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Bluebell Tea Afternoon

Saturday 21st April was a lovely day and David and Eileen once again kindly hosted a bluebell wood experience and afternoon tea at their home.



There were around 20 people who came to walk around the bluebells. The cold spring meant the flowers were very slow to come out but fortunately the warm spell encouraged a good show of blue. The guests then had tea and cakes with an amazing



chocolate cake from Ruth Crisp as well as many more cakes which went down very well. Generous donations raised £126 for St Mary's Church.

Eileen is pictured with the impressive cake table!

Perhaps it might be of interest that Coombe Wood has been recorded as Ancient Woodland and the trees and bluebells are safe from development.

VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place

The Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends at Warley Place this year raised a total of just over £6000 in donations, most of which went to the Essex Wildlife Trust. £100 was donated to Great and Little Warley Cricket Club for the use of their car park as an overflow, for which we were most grateful. The weather for the special open weekends was not as good as last year, but the snowdrops, then daffodils, then bluebells, were as fantastic as ever, with so many other bulbs such as wild garlic flowering too. Many thanks to all the volunteer helpers, and to everyone who visited and gave contributions to the funds.

We were pleased to welcome several groups of adult visitors for guided tours of Warley Place this spring. We also had a visit from Woodlands School Year 1 with their teacher Vivienne Parker, and they enjoyed walking among the bluebells. Other groups at bluebell time included a group of cubs from Hutton, and groups of both beavers and cubs from St Thomas's in Brentwood.



Children from year 1 of Woodlands School

Heritage Weekend 2018

We will be celebrating the 2018 Heritage Open Days on 8 and 9 September. This year the main theme across the country will be 'Extraordinary Women'.

Ellen Willmott, the last owner of Warley Place, definitely qualifies for this description, and so there will be a special exhibition about her life at Great Warley Church on Saturday 8 Septem-

ber, 10am – 4pm, and on Sunday 9 September, 12 noon – 4pm.

Warley Place will also be open for the Heritage Weekend, with guided tours at 10.30am, 12.30pm, and 2.30pm on both days. Visitors will be able to explore parts of the ruins of Warley Place which are not normally accessible to the public.

No advance booking needed, but please put this special weekend in your diaries, and tell all your friends about it. We hope to welcome plenty of new visitors to both the church and Warley Place.

Great and Little Warley WI

Recently eight members of our group attended the Annual Meeting of the WI Essex Federation at the Cliffs Pavillion in Southend. Proceedings began with a rousing rendition of "Jerusalem" and this was followed by various committee members giving updates on their achievements in the areas of their specific responsibility. The speaker for the day was Mandy Hickson, one of only three women to pilot an RAF Tornado aircraft in active combat. She kept her audience spellbound, being both inspiring and amusing, yet emphasising how focused she had to be to achieve her ultimate goal. After lunch and a little retail therapy, the day concluded with entertainment from The West End Rat Pack.

Back in the village hall, our April meeting was well attended for our speaker, Colin Hopper, who amused and, at times, baffled us with optical illusions. He took time to explain and show us several examples which fell in to four main categories: a) those with insufficient information, b) those with too much information, c) ambiguous ones and d) impossible ones. He was also very good at explaining how our brains could be tricked which was quite reassuring.

The meeting in May will be our Annual Meeting and we will be welcoming our new W.I. Advisor, Jo Adams, for the first time. She will assist with the election of the committee and officers for the coming year.

The W.I. meets every second Tuesday of the month in Little Warley and Childerditch Village Hall at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome. For further information contact Pam Tee 01277 220314.

**A brief history of Great Warley
Part 5 1800 – 1900**

In 1804 the War Office purchased 116 acres of land from George Winn to build a permanent camp on Warley Common, where the Ford Offices and the development around Keys Hall now stand. The cost was £5400. The barracks were ready for occupation by 1806. The Garrison Church was built in 1857. The present Marillac Hospital was the Officers' mess.

The presence of the army in the north part of Great Warley parish had a great influence on the village. Many more homes, pubs and other buildings sprang up, and the village population moved away from the original Church Lane settlement, although the church was still there. This northward movement was further encouraged by the arrival of the railway and the building of Brentwood and Warley Station, now just known as Brentwood Station.

Two wealthy clergy, Hastings Robinson and Hammond Roberson Bailey, were Rectors of Great Warley Church for most of Queen Victoria's reign.

Hastings Robinson was Rector from 1828 until 1866. One of his first tasks was to help the poor people of the village. The old workhouse near the Headley Arms was sold to John Hirst of Great Ropers for £125, and a new one was established nearer to the village.

Hastings Robinson also made a lot of improvements to the Rectory, still then on the present Peri site. When the church was struck by lightning in 1855, causing considerable damage, he personally funded much of the repair work.

In 1842 Hastings Robinson was instrumental in setting up the village school on the

corner of Bird Lane. The land for this was bought from George Winn, who was now Lord Headley, and John Cross, owner of The Crosses in Great Warley Street. Lord Headley was the owner of the manors of both Little Warley and Great Warley, and he had built Warley Lodge in Magpie Lane in 1827. The school was successful, and seventy children were on the roll there in 1870.

Hastings Robinson was also responsible for the building of a new church, Christ Church, Warley, in 1861. This was to serve the rapidly-increasing population in the north of Great Warley parish, and the area became known just as Warley.

Hammond Roberson Bailey became Rector of Great Warley in 1866, and remained in this post until 1900. He did not like living in the old Rectory, and his wife suffered poor health, so he built a new house for them to live in, Fairstead in Great Warley Street.

The Rev. Bailey realised that church attendance was decreasing because the church was so far away from most of the population, so he erected a small wooden church building in the south-west corner of the Fairstead garden. It could hold 140 worshippers. After he died in 1900, this church was moved, under the terms of his will, to Baildon in Yorkshire, where it is still in use today.

In 1875 two very wealthy families, the Heseltines and the Willmotts, bought properties in Great Warley. Their histories will be told in the next two episodes of this series.

Fiona Agassiz

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10 June	11am	Holy Communion
17 June	11am	Morning Prayer
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1 July	11am	Matins
8 July	11am	Holy Communion
15 July	11am	Morning Prayer
22 July	11am	Matins
29 July	11am	Holy Communion

Scaffolding at the Church

Some of you may have noticed scaffolding surrounding the church. The cast iron guttering which dates to the building of the church in 1904 is finally being cleaned and repainted. As you may imagine the individual sections are immensely heavy, and hopefully will be cleaned, painted and reinstated without the need to bring them to ground level. Whilst the scaffolding is up we will carefully check the roofs, and replace any tiles. The church architect will also visit.

As all homeowners know, water leaking and roofs are the most critical part of maintenance. The guttering was identified as needing urgent repair at our last inspection. The plan is that by 2nd June, half the scaffolding will be removed, and the rest later in June.

We are very sorry for any upset. We have identified two ashes plots that have a protective covering, which should be removed by 2nd June.

Please contact Fiona, Helen or Steve if you have any concerns.

Sea Sunday

We have held a special service to remember all those who work at sea and support The Mission to Seafarers for many years. On Sunday 8th July at 11am we are planning to join with the Royal Naval Association who will parade their standard and celebrate this special Sunday.

Do come and join us if you enjoy, or have worked on the sea, despite all the hazards it may bring.

Harvest Supper

There will be a joint Church and Conservation Society Harvest Supper in the Rectory Hall on Saturday, 6th October at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome. If you are a newcomer to the village, it would be lovely to get to know you. More details in the next issue of the Lychgate newsletter, but please keep the date free. All offers of help to Helen or Fiona please.

Burial of Ashes in Great Warley Churchyard

18 April - Elizabeth Pierce

20 May - Peter McNelly

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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VILLAGE NEWS AND DIARY DATES

Rumford Morris Men

For their first pub dancing event of the season, the Rumford Morris Men came to The Thatchers on the 10th May. We were entertained by the dancers and their 5 players. It was remarkable to reflect that the Rumford Men have been coming to Great Warley for more than 50 years. For those who missed a real treat, the Rumford Morris Men perform on Thursdays and Saturdays at pubs and beer festivals locally.

Their next big event is on Saturday 3rd June at The Rettendon Bell, when they will be part of a festival of dance. For a more local venue, they will be at The Green Man at Herongate on 28th June. Full details and all enquiries to rumfordmorris@hotmail.com.



Richard's Big Quiz Night

On Thursday 17th May once again there was a full house at the Thatcher's Arms to take part in Richard Osborne's big quiz night. The cause for the evening was Hopefield Animal Sanctuary - a Brentwood based non-profit organisation caring for around 450 sick, unwanted and mistreated animals.

A total of £215 was raised for the organisation.

Richard's next quiz will be in October so keep an eye out for the date which will be in a forthcoming edition of the Lychgate.



Pictured are two members of 'The Winners' team Steve and Liz with quizmaster Richard

Diary Dates

June

1 Friday 10-1pm: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Call Liz 07825 017056

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

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

July

6 Friday 10-1pm: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall
8 Sunday 11am: Sea Sunday service at St. Mary's

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

25 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi

August

30 Thursday to 1 Saturday September : The New Venture Players perform Outside Edge at the Great Warley cricket field. Tickets from Linda on 01277 231265

September

8 Saturday and 9 Sunday: Heritage open weekend at both St. Mary's and Warley Place.

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VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS



Above: A quite rare white rhododendron which is flowering at Warley Place at the moment



Above: Children from Year 1 of Woodlands School recently spent a lovely day at Warley Place



Above, below and right: Easter flowers at St. Mary's looked splendid

