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Headley Common

Most readers will have noticed the new smart posts which have been installed around the open areas of Headley Common. These posts are far more substantial than the previous ones, and they will ensure that the common remains free of vehicles.

The Trustees of Headley Common paid for the posts, and they were supplied and erected by Brentwood Council. We are grateful to the Council and to Gary Harrington and David Tee for overseeing this project on behalf of the Trustees.

The Trustees own the car park in front of the Felix restaurant, and the rent from this car park enabled them to fund the new posts, and to pay for other projects around the common, including the maintenance of the small wooded areas



VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place

Warley Place remained open to visitors during the coronavirus lockdown, although the regular work parties had to close. These have not yet been allowed to restart.

The reserve was much busier than usual after the popular spring flower season ended, but unfortunately the increase in visitors has meant that there has been a large amount of litter. This has never before been a problem.

There has also been some vandalism on the reserve, including broken fences and notices, and smashed windows in the bird hides. It is clear that many of the new visitors have not been keeping to the designated paths.

There is now a small herd of cows happily grazing in the west meadow, making sure that the grass will be kept short for everyone to enjoy the spring flowers in 2021.

GWCS

We are certainly living in strange times. We have the worldwide challenge of Covid 19 and then on the local front we have at least three challenges being the ongoing 5AF planning breach and then two other "loophole" challenges of the proposed boxing event in Mascalls Lane and the proposed over development of the Ford HQ site.

The Society endeavours to respond to those challenges by engaging with Brentwood Borough Council but sometimes struggles to secure timely responses, however, as further information is received, it will be shared with the membership.

In the meantime, I hope you all stay healthy.

Philip Smith

Lychgate Newsletter deliveries

Many thanks to all of our readers who recently opted to have their copies of the Lychgate delivered by email rather than be given a hard copy. If any of these people who live in the village regret this decision and would like to have a paper copy delivered to you as well, please contact me on 230436 or by email at fionaagas-siz@hotmail.com.

It is now 13 years since the Great Warley village newsletter was first produced in its current form. Special thanks must be given to the two ladies, first Gill Clifton and now Liz Francis, who have been our principal editors during this time.

I would also like to thank our team of village deliverers: Angela James, Jenny and Fred Cannon, Sue White and Stuart Cameron, Eileen and David Fife, Janice and Lawrie Grundy, and Len Fryatt. This team has not changed for the whole of the 13 years! I hope they will all be able to continue for many years into the future.

Fiona Agassiz

Rectory Hall

A team of intrepid spider hunters - Fiona, Steve and Helen have cleaned the Hall, toilets and kitchen, so it is now fit for letting!

Anyone using it will need to adhere to government guidelines, observe social distancing and collect data for track and trace. They will need to sanitise handles and surfaces with wipes provided, and remove all rubbish, including used hand towels before they leave.

Do get in touch with me if you are interested in using the hall at:

helen.burgess1@gmail.com

Many, many thanks to the spider hunters!

THE DE ROUGEMONT CRICKET GROUND

“So here we are at the start of another cricket season” is not a phrase that one would expect to write, read or say at the beginning of August, but as we all know COVID-19 has managed to disrupt everything, and despite being a completely non-contact sport where social distancing is a perfectly normal part of the game, the powers that be have only just relented and allowed “flannelled fools” to resume their favourite weekend pastime, albeit with plenty of restrictions.

Pretty much every cricket club in the land has suffered financially due to the pandemic – many of the smaller ones to the point of extinction – and Brentwood CC is no exception. At a conservative estimate we reckon to have lost some £20,000 in subscriptions and match fees, bar takings, donations and sponsorship whilst still having many of our usual expenses such as groundsman’s wages, equipment maintenance, and the on-going costs of materials such as topsoil, fertiliser and weed killer to keep our grounds in pristine condition. Unfortunately, coronavirus only kills humans, not weeds, and there is an old groundsman’s saying that it takes ten years to develop a good cricket pitch and ten weeks to ruin it, and we had no desire whatsoever to watch the De Rougemont ground deteriorate to the degree that it had reached when we took it on in 2018.

But through it all we have been able to get our groundsman at the Warley ground to spend the spare time that he had by not having to prepare wickets

every week in keeping the brambles and other unwanted vegetation under control so that the ground has still looked at its best throughout lockdown. It continues to be a beautiful and tranquil place for a stroll or just a quiet and reflective sit-down, and we know (and are delighted) that many of the villagers have made use of it and benefitted, physically and psychologically, from it during these difficult times.

And behind the scenes we have continued to make improvements. We have a new LED recessed lighting system in the pavilion; the garage now has a proper roof rather than one made out of ivy; we have our longed-for metal shed, and we have even made a couple of small flower beds in front of the pavilion which looked beautiful earlier in the year when the spring bulbs bloomed.

Now we have half a cricket season to look forward to. As usual we shall be playing adult League cricket there every Saturday and ‘friendlies’ on occasional Sundays, and our colts will use it for training and coaching on Friday evenings and matches on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to come and watch: you will be made welcome and you might even be able to get a cup of tea or a bottle of beer – in a socially-distanced environment, of course!

Malcolm Webb
President
Brentwood Cricket Club

**A brief history of Great Warley
Part 7 1875 – 1934
Ellen Willmott and family**

Ellen Ann Willmott was born in London in 1858. Her father, Frederick, was a solicitor with a practice in Borough High Street. Her mother was also called Ellen, and she had two younger sisters, Rose and Ada.

Ada sadly died at the age of seven, and Frederick decided to move the family to a more healthy part of the country. He purchased a Queen Anne property, Warley Place, in 1875, and it was considerably enlarged before the family moved there in 1876. Ellen was then 18 years old. The main road from Brentwood to Great Warley ran past the front of Warley Place until 1860, when it was diverted to its present location by the people who owned the estate before the Willmotts.

The family members were quite sociable, visiting other local well-to-do families such as the Hirsts at Great Ropers and Lady English at Warley House, which was situated on the corner of Eagle Way and Warley Road. (Warley House later became the original Marillac Hospital, before it was demolished). The Willmotts also entertained the officers from Warley Barracks. They were very wealthy, with Ellen being given a considerable amount of money by her god-mother, Countess Helen Tasker, who lived at Middleton Hall (now Brentwood Prep School).

The ladies of the Willmott family were all keen gardeners. When she was 21, Ellen asked her father for permission to build an alpine garden at Warley Place, using some of the money from Countess Tasker. A Yorkshire firm, Backhouse and Co. was engaged to construct the garden, and a huge amount of stone was brought down from

Yorkshire. Other ambitious projects followed.

In 1891 Rose married Robert Berkeley, and the couple moved into Warley Lea, across the new road from Warley Place. Warley Lea was redesigned by Lutyens before the Berkeleys moved in. Later they moved to Spetchley Park in Worcestershire.

Frederick Willmott died in 1892 and his wife in 1898, leaving Ellen to live alone with her servants at Warley Place. She never married, but she became a very famous gardener, with plants from all over the world. More land was purchased across the road from Warley Place. The Gatehouse (now Wellmead) was built there in the 1890's, and a model farm (now Warley Lea Farm) was built and opened by Queen Alexandra in 1904. At one time Ellen was said to have had over 100 gardeners. Her bachelor gardeners were housed at the Bothy, which is now two large semi-detached houses, The Glen and The Croft.

Ellen also owned a house in France and a house in Italy. She was on several committees of the Royal Horticultural Society, and her gardens attracted many famous people to the village, including royalty. She was a poor business woman, however, and she spent all her money on plants and gardeners, as well as on her homes.

Many of Ellen's gardeners left to fight in the First World War. With no money left, the wonderful gardens at Warley Place gradually became a wilderness, and Ellen lived in just one or two rooms of the great house. She died at Warley Place in September 1934.

Fiona Agassiz

NB: Earlier parts 1-6 of the brief History of Great Warley are available from Fiona by emailing fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
2 August	11.30am	Morning Prayer
9 August	11.30am	Morning Prayer
16 August	11.30am	Morning Prayer
23 August	11.30am	Morning Prayer
30 August	11.30am	Morning Prayer
6 September	11.15pm	Morning Prayer
13 September	11.15am	Morning Prayer
20 September	11.15am	Matins
27 September	11.15am	Holy Communion
8 November	10.45am	Remembrance Service

We are hoping to restart our normal pattern of services from September.

We continue to have services on Sunday at 9.30am via Facebook.

Donation Box and Cross

We are indebted to Pepe Lopez for the donation of a cross and donation box. These have been beautifully “carpentered” and will form part of the church furniture. Pepe has been associated first with The Kilns in Great Warley St, and more recently with



Mary Green Manor. Peter James has known Pepe over many years, and as Pepe comes up to retirement he wanted to donate to the church a memory of Peter and Barbara. Many thanks to Pepe and to Peter.

National Heritage Open Days

We are participating in the National Heritage Open Days. The church will be open from 10am to 4pm on 12/09/2020, and 12.30 to 4pm on 13/09/2020. Twelve visitors will be allowed entry at a time, and we will of course adhere to government and church guidelines on social distancing, cleansing etc. If you haven't already visited us do come and see our quite remarkable Art Nouveau Church.

Rev Dