



# GREAT WARLEY Lychgate YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## VE Day Celebration at The War Memorial



A small gathering was held to celebrate 75 years since VE Day. All the residents around the green brought a chair, a cuppa, and a piece of cake to remember those who gave so much for us all in

WWII. We had a “socially distanced” celebration, which began with the Last Post and Reveille played by Amy from Hole Farm. It was truly a moving occasion, and an opportunity to feel community warmth.



## VILLAGE NEWS

### GWCS

First and foremost, I hope that you and yours are keeping well. The village, notwithstanding the suspension of organised litter picks, looks beautiful which I attribute to the reduced availability of fast food outlets and to individual efforts to say on top of litter – many thanks.

The community response to the Pandemic has been heartening with multiple initiatives to assist those less able. That Community spirit was much in evidence earlier in the year with the generous responses to our request for funding to assist in addressing our latest village challenge at Five Acre Farm. So far the process is playing out as expected with Planning Permission refused, but there is still a way to go.

Until we meet again, stay well and support the NHS.

*Phil*

### Ford Redevelopment

The Conservation Society has recently lodged protests with Cllr David Kendall in his capacity as a Brentwood and Essex County Councillor about the way that the conversion of the ex Ford European Headquarters at Warley has been given permission with no consultation process whatsoever. Whilst the site is just outside the Conservation Society's zone, the effect of the scheme both now and long term has many residents extremely concerned. Consent has been granted via the route of "Permitted Development" which is a ruse used by Councils and developers to avoid controversy and consultation. Cllr Kendall has said he had no information of the site's status from any source which, as our elected representative, is a travesty.

The scheme, which is in its internal stripping out phase, will have a negative effect on our lives for the following reasons –

1. Traffic generation - No traffic management restrictions have been imposed. The demolition clearance is being brought out by tip-pers well in excess of the 7.5 ton weight limit through Great Warley. They use Warley Gap and then the B186 - Warley Street, Great Warley Street as well as Warley Road. Because no other route was dictated and the weight limits are never, ever enforced, we are seeing an increasing amount of heavy vehicles. That will continue with construction material deliveries etc and then traffic generation when the scheme is complete. In time it will also affect Bird Lane, as Ford's asked their employees not to use that route. Nothing can be asked of the hundreds of ultimate occupants and those that visit/deliver.

2. Allowing development by these means dictates that no social gain is required. So, no extra medical or education facilities and, scandalously, no social housing for key workers in the development either. Our local nurseries, schools and GP's will become ever more stretched.

3. The site construction access is at the rear and runs right beside access and egress from the footpath into Warley Gap woods where cyclists, walkers and local families exercise. It is now a very dangerous roadway.

Cllr Kendall advised us that the developers are working co-operatively to ensure the windows of the scheme are complementary to the architectural style of the structure. We are attempting to seek something more positive for this community than that! At the very least, we want short and long term traffic management imposed and enforcement of the weight restrictions in this environment, Again both short and long term. Otherwise there will be an ongoing increase in traffic - both noise and air pollution in Great Warley. At the time of writing, we await Cllr Kendall's proposals.....

*Linda*

## LOCK DOWN WALKS AROUND GREAT WARLEY

**Walks around Great Warley. 10 walks of 3 – 5 miles. All walks start and finish at the Thatchers. Many can be longer or shorter. l=left, r=right.**

### **1. Circular walk round the village. 4.98 miles, inc. 0.38 miles each way in Dark Lane.**

Down Dark Lane, l. on footpath opp. Green Lane, l. on 2<sup>nd</sup> path through Stoneyhills Wood, l. on Warley Road, r. on permissive footpath opp. 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway, r. in Beredens Lane, l. on footpath over fields, r. on Hole Farm Lane, l. past Hole Farm, follow path across Gt. Warley St., l. on Bird Lane, follow lane l. past Felix and down bridleway, r. down Green lane. Circuit completed. Back up Dark Lane. Several access points.

### **2. Round Tylers Common 4.13 miles.**

Down Dark Lane, l. on footpath by no.6 and across M25 bridge, r. on bridleway round Tylers Common, l. on tarmac driveway, r. on footpath before farm, l. on main path downhill to cross stream, r. up footpath to car park, l. over M25 road bridge, r. on permissive bridleway opp. 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway, l. up Beredens Lane (avoiding dangerous corner on Warley Rd.).

### **3. Boyles Court Bridleway and top of Tylers Wood. 3.31 miles.**

Down Dark Lane, l. on Boyles Court main driveway, r. on bridleway before the gate, keep on it parallel to M25, r. on M25 foot bridge, l. on path round top of Tylers Wood to car park, l. over M25 road bridge, r. on permissive bridleway opp. 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway, l. up Beredens Lane.

### **4. Warley Country Park. 4.33miles.**

Up Warley Road, l. in Great Ropers Lane, l. in Mascalls Lane, r. into Vaughan Williams Way, l. into park. Follow main outer path to Crescent Road, r. up hill, across green area to Holly Wood. Follow path ahead behind houses. Cross green in front of Clements Park, take path to r. of clock tower, l. on tarmac track, r. before steps to Mascalls Park, l. in Vaughan Williams Way. Back via Green Lane and Dark Lane.

### **5. Donkey Lane Plantation. 3.63 miles. (optional extension to Hartswood).**

Up Warley Road, r. on bridleway across common to Keys Hall, l. on The Drive, first r. towards council depot, l. into Plantation. Keep on r. main path until it turns l. by a seat and a footpath sign. (Straight on leads across road to Hartswood, with good choice of circular walks). Follow round to T junction of paths to complete the Donkey Lane circuit, retrace steps past Keys Hall, back via Green Lane and Dark Lane.

### **6. Warley Gap, Childerditch Common, Thorndon Park, Barrack Wood. 4.58 miles.**

Up Warley Road, r. on bridleway and on past Felix, across road junction, 2<sup>nd</sup> r. path down Warley Gap woods, l. in Magpie Lane, enter common, l. path to pass beacon, straight across lane, l. on path before stream, l. across lane to path by tennis club, l. in front of Marillac, back via Green Lane and Dark Lane.

### **7. Bird Lane, Little Warley Hall Lane and Childerditch Industrial Estate. 5 miles.**

Down Gt Warley St., l. on path opposite church, r. in Bird Lane, l. on footpath before bridge, bear r. round fields to Rectory Chase, r. then l. on path in front of Old Rectory, diagonally across last field, r. on lane, l. on path after bridge, ahead on grass path, follow grass area in Industrial Estate, l. on track at roundabout, l. on path past Greyhound, follow Magpie Lane, r. fork at road triangle, cross Bird Lane to path to Gt. Warley St.

### **8. Bird Lane, round Codham Hall Farm, Hole Farm Lane. 4.23 miles.**

Down Gt. Warley St., l. on footpath opp. Church, r. into Bird Lane, l. in Gt. Warley St., r. before Warley Auto Salvage on rough footpath which goes round south of Codham Hall, ahead on tarmac road, r. on bridleway before roundabout, follow bridleway r. across stream, r. then l. across field, l. on Hole Farm Lane.

### **9. Hole Farm Lane and Folkes Lane Woodland. 3.58 miles. Best views of all the walks.**

Down Hole Farm Lane, r. on footpath over fields to M25 footbridge, l. after crossing bridge, l. on grassy track at junction, r. on cinder track to car park, l. on cinder track and across path junction at top, l. on 'blue' crescent-shaped track, r. on path by M25, across M25 bridge, l. on footpath, straight up Beredens Lane.

### **10. Folkes Lane Woodland, Tomkyns Lane and Tylers Common. 4.08 miles**

West on Warley Rd, Beredens Lane and across M25 footbridge to Folkes Wood, r. on footpath, l. at bridleway junction, straight to edge of wood, bear r. at stile. R. in Tomkyns Lane, straight across into Tylers Common, r. on 1<sup>st</sup> path and follow it round to Tylers Wood, l. then r. to car park. Back as in walks 2 and 3.

### **Notes on the 10 Walks around Great Warley**

Walks 2 – 10 are listed clockwise from Warley Road west. There are alternative footpaths in Tylers Common, Warley Country Park, Donkey Lane Plantation, Hartswood, Thorndon Park, Warley Gap and Folkes Lane Woodland. There are many shorter walks round the village too – we are so lucky!

Short diversions have often been used to avoid too much main road walking, ie. Green Lane and Dark Lane, or permissive bridleway and Beredens Lane, both of which avoid parts of Warley Road.

Many thanks are due to the owners of St Faith's Farm for improving the footpath from opposite the church to Bird Lane, and to the family at Boyles Court Farm for clearing their section of the path between Dark Lane and the footbridge over the M25 to Tylers Common.

The directions given here for the walks are very basic. All of the walks follow official public footpaths, bridleways, tracks or roads. For more details, please email [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com). Happy lockdown walking!



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On 12 April 2020 Bishop Stephen Cottrell left his role as Bishop of Chelmsford after nearly a decade in post. Later this year he will become Archbishop of York. We thank him for his contribution to our diocese, and pray for him and his wife Rebecca as they embark on a new chapter in their ministry.

The process is now underway to discern who God is calling to be the next Bishop, and the Diocese wants to hear what you think. The consultation will run until 4th July. If you would like to take part, either contact me and I will send you the forms, or go online [nextbishop@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:nextbishop@chelmsford.anglican.org) and ask for the forms. Meantime we are all praying...God of provision and care, discernment and knowledge: lead us in your love, empower us by your Spirit, and equip us with your gifts; give us hearts full of love for all people, minds open to the signs of the times, and wisdom to know how to respond to the voice of your calling; we ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Church services at Warley & Great Warley**

As you will have gathered, as part of Lock Down, we have not been having services in church. However, as luckily Rev Stuart and the team at Christ Church are computer whizzes, you can enjoy a weekly Facebook service at 9.30 on Sundays from Stuart's vicarage with additional help from Susanna (mainly on piano), and Jennifer (age 1!). You can also now enjoy a fortnightly contemplation from INSIDE Great Warley Church which is recorded on Wednesdays at 1pm. The next service will be on 10th June. All these are available if you click on Facebook, then Christ Church Warley then the video is on the foot of the lefthand side of the page - you should not necessarily need to log on to Facebook to access the page. Any problems do give Helen, Steve (07764 203725) or Rev Stu a ring or email.

## **David Hawthorne 1946-2020 RIP**

We join with Rona in mourning the loss of David who very sadly succumbed to cancer on 10th May. He had been a wonderful husband, and support, and in Great Warley had been PCC member, Churchwarden, and latterly PCC Treasurer over the last 10 years.

He was born in Aberdeen, and the family moved to Essex when he was 2. There were regular trips back to Scotland, even in fairly recent time, to see Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts. In his working life he



became a manager with Marconi, and took early retirement as Marconi was taken over. He met his wife Rona in the early 1980's when Rona's sister was terminally ill. David and Rona then set up home together in South Woodham Ferrers. Thankfully for Great Warley Church, he and Rona (who had been born and bred in Great Warley) devoted the next episode in their lives to looking after Great Warley Church. David was a keen and avid reader, and a source of wisdom and common sense to the PCC. During his time as Treasurer, David sorted all the accounts, and brought the finances into the 21st century! We shall all miss David tremendously, and are giving as much support as possible to Rona, at this truly difficult time.

His funeral is to be held at Chelmsford Crematorium on 11th June at 12.30. Please contact Helen if you are considering going, it may be possible to give your respects outside the house when the funeral cortege leaves at about 11.45. These arrangements are somewhat fluid, so do confirm.

At a later date we will have a Memorial Service and interment of ashes at Great Warley Church.

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## PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE



Wild garlic at Warley Place



New foal in Great Warley



Goslings on Headley Common



Mike in the rape fields near Codham Hall Farm



Rhododendron at Warley Place



Mike and cow parsley in Magpie Lane

## LOCKDOWN TALES AND SPONSORS

### Lockdown Lanzarote Style

As some Great Warley residents will be aware we own two villas in the southern part of Lanzarote, in a town called Playa Blanca and we are regulars visitors going typically four times a year. What my partner and I were not aware of was that on this our most recent visit intended to be a two week break starting 12th March would still be going on at least to the end of June and most likely July relying on Government haggling and red tape.

The first few days in Playa Blanca were normal, bars and restaurants open and a definite sense of normality, but literally overnight the Spanish lockdown began and our world changed. A car with a megaphone ordering us to stay at home! We were to become part of an authoritarian lockdown Spanish style.

Our flights were cancelled, then cancelled again, now five times and before we knew it our car was being rescued from Stansted and the hire car returned to an empty airport...you don't need a car when you can't go out.

We have watched with interest the UK version of lockdown but here things are strict with Police all over the place in shades, driving cars and stopping everyone it would seem at every opportunity. I was stopped seven times most of which was when I was just going to the local shop which you are allowed to do or visit the pharmacy the other possible outing. Some swimmers were fined euro 500 for taking a dip. Everyone wanted a dog because you could walk 1km from your home with a pet without Police interest.

The good news for us has been the villas have pools, and gardens and therefore self isolation was not only possible but enjoyable. Luckily the local supermarket has always been fully stocked and we have enjoyed BBQ's with Vino, got fit using workout apps and of course learning Spanish. My Spanish class has now been moved from Shenfield to a Skype format which works really well with our Spanish teacher from Madrid.

Spain is exiting the lockdown because it has paid off and Lanzarote is now the safest place in the world as regards coronavirus cases...there are none as this article is written. Bars, Beaches and Restaurants are slowly opening but the arrival of tourists in this town is deeply missed and the place is unusually quiet. It is fully expected that flights will be visiting Lanzarote in July and the Island is already welcoming internal flights from neighbouring Islands. A lot of interest in the island is expected as the year progresses and holidaymakers, make up for lost time. Lanzarote has a twelve month season so they have a chance to recover.

Living in this sunny paradise will soon come to an end with our return to lovely Great Warley and an overgrown garden! Of course if you or your family would like to visit our villas when the news at home improves we are here to help you make this possible. Drop me a message at 07803 899200 or email [rubiconvillas@gmail.com](mailto:rubiconvillas@gmail.com)

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