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Remembrance Sunday

We were delighted to welcome Warley Cadets and their officers Staff Sergeant Gardner, and Sergeant Major Galley to a poignant service of Remembrance at Great Warley Church, followed by the laying of a wreath on the War Memorial. This year was when we remembered 80 years since the start of WWII, and 75 years since the Battle of Monte Cassino, and the D day landings. We remembered the names of the Great Warley residents who died in the two World Wars, and those from the Essex Regiment who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Warley Cadets were supported by Major Coffin Essex ACF HQ, Captain Buckell Essex ACF HQ, and Pte Eaton Household Cavalry Knightsbridge. Cpl Pearce held the banner, L/Cpl Kendall and Captain



Buckell read the lessons, L/Cpl Wright and Cdt Hurley acted as sides people, and L/Cpl Eyo laid the wreath. We are extremely grateful to the cadets, officers, visitors and families for their support.



VILLAGE NEWS

Land of the Fanns (LoF)

Two drawing workshops organised by Land of the Fanns took place in Great Warley in August. They formed part of a project to tell 100 stories, with illustrations, about this area, which covers part of east London and south west Essex. Fan is an Anglo-Saxon word for fen, and this whole area was marsh land in ancient times. One of the workshops took place in St Mary's Church, and the other in the conservatory at Warley Place. Both sessions began with a short introduction about the venue.

Following the success of these courses, two further sessions are now taking place in our Rectory Hall. The first is a workshop on Story Writing, which will have taken place before you read this, and the other is on Story Illustration, on Wednesday 4 December, 2 – 4.30pm. Phone Fiona (230436) as soon as possible if you are interested.

The aim of the courses is to recruit and encourage and give training and support to local people who want to become involved in recognising and recording historic building, park and garden features in the LoF catchment area. The organisation is able to give grants to worthwhile outdoor projects, and Warley Place has already been able to benefit from this.

Trustees of Headley Common

Headley Common is owned and looked after by eight Trustees, four of whom are appointed by the Conservation Society, and four by Brentwood Council. There is also a co-opted Trustee, usually a member of staff from the council Parks Department. As well as the central open area, Headley Common includes the pond by FELIX, and also the areas of woodland from the Fat Turk to Green Lanes, and from the footpath beside Great Ropers fence to the dry ski slope.

The Trustees own the car park in front of FELIX. This is leased to the restaurant, and the income generated is used to pay for grass cutting, tree work, scrub clearing, care of the pond with its surrounding fencing, maintenance of the posts, and other necessary improvements.

The Conservation Society will soon need to appoint one or two new Trustees. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this rewarding work, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees (email: fionaagassiz@hotmail.com).

Great and Little Warley WI

It has become our custom in recent years that the November meeting should take the form of a crafting afternoon with a view to producing some form of Christmas decoration. Also, members have traditionally been very generous in the amount of produce they bring along to this meeting in order to support the local foodbank.

It was decided that we should decorate empty wine bottles using pens and stickers and insert the finished article with a string of lights. Much fun was had by all, even those who professed not to have an artistic bone in their body and the end results were much admired. We continued the theme of Christmas by having mince pies with our tea and coffee instead of cakes.

This month's outing organised by the entertainment sub committee was, for various reasons, not so well attended but was enjoyed by those who went to Thames Chase for a walk and refreshments.

The next meeting in December will be at MaryGreen Manor, where we will partake in our pre-booked Christmas Lunch. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Childerditch Hall and new members are welcome. Please call Pam on 220314 for more information.



Ladies of the Great and Little Warley WI

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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LETTER FROM ST. MARY'S PRIEST IN CHARGE

A few years ago I spent some time as an extra (supporting artist) on a TV show production for a historical drama. I greatly enjoyed the experience, which was mixed with both highs and lows, from enduring standing for hours in the freezing rain, to learning to form a defensive position against incoming enemy cavalry in front of rolling cameras.

Over several days of an intensive bootcamp and filming I met a whole host of interesting people from many different walks of life, who had each taken up this unique opportunity. We were trained in the battle formations and practice of Napoleonic British soldiers, fitted with period specific uniforms and even taught how to fire real muskets. This involved long hours of marching in the rain and repetitive bayonet drill whilst we were covered in mud and fake blood from the make-up department. There were certainly many memorable moments, ranging from explosions by the special effects department, cavalry charges that often came too close for comfort and more than a few bayonet charges involving hundreds of armed extras. At such times, even the wind and the rain could not dampen our excitement.

I got to know a number of people well, a group of whom I was pleased to discover were Christians. During the long pauses between filming we had many discussions about faith and even set some time aside to sit down and study the bible together.

Teamwork was essential during my time on set, and has been an even more important factor during my time in church ministry. Regardless of whether you're lay or ordained, the bible reminds us that each of us is called to minister in some way to each other and our wider community. As an ordained minister in the Church of England, I'm am blessed to have a ministry founded upon preaching God's word and administering the sacraments, amongst other things. However this is only one way of ministering. Without the sup-

port of so many people at St Mary's the church would not be so wonderfully equipped to support our community as it is. On the TV drama set, lots of different people, with many different gifts were present in order to film the scene correctly. This ranged from actors, extras, stunt performers, cinematographers, lighting crew, camera men and many more. The same is true for church, and whilst I won't be suggesting that we call in any stunt performers just yet, without the support of people who offer up their time in reading our Sunday bible passages, delivering prayers, leading music, maintaining church grounds, making tea and coffee for after the service and many more, the ministry of the church would be greatly impaired.

Philippians 2 reminds us that: "Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another." For those of us that seek to know the love of God through the grace of Jesus, we can all support each other in unity through the power of prayer. No matter what your connection with St Mary's, the prayers of those living within our community are a wonderful blessing to the church. Christmas is fast approaching and during this time in which we celebrate the presence of God amongst us, we should strive to be strong in the manner expressed so well in Philippians 2. The strength of the Church is the love of God, and the strength of this love is well expressed varied gifts which each Christian possesses. It is my hope that St Mary's will ever remain a source of God's kindness and compassion and whether you support our church through your prayers, visiting us on a Sunday or through other means, your ministry and fellowship are greatly appreciated.

*Rev. Stuart Hull
Priest in charge of St Mary's*

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Date	Time	Service
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 Midnight Communion
25 December	10.30am	Parish Celebration at Christ Church
29 December	11.15am	Morning Prayer
5 January	11.15am	Holy Communion
12 January	11.15am	Morning Prayer
19 January	11.15am	Matins
26 January	11.15am	Holy Communion

Leaf Clearing and Candle Preparing at Great Warley Church

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with clearing the leaves in St Mary's churchyard this November. Particular thanks go to the four intrepid gentlemen (two Davids, Mike and Steve) who worked doggedly in the rain on the first Saturday in the month to do the first clearing.

We will have one more one more leaf clearing session, on **Saturday 14 December, 9.30am** onwards. We will also be putting the candles in the holders in church that morning, ready for the carol service, so lots of help will be needed both indoors and out. If you will be working outside, please bring gardening gloves and a rake if possible.

Christmas Celebrations

Do come to start the festive season with Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols on 15th December at 4.30pm. We will be joined by Bra-vissima with their magical music. The lessons will be read by Community leaders from throughout Brentwood. The service will be followed by Mulled Wine and Mince pies in the Rectory Hall. Bring your families to celebrate Christmas and please park your car at the De Rougemont Manor Hotel. We will also have our Christingle service at 3pm on Christmas Eve followed by more candles to welcome Christmas and Midnight Communion at 11.30pm Christmas Eve. All are invited

Baptism

27 th October - Amelia Ann Mirella Shepernal
"She will be an inheritor of thy everlasting kingdom"

Funeral

24th October - John Carver
14th November - Fred Skinner (born and lived in Mangrove cottages for many years)

Shaun Diss RIP

Shaun Diss of 2 Warleyside, sadly passed away on 13th November 2019. He had been living at Warleyside for more than 15 years. The community around the green will greatly miss his green fingers, friendly face, wonderful displays of flowers and pots, and his caring for neighbours. Shaun took a lot of pride in being part of the community at Great Warley and the church. Shaun's family extend a warm invitation to pay respects to him at his funeral on Thursday 5th December at 1.30 at Bentley Crematorium, and afterwards at the wake at the De Rougemont Manor to celebrate his life. At this time our thoughts are with Ellie and James his daughter and son, Mary and James his parents, and Hayley his partner.

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TRAVELLERS IN GREAT WARLEY

Travellers arrive in Great Warley

A group of travellers have set up a caravan site in Five Acre Field in Warley Street. The field is just south of Bird Lane, with its entrance beside the garden of No.1 Mangrove Cottages. It is Green Belt land, with no planning permission for any development.

The travellers, who we understand now own the site, started to move onto it after dark on Friday 1st November. Two police officers attended that evening, but they were unable to stop the incursion.

During the weekend of 2 – 3 November, a continuous procession of lorries brought hardcore onto the site, to provide access roads and hard standing for several caravans and other vehicles. Brentwood Council issued a STOP notice on the Saturday, but this has been ignored.

On Monday 4 November the travellers submitted a retrospective planning application to Brentwood Council for 6 static caravans, 6 touring caravans, and 6 utility buildings. Council officials from several departments, including Planning and Environmental Health, attended on that day, and they have visited the site on many occasions since then.

The travellers appear to have broken a number of planning regulations, including obstructing the public footpath which runs through their field and across the stream to Little Warley. They have invaded a Green Belt site, spread hardcore, and put static and touring caravans on the site, causing worry and stress to local residents.

The residents of Mangrove Cottages and Bird Lane sprang into action very quickly after the incursion, contacting Essex Police and Brentwood Council as often as practicable during that fraught first weekend. A packed residents meeting was held in Bird Lane on the evening of Monday 4 November, attended by David Kendall, our County Councillor, Chris Hossack, the leader of Brentwood Council, and Phil Smith, Chair of the Great Warley Conservation Society.

On Tuesday 5th November the acting Chief Executive of Brentwood Council hosted a very well-attended meeting of anxious residents of both

Great Warley and Little Warley in the Council Chamber. Several councillors were present, including David Kendall. Alex Burghart, who had officially on that day ceased to be our MP because of the suspension of Parliament, was also there.

At this meeting, Council officials stated that if they refuse the planning application, and the travellers then appeal, as they have every right to do, the whole process under the present law of the land could last until April 2021. It is possible that a new law can soon come before Parliament so that the process of planning appeals in such situations can be updated.

On Wednesday 13 November, over 50 worried people met at Great Warley Rectory hall to voice their concerns and anxieties. A steering group of local residents has now been formed and has already met twice. Ways of dealing with the situation have been suggested and are being investigated and researched. Environmental issues such as noise from generators and smells from bonfires are now upsetting the nearest residents. The horses which graze in the field have been escaping, causing a potential hazard.

In the last two weeks more truckloads of hardcore have arrived on the travellers' site, and their planning application to Brentwood Council has been amended to request a seventh site with associate buildings.

The Great Warley Conservation Society has given continuous support to the local residents, and those who are not already members of GWCS are invited to join, so that a more co-ordinated approach to submitting objections to the planning application can be achieved. The application number is 19/01546/FUL and the closing date for objections is 13 December. We urge everyone to participate in this process during the next two weeks.

To join GWCS, please email the Treasurer Phil Mylrea at phil.mylrea@gmail.com giving your name, address, email and mobile number. The cost is £5 per household per year. Phil will then contact you and tell you how to pay your subscription.

DIARY DATES, LOCAL EVENTS AND SPONSORS

Diary Dates

December

4 Wednesday 1pm: Warley ladies Christmas lunch at De Rougemont Manor

6 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 220314)

14 Saturday 9.30am: Leaf clearing at St. Mary's

15 Sunday 4.30pm: Candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols with Bra-vissima at St. Mary's

January

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

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

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

February

6 Thursday 7.30pm: Richard's Big Quiz at the Thatchers Arms. £2.50 each with proceeds once again going to SNAP, the Special Needs charity based in Brentwood.

Visit from Woodlands School Year 1 pupils

Fifteen children from Woodlands School Year 1 visited St Mary's church on 13 November, together with their teachers. They were shown round by Fiona Agassiz and Stuart Hull. They especially enjoyed seeing the Christmas Crib figures, which are usually kept hidden under the altar cloths.



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