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Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's

The traditional candle-lit service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday 15 December at 4.30pm at Great Warley Church. The church was packed with people, with some of the congregation sitting in the chapel and a few others standing at the back.

The singing was again led by the Bra-vissima choir, who contributed some beautiful carols, and we are most grateful to them. The service was led by our priest-in-charge, Stuart Hull, celebrating his first Christmas in Warley and Great Warley.

We were delighted to welcome Alex Burghart to read one of the lessons, just three days after he had been re-elected as our MP in the General Election. Other lessons were read by Jason Hilton, co-owner of the de Rougemont Hotel, Jane Bennett, owner of Bennetts Funeral Directors, and Linda Beaney, Secretary of the Great Warley Conservation Society, as well as a member of the choir and some members of our congregation. We thank everyone who took part in this very special service.

The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Rectory Hall.



VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place

Spring time is here again, and there are already many snowdrops out at Warley Place, and a few daffodils and primroses too. It looks as if it will be a very early season, unless there is a prolonged cold spell to come.

The Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekends this year will start on Saturday 29 February, and end on Easter Monday, 13 April. There will be volunteers to answer your questions and to help with car parking during those weekends, and there will also be guided walks every Saturday morning at 10.30am during this time. We suggest £4 donation per head for the guided walks, and there is no need to book.

You can walk round Warley Place any time you like, weekdays or weekends, and donations are most welcome towards the work of the Essex Wildlife Trust. Dogs are not allowed in the nature reserve.

If you have not visited Warley Place before, you will be amazed at our fantastic displays of first snowdrops and then crocuses, daffodils and bluebells, with many other plants and shrubs too. Come and see us! More volunteer helpers are also needed – please contact Fiona on 230436 if you feel that you can help.

The Monday work Party members have been busy at Warley Place during the winter. Some sycamore trees have been felled by EWT experts to provide more of a view from the terrace towards the boating lake. Then in mid



January a huge tree fell across the path near the north lodge fence. Its base was found to be almost completely rotten. The first photo shows some of the volunteers beginning the mammoth task of clearing this tree and the second of the cut up tree.



Great and Little Warley WI

The time seems to have passed swiftly since thirty-eight of our members had a most enjoyable Christmas Lunch together at Marygreen Manor. Our January meeting was arranged to be an informal get-together with the addition of a bring and buy table as well as our usual book exchange so that everyone could catch up with each other's holiday news this was also particularly well attended.

Our activities group reported on recent events and in the coming week some members have arranged to have afternoon tea at Ockendon Garden Centre; there will also be a visit to Bletchley Park next month.

The next meeting will be at 2pm in Little Warley and Childerditch Village Hall on Tuesday February 11th when we have a speaker talking about Customs and Traditions in the City of London.



VILLAGE NEWS

Village Litter Pick

Just to let you know that the next date to have a clean up in our community is Saturday 8th February. As always, meet at The Thatcher's at 10am to collect sacks, tongs and agree routes etc. It should take about an hour and if you can help it really does make a difference to our environment. Many thanks in advance for your continuing support in 2020.

Travellers and Development at Five Acre Field

A group of travellers arrived on the Five Acre Field in Great Warley Street on 1st November and during the first few days laid significant amounts of hard surfacing. This is an area of Green Belt upon which such development is not permitted and the site is also adjacent to a number of residential properties.

Later in November an application for retrospective planning permission was submitted to Brentwood County Council for a change of use of the land for the siting of 6 static caravans, 6 tourers, 6 utility buildings with associated hard standings, fencing and landscaping.

In December further works were undertaken including the laying of an additional significant area of hard surfacing, and early in January an amendment to the retrospective planning application was submitted in relation to these development works and for an increase in pitch numbers from 6 to 7.

A total of 87 objections to the application were lodged through the Brentwood Planning portal and the decision of the Council's Planning Committee is expected in February.

This is a very important issue for Great Warley, and indeed for the protection of the Green Belt everywhere, and the residents of Great Warley are very grateful for the continuing support in dealing with this matter.

Brentwood Community Print

We were very sad to learn that the company who have printed our Lychgate newsletter for the last few years are closing their doors at the end of January.

They have been a thoroughly professional company who have always provided us with a prompt, accurate and cost-effective service.

We will really miss all the employees and wish them the very best for all their future endeavours.

Richard's Charity Night Quiz

The next in the series of fundraising Quiz Nights with Richard takes place on Thursday 6th February at the Thatchers Arms in the village.

The quiz will start at 7.30 and all funds raised will go towards the Brentwood based SNAP (Special Needs and Parents) charity who do so much to support local families and their children with additional needs.

It is advisable to book a table directly with the pub on 01277 233535 to avoid being disappointed as these are usually very busy nights. If you haven't joined in the fun before, then come on down for a fun and very entertaining evening.

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Date	Time	Service
2 February	11.15am	Holy Communion
9 February	11.15am	Morning Prayer
16 February	11.15am	Matins
23 February	11.15am	Holy Communion
26 February		Ash Wednesday Service at Christ Church
1 March	11.15pm	Holy Communion
8 March	11.15am	Morning Prayer and Baptism
15 March	11.15am	Matins
22 March	11.15am	Mothers Day Holy Communion
29 March	11.15am	Morning Prayer

Funerals

13th January - Janet Miller

16th January - Paul Dobson

24th January John Stanley (Burial)

*We remember all the family and friends of Janet,
Paul and John*

John Hopkins Stanley 1931-2019 RIP

John was born in Pilgrims Hatch on 22nd February 1931. He went to Bentley Primary School, and then until he was 13 to Brentwood Secondary Modern, now Becket Keys School, before studying engineering at the Mid Essex Technical School in Chelmsford.

He served as an apprentice draughtsman at Cromptons, before doing his National Service. He married Christine in August 1959 and they moved to Shenfield Crescent. He eventually found an enjoyable job as

transport manager with The Essex Water Company.

John had a keen interest in transport, especially trains, buses and traction engines. He also had a passion for music, and as a boy, learned to play the piano. He served as organist at several local churches, and is remembered for taking over as organist and choirmaster from Mr Beckett at St Mary's Great Warley.

Throughout the long period of no vicar at Great Warley he selected the hymns, and with Christine's background help kept the church finances in great order. Latterly he had been able to get to St Thomas on a mobility scooter, and enjoyed the music there, and it became his spiritual home.

He was caring and made sure he knew the names of all the caregivers who came to the house. John and Christine celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary in August 2019.

Our thoughts are with all the family his wife, three children, and four grandchildren. John will be missed by his many friends.



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JANET MILLER RIP

Janet Miller 1932 – 2019 **Lay reader in charge of Great Warley** **Church 1990 – 2001**

Janet Josephine Bentley was born on 6th June 1932 in Hampton, Middlesex. She had an older sister, Valerie. Her parents were Josephine and Frank. Her father, Frank, was a paediatric doctor, and Janet was particularly proud of him.

Janet would have liked to have a career in the performing arts, but her father insisted that she should have a 'steady job', so she started to train as an architect. She met Lawrence Miller when they were young students travelling to Venice on a fine art tour, and they married on 27 August 1955. Janet then finished her studies, and she graduated as an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects. She spent many years working part time as an architect.

Janet and Lawrence moved into Worrin Close, Shenfield, as soon as they were married, and this was their home for the whole of their married life. They had four children, Joanna, Tim, Martin and Daniel. Sadly Daniel was the victim of a cot death in 1963, and Martin died in 1985.

In 1988 Janet became a licensed Lay Reader in the Church of England, and she was attached to Childerditch church for the first two years of her readership. In 1990 the then rector of Great Warley Church, Samuel Marsden, emigrated to Australia, and Janet was invited to take charge of our church. For the next eleven years she looked after our congregation with care and enthusiasm, visiting people in the village and conducting as many services as she could.

In 2001 St Mary the Virgin, Great Warley was joined to Christ Church, Warley in a united benefice, and Rev. Tony Pugsley became the rector of both churches.

Janet had many talents. She was a keen sports-woman and a talented musician, and she also made clothes for all members of her family. She and Lawrence enjoyed many holidays, par-

ticularly in France and Italy, and they spent much time walking and visiting historical sites. Janet also printed her own photos, and she supported a large number of charities. She was a 'larger than life' character, and was well-known to the residents of Great Warley in the 1990's.

Sadly, Janet suffered a debilitating stroke in 2009, which badly affected both her movement and her speech. She later moved into the care home at Old Shenfield Place, and she died there on 10 December 2019.

Janet's memorial service took place on 13 January in Great Warley Church, after a private cremation attended by members of her family. The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Chris Mann, Vicar of St Mary's, Shenfield, assisted by David Tee. The church was full, and Janet's two surviving children, Joanna and Tim, gave a very moving tribute. We send our sympathy to the family, together with our gratitude for all that Janet and Lawrence were able to do for Great Warley.



DIARY DATES, LOCAL EVENTS AND SPONSORS

Diary Dates

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.

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

8 Saturday 10am: Village litter pick. Meet at the Thatchers at 10am.

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

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

March

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

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

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