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## Remembrance Sunday 2018 100 Year Anniversary of Armistice Day



Photographs from Remembrance Day 2018 at St. Mary's and the village War Memorial.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Fireworks in Church Lane

We were invited to the annual Church Lane fireworks event this year and arrived well wrapped up on a crisp November night ready for the display.

A huge bonfire had been constructed and a very well dressed guy was sat atop which was only visible by the headlights from the tractor parked up in the field.



Around 25 people witnessed the lighting of the bonfire and the setting off of the very loud fireworks. Then we were all treated to mulled wine while we lit our sparklers, and the children had chocolates



Residents of Church Lane on fireworks night

### Tony Haywood-Biles

The Warley Community News column in our local newspaper The Brentwood Gazette, has been admirably well kept by Tony for nearly twenty five years. We learnt this week that he will soon be handing over the role to someone else.

We would like to thank Tony for publicising our village events on our behalf and wish him well for the future.

### Vote for Ellen Willmott

The new £50 notes are currently being designed, and the Bank of England are looking for suggestions on whose portrait to include on them.

You are able to vote for the person you would like it to be and you only have until 14 December 2018 to have your say.

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[www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/50-pound-note-nominations](https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/50-pound-note-nominations) to get Miss Willmott the publicity she famously deserves.

### Clearing Leaves in the Churchyard

There have been three leaf-clearing sessions in our churchyard this year. The first two were before 11 November, so that the church grounds could look as smart as possible for the Remembrance Day parade. The last was a mammoth session by seven intrepid volunteers who braved the early morning rain and achieved a fantastic amount of clearing. Special thanks to David Fife who made a huge difference to the workload with his new leaf blower, and to Eileen for providing us all with a well-earned cup of coffee



St.Mary's leaf clearing team from 1st December

### Brentwood Community Print

As always, 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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### Cricket in Great Warley

**This is a message received recently from Malcolm Webb, President of Brentwood Cricket Club concerning the Great and Little Warley Cricket Ground:**

We have more or less completed the actual ground work, short of getting rid of a few piles of branches and brambles, which will probably involve a bonfire soon. We have removed a lot of undergrowth, opened up the field, and increased the usable area by some half-an-acre. All in all it looks much tidier now, and much of the green debris has been taken to London Zoo for animal feed.

The square has been re-laid and we are pleased with the way the new grass seed has taken, and the outfield has been treated, the 'craters' filled in and the whole area rolled for a whole weekend with a three-ton roller, so, allowing for the natural undulations, it's as flat as we can make it now - and we've even reduced the mole population! It is for sure much more agreeable underfoot now for dog walkers and people who just want to go for a stroll.

We have also salvaged the sightscreens and covers and started to repair them: we have renovated the container and fitted a new security door to the garage, and we are hoping to acquire a new wooden shed to replace the derelict one. We have cut back a lot of the greenery on the driveway to maximise its width and are about to replace the identity boards at the top of the drive so that people know where to find us.

We have now started on work to the outside of the pavilion, and the final push will be renovation and redecoration of the inside. We have replaced a number of roof tiles that were causing leaks inside the pavilion and have repaired the guttering system. We are about to give the outside of the pavilion a coat of paint, repair the decking in the porch and on the steps, install seating in the porch, and ensure that all the outside security lighting works. We shall also fit a proper fire door, since the existing one on the flank wall of the pavilion adjacent to the storage units is blocked up by the tiled wall of the showers!

Internally we have started to renovate the shower area, and as autumn and winter set in and it's too

cold and dark to do much outside, we'll redecorate the hall, bar, kitchen and changing area.

Our final job will be to reclaim the car park area from the invasion of brambles and have it re-surfaced so that visitors know where to park without offending our new neighbours or ruining the grass.

Until now we have only had one totally unexpected problem (and financial shock): we discovered that the ceiling boards above the porch area are made of asbestos, and that most of the internal ceilings in the pavilion have traces of asbestos in the artex that was used on them. Naturally that has to be dealt with as a matter of urgency, so potentially bang goes our budget!

Most of the work has been done by volunteers from Brentwood Cricket Club, although for some of the more specialist tasks - like roofing and asbestos removal - we have had to go to the professionals. We have also had to purchase quite a lot of equipment both to restore and maintain the ground. Financially, we have funded the project thus far from our own reserves and from a couple of generous donations that we have received from supporters who have been impressed by our efforts to restore cricket to such a beautiful location. Obviously as an amateur club our purse is not bottomless, and inevitably what we want to do and what we can afford to do will not tally with each other without some more 'outside help'. For instance, we should like to get a dozen or so quality wooden benches to install at various points round the ground so that people - including local residents - can come and watch the cricket whilst sitting in the sun (or the shade of a tree) and taking in the wonderful views. Perhaps some of the villagers would like to be a part of that initiative - particularly any who have fond memories of cricket at the ground. We shall undertake to fix brass plaques to the benches with whatever wording the donor wants. Or if anyone in the village would like to run a fund-raising event for us, or just offer us a donation towards the overall cost of the project, please give them my contact details (07771 593650 or the email address above). In any event, as we have said before, we welcome and encourage local residents to wander into the ground, introduce themselves to us and find out what we are doing now and for the future. It is our stated aim to restore the ground as a local facility for the enjoyment of all.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018

### Remembrance Sunday 11.11.18

It is 100 years since the end of the First World War. As we pay tribute to the young men of Great Warley who paid the ultimate price of that war, we should also remember the mothers and wives who had to suffer the real cost of winning the peace, that cost being a life of loss and sadness. In my family we had two such aunts who spent a life of widowhood.

Our Remembrance Day service at St Mary's was led by the good David Tee with his moving sermon on 'love'. The church was full, with a wonderful troop of young boy and girl soldiers, led by SMI Sophie Galley. Colin Hawkins on the organ gave a fine rendition of the Last Post and the Reveille. The Laurence Binyon was read by David Barlow and one of the young cadets, with the Epitaph being read by Helen Burgess.

David Fife read the first lesson, and he brought a display of his family's medals from the Boer War, First World War and Second World War, all won by his Paternal Great Uncle during his 50 year service as a senior officer in the Medical Corps. He had served in Gallipoli, as did my maternal grandfather, a cavalry officer who survived battles in the Dardanelles and in Mesopotamia.

The officers who attended this service were Major Coffin and Lt. Buckell. The standard bearer was Cdt. Sgt. K Burridge, the wreath layer was Cdt. L.Deller, and the donation collectors were Cdt. L Pearce and Cdt. Lonagan.

At the end of the service the church bells were rung, as happened in churches all over the country on this very special Sunday.

We then went to the Great Warley village memorial where David Tee conducted the poppy wreath laying service in bright sunshine, just as promised. We were joined by more village residents, and a hymn was sung, accompanied by Colin on the accordion.

*David M. W. Wellings*

Below is a list of the war dead from Great Warley, whose names were read out by David Wellings at the service, together with their regiments.

Martin Victor Foy	Queens West Surrey
Philip Nicholls	1 <sup>st</sup> Essex
John William Joyce	Sussex
Thomas George Joyce	Coldstream Guards
William Arthur Tyler	R.F.A.
Henry George Tyler	4 <sup>th</sup> Essex
Frank Bannister	9 <sup>th</sup> Essex

William Hart	4 <sup>th</sup> Essex
John Thomas Drake	10 <sup>th</sup> Essex
George William Drake	Labour Corps
Charles Edward Drake	2 <sup>nd</sup> Essex
Philip Stuart Whipp	6 <sup>th</sup> Northumberland
Edward Austin	Royal Fusiliers
Archie Claydon	Royal Fusiliers
Richard Abadie	60 <sup>th</sup> K.R.R
David Barber	A.S.C.
Frederick Hanch	West Kents
William Hanch	2 <sup>nd</sup> Essex
Arthur Bridges	3 <sup>rd</sup> Essex
Edward Valentine Vivian, M.C.	South African Infantry
Joseph Harris	H.M.S. Royal Sovereign
James Lindsell	A.S.C.
Walter Bert Cooper	3 <sup>rd</sup> Glos.
Ernest Cass	Royal West Lancs.
George Henry Allen	10 <sup>th</sup> Rifle Brigade
Archibald Elsdon	
Ernest Victor Boardman	12 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex
Richard de Rougemont	3 <sup>rd</sup> Btn, Grenadier Guards

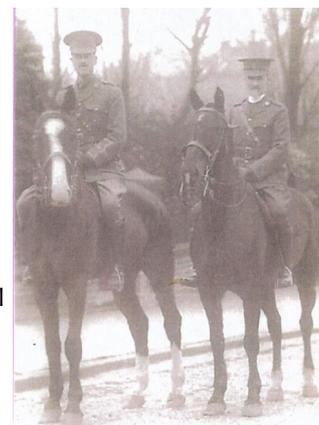
Richard de Rougemont was a grandson of Evelyn Heselstine, who was killed in North Africa in the Second World War. The other men on the list were all killed in the First World War.

Some names of those who had been killed in Afghanistan were also read out.



Above: Decorations and Medals awarded to Col. J T Johnson DSO (Late RAMC). Paternal Great Uncle of David Fife

Right: First World War cavalry officers. Maternal grandfather and great grandfather of David Wellings



**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

Date	Time	Service
9 December	11.15am	Matins
16 December	11.15am	Morning Prayer
22 December	6.30pm	Carol Service
23 December	11.15am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Christingle Service
24 December	11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Holy Communion
30 December	11.15am	Matins
6 January	11.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism
13 January	11.15am	Morning Prayer
20 January	11.15am	Matins
27 January	11.15am	Holy Communion
3 February	11.15am	Holy Communion

**Interregnum at St Mary's**

The last few weeks have been very busy for us as Church Wardens, after the sudden and very sad resignation of Rob Binks. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped us by leading services for us at St Mary's, including David Tee, Helen Bryan, Andy Neale, Paul Betts, Olive Law and Susan Evans, as well of course as our Associate Minister Adrian McConnaughie. We are also grateful to the Area Dean, Paul Hamilton for his advice, especially regarding some complicated matters regarding our churchyard.

Stephen, Helen and Fiona

**Advertising for a new Priest-in-Charge of St Marys and Christ Church**

Stephen, Helen and Fiona have attended several meetings with the Christ Church wardens to draw up a Parish Profile describing who we are and what we would like to see in a new incumbent. Members of both congregations were asked for their opinions. This profile is now being approved by the PCCs of both churches, and will then be submitted to the Diocese. The post will be advertised next spring.

**Candlelit Carol Service**

This year's service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on **Saturday 22nd December at 6.30pm**. We will be joined by the Bra-vissima choir, who led our singing so well two years ago. Last year they had to cancel at the last minute because of the snow, so we hope that will not happen again! We hope for our usual full church for this very special service.

**Christingle Service**

This traditional service will be held on **Sunday 23rd December at 4pm**, and we particularly welcome families with children.

**Christmas Eve Midnight Communion**

Our very special candlelit service to welcome Christmas will be on **Monday 24th December at 11.30pm**. We will be joined by members of the Christ Church congregation. The service will be led by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, the Ven. Elizabeth Snowden, and we are very grateful to her for coming to St Mary's.

The Christmas morning service will be held at Christ Church at 9.30am.

**New Roses in the Churchyard**

We are very grateful to Helen and Stephen Burgess for digging in and staking and putting protection round the six new roses in the Churchyard. Sadly some of the roses which were planted last year were attacked by rabbits and did not survive. We look forward to seeing all the new ones in abundant flower next year.

**Decorating the church for Christmas**

The church decorating, including putting the candles in place, will be on the morning of Friday 21st December, in time for the Carol Service the following day. Please come and help us if possible.

**Funeral with Churchyard Burial**

20<sup>th</sup> November Pearl Mann

**Burial of Ashes**

23<sup>rd</sup> November Peter Proud

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## GWCS

### GWCS

The bi-annual meeting of the Society took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

A number of individual planning applications and their progress were reported upon by Len Fryatt, the committee member currently responsible for planning matters.

Additionally there was discussion particularly involving our Councillors Mark Haigh and David Kendall about the proposals for a religious and cultural centre in Barrack Wood; it was noted that Ford's headquarters is expected to soon relocate and the site be available for development; another application for an alternative and more dense scheme at Boyles Court ( Dark Lane) is anticipated shortly and unfortunately our request for a footpath South of Codham Hall Lane cannot be facilitated.

It was noted that The Lychgate was running at a deficit and suggested that additional advertising could help. At the meeting two local businesses kindly offered their support and commitment. The residents of Church Lane were concerned that they had not received much support over their worries re the B186 junction road work enabling site and its access. Cllr Kendall has been very involved and has assisted with communications between them and the highways department.

Hopefully everyone will have received the latest correspondence from Highways England about the M25 Junction 28 improvement scheme. The Society looked at the proposals for the preferred routes. Now that public consultation has commenced if you have any views you would like us to consider or consult on please contact us. The consultation period runs for eight weeks from 3<sup>rd</sup> December. If you have not received a letter from Highways England please let me, Linda Beaney, know and I will forward it to you.

The ten week consultation period for the Lower Thames Crossing proposals commenced on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. For details of the public exhibitions and the chance to have your say visit [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/lower-Thames-crossing-home](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/lower-Thames-crossing-home). Again if you wish the Society to take into account your views please contact us.

Society members and local residents meet formally twice a year . However committee members are in regular communication on a wide variety local issues and would be pleased to hear from you if you feel we can assist or should be informed about anything.

The Society relies upon strong membership and their support and therefore if you have not paid your £5 annual household subscription please contact Len Fryatt to make arrangements to do so asap.

In order to assist with any concerns local residents may have over planning , conservation and any associated traffic and transport ramifications here are our contact details:-

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### GWCS Overdue Subscriptions

The Treasurer wishes to remind Members that it was agreed at the A.G.M in May that the subscription from this year will be reduced to £5 per household and not per Member. It was also agreed by the meeting that if a Member fails to attend any meeting for two years or owes two years subscriptions , then they may be moved from the membership list.

At the present time we have 21 Members who owe 2 years or more dues and we don't want to lose them or their money which at the present time amounts to £490 which would finance four editions of the Lychgate.

Some reminders have been sent but if you think one of these might be you , then please contact Len Fryatt on 220206 or [len.fryatt@gmail.com](mailto:len.fryatt@gmail.com) or send cash or cheques to 5, The Dell, Warley ,CM13 3AL. Cheques payable to Great Warley Conservation Society. Thank you.

Len Fryatt

## DIARY DATES, SPONSORS AND LOCAL NEWS

### Diary Dates

#### December

**5 Wednesday 1pm:** Warley Ladies Christmas Lunch at the Thatcher's (Ann 214886)

**7 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall £2 charge (Liz 07825 017056)

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

**22 Saturday 6.30pm:** Carol Service at St Mary's with Bravissima

#### January

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

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

**30 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Ann 01277 214886)

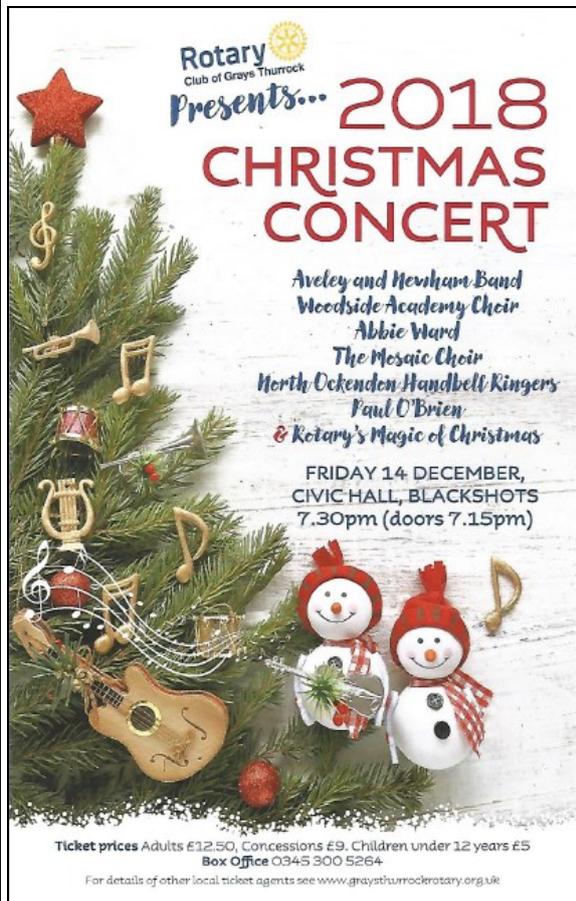
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