He loved history and words, and he also wrote poetry.

Another love of Peter's life was his allotment. He produced a huge amount of fruit and vegetables, which he brought home proudly to Brenda. For the later part of his life they lived in Hall Lane in Upminster, where Brenda still lives.

Peter and Brenda started to attend St Mary's Church in the 1990's, shortly after their son Stephen died, and they soon became much-valued members of the congregation. Peter was church warden for nearly ten years until 2008, and he was a member of the PCC for much longer than that. He looked after many aspects of the church, including organising many of the special services such as weddings, funerals, and the annual service of Remembrance. He also organised any work which needed doing on the fabric of the church, including the quinquennial inspections. He looked after the accounts for the Rectory hall and the Rectory

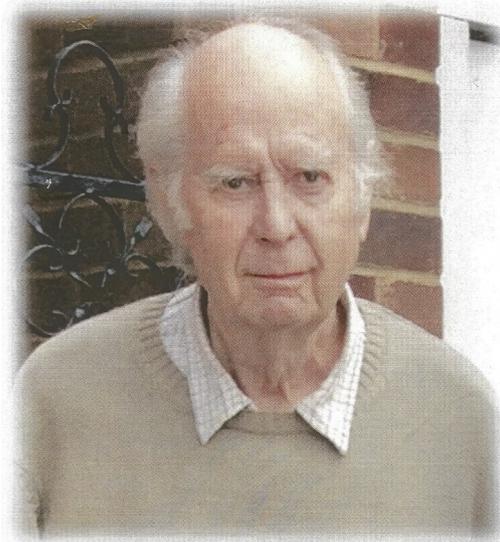
Lodge.

Peter was also in charge of the churchyard at St Mary's. He and Brenda were often to be found there, weeding, hoeing, pruning, mowing or clearing the leaves. The grounds surrounding our church are so large that there is always plenty to do there.

Peter's other main responsibility was showing visitors round our very special Arts and Crafts Church. He opened the church on Thursday afternoons and Bank Holiday Mondays, and he also gave guided tours to groups of all sizes, including many coach tours. He was a real 'mine of information', always welcoming and considerate. He only gave up looking after church visitors when he was no longer able to walk well enough, or to stand and talk to people.

Peter was a lovely person, with real Christian values, who always thought of others and gave them confidence. He taught me an enormous amount about the history of St Mary's and about the Heseltine family who built the church for the village of Great Warley, and I will always be grateful to him. The tours of the building which Stephen and I now undertake are based on his wise guidance. We all miss him, and we extend our sympathy to Brenda, Valerie, and Valerie's son Tim.

*Fiona Agassiz*



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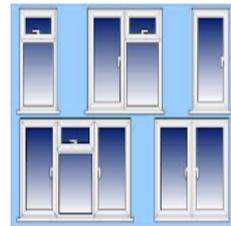
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