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### New Priest in Charge

**Great News!** A new priest-in-charge has been appointed for St Mary's and Christ Church. He is the Rev. Stuart Hull, who until recently was a curate in Springfield. We are delighted to welcome him, together with his wife Suzanne and their baby daughter Jennifer, who is just two months old.

Stuart was brought up in Brentwood, so perhaps we can say 'welcome home!' He attended St Thomas's school and then Hedley Walter school, in the building which is now Becket Keys. He later did his theological training at Westcliffe Hall in Cambridge.

Stuart and his family have already moved into the Vicarage at 79 Mount Crescent, and we hope that they will enjoy living in their new home.

Stuart's licensing service will be held on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm at Christ Church**. If you would like to attend this service, please notify one of the church wardens as soon as possible.

Stuart's first service at St Mary's will be a service of Holy Communion on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.15am**. Everyone is



welcome to at-  
tend this service.  
It will be fol-  
lowed by a  
'Bring-and-share'  
lunch at the Vic-  
arage. Many  
thanks to Stuart  
and Suzanne for  
offering to host  
this event.

Fiona Agassiz

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Warley Place

The Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekends at Warley Place were successful again this year, and raised over £6,000 in donations for the Essex Wildlife Trust, in spite of three very wet or windy days when we were unable to open at all. Many thanks to all of our volunteer helpers, and to the Brentwood Cricket Club for the use of their car park when necessary.

Now, after the white snowdrops, the yellow daffodils and the blue forget-me-nots and bluebells, you can enjoy the 'pink phase' at Warley Place, with rhododendrons and foxgloves and rosebay willow-herb blooming in abundance.

### Great and Little Warley WI

The Essex Federation's 102<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting was held in Colchester at the end of March. Five of our members shared a coach with ladies of other local institutes to attend. The meeting opened with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem followed by the business of the day; Treasurer's report, Chairwoman's Address and a talk about last years' resolution "Mental Health Matters". Then we were entertained by guest speaker Rev Richard Coles who gave an amusing account of his life. Lunch gave us time for some retail therapy around the various stalls. The afternoon was rounded off with an Abba tribute band who had us literally dancing in the aisles.

Our Gt & Lt Warley April meeting was a little more relaxing as we had a Fish and Chip lunch served in the hall and a brain teasing quiz set by our secretary Sue.

WI welcome visitors, for more information Tel Pam 01277 220314

### Cricket Club

We are all most grateful to Brentwood Cricket Club for all the work which they have done to improve our lovely cricket ground and its clubhouse. It has been re-named the De Rougemont ground, and it is a beautiful place to walk and to exercise a dog. There are seats to sit on while admiring the beautiful view over the Thames to Kent.

A good number of village residents enjoyed wine and substantial nibbles while watching the first match to be played on the re-furbished ground on 28 April, and we thank Brentwood Cricket club for inviting us to this event.



Players in action at the first match at the new De Rougemont Ground on 28 April 2019

## DE ROUGEMONT CRICKET GROUND NEWS

Well we made it! By the skin of our teeth, and helped in no small part by the good weather around Easter, we managed to get the important work on the cricket ground completed just in time for the first game of the season and the 'opening event'.

There is of course still work to be done – there probably always will be. The brambles around the perimeter will quickly take over again if we don't strim them on a regular basis, and every time the wind blows (which seems to be quite often due to the altitude of the ground) there is debris to sweep up afterwards. The car park needs to be treated with industrial weed-killer to keep the grass at bay and we desperately need to re-build the wooden shed where we keep some of the smaller bits and pieces of ground equipment.

But all-in-all I think we can all look at the ground – particularly when the sun is shining – and feel a quiet satisfaction at the transformation since last September.

We were very pleased to welcome a couple of dozen local residents to our informal opening on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. The sun didn't shine very much, but we managed to get a game in, and we were extremely proud to receive so many complimentary remarks from our guests. We hope many of them will return to watch cricket and take advantage of the facilities on a regular basis. Some people picked up a fixture card whilst they were there: we have plenty on the bar, so please feel free to ask for one the next time you see the pavilion open.

The season has barely got under way at the time of writing, but we have already played three games there and won them all, so we are hoping to turn it into a cricketing "fortress"!

All the benches – some of which were kindly donated by local residents – are in position now and fixed to the ground for security, so hopefully the dog walkers amongst you, or anyone else who just wants a bit of fresh air on a summer's day, will make full use of them. As I have said before, we see the ground as a community facility as much as a cricket pitch, for the use of all. Brentwood Cricket Club don't have exclusive rights to it: we're simply the custodians, and we feel sure

that Muriel De Rougemont would have wanted it used by the whole village.



On that note, you will see that we have taken the liberty of renaming the ground. We had to give it an identity for the benefit of visiting teams trying to find it, and we thought a nod in the direction of the De Rougemont family was appropriate. We have cleared it with the Council and established that the De Rougemont Manor hotel are relaxed about it, and we hope that it sits well with everyone in the village.

Since we took on the project seven months ago we have spent £30,000 on the renovation and restoration. All this money has been raised from Brentwood CC members' donations and from our existing reserves. We are not a wealthy conglomerate: we are an amateur sports club offering cricket to all, irrespective of ability, gender, ethnicity or age. Although some of the specialist work undertaken by 'outsiders' was done at "mates' rates", we were unable to source any grants. Mostly this was because we had to get on with the work quickly in order to be ready for the start of this season, which meant that by the time any grant applications were considered we would technically have been applying for "retrospective funding" – a complete 'no-no'. And when we did get past first base (to try to get a grant for the new shed referred to earlier) bureaucracy meant that we were unable to prove security of tenure to the prospective funder. We still need to acquire a few bits and pieces for the ground (apart from the shed) – most pressingly a few outdoor litter bins, a couple of picnic sets to go under the lime tree, and some topsoil and plants for the flower beds that we are re-creating in front of the pavilion, so we need to try to re-coup some of our outlay. To that end we shall listen to any requests for the hire of the pavilion and/or ground for a family party, for example, or – better still – from anyone who runs a yoga or keep-fit class, or any form of small club who would like to hire the premises on a regular basis. If either of these scenarios resonates with you, please get in touch with me for an informal chat.

**Malcolm Webb**  
**President, Brentwood Cricket Club**




## LOCAL EVENTS AND SPONSORS

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# The Wind in the Willows

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9 June	11.15am	Morning Prayer
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23 June	11.15am	Holy Communion
30 June	11.15am	Morning Prayer
7 July	11.15am	Holy Communion
14 July	11.15am	Morning Prayer
21 July	11.15am	Morning Prayer
28 July	11.15am	Holy Communion
4 August	11.15am	Holy Communion

### Church Easter Services

Many thanks to everyone who decorated St Mary's church for this year's Easter Services. The decoration by Debbie Chapman in the porch, which was topped by real goose eggs, was particularly striking.



Easter decoration at St Mary's by Debbie Chapman

### Bra-vissima Concert

St Mary's church was packed for a fantastic concert on 13<sup>th</sup> April, which raised £999 for Little Havens Hospice. The concert was entitled 'A Sacred Serenade' and it consisted of several glorious pieces of music sung by the Bra-vissima Ladies Choir. This very talented choir was joined by two boy treble soloists, Benjamin O'Riordan and Owen Romhany, who both attend Brentwood School.

Refreshments were served in the Rectory hall after the concert.

Our church has excellent acoustics, so if you know of any group who is looking for a concert venue, please contact the church wardens.



Bravissima performing at St Mary's

### St Mary's Churchyard

The Church Wardens are very grateful to the Padfield family for arranging for the long grass in the churchyard to be cut and cleared. Offers of help to maintain our large churchyard are always gratefully received.

### Baptism

28 April - Lewis Charles Maloney-Francis, son of Karen and Mark

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### Diary Dates

#### June

**2 Sunday 1pm:** Bring and share lunch at the vicarage 79 Mount Crescent, with the new Priest in Charge Stuart Hull

**6 Thursday 7.30pm:** Richard's big charity quiz night at the Thatchers

**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

**22 Saturday 10am:** Litter pick starting at the Thatchers Arms. All equipment provided -all welcome

**26 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Fiona 01277 230436)

#### July

**5 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall £2 charge

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

**18,19 and 20th:** 'Wind In The Willows' performed by the New Venture Players in the open air at the de Rougemont Cricket Ground in Warley Road

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

#### August

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

### Richard's Big Quiz

The Thatchers Arms will once again be buzzing when Richard Osborn holds his next quiz night for charity on Thursday 6 June at 7.30pm. Richard's quizzes are renowned as being a great evening of entertainment so if you plan to come along, it's best to book a table directly with the pub on 233535.

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