



## GREAT WARLEY

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### Richard's Big Quiz Night

On Thursday 1st February around 40 people got together at the Thatcher's Arms to challenge each other at Richard Osborne's latest quiz night. The cause for the evening was to support the Warley Primary School who were not to be disappointed as the amount raised due to the generosity of the pub and it's clients was £565 in total!

The contest was very closely fought and the evening once again saw an amazing battle which resulted in the winning team beating the runners up by only 1 point in the final round! The winning team are pictured below.



Please join Richard once again on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7.30pm for the next quiz. Cost is a minimal £2.50 a head and there will be five rounds of easy questions with multiple choice and plenty of laughs, this time in aid of the Brentwood based animal charity, Hopefield, a non-profit organisation caring for around 450 sick, unwanted and mistreated animals.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Warley Place

The snowdrops at Warley Place made a fantastic showing this spring, as always. The daffodils, however, have been held up by all the cold weather in March, and two of the first four Spring Bulb Spectacular Open Weekends had to be cancelled because of the snow.

When you read this, there will still be three weekends of our Spring Bulb Spectacular season to come. Volunteers will be at Warley Place to welcome you and all your friends to enjoy the flowers on four days over the Easter Weekend, and also on 7 and 8 April and 14 and 15 April.

Donations are requested in aid of the Essex Wildlife Trust. No dogs are allowed, unfortunately.

If you would like to know more about the history of Warley Place and the famous gardener, Ellen Willmott, who was the last inhabitant, there will be guided tours on 31 March and 7 and 14 April at 10.30am.

There is no need to book for these tours, just turn up in the car park. We ask for a donation of £3 per head, and we look forward to seeing you all.

### The Headley

Headley Spice, the Indian restaurant on Headley Common, has now closed. The building has been taken over by FELIX Restaurants (Warley) Limited.

The new company already own a very successful restaurant, FELIX, in Billericay High Street. It specialises in fish dishes, but there are some delicious meat alternatives too. They hope to make their new Warley restaurant equally successful, and part of the community. It will be good to see the Headley thriving again, as it did when the

carvery was situated upstairs there, several years ago.

The building will be closed until October, while extensive improvement works are being carried out. When the restaurant opens, the main dining area will be downstairs, and upstairs will be a comfortable seating area to enjoy coffee, tea, and perhaps even breakfast!

### GWCS

Please make a special note in your diary to join us for the next village litter picking event on 14th April. Litter seems to be a never ending problem these days, and it is almost as if the very minute one piece of litter is cleared another appears in its place!

We would also like to remind you that the GWCS spring meeting takes place at the Rectory Hall on 17 May at 8pm. Please join us to hear about and discuss items which affect your village.

### Potholes

If you are a car driver, you will have noticed the terrible state of the roads around the town. There are some very dangerous potholes especially in the village and I would encourage you to report them to Essex County Council Highways at the following address: <http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/problem-check.aspx>

### 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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## GREAT WARLEY HISTORY - PART 4

### A brief history of Great Warley Part 4 1700-1800

The 18<sup>th</sup> Century, particularly in the second half, saw great changes in the country, in industry, in agriculture, and in social life. In Great Warley more large houses were built or re-built, mainly in the north part of the village, and there were many cottages too, several of which have since disappeared.

There was a poorhouse in Great Warley Street, and another on Headley Common. Warley Place was built in 1702, Great Ropers in 1771 (the Hirst family built this and owned it until 1937), and Boyles Court in Dark Lane was built in 1776, the architect being Thomas Leverton. Blake House and the Thatchers Arms also date from this century, although the Thatchers was re-built later.

The famous composer John Arnold was born in 1720, and he lived for many years at Hulmers, in the lower part of the village. He wrote many secular songs and catches. The Ipswich Journal of October 15<sup>th</sup> 1763 carried the following announcement:

*At Mr Arnold's New Music-Assembly Room at Great Warley, near Brentwood in Essex, on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of the instant October, will be opened a fine new Organ, with a grand Morning-Concert of Musik by some of the best Performers from London. The Organ will be played by Mr Keene, Organist of St Mary's Whitechapel.*

*Tickets to be had at Mr Arnold's at Great Warley aforesaid, a Quarter of a Guinea*

*each, Stabling and Hay included.*

*The best of Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Wine etc. may be had at the Assembly Room. To begin at Eleven o'Clock.*

John Arnold was also the choir-master at the church. The choir used to practise at the Thatchers, and the practice used to end with some convivial songs, including this catch, composed by John Arnold in 1770 and titled 'Wrote under the sign of the Thatchers Arms at Great Warley':

*'Says the Thatcher to his man Tom, can we raise this ladder? Yes, master, but first let us drink.'*

In 1762 the annual village fair, which had been a jolly occasion on the village green with ox roasting, magicians acrobats, jugglers, and booths set up by tradesmen, was suspended for all time by the Essex General Quarter Sessions, because of disorderly behaviour. This also happened to the fairs in many other local villages.

In 1742 the military camp started to be set up on Warley Common, although the permanent buildings were not built until the start of the next century. Warley Common then stretched from Woodman Road to well below the present A127. The land then belonged to the Winn family, and George Winn became Lord Headley in 1797.

In 1778 Dr Samuel Johnson spent a week at the camp. Later that year King George III reviewed the troops on the common, and he and Queen Charlotte stayed for two nights with Lord Petre at Thorndon Hall.

Fiona Agassiz

## DIARY DATES, LOCAL EVENTS AND SPONSORS

### Diary Dates

#### March

**31 Saturday:** Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekend at Warley Place. Guided tour on Saturday at 10.30am

#### April

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

**7 Saturday:** Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekend at Warley Place. Guided tour on Saturday at 10.30am

**10 Tuesday 2pm:** Great & Little Warley WI at Chiltern-ditch Village Hall

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

**14 Saturday:** Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekend at Warley Place. Guided tour on Saturday at 10.30am

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

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

#### May

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

**8 Tuesday 2pm:** Great & Little Warley WI at Chiltern-ditch Village Hall (Pam Tee 01277 220314)

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

**17 Thursday 7.30pm:** Richard's big Quiz Night at the Thatchers Arms. £2.50 a head in aid of Hopefield Animal Sanctuary

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



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### ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
1 April	11am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion led by the Archdeacon
8 April	11am	Holy Communion
15 April	11am	Morning Prayer
22 April	11am	Morning Prayer
29 April	11am	Holy Communion
6 May	11am	Morning Prayer
13 May	11am	Holy Communion
20 May	11am	Pentecost Morning Prayer
27 May	11am	Holy Communion

### Church APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Rectory Hall on Sunday 29 April at 12.15pm, after the regular morning service. Everyone is welcome to attend, to find out what has been going on at Great Warley Church in the past year, and to plan for the future.

### Church Opening Times

Our very special Arts and Crafts Church of St Mary the Virgin is now open to visitors every Thursday afternoon, 2 – 4pm. It will also be open on Bank Holiday Mondays 2 April, 7 May and 28 May from noon until 4pm. A volunteer will be available to show you round at these times, or you can just come in and browse for yourself, using the

literature on our splendid new display boards.

As well as our regular opening times, we welcome bookings for guided tours of the church on other days. We already have several groups booked in for this year, including U3A groups and specialist arts groups, and we often provide tea and coffee in the Rectory Hall to complete their outing. Please contact Fiona on 01277 230436 or email [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com) for more details.

### Easter Service

Do come and join us for our Easter Sunday service which is at 11am. On Easter Day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and the start of a new life and journey with him. Please join us for this uplifting service.

### Baptisms

11th February - Henry Mann, son of Greg and Karen

11th March - Brooke and Isla Fisher, daughters of Stuart and Danielle

*Baptism is a moment of grace and joy. Through baptism we become members of the Church, the body of Christ on earth. We welcome Henry, Brooke and Isla into the Church.*

Clergy	Robert Binks	01277 220428	Rob.binks@me.com
Church wardens:	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	Helen.burgess1@gmail.com
	Stephen Brabner	07767475531	stephenbrabner@rocketmail.com
For visits and guided tours	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
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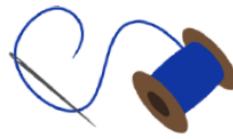


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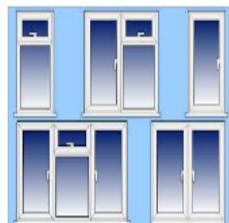
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## WARLEY PLACE

Even the volunteers turned up to work at Warley Place during the recent snowy weather! Well done chaps.  
Doesn't the snow make everything look beautiful? Photos by Fiona



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