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### Christmas at St Mary's

Our two lovely traditional candle-lit occasions, the carol service and the Christmas midnight service, were both well attended. The candles always provide a very special atmosphere in the church, especially with such large congregations.

The carol service on Saturday 22nd December was led by the Bra-vissima singers, and we are most grateful to them for arranging this service, and to Olive Law for leading the prayers. The Christmas Eve midnight service was led by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, the Ven. Elizabeth Snowden, and we are grateful for her help.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped to decorate the church and to light or extinguish the candles. The floral decoration in the church porch, created by Debbie Chapman, was still looking lovely at least one month after being made.



## VILLAGE NEWS

### Warley Place

Spring is coming at last! There are already some snowdrops out at Warley Place, and there will be plenty more, so do have a walk round in February to enjoy them. March will be daffodil time again, so there will be more dramatic sights to enjoy, with plenty of other spring flowers too. Everyone can walk round at any time you like, but sadly no dogs apart from assistance dogs.

As usual there will be special Spring Bulb Spectacular Open Weekends from 23rd February until 7th April, with volunteers on hand to answer your questions, to sell guide books, bird feeders, etc. and to help with the car parking. If you would be willing to help with volunteering for a couple of hours (no experience necessary), please contact Fiona at

[fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com) or 230436

There will be guided walks every Saturday morning at 10.30am for you to learn about Warley Place and its intriguing last owner, Ellen Willmott. No need to book, just turn up. A donation of £4 per head is requested for the guided walks, and £2 per head if you walk round on your own. All donations go to the Essex Wildlife Trust.

### GWCS

We wanted to let you know that, as less than environmentally friendly drivers and passengers have not stopped tossing rubbish from their speeding vehicles during the festive season, we have fixed a couple of early litter pick dates which we hope you might be able to help with?

As usual they will be 10am starts from The Thatchers (thank you Geoff for allowing us to do that and also use your rubbish skip). The dates are both Saturdays - 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> April. Another "Must Not Miss" date is the GWCS Spring meeting which will be at 8pm at The Rectory Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### Headley Common

The Trustees of Headley Common are delighted to welcome Felix Warley, the new restaurant on the Headley Arms site. The front car park and the pond area are now smart and tidy, and the Trustees look forward to working with the manager of Felix to further enhance the Headley Common area.

The restaurant is already open in the evenings, and there are plans for it to be open for lunch as well from mid-February.

### Great and Little Warley W.I.

Our December meeting was held at Mason's restaurant where over 30 of us enjoyed a Christmas Lunch. In January we had a "Bring and Buy" sale raising money for our funds whilst clearing out our cupboards! This was followed by a social afternoon of tea and cakes. Our next meeting is on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm when Ian Davidson will talk to us about Home and Cyber security. Visitors and new members are always welcome telephone Pam on 01277 220314 for more details.

### 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 CLUB NEWS

Restoration of the cricket ground has continued throughout the winter months, and with just a few small bits of renovation and improvement to the pavilion left to do, we can safely say that the project will be completed before the Spring and certainly in good time for the start of the new cricket season in April.

There is always something to do on the ground itself of course – branches get blown down by the wind; assorted debris mysteriously gets uncovered by the elements, and moles continue to make their presence felt - but fortunately the weather has been pretty dry and we have been able to get on the outfield when necessary to keep things under control.

The other major ‘outdoor’ achievement since the last edition of “The Lychgate” has been to recover the car park. Some of you may have seen the large skip that was in residence for several months until early January. What you may not have noticed is that when it was delivered it was set down right on the edge of the car park. When it was collected, it was right in the middle! That gives an indication of how much land we had been able to reclaim on the road side of the car park – land that had been completely overgrown by encroaching brambles, saplings and grass and weeds. We are now waiting to have the extended car park resurfaced with road chippings, which apart from being cheaper than tarmac, gives a less ‘formal’ image and blends in more easily with the general ambience of the ground in keeping with its status as part of the conservation area. I know it’s difficult to get too excited about a car park, but we hope you like it!

But mainly we’ve used the winter to work on the inside of the pavilion. Although we found several things that didn’t work, fortunately the heaters did, so we were able to keep warm.

Much of the work has been cosmetic and a matter of “freshening up” and deep-cleaning, but additionally we’ve had a new electrical system installed, complete with emergency lighting; new internal doors and new carpeting throughout, and we’ve also re-positioned and up-graded the fire door which in turn meant a bit of reconstruction in the changing room complex, the main benefit of which is that the changing area can now be completely divorced from the hall and toilets. We have also added rather attractive lattice window shutters inside as an extra security measure, along with improved and additional security lights on

both flank walls as well as the porch, so that any night-time snoopers will light up the place like a fairy grotto!

Once the few remaining bits and pieces mentioned at the start of this article have been dealt with we plan to have an informal “re-opening” for the benefit of the local residents who have suffered the eyesore of an industrial-size skip and the inconvenience of any number of white vans beating a path to the ground since last September, but who have remained incredibly friendly, encouraging and supportive of what we have been doing.

We’ve also enjoyed the support of Brentwood Borough Council who have been kept informed of our progress, particularly in matters involving our plans for external signage and for the car park to make sure that we didn’t inadvertently offend any regulations or bye-laws.

We are still committed to making the ground and pavilion a community facility for everyone in the village to enjoy. We have sourced the heavy-duty perimeter benches that a couple of you and a few cricket club members have kindly agreed to purchase. We still have potentially half-a-dozen that haven’t yet been ‘adopted’, so if anyone would like their own personal memorial bench please let me know. We won’t know the exact price until we confirm the number to the suppliers, but it will be close to £200 per bench (unless anyone can use their influence to negotiate a discount for us!).

I suppose, as we come to the conclusion of the project, I should reveal that it has been a lot of fun, most of the time! Brentwood Cricket Club members have derived a great deal of satisfaction in seeing the pipe-dream come to fruition largely due to our own efforts and at our own expense. There have been a few depressing moments – the discovery of asbestos in the porch ceiling, wood-worm intent on systematically devouring the pavilion, moles, rats and mice in abundance, and even a broken underground drainpipe which came perilously close to being the last straw. But even in those times, to turn up at the ground in ‘working clothes’; to take in the marvellous view with the autumn or winter sun shining on the Thames Valley, and to see the M25 gridlocked has made it all worthwhile!

Malcolm Webb

## GREAT WARLEY AND WORLD WAR II

### World War II

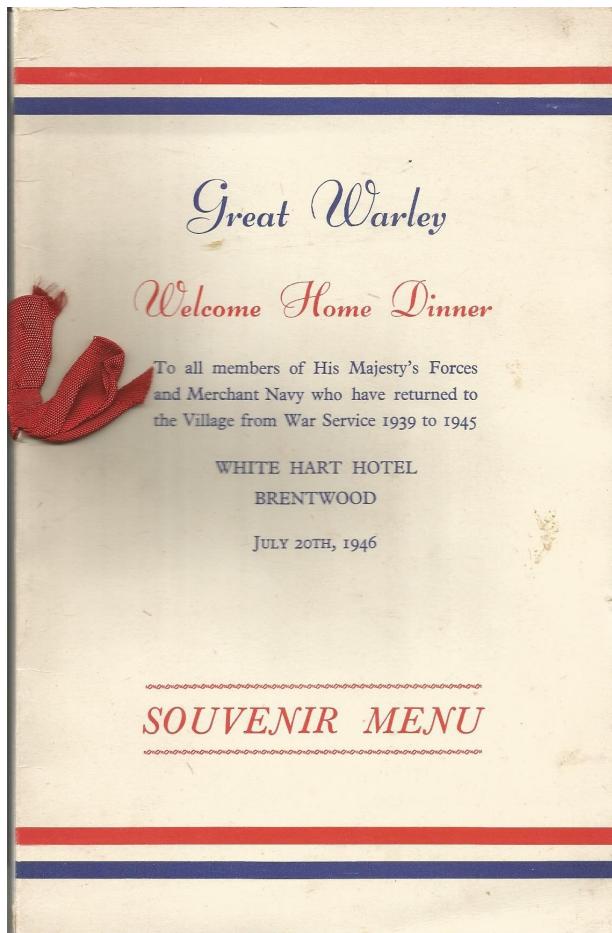
As a follow up to the 100th anniversary Remembrance Sunday articles in our last newsletter, David Wellings has kindly lent us a souvenir menu from the Great Warley Welcome Home Dinner which was held at the White Hart Hotel on July 20th 1946. We have reproduced it here with his permission.

