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**Village News**



**New Priest in Charge for Warley and Great Warley**

Wonderful news! We are delighted to announce that a new Priest in Charge has been appointed for the parishes of Christ Church, Warley and St Mary's, Great Warley.

Our new priest is to be the Rev. Robert Binks, who is at present Assistant Curate at Basildon St Andrew with Holy Cross. He is married to Nicola, and they have two teenage children, a boy and a girl. Before being ordained Robert worked as an engineer with the Essex Fire Service. He is Chaplain to the Essex Fire Service.

Rob and his family will live in the Christ Church Rectory at 79, Mount Crescent. His service of licensing and installation will be at Christ Church on Wednesday, 26 February 2014. It will be conducted by the Bishop of Bradwell.

We offer a very warm welcome to Rob and his family, and we hope that they will enjoy many years among us and feel fulfilled and happy here.

*Helen and Fiona (Church Wardens)*

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Great Warley Conservation Society Christmas Party

The Conservation Society's annual Christmas Party will be held at the Rectory Hall (opposite the church) on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm onwards. Tickets £5 each, children free, with all food and drink provided. Please let Fiona know (230436 or [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com).) as soon as possible if you can come.

Offers of cakes or other desserts will be most welcome. If you could help with decorating the hall, or provide some decorations just for that evening, please phone Len on 220206. It promises to be a fun evening, so see you there!

### De Rougemont Manor

Many congratulations to the de Rougemont Manor Hotel on being awarded the title of Best Large Hotel in Essex 2013 at the Essex Tourism and Hospitality Awards. It is good to get this recognition for a business in the centre of our village.

Jason Hilton and the rest of his family at the hotel are keen to promote links with the village and with St Mary's church, which was built with money donated by Evelyn Heseltine. He was a previous owner of the de Rougemont, when it was known as Goldings manor.

(If you haven't been to the Manor recently then we suggest you take your copy of the Lychgate and book a table for lunch as there is a special offer in their ad on the inside back cover.)

### The Storm

The strong wind storm on the night of 27-28 October brought down plenty of branches and fences in our village, and uprooted some whole trees. Both ends of Dark Lane were blocked, although residents were able to 'escape' via Green Lane if



necessary. The photo shows the tree towards the lower end of Dark Lane after it had been cleared.

### WI

The speaker at this month's Great and Little Warley WI meeting was Cynthia Ives on the topic of 'Crackers and Angels'. Members learnt about making Christmas decorations with natural materials. These included bright and sparkly pine cones, glued with shells and poppy seed heads sprayed festive gold and made into tree decorations. Then we moved onto making crackers which was quite complicated and involved different sized crêpe paper which was all glued together. Then snaps and mottos were inserted and angels made out of tin can lids decorated with beads were attached. The end result was delightful! We all had a fun afternoon. Our next meeting is the Christmas lunch which most members will attend.

New ladies are always welcome to come along to our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Childerditch Village Hall 2pm. Please call Jenny Wright on 01277 220085 for more information.

### Harvest Supper

St Mary's Church and the Great Warley Conservation Society jointly organised the village harvest supper this year at the Rectory Hall.



Nearly 40 of us enjoyed food cooked by the villagers consisting of a variety of casseroles and vegetables, followed by scrumptious desserts and all washed down with some lovely wine and soft drinks. Fiona Agassiz gave an extremely interesting presentation on the history of Great Warley and we all had a marvellous time. We hope to see a few more faces there next year!

## One More for the Road

The popular **Thatchers Arms** first appears in the records in 1769 when there is a notice that a parish meeting adjourned to the pub! I always believed the present TA building to be 18<sup>th</sup> century. But a report in 2009 for the Council describes the doorframes with their heavy pediments as being of late 17<sup>th</sup> century date. The Pub probably goes back as far as the 16<sup>th</sup> century when English alehouses first had to be licensed, under the puritanical regime of Edward VI, in an attempt to control “abuses and disorders”.

The name of the Pub is unusual; from a heraldic standpoint, there is no “Thatchers’ Arms”. Only one other inn, also in Essex, (at Mount Bures, near the Suffolk border) seems to share the name.



The current occupants, Geoff and Sharon Bowmer, have had the TA for over 8 years. I am hoping to have sight of the deeds which may shed some light on the TA’s past publicans. At present I know of no reference earlier than 1798, when one Thomas Mumford took an 18-year licence tied to Messrs Woodcock & Hodges. Pigot’s directory in the 1820’s and 30’s gives

Many Essex pubs claim to be haunted but the **Thatchers Arms** has the distinction of having a canine ghost, a Labrador.

Mary Mumford as publican. Census and post office records suggest the Mumford era had come to an end by 1860. The new publican was William Whitby, a farmer from Ingrave with his 4

sons, a daughter, 2 female servants and 3 lodgers. The next occupant seems to have been a Norfolk man, George Nobes, ‘licensed victualer’, listed as resident at the TA in 1881, with a wife, Ellen, 10-month old son, one female servant and 2 lodgers.

By 1891 there was only one lodger at the Pub, 79-year-old George Crow, farm labourer of Great Warley. He may have been a ‘regular’. Thirty years earlier, the 1861 census also lists a George Crow of Cranham, farm labourer and lodger at the TA, aged 49. There was George Crow resident as lodger in 1871 and in 1881 too, but some details aren’t consistent with the 1861 and 1891 censuses. Nevertheless, I think it’s quite possible George Crow lodged at the TA for over 30 years. Who knows, he might even have spent more time there than some of today’s hardiest and most faithful habitués!

Richard Osborne

## ‘All About My Great Warley House’ Project

### Alma Cottages, Church Lane

We live in Church Lane. The site of the first village church. There are 12 houses in our lane but they are actually called Alma Cottages. They were built in 1933 by the owners of the Alma Food Factory and rented to the workers.

The factory was situated on the B186 by the railway bridge. The factory eventually closed, and the cottages sold.

The factory building is still there and is now surrounded by new buildings and is part of an industrial estate. Of course the most interesting house is Great Warley Hall at the end of our lane of which the oldest part is over 400 years old. Is this one of the oldest in the village?

Angela and David James

*Editors note: Thanks to Angela and David for this article, you have really started the ball rolling! Now we need some more articles for future editions.*

## CHURCH NEWS

### ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
8 December	8:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
15 December	11:00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Candlelit Carol Service
22 December	8:00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
24 December	5.00pm 11.30pm	Christingle Service Midnight Communion
25 December	11:00am	Holy Communion
29 December	11:00am	Holy Communion
5 January 2014	11:00am	Holy Communion
12 January	8:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
19 January	11.00am	Holy Communion
26 January	8:00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
2 February	11.00am	Holy Communion

#### Christmas Celebration Services

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Celebrations at St Mary's this year. These will start with our **Candlelit Carol Service at 6.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> December**, which will feature a visiting choir. Don't miss this – our Christmas is starting earlier than usual this year!

Then on **Christmas Eve at 5.00pm** there will be a **Christingle Service**, to which families with children are particularly invited. We are grateful to Susan Evans for offering to conduct this very special service for us.

On **Christmas Eve at 11.30pm** there will be a **Candlelit Communion Service**, to which this year we will also welcome members of the Christ Church congregation. This service will be conducted by our Archdeacon, the Very

Rev. David Lowman.

It provides a very special way to celebrate Christ's birth at the very beginning of Christmas Day.

**Our Christmas celebrations conclude with a service of Holy Communion at 11.00am on Christmas Day.**

#### Decorating the Church for Christmas

We will be erecting and decorating the church Christmas tree on the morning of Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, in time for the Carol service. Help with this and with putting the candles in place will be most welcome.

The Christmas flower decorating will take place on the morning of Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Again, please come and help if you can.

#### Leaf Clearing in the Churchyard

We will be clearing leaves from the churchyard after the 11.00am services on Sundays 8 and 15 December. Please come and help us! It is good exercise, and we had a great time with our work party last year. The more the merrier, and the faster it will all be cleared!

#### Harvest Festival, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

The Harvest Festival service was extremely well attended as there was also a service of Baptism on the same day. We estimate that around 100 adults and children packed out St Marys and it was wonderful to see so many people in attendance. The church looked beautiful decorated with all the Harvest Festival produce. Thank you to everyone who came along and made a donation. All the gifts were well thankfully received by the London mission.

#### Remembrance Sunday, 10th November

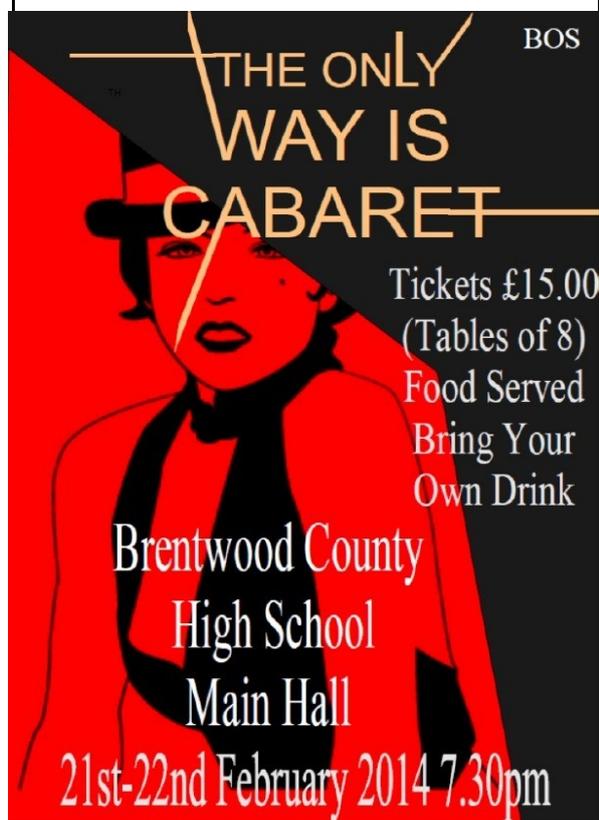
St Mary's was pleased to welcome the Warley Cadets led by Gary Buckell to our service of Remembrance and we kept the Silence for 2 minutes at 11.00. After the service there was a short ceremony and laying of the wreath at the war memorial on the village green. The service was attended by around 80 people as we remembered all those who have lost their lives serving for their country.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Brentwood Operatic Society

