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**Harvest Thanksgiving Service**

On Sunday 22nd September we celebrated Harvest Festival at St Mary's. As usual, the Church was beautifully decorated with a mixture of floral and produce arrangements which all looked amazing. The photo below shows the arrangement which welcomed visitors as they arrived in the porch at the Church.

The village Harvest Supper celebrations were held on Saturday 28th September when around 40 villagers and friends met at the Rectory Hall. The event was once again organised jointly by St Mary's and GWCS. It was a very pleasant evening and neighbours met up and enjoyed a dazzling array of dishes and desserts freshly prepared and brought along by members of the community. Entertainment for the evening was courtesy of Rozie from the village who sang so beautifully. Thanks go to all those who made food and came along to support this event which was once again voted a huge success.



## VILLAGE NEWS

### GWCS

We thought it would be useful to list who is responsible for what. If you have any questions or queries with which we might be able to help, please get in touch.

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### Great and Little Warley WI

Our September meeting took place as usual at the Childerditch village hall. Everyone present admired the hard work that had taken place throughout the summer closure of the hall in order to complete the extensive works on the ceiling and decoration.

Our speaker for the afternoon, Ian Davidson, both entertained and encouraged us on the subject of entering consumer

competitions. He told of his successes, and that these came not so much from luck but through diligence, some effort and actually bothering to enter!

Our outing for this month was a visit to Ingatestone Hall and this was much enjoyed by those who went. We used the community bus for the first time, had coffee and biscuits on arrival and our extremely knowledgeable guide spent almost two hours taking us around the house, regaling us with its history.

The next meeting is in the village hall at 2pm on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> and Gary Egerton will be speaking about being a

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## DE ROUGEMONT CRICKET GROUND NEWS

"All things must pass" wrote George Harrison, and indeed the cricket season has come to an end, which I always regard as the end of summer as well. Yet paradoxically I'm writing this sitting on the pavilion porch at the cricket ground with the sun's rays spotlighting me, the trees still in full leaf, and autumn seemingly light years away. The light is crystal clear and I can see way beyond the M25 (gridlocked) and deep into Kent, whilst our groundsman does his end-of-season work on the square before 'putting it to bed' for the winter. Everything is peaceful and quiet, and I reflect on whether I have ever known a more beautiful and traditional village cricket ground. I think the answer is probably "No".

In what has been a highly successful and enjoyable season for Brentwood Cricket Club, our acquisition of what we now call the De Rougemont Ground has been the icing on the cake. We started the season with the 'open house' on the first day, and we finished it on the second Saturday in September with an inter-club game between our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> XIs and a six-team soft-ball tournament for girls and ladies, with teams from Colchester and Havering as well as from our own ladies' and girls' section, both of which events were extremely pleasurable, the cricket being augmented by the permanent aroma of pizzas in the oven and sausages and burgers on the barbeque and the unyielding presence of the warm sun on our faces.

It seems a lot longer than twelve months since we first saw the overgrown field and semi-derelict pavilion, and between you and me, I didn't think we would achieve half of what we have done in that time. But our members, aided and abetted by various friends and professional contacts, have worked tirelessly, and although there is still work to be done as I alluded to in the last edition of The Lychgate, it is mostly under the heading of "enhancements" rather than "necessities",

It's no exaggeration to say that every visitor to the ground throughout the spring and summer has been openly and genuinely impressed by what they have seen. We have even acquired a few new members whose idea of a summer Saturday is to play some gentle cricket for our 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> XI in such a beautiful setting. And to cap it all, Essex County Cricket Board put us up for an award and we received the Natwest GroundForce award for the cricket club in Essex who had done most to promote the sport in the county by virtue of their efforts on their ground. It's always nice to be appreciated!

But the best bit of news came just last week when the Trustees agreed to grant us an initial ten-year lease on the ground, so we now have security of tenure. There was never any doubt that we planned to be here for the long-term (we wouldn't have invested so much money in the project otherwise), but we understood why the Trustees wanted to see how things ran for a year before committing themselves.

So now we can plan for the future. As well as the autumn work already earmarked, we are negotiating, through Essex Playing Fields Association, with a couple of chil-

dren's play equipment specialists with the intention of laying some impact-absorbent surfacing on the 8m x 4m concrete base to the west of the pavilion to take a few small pieces of play equipment so that as well as attracting local dog owners we might appeal to parents or grandparents with toddlers. As we have said so often, we want to make the ground a true community facility available to all.

And finally, just an update on the few issues that were bugging us back in July. Like others before us, we got nowhere with Essex Highways regarding the question of making exit from the ground safer for car drivers and pedestrians. As an indication of what we were up against, I quote verbatim from an email I received from their Officer:- *"I understand that the cricket club has only recently moved to this site and consideration as to whether or not it is a suitable location for the club should have been taken prior to the decision to relocate being made."* I make no further comment beyond the observation that if the decision-maker doesn't even know for how long it has been a cricket ground, what chance have we got?!

But all is not lost, and a suggestion has been made (and not yet been kicked out) that when the redevelopment of the former Squirrels nursing home takes place access to the cricket ground from the driveway leading down to the development might be considered. But I don't recommend any collective holding of breath!

What we have obtained, however, are a couple of litter bins for the ground. If you haven't yet seen them, they are a pleasant shade of dark green to blend in with the surroundings and have "Brentwood Cricket Club" in gold lettering on their sides. They were donated by a club member, and whilst they're not as glamorous as the benches that were donated they are just as intrinsic to the overall scene.

The members of Brentwood Cricket Club – particularly those who have had the pleasure of being involved with the ground in a working or playing capacity have all been amazed at the warmth, friendship and encouragement that we have received from all the local residents. We can assure you that that friendship is reciprocal, and we are delighted to be able to have the use of such a wonderful piece of your village. Long may it last.

And, by the way, you may be interested to know that our 1<sup>st</sup> XI won both the Premier Division of the Essex League and also the Essex League Cup this season. So it's not a bad time to boast that you have a connection with Brentwood Cricket Club!

**Malcolm Webb**  
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Date	Time	Service
6 October	11.15am	Holy Communion
13 October	11.15am	Morning Prayer
20 October	11.15am	Matins
27 October	11.15am	Holy Communion & Baptism
3 November	11.15am	Holy Communion
10 November	10.45am	Remembrance Day Service
17 November	11.15am	Matins
24 November	11.15am	Holy Communion
1 December	11.15am	Holy Communion
8 December	11.15am	Morning Prayer
15 December	11.15am 4.30pm	Matins Candlelit Carol Service
22 December	11.15am	Holy Communion
24 December	3pm 11.30pm	Christingle Holy Communion
25 December	10.30am	Parish Celebration at Christ Church

### Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday

Do join us on 10th November at 10.45 for a very special service with Warley Cadets, remembering all those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

This service will be followed at approximately midday by a short ceremony and laying of the wreath at the War Memorial opposite The Thatchers.

As this is 80 years since the start of the Second World War, it will be particularly poignant.

### Leaf Clearing at St Mary's

Autumn is nearly here, and volunteers are requested to help to clear the huge volume of dead leaves which accumulate in our village churchyard. There will be leaf clearing parties on **Saturdays 2nd and 23rd November, both at 10am**. Please could YOU come and help us? Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please bring your own gloves, and a rake if possible. Many thanks in advance.

### Christmas Celebrations

Once again this year, we are delighted to let you know that the candlelit carol service at St Mary's will be with Bra-vissima the celebrated ladies choir. The service is a great start to the Christmas celebrations and is a hugely popular event at our Church. The service is entitled Nine Lessons and carols and starts at 4.30pm on Sunday 15th December.

Our Christingle service is at 3pm on 24th December. All are welcome to come along to this service and sing carols with us. All ages from babies to adults will make this a great celebration.

Our candlelit Midnight Mass with communion and carols is at 11.30pm on 24th December. This is a lovely service which welcomes the start of Christmas day. Do come along for a warm welcome!

### Baptism

George Malyon, son of Mark and Anna

### Funeral

25th September - Anthony Reginald Wright

### Interment of Ashes

13th September - Anthea White

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## TONY WRIGHT RIP

Anthony, known as Tony, was a farmer who loved the land. Born into a longstanding farming family in Heytesbury, Wiltshire, he never really lost his Wiltshire accent. Tony was a clever man, but for reasons lost in the mists of time, he chose not to take up his Scholarship to Grammar School. He was always a hard worker (and a hard taskmaster), and had to contribute to family finances from a young age.

At 12, when war was declared, he was out with Uncle Harold in Warminster, delivering the farm's fresh, unpasteurised milk from a hose ladled straight from the churn. At 14, he left school, worked as an auctioneer's clerk, and also ran his Father's small farm (Grandad Wright had Multiple Sclerosis and could no longer do it).

At some point the family moved to Mount Farm Tatling End, which was a GLC small holding. These had originally been built for returning wounded Veterans from WW1, but by the time the Wright's settled in, the tenancies were open to all. Tony kept the family afloat in those years, working two jobs until his siblings, Alec and Nancy could also contribute.

Tony and Mavis first met at the fair on Gerrards Cross Common, as he had a motorbike, and could give Mavis a lift home, it was love at first sight. They married on April 26th 1952, and continued to live at Mount Farm, until Tony gained his own tenancy at 7 Field Road a couple of years later. At one stage, the Wright family took over almost all the smallholdings in Denham.

Tony won many cups for best small dairy herd; he had 14 cows on 14 acres. Big change to over 300 acres later at Hole Farm. Much to Mavis' annoyance, Tony continued to win many cups from the GLC... she had to polish all of them!

In the early 1970's, when the GLC wanted the gravel under Field Road for the M40, Tony was offered the opportunity of an arable Farm in Essex with his brother Peter. They had a successful farming partnership for over 40 years, moving from a small dairy herd in Denham, to beef and cattle here, and hay to cereal crops.

Tony and Peter carried on their tradition of raising Turkeys for Christmas, with all their loyal Denham customers following them to Great Warley.

Because the Farm was arable, with a fallow period from January to March, Tony was able to enjoy his passion for travel. His first foreign trip was with Mavis to Amsterdam to see the tulip fields, then with the family to Sitges in Spain (his granddaughter now lives there). His first solo adventure was to Iceland, he stayed with a farming family, who spoke the same language... "you got Livestock - you got Deadstock" or when planting something "it's got two chances - Live or Die."

When his daughter Julie moved to Africa, they set to explore the whole of Africa, even contemplating moving into avocado/banana and pecan farming! They travelled the world over...from Argentina to Canada, India to Australia, he loved travelling, but at heart he loved Hole Farm best.

He loved Mavis, his children, Janet, Julie and Stephen, bird song, walking the fields, going to bed really really early, Cheddar cheese, wildlife, his garden and Hannah Gordon! He disliked, The City, Tony Blair, Horses and Shellfish. His dry sense of humour lasted throughout. He was a true gentleman, a farming man, an Honourable man and a handshake sealed the deal. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.



## DIARY DATES, LOCAL EVENTS AND SPONSORS

### Diary Dates

#### October

**4 Friday 10-4pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall (Liz 07825 017056)

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

**10 Thursday 7.30pm:** Richard's Big Quiz at the Thatchers Arms. This time all proceeds will go to SNAP, the Special Needs charity based in Brentwood.

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

#### November

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

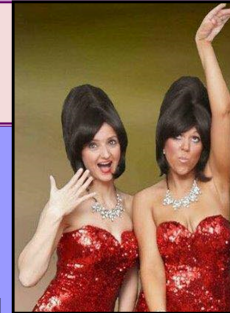
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