This document lists the names and addresses of those Village residents who were welcomed and congratulated on their safe return home from the second world war.

What a lovely piece of local history this document is and if you now live in a home in Great Warley which is listed here, you may be surprised to learn that you had a war hero living in your home many years ago.

The Village welcomes and congratulates all those who have returned safely, including :

Mr. Box . . . . .	8 Alma Cottages
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Mr. R. M. Campbell, D.C.M. . . . .	Coombe Gate Lodge
Mr. K. Carey . . . . .	Rectory Gate Lodge
Miss J. W. Carstairs . . . . .	The Glen
Mr. T. Clark . . . . .	22 Alma Cottages
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Mr. F. J. Cook . . . . .	Warley Street
Mr. Copeman . . . . .	Downhill
Mr. J. D. Crane . . . . .	1 Codham Hall Cottages
Mr. W. C. Drake . . . . .	Warley Street
Mr. E. D. Edwards . . . . .	10 Boyles Court Lane
Mr. S. Eke . . . . .	2 Foxburrow Cottages
Mr. Farnes . . . . .	Stoneyridge
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Mr. D. Hartford . . . . .	Skehana
Mr. F. P. Hearn . . . . .	Norman's Cottages
Mr. Holden . . . . .	12 Alma Cottages
Mr. L. Holroyd . . . . .	Bereden's Cottages
Mr. T. Hunt . . . . .	Stoney Hills House
Mr. W. E. Hurry . . . . .	15 Bird Lane
Margaret Jobey . . . . .	3 Warley Street



Mr. Lubbock . . . . .	Goldings
Mr. G. Manning . . . . .	5 St. Mary's Lane
Mr. E. J. Manning . . . . .	5 St. Mary's Lane
Mr. J. Moore . . . . .	6 Alma Cottages
Mrs. Murray . . . . .	Broadoaks
Mr. A. J. Martin . . . . .	2 Berry Farm Cottages
Mr. G. McPherson . . . . .	Fairstead
Mr. C. P. Peartree . . . . .	Coombe Gardens
Nancy L. Prouten . . . . .	6 Warley Street
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### **ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

Date	Time	Service
3 February	11.15am	Holy Communion
10 February	11.15am	Morning Prayer
17 February	11.15am	Matins
24 February	11.15am	Holy Communion
3 March	11.15am	Holy Communion
10 March	11.15am	Morning Prayer
17 March	11.15am	Matins
24 March	11.15am	Holy Communion
31 March	11.15am	Morning Prayer
7 April	11.15am	Holy Communion

### **Concert at St Mary's**

The Bra-vissima singers will be performing a charity concert in our church on the evening of Saturday 13th April. They will be singing a wonderful selection of sacred music old and new. Two amazing boy soloists from Brentwood Cathedral will be singing with them. There will be something for everyone. More details in the next Lychgate issue, but please note the date now.

### **Progress towards finding a new incumbent**

The Parish Profile, which describes the churches, services and activities at both Christ Church and St Mary's, has now been finalised and sent to the diocese. It looks very smart, with plenty of photographs and facts and figures, and it includes contributions from the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Area Dean of Brentwood. We are very

grateful to Brendon Horrocks and Andrew Wood, both members of Christ Church, for all their hard work in preparing this comprehensive document.

The vacancy for a Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Warley, and St Mary the Virgin, Great Warley, will now be advertised in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website. We hope that our Parish Profile will attract some good candidates!

### **Church Electoral Roll**

Every six years the church electoral roll has to be completely renewed, and the time has now come to do this. If you would like to be included, please contact one of the church wardens, and we will arrange for the Church Electoral Roll Officer to send the appropriate form to you.

### **Baptism**

6<sup>th</sup> January - Allegra Lola Win Wallace, daughter of Olivia and William.



Photo of St Mary's taken by Peter James

Clergy	Adrian McConnaughie		
Church wardens:	Stephen Brabner	01277 230771	stephenbrabner@rocketmail.com
	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
Deputy Church Warden	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	Helen.burgess1@gmail.com
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## DIARY DATES AND RECTORY HALL

<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>Rectory Hall</b>
<p><b>February</b></p> <p><b>1 Friday 10-1pm:</b> Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall £2 charge (Liz 07825 017056)</p> <p><b>12 Tuesday 2pm:</b> Great &amp; Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall. The speaker is Ian Davidson who will talk about Home and Cyber security (Pam Tee 01277 220314)</p> <p><b>23 February 10am:</b> Litter pick starting at the Thatchers Arms. All equipment provided - all welcome</p> <p><b>23 February 10.30am:</b> First Spring Bulb Spectacular Open Weekend at Warley Place. Guided tours <b>every Saturday</b> at 10.30 until 7th April</p> <p><b>27 Wednesday 12.50pm:</b> Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Ann 01277 214886)</p> <p><b>28 Thursday 7.30pm:</b> Richard's Big Quiz Night at the Thatchers Arms</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p><b>1 Friday 10-1pm:</b> Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall.</p> <p><b>12 Tuesday 2pm:</b> Great &amp; Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Pam Tee 01277 220314)</p> <p><b>27 Wednesday 12.50pm:</b> Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Ann 01277 214886)</p> <p><b>30 Saturday 10am:</b> Jumble sale at and in aid of the Great Warley Rectory Hall.</p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>6 April 10am:</b> Litter pick starting at the Thatchers Arms. All equipment provided - all welcome</p> <p><b>6 Saturday 10.30am:</b> Last day for a guided tour at Warley Place and the Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekend</p> <p><b>13 Saturday 6pm:</b> Ladies choir Bra-vissima perform a charity concert at St Mary's</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Pilates Class</b></p> <p>Pilates classes have now started at the Rectory Hall 8 pm on Thursdays. There is space for a few more members. Please contact Linda by email if you are interested.(thegriffinthree@googlemail.com)</p>	<p><b>Rectory Hall</b></p> <p>We are very lucky to have a community space in Great Warley. In fact we have two - the Rectory Hall which is tucked away on the opposite side of the road to the Church at St Marys, and also the Cricket Club which is being brought back to life thanks to the efforts of the members of the Brentwood Cricket Club to whom we owe a debt of some magnitude.</p> <p>The Rectory Hall saw a lot of activity a few years ago under the direction of the then Rev Rob Binks and with his help we laid new flooring throughout, added disabled toilet facilities and generally improved the hall immensely.</p> <p>Now we find ourselves having to do some more work to it as the windows are in need of updating.</p> <p>To this end we are going to be doing some fundraising. This will be so that the ever increasing number of hirers have a nicer environment to use, and to hopefully encourage more people to hire it out as it is very under utilised at the moment.</p> <p>To kick off the fundraising this year, we will be having a jumble sale on Saturday 30th March at the hall.</p> <p>This will be a public event and if you have any jumble items which you would like to donate, then we will be collecting them in the run up to the end of March.</p> <p>Please email me at: <a href="mailto:greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk">greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk</a> if you have any thing to donate for our cause. We will also have a raffle and tea and cakes available on the day as well. If anyone can display a poster for us to advertise the event please also get in touch.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Liz Francis</p>

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