The next production by this local highly acclaimed and well known society will be in February and will be a cabaret style evening. It will include songs from all your favourite West End shows such as Cabaret, Chicago, Chorus Line, Cats, My Fair Lady, West Side Story, Kiss me Kate, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Les Misérables, 42nd Street, Guys and Dolls, Godspell, Miss Saigon, Gypsy, Fame. Gosh, this is going to be a good show!



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### Su's Top Tips

1. Don't throw away your long supermarket till receipts, as you use up your food simply earmark it on your till receipt to re-stock. Saves having to make endless lists. Use the reverse for notes etc.
2. I've saved loads of elastic bands from spring onions. They come in very handy around the house
3. I have finally ditched fabric conditioner as it ruins towels, mucks up the washing machine and doesn't smell of anything to me. If you don't need a pre-wash, simply add to the soap a small capful of white vinegar and dettol straight in with your wash, you'll never need to wash out your soap drawers again and will revive towels a treat.

### All Year Chutney

- 1 kg. of tomatoes cut into chunks
- 1 finely chopped large onion
- 125 ml. of vinegar
- 75 gm. soft brown sugar
- 1 large red chilli deseeded and finely chopped

Put all the above into a large saucepan and cook over a high heat for 10 mins.

Reduce heat and simmer gently for 45 mins. to 1 hr. stirring regularly to prevent sticking to pan and until it changes from a watery to a syrupy consistency.

Decant into 3 X 275 ml. sterilised jars and leave to cool.

Top with greaseproof paper. Will keep in fridge for 6 weeks

### Fabulous Lemon Curd Ice-Cream

- 300 ml. of fresh whipping cream
- 150 ml. of Greek style natural yoghurt
- Zest of 1 lemon plus strands to decorate
- 300 gm. of lemon curd

Whisk the cream until it forms soft peaks.

Add the yoghurt, lemon zest and 2/3 of the lemon curd and carefully mix.

Use a spatula to swirl the rest of the lemon curd to make a rippled effect.

Transfer to plastic tubs and freeze overnight.

Let stand for 5 mins. Before spooning out from tub and sprinkle with lemon zest.

Susan Montanjees

## DIARY DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Dates for your Diary

#### December:

**13 Friday 10-1:** Baking day for GWCS Christmas Party cakes at Clare House. Bring your own ingredients and we'll have a Great Warley bake off over a cup of tea and lots of chatter! (Contact Liz)

**14 Saturday 7.30pm:** GWCS Christmas Party at the Rectory Hall. Please let Fiona know if you will be coming along 230436

**20 Friday 10-12:** Christmas coffee morning (contact Liz 07825 017056)

#### January 2014:

**14 Tuesday 2pm:** WI meeting at Childerditch Village Hall.

**22 Wednesday 1pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi (call Pat for details 220206)

**29 Wednesday 11-1:** Coffee Morning (contact Liz 07825 017056)

### Announcements

#### Baptisms

6 October: Violet Daisy Everett, daughter of Oliver and Laura

20 October: Michael Victor Wiley, son of Les and Helen

3 November: Penny Vanessa Ann Wells, daughter of Natalie and Craig

#### Funerals and Memorial Services

21 November: Elizabeth Ford

29 November: John Alan Coates

### School News

#### Woodlands School

The pupils in Year 1 at Woodlands School have been learning about Great Warley. They had an outing to Warley Place, and they also spent a



morning visiting St Mary's Church. After being shown around the church building they were allowed to draw anything in the church which they particularly liked, and they chose some very interesting details. The flowers and leaves, hearts and angels, all so typical of the Arts and Crafts/ Art Nouveau period, were particular favourites.

#### Ursuline Preparatory School

Children at the Ursuline Prep acknowledged Remembrance Day by holding their own Service of Remembrance .



Year 5 pupils presented a short film showing how poppies are made and also why we wear poppies. They recited a poem entitled, 'On Flanders Fields', during this moving assembly and the whole school observed a 2 minute silence at 11.00 am.

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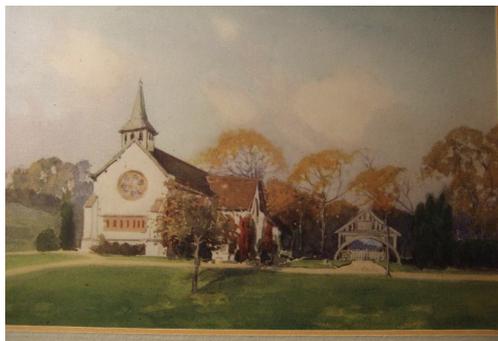
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