



# GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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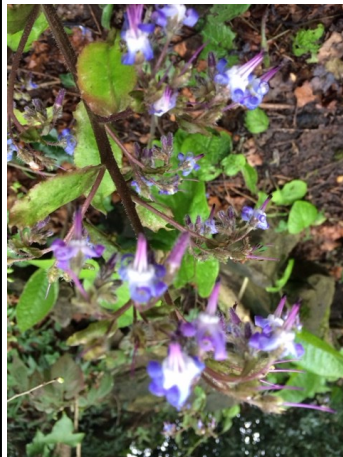
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## Spring at Warley Place

Warley Place remains open for pedestrians on their own.



Abraham Isaac and  
Jacob flowering by the  
south hide



Snakes Head fritillaries among the  
daffodils under the Caucasian  
Wingnut tree



Daffodils in the west  
meadow



Miss Willmott's  
camellia flower-  
ing in the  
walled garden

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Warley Place

The first three Spring Bulb Spectacular Weekends at Warley Place were very successful, with dry weather and a great show of snowdrops and daffodils. The daffodils flowered early this year, and we had many visitors (well over 300 on at least two of these weekend days), so we were grateful for the extra car parking spaces at the Cricket Club.

After these first three weekends the coronavirus struck, and we had to follow the instructions of the Essex Wildlife Trust and cancel all formal events. Visitors were still able to visit the reserve on their own, however, and many did go there on Mothers Day weekend. The Thatchers had sadly but fortuitously had to close on the previous evening, so their car park was available to use as an overflow.

The reserve is still open for people to visit as pedestrians on their own, subject to any further restrictions because of the coronavirus. There will be plenty more flora and fauna to enjoy, with the bluebells sure to be making a spectacular show in a few weeks time.



View from the Terrace to the boating lake

### Great and Little Warley WI

Our last meeting was particularly well attended as it was our annual fish and chip lunch followed by a talk about the importance of setting up Power of Attorney. At that time, nobody expected that this would be the last time we would get together for the foreseeable future

before the events of the last weeks have gathered such momentum. Like all organisations, we have to behave responsibly and so all WI meetings are now suspended until further notice.

We were, however, lucky to go on an outing to Bletchley Park before everything shut down. It was a dry but very cold day so we had some insight as to the conditions the people who worked there had to cope with during wartime and the stories of the codebreakers and their machines were fascinating.

In spite of the lull in our activities, the Nutty Knitters group are continuing in their efforts at home and are currently making yellow chicks to cover crème eggs in aid of St Francis Hospice in addition to squares for much needed blankets.

All we can do for the time being is to try to keep safe and well and keep in touch by any means possible until the uncertainty is over and normal meetings can resume.

### GWCS

The Spring meeting and AGM of the Great Warley Conservation Society, which was planned for 5<sup>th</sup> May, has been cancelled until further notice. In the meantime, if you have an issue you would like to raise with us please contact the Secretary – Linda Beaney – [lbeaney@btinternet.com](mailto:lbeaney@btinternet.com).

We greatly appreciate all those who have kindly paid their annual membership for this calendar year. However there are still some subs outstanding, The Treasurer Phil Mylrea would very much like to see our coffers increased to a sensible balance given the challenges that this community faces so please do make a transfer asap. The subs are £10 per household but if you would like to donate more to help the cause that would be terrific. Also some Lychgate advertisers owe for their ads so please settle those issues too. Bank details - Barclays – Sort Code – 207289. Acct – 70032506.

We will be back in touch to confirm a new meeting date as soon as it is safe to do so.

With best wishes from all the GWCS committee to you, your families and friends.



## VILLAGE NEWS

### Jean Audrey Newton RIP

Jean Newton, who lived in Bird Lane, died on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the age of 92. She had lived in Bird Lane for 33 years, and she was a very popular and helpful member of the community there. She will be sadly missed by the Bird Lane residents, and by many other people in the village.

Jean was born in Barking on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1927, and the family soon moved to Hornchurch. She had one older sister, Muriel. Her mother died when Jean was only eleven years old, and she was then brought up by an aunt. She was a very active girl, particularly enjoying Girl Guiding, horse-riding and dancing.



Jean met her future husband Arthur when she was seventeen years old. They married in 1953, and they then moved to Corbets Tey. They had two daughters, Jane and Gillian. Arthur was a keen sailor, and the family enjoyed many active holidays. Jean became a dental health educator when in her forties.

Jean and Arthur moved to Bird Lane in the 1980's, and they soon became active in the community. For several years they held an annual bonfire party in their field for the Bird Lane residents. They were members of the Great Warley Conservation Society, and took a

keen interest in village planning issues. They were always the first people to welcome new residents to Bird Lane.

Arthur sadly died in 1999. Jean later became an active member of a local bereavement club. She enjoyed yoga, as well as gardening and baking for her family. She was always cheerful, and she never complained about the painful and crippling arthritis which developed in her hands. She was particularly fond of her three grandchildren, Kathryn, Robert and Hayley.

Jean died at home on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, looking out on the garden which she and Arthur had loved so much and tended so well. Her funeral on 10<sup>th</sup> March was packed with friends and family, including many residents of Bird Lane and Great Warley village. We extend our sympathy to all the members of Jean's family.

### Travellers and Development at Five Acre Field

On 14<sup>th</sup> February Brentwood Council refused the retrospective application for six static caravans, six touring caravans and six utility buildings on the Five Acre Field site in Warley Street. There was also a later retrospective application for a seventh site. The Council has issued an enforcement notice which requires the removal of all caravans and the restoration of the land to its former state.

The travellers have now lodged an appeal against the Council's decision and against the enforcement notice. Brentwood's Enforcement Officer has been visiting the site on a regular basis. The next stage in the process could take several months.

Various meetings and communications have taken place between members of the residents steering group, the Conservation Society's planning officer, the leader and officers of Brentwood Council, and our MP, Alex Burghart. The residents of Bird Lane and Mangrove Cottages are very grateful for everyone's support in the ongoing situation.

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No services will be held at Great Warley Church until the Covid 19 pandemic is under control. For those of you with access to the internet please download Facebook and search for Christ Church Warley. You will find a weekly service taken by Rev Stuart Hull, with singing, and playing the piano, from Suzanne, and Jennifer!

Please do keep in contact with us.

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We are all happy to phone, arrange shopping deliveries, or just have a chat.

### Baptism

8th March - Oscar Paul Anderson, son of Paul and Gemma

*"Loving God, as the light shines in his room, may your light shine always for Oscar, and all baptised at Great Warley"*

### Corona Virus Support

If you are aware of any relatives or friends who have received a letter from the NHS requiring them to self isolate for 12 weeks there is a Government website where they, or someone on their behalf, can register

their details. This information will be shared with supermarkets to ensure they have priority access to home delivery slots and may be very useful for them.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>

### Fresh Produce Delivery

For those struggling to get out to shop for fresh produce and essential items, Tommy and Lesley, two village residents, run a fresh produce company and currently deliver to residential homes. If you wish to view what they are able to offer, please click on the link. It may help those that are isolated.

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## MESSAGE FROM REVD STUART

I cannot think of a better time in living memory to reflect upon the healing power of God. As Covid-19 continues to spread across our world, and our community faces a time of unprecedented challenge, it is right that we turn to bible readings like John 9 to read of the mighty power of Jesus. Scripture repeatedly reminds us of the strength and authority of God. He is sovereign over all things and there is no power on earth that can separate us from his love.

In John 9 we read of how Jesus heals a man who has been blind since birth. Here is a man who understands what it is to suffer, to be left to beg on the streets whilst much of his community would have distanced themselves from him. Here Jesus offers the light of God's hope into a truly tragic situation. The man submits himself to the power of Jesus and he is wondrously healed. So miraculous is this healing in fact that many struggle to believe it, whilst others deliberately reject it. God does not always work in the way that we would expect and he has surprised me more than once, so the question is, at this time of great need, are we open to the power of God moving within our community in unexpected ways?

The reality of the pandemic means that many churches, including St Mary's will not be holding services for the time being. However we will now be seeking ever more creative means to worship together and support one another. Whilst services will indeed be suspended, the church community will still be very much in operation. The church will remain committed to its calling of ministering to the Great Warley community with love and compassion, especially during times of prayer.

We read in John 9 that soon after the blind

man is healed, his parents choose not to testify about how he was healed because they fear the repercussions of doing so. We however know that we have nothing to fear in sharing the love of Christ with those around us. So then, let us make those supportive phone calls and seek God's blessing upon our friends, neighbours and loved ones with heartfelt prayer on their behalf. Let us not be blind to the things that God can achieve, even in the weeks that are to follow. If you know of anyone in particular need, I would encourage you to support them as you feel called, and, where appropriate, to share those needs with those of us who are eager to pray, deliver food, call and otherwise support them.

I will be sharing some further thoughts on the implications of this account from John's Gospel digitally for the whole benefice, on the Christ Church Warley Facebook page (you will not need a Facebook account to view this). If you have a bible at home (or on the bible gateway website online) I would encourage you to read John 9 for yourself and see how God speaks to you.

We trust that no matter what trials face us, we are never truly alone if we trust in Him. In countless times throughout the history of the church we have seen how the Holy Spirit has continued its ministry of grace in the midst of famine, war and pandemic. Please be assured that our prayers are with all of you in the community, and we will continually be seeking new means to minister to and support you.

May the power of God's grace and the full blessing of his Holy Spirit be with you.

*Revd Stuart*



## APPEAL AND SPONSORS

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#### CAN YOU SORT/PACKAGE SETS

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#### CAN YOU DELIVER/COLLECT?

We will need people to collect/deliver the pattern pieces and the finished sets.

#### CAN YOU HELP CO-ORDINATE?

We will need people to help co-ordinate the collections and deliveries to ensure we get the scrubs to Queens quickly.

 **For The Love Of Scrubs - Our NHS Needs You**

If you are able to help with this appeal, please follow the link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcGISE\\_GQjokOTqFs6aNzqByXPYDeBgsO5dA9zGKCz25VDXw/viewform?](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcGISE_GQjokOTqFs6aNzqByXPYDeBgsO5dA9zGKCz25VDXw/viewform?)

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