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### War Memorial Renovation



Our village War Memorial is located on the green near the Thatchers Arms public house in Warley Road.

It has recently been professionally cleaned and these before and after photographs show the difference to the appearance of the Memorial and it's inscriptions. You can read more about the history of the Memorial on page 7 of this newsletter.

It is now ready to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I in November this year.



## VILLAGE NEWS AND DIARY DATES

### Heritage Weekend Open Days 8 and 9 September 2018

The theme of the National Heritage Open Days this year is 'Extraordinary Women'. We feel that Ellen Willmott, the last owner of Warley Place, definitely fits in to this category, so both **Great Warley Church** and **Warley Place** will be open to visitors on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be guides to welcome you at both places, and entry is free for everyone.

On Saturday 8th September, we will also be spring cleaning the Church between 10-12. All help will be welcomed.

Warley Place will be open from 10.30 – 4.30 on both Saturday and Sunday, with guided tours at 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30 on both days. You will be taken to parts of the reserve which are not usually accessible to the public, and you will be able to learn more about this extraordinary lady.

The church will be open between 10am-4pm on Saturday and 12.15- 4pm on Sunday. There will be a special exhibition about Ellen Willmott, her life and her gardens. You will also be able to enjoy our special Arts and Crafts church, to which Ellen Willmott used to bring her visitors when it was newly built.

Don't forget that our Arts and Crafts or Art Nouveau church is open for all visitors every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4pm until the end of October, and we will also be open on **Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August**, from 12 noon until 4pm. There is no need to book in advance. Better still, come to one of our Sunday morning services, and have a good look round afterwards, together with a cup of coffee.

So please come to one or both of these venues, and bring your friends too.

### Rectory Hall Lettings

Do you know of a group who would like to hire our Rectory Hall, just opposite the church in Great Warley Street? The hall has recently been re-furbished, there is plenty of parking, and there are quite a few time slots available. The charge is £25 for a two hour session. Please contact [helen.burgess1@gmail.com](mailto:helen.burgess1@gmail.com) or on 227557 if you are interested.

### Village Signs

The three 'Great Warley Conservation Area' village signs, at the three entrances to the village, have recently been restored and repainted by David Wellings, and we are very grateful to him.

The signs were designed by David's father, Alan Wellings, and they were made by David himself. They are a unique and very special feature of Great Warley. Thank you, David!

### Diary Dates

#### August

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

**11 Saturday 10am:** Litter pick - meet at the Thatchers

**29 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Ann 214886)

**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

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

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

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

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

#### October

**6 Saturday 7pm:** Harvest Supper at the Rectory Hall. Cost £10 - tickets from Helen or Linda

**A brief history of Great Warley  
Part 6 1875 – 1930  
Evelyn Heseltine and family**

Evelyn Heseltine was born in 1850, one of a family of seven brothers and four sisters. He worked at the family firm of Heseltine and Powell and Co., and was a member of the Stock Exchange from the age of 22.

Much of Evelyn's early life was spent in Godalming, and on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1875 he married Emily Henrietta Hull, known as Minnie, in the church there. Three years later his next brother, Arnold, married Minnie's sister Florence. As soon as they were married, Evelyn and Minnie moved to Great Warley, to a modest house named Goldings, which they then extended. It became known as Goldings Manor, and is now the de Rougemont Manor hotel.

Evelyn and Minnie had two children, a daughter Muriel born in 1883 and a son Norfor born in 1886. Muriel went on to marry Brigadier-General Cecil Henry Irving de Rougemont, and they had two sons, Richard and Denys. The family continued to live at Goldings Manor until Muriel died in 1967 and Norfor in 1968. Both of Muriel's sons died before her.

Evelyn was a very successful stockbroker, and he spent much of his money on the village and the surrounding area. He bought up most of the properties in the village as they came on to the market, and he also built cottages for his estate workers, including four black-and-white terraced cottages in Great Warley Street and another four in Bird Lane.

The family was very sociable, and there are many accounts in Muriel's diaries of dance parties, hunt balls, weekend house

parties and shopping visits to London on the train. There were hunting and shooting parties at Goldings.

In 1901 Evelyn decided to build a new church for Great Warley. Hammond Roberson Bailey's mission church in the grounds of Fairstead was about to be moved to Yorkshire, and the old church in Church Lane was becoming neglected and falling into disrepair. Evelyn invited the designer William Reynolds Stephens, and the architect Charles Harrison Townsend, who were both members of the Arts Workers Guild, to build an Arts and Crafts Church for the village.

Evelyn paid all the money for the church, and he also donated the land for the church yard, and built a new rectory (now the Lawlor Cat Hotel) and a rectory lodge. Work on the church began in 1902, and the dedication service was held in 1904. Electricity was installed in 1904. Because of its Arts and Crafts/Art Nouveau style, it has always attracted much attention. It is dedicated to Evelyn's brother Arnold, who died in 1897, and whose son Philip became a composer and changed his name to Peter Warlock.

Evelyn donated a large amount of money to Brentwood School, and he was Chairman of the Governors there for several years. He also built some alms-houses in Brentwood, which are in the Shenfield Road, opposite the entrance to Sawyers Hall Lane.

Evelyn died in 1930, and his place as 'Village Squire' was taken by his daughter Muriel.

*I am very grateful to the late Peter Proud for supplying much of this Heseltine family information.*

Fiona Agassiz

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## ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
5 August	11am	Morning Prayer
12 August	11am	Holy Communion
19 August	11am	Matins
26 August	11am	Holy Communion
2 September	11.15am	Holy Communion
9 September	11.15am	Morning Prayer
16 September	11.15am	Matins
23 September	11.15am	Holy Communion
30 September	11.15am	Morning Prayer
7 October	11.15am	Holy Communion
14 October	11.15am	Harvest Festival

### Change of Service Times

Please note that from 2<sup>nd</sup> September the Sunday morning service at St Mary's will commence at 11.15am. This is so that the same person can conduct the services at both Christ Church and St Mary's. The morning service at Christ Church will move from 10.30 to 9.30am. We are grateful to the congregation at Christ Church for agreeing to this change. We hope that the 11.15am start for us will be convenient for everyone at St Mary's.

There will be special arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, to be announced in the next issue of the Lychgate.

### Church Spring Cleaning

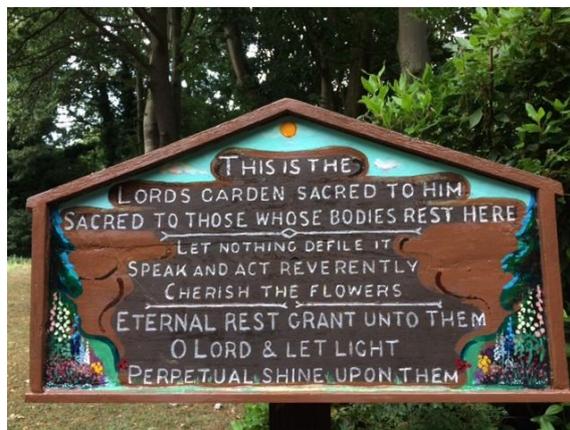
On Saturday 8 September from 10-12 it will be all hands on deck to help with spring cleaning the Church between. Please come and help us spruce up the Church ready for our visitors.

## Great Warley Churchyard

We are very grateful for all the help with keeping the churchyard tidy, particularly during the illness of our churchyard 'captain' David Fife. In particular we would like to thank the Padfield family for arranging for the bottom part of the churchyard to be strimmed. Thank you also to Peter James for taking on the role of 'bonfire captain' and to several people for mowing the lawns, weeding the paths, dead-heading the roses, and clipping the hedges.

Our churchyard is a quiet and serene place, and even if you are not a regular church goer, a special sense of peace can be found there. Why not visit it and see for yourself?

We would also like to thank David Wellings for his special decorative refurbishment of the sign at the entrance to the churchyard shown below.



### Weddings at St Mary's

2 June - Jodie-Ann Nash and Joshua Trownson

30 June - Julia Louise Graveling and Matthew Lawrence Wood

*We pray that both of these couples may enjoy many happy years together.*

<b>Clergy</b>	Robert Binks	01277 220428	Rob.binks@me.com
<b>Church wardens:</b>	Stephen Brabner	07767475531	stephenbrabner@rocketmail.com
	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
<b>Deputy Church Warden</b>	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	Helen.burgess1@gmail.com
<b>For visits and guided tours</b>	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
<b>Church Address</b>	St Mary The Virgin	5 Great Warley Street	CM13 3JP

## CHURCH NEWS

### Sea Sunday

On Sunday 8 July we were delighted to welcome members of the Brentwood Branch of the Royal Naval Association and members of the St Vincent Sea Cadets to our morning service at Great Warley Church. The Sea Sunday service of Holy Communion was led by the Rev. Dr Adrian McConnaughe.

The standard bearer was Gerry Hacker, Vice-Chairman of the Brentwood Branch of the Royal Naval Association, and the first lesson was read by a member of the RNA. The collection at the service was taken up by David Ambrose, Hon. Sec. of the Brentwood Branch of the RNA, and by Petty Officer Adam Farmer. It was a great privilege for us to welcome these special visitors.



Above: Gerry Hacker, Vice-Chairman of the Brentwood Branch of the Royal Naval Association the standard bearer at the Sea Sunday service on 8 July

### Carol Service

A date for your diary! The Carol service this year will be on Saturday 22nd December at 6.30 pm.

We are looking forward to a bumper sing song, which will be led by Bravissima, weather permitting!

*Helen Burgess*

### Update on Scaffolding at the Church

Most of the scaffolding has now been removed, we are hoping the final section will disappear in the next few weeks. The gutting has been cleared and repainted and 100 tiles have been replaced, so we are hopefully good for the next 25 years!

There has been movement of the porch away from the church. We have arranged a meeting between the church architect and the church structural engineer for mid September and we will update you all when we have the report.

*Helen Burgess*

### Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival

The village and church combined Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Rectory Hall. Tickets will cost £10 each, available from Linda (231265) or Helen (227557). We will be entertained by our local singing star, Rozie T, who we enjoyed so much last year.

Since we were unable to hold a village barbecue this year, the Harvest Supper will be a good chance for everyone to get together. The church Harvest Festival will be held on the following Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Offers of help for both of these events will be very gratefully received.

*Helen Burgess*

## VILLAGE NEWS

### War Memorial Restoration

Many, if not all of you, will have noticed that our War Memorial has had a very impressive clean. At our Spring Conservation Society meeting Helen Burgess mentioned that it would be a great idea to organise some work to spruce it up well in advance of November – which will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War One – the so called “Great War”. After much investigation and following help from Jill Hubbard who’d previously unearthed some details and attempted to ensure that the memorial was listed with the Imperial War Museum which, bizarrely, it did not appear to have been before, we then obtained quotes for the work. At one point we even considered undertaking it ourselves but the inevitable thoughts of health and safety regulations and worries about insurance that beset everything we do these days quickly deterred that idea, as did discovering that, if the correct methods materials and equipment aren’t used then doing more harm than good is a frightening prospect!

Two local companies were approached and came up with excessively high quotes and we then turned to a specialist contractor – I-MI who is recommended by the Imperial War Museum. Not only have they done an extremely good job but also undertook a survey and provided photos and a condition report to the Museum who have acknowledged that our Memorial is now on their log.

The book “Warley Magna to Great Warley” by George Harper notes the history of our memorial as follows:-

*“After the War, Mr Heseltine found it hard to get labour; many of the local boys would never come back. He offered those who did £5 as a special bonus but many, like my brother, weren’t tempted and went to work elsewhere. The question of a war memorial was raised after the war and as usual Mr Heseltine made it clear he was “lord of the manor”. Andre De La Mare, who at that time lived with his wife, Edith, at Fairstead, offered to give a piece of land on the hill next to their house for a Memorial Hall to be built in brick. The money was to be raised by local collections and the De La Mare’s said they would make up any sum collected to the nec-*

*essary amount. Mr Heseltine didn’t like the idea at all, he wanted a memorial cross on the village green. As usual, he got his way and the cross was put up at about Christmas time 1920.”*

The newly cleaned inscriptions read –

*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.*

1914-1918

*Charles Drake. Valentine Vivian. Joseph Harris. James Lindsell. Bert Cooper. William Hanch. Frederick Hanch. George Allen. Ernest Cass. Archibald Claydon. Arthur Bridges. Richard Abadie. Victor Boardman. Martin Foy.*

*Phillip Nicholls. Jack Joyce. Thomas Joyce. William Tyler. Henry Tyler. Frank Bannister. William Hart. Jack Drake. Willie Drake. Phillip Whipp. David Barker. Edwin Austin.*

1939- 1945

*N.I Aldous. C.D. Thomas. S.I. Thomas. G.G Williamson. J.Usher. R.C.I. de Rougemont*

*Lest We Forget.*

Your Conservation Society has paid for this work and we hope you consider it to be a good use of your funds. Hopefully, as people race past or perhaps whilst enjoying a drink at The Thatchers Arms, the newly cleaned memorial might make them think, if only for a split second?!

We are also very grateful to a local resident who continues to pay for the maintenance of the green which is always beautifully kept.

Linda Beaney

### Brentwood Community Print

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