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Village News



Great Warley Conservation Society Christmas Party

Writing this at the end of January, Christmas seems a very long time ago! But here are some photos to prove that it was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. It was good to welcome some new members, as well as chatting to old friends.

We are very grateful to Phil Smith, Len Fryatt, David James and Mike Camfield for decorating the Rectory hall so well for us, and also to Len, Phil and Claudine and all the cake-makers for providing such a delicious array of food. If you missed out on the Christmas party, please come to our quiz evening!



Conservation Society Quiz Evening

The Conservation Society's annual quiz evening will be held on Saturday, 15 March at 7.30pm. at the Rectory Hall. Tickets cost £10 per head and will include a fish and chip supper, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please tell Len and Pat (220206) as soon as possible if you would like to come. You can make up your own table of up to eight people, or come on your own and Len and Pat will fit you in to a table. We are very grateful to Linda Beaney and her friends who are going to organise this quiz for us. New quiz setters, so a new experience, and those of us who have set the quizzes in the past can look forward to being part of the competition this year!

Warley Place Spring Opening

Dates for the Spring Open Weekends at Warley Place are every Saturday and Sunday from 1st March to 21st April, including Good Friday and Easter Monday. First snowdrops, then daffodils and finally bluebells should make a spectacular showing, as they always do. You can walk round Warley Place on weekdays too, any time you like, but please leave your dog at home, because it is a nature reserve. Donations to the Essex Wildlife Trust are most welcome, and on the open days you can buy guide books, bird boxes and feeders, novels about Warley Place, cards and knitted goods, etc. This year there will be guided walks taking place every Saturday morning at 10.30am, lasting about one and a half hours, so please come along to learn more about Warley Place and Ellen Willmott. The suggested donation for the guided walk is £3.00. Warley Place often has logs for sale. Please contact Fiona (230436).

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Our speaker this month was Mr Ron Goldby whose subject was "Behind the scenes - Tales of a film extra". Ron has appeared as an extra in Only Fools and Horses, Midwives, Crimewatch, Tesco adverts and a documentary filmed at Wormwood Scrubs. The ladies were very amused as he went on to tell them about when he had to dress up as an ancient Egyptian and stand still on a podium at the Victoria and Albert museum. New ladies are always welcome to come along to our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Childerditch Village Hall from 2pm. Please call Jenny Wright on 01277 220085 for more information.

Roads through the Village

In the last few months the Conservation Society and other residents have been campaigning for improvements to some of our roads. New speed recordings, and recordings of HGV use, have taken place in Bird Lane and Great Warley Street. The footpath on the B186 where it crosses the A127 has been cleared of all brambles and greenery, and can now be used again. The introduction of notices on the B186 showing where motorists have to turn onto the A127 in order to access the M25 at junction 29 is being considered by the appropriate committee. The building of the missing piece of pavement at the southern end of Great Warley Street, opposite to the end of Bird Lane, is also under consideration. This section is only a few yards long, but the verge is very muddy and bumpy, and it is far too dangerous for pedestrians to have to walk on the road round this corner.

Leadership is local

I listened on Radio 4 to a discussion on leadership between the Archbishop of Canterbury and Antony Jenkins, CEO of Barclays Bank. As someone who is interested in this topic it occurred to me that there were a couple of points worth sharing with those who missed it.

The underlying theme was that leadership takes place at all levels and in different contexts (a view to which I subscribe). It is not just about great leaders in great organisations. This applies to the Church as much as it does to global corporations.

Two key points emerged from the discussion. First, vicars who have leadership qualities are more likely 'to grow the Church' in terms of numbers than those who don't. Secondly, local churches that are well led are more likely to be flexible and innovative in the way they involve themselves in their local communities.

I would add a third point. Local vicars who can communicate core religious messages in a way that people can understand and relate to are also more likely 'to grow the Church' (as we have witnessed over recent years). Too often, the language and meaning of those messages are taken for granted by those who have been steeped in the traditions and teachings of the Church. Effective communication is at the heart of good leadership wherever that exists.

Fred Cannon

Cowmans Cottage

I acquired the cow mans bungalow in Church Lane in 1985 and spent 5 years demolishing and rebuilding what is here today. Eventually moving in in 1990, with still a few more years to actual completion.

10 years later looking back through boxes of old books and toys from my early Teenage years, I found my old hike report from second Rainham (Wesley) boy scout troop.

While looking through my past, I found I had been down Church Lane on Sunday 7th August 1966 looking for the church, as part of the hike theme of footpaths and churches, only to be told by a resident in the lane that it had been demolished 30 years previously who then added that the belfry was demolished 5 years before.

Who would have thought all those years ago I would later reside in Church Lane

Mike Camfield



Message of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone concerned for their prayers, kind thoughts, cards, flowers and visits over the last few months whilst I was recovering from my surgery.

It is a great comfort to know that I have been supported by so many wonderful people.

I would also like to say a big thank you to my husband Alan and my daughter Tamsin who have had to endure another huge ordeal.

*I love you both and would be lost without you'.
With Love*

Carol Sharp

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. They can be contacted on 01277 849021 - speak to Tim or Tony. Their email address is info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk.

CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
9 February	8:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
16 February	11:00am	Holy Communion
23 February	8:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
2 March	11:00am	Holy Communion
5 March	11:00am	Holy Communion Ash Wednesday
9 March	8:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
16 March	11:00am	Holy Communion
23 March	8:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
30 March	11:00am	Holy Communion
6 April	11:00am	Holy Communion

Carol Service 15th December

A miraculous coming together of flower arrangers, candle placers, Christmas Tree and decorators, meant we were all ready for our candle lit service on 15th December.

We then needed 9 readers, an amazing choir of angel voices (Reflections), our organist (Richard Overill) and our Lay Reader (David Tee). This was a joyous start to our Christmas celebrations at Great Warley, we are truly grateful for the magnificent help of all.

Christingle Service

A total of 41 adults and 16 children attended the lovely Christingle service held at St Mary's on Christmas Eve. It was led by Susan Evans, assisted by Trevor Sharp, and the Christingles were made by members of the Christ Church congregation. We are most grateful to them all. All of the children and many of the adults were given Christingles, which are candles inserted into an orange, decorated with various sweets and ribbons as symbols. One of the most moving moments was when 'Silent Night' was sung by the light of these candles.

Induction service for the Rev. Robert Binks

We are very much looking forward to Rob Binks starting his ministry in Warley and Great Warley. He and his wife Nicola and their children Daniel and Chloe moved into the Vicarage, 79 Mount Crescent, on 31st January. Robert's induction service will take place on Wednesday, 26th February at 7.30pm at Christ Church. Everyone will be most welcome to come. Please tell Helen or Fiona if you are hoping to be there, so they can tell the Christ Church wardens how many to expect from Great Warley.

Rev Robert Binks' first services at St Mary's

The first service which Rob Binks will take at St Mary's is the service of Holy communion at 11.00am on Sunday, 2nd March. This will be a good chance for everyone to meet our new priest-in-charge, and to get to know him over coffee after the service. Rob will also be conducting a Holy Communion service at St. Mary's at 11.00am on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, to which all who are available during the week are invited. Rob will also be conducting our 11.00am Communion Service on Mothering Sunday, 30 March.

Centenary of the Diocese of Chelmsford

The year 2014 is the centenary of the formation of the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Bishop of Chelmsford has called for every parish in the diocese to plan a mission event as part of this centenary. There will be a mission training morning to plan for this on Saturday, 8th February, 9.00 – 11.00am at Christ Church. Hot breakfast and proper coffee will be served! Please tell Helen or Fiona if you would like to be part of this enterprise.

Clergy	Robert Binks	TBA	Rob.binks@me.com
Church wardens	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	helen.burgess1@gmail.com
	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Church Organist

Members of the congregation at St Mary's were very sad to hear that our wonderful long-serving organist, John Stanley, has had to stop playing for us because of ill-health. John has played our organ faithfully for very many years, and for many years he was also the church Treasurer. We thank him most sincerely for all that he has done for us, and we are very grateful to his wife Christine for all her support too.

John's last service playing at St Mary's was Remembrance Sunday, perhaps a fitting day on which to have to finish. He has continued to select the hymns for us to sing each Sunday, at least until Rob Binks starts his ministry with us on 26th February.

Clergy and Organists during the Interregnum

We, as church wardens at St Mary's, are very grateful to all the clergy and readers who have conducted our regular services since Chris and Ellie Goldsmith moved to Cornwall last April. There has been a complicated rota, but all 8am and 11am services have taken place, and we have been inspired by a variety of ministers and lay readers.

The Archdeacon of Chelmsford took our service on two occasions, one being the Midnight Communion Service on Christmas Eve, when we were joined by members of the Christ Church Congregation, and the service took place by candle-light. On the other occasion the Archdeacon conducted a baptism. Several other baptisms have been conducted by the Rev. Frances Drake (what a wonderful name, and her car number plate is S6REV!)

Since mid-November we have also had visiting organists to play for all our 11am services, and for the weddings and funerals. We are most grateful to them as well, especially Colin Hawkins, Richard Overill, Ryan Cannell, John Hatt and George Ford. Organists are as rare as gold dust, especially on Sunday mornings!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Rob Binks to the church and the village, and we hope that he and his family will be very happy here.

Helen Burgess and Fiona Agassiz

Church Announcements

Baptisms

1st December 2013 Oliver Thomas Harold Flanagan, son of Andrew and Lauren

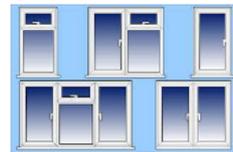
29th December 2013 Matilda Mae Chaplin daughter of James and Lucy

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Churchyard Burial

18 December 2013 Shirley May Farrant

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LOCAL NEWS

Great Warley War Memorial

2014 is the centenary of The Great War, 1914-1918 so, discovering our Great Warley War Memorial wasn't listed, I contacted The Imperial War Museum to apply for, and gain, listed status, and therefore protection, for it. The Memorial is a stone cross with a sword, on octagonal plinths. It commemorates the twenty-five local men who lost their lives fighting. Two local families lost two men, which must have been a devastating loss. The inscription reads:

"To the glorious memory of the men from this village who fighting for their King and country, in the Great War for the freedom of the world, passed through the valley of the shadow of death and have reached the life beyond."

The names of six local men who fell in the Second World War, 1939-1945 were added later, including Richard Christopher Irving de Rougemont.

The Memorial was originally commissioned and paid for by Evelyn Heseltine in 1920. He was a very wealthy stockbroker who was a benefactor of Brentwood School and builder of the art nouveau church in Great Warley. His home was what is now known as The De Rougemont Hotel. After his death the house passed to his daughter, Muriel, who married Major General Cecil de Rougemont, from whom the Hotel derives its name. It was their son Richard de Rougemont, (also commemorated in Trinity College Chapel) who is remembered on the Memorial. It is poignant to think that Evelyn Heseltine's own grandson is remembered on the memorial he commissioned.

My next step will be to apply through English Heritage for a maintenance grant for our outstanding War Memorial to preserve it as a wonderful feature of Great Warley for generations to come.

Jill Hubbard

Editorial footnote:

In 2001 the Great Warley Conservation Society paid to have the war memorial cleaned and refurbished by Bradford Memorials Limited. Many of names were re-carved where they had become difficult to read. This was the Conservation Society's contribution to the celebration of the Millennium. Since then the memorial has been cleaned two or three times using high-pressure water jets, as recommended by Bradford Memorials.

Notelets for Sale

David Fife has been busy out in the village taking snapshots recently. As a result, these lovely notelets have been produced by Brentwood Community Print and are now available to buy at the shop with all profit going directly to the charity. The cost is £3 for a pack of 6 including envelopes. Postcards can also be printed if required. Please call into the shop at The Keys, Warley and speak to Tim, Peter or Tony.



DIARY DATES AND LOCAL EVENTS

Dates for your Diary

February:

11 Tuesday 2-4: WI at Childerditch Village Hall

15 Saturday 10-2: Indoor Boot and Craft Sale at St Michael's. Main Road, Gidea Park. Contact Linda for details (07957 258280)

26 Wednesday 1pm: Ladies lunch at Izumi. Contact Pat (220206)

26 Wednesday 7.30: Induction of the Rev Robert Binks at Christchurch, Warley. Please let Fiona know if you would like to attend this service (230436)

28 Friday 10-12: Great Warley Sew and Sews Felt Making morning, Contact Liz (07825 017056)

March:

11 Tuesday 2-4: WI at Childerditch Village Hall.

15 Saturday 7.30: GWCS Quiz evening at the Rectory Hall. Contact Len and Pat (220206)

27 Thursday 10-12: GWSS project and coffee morning. Contact Liz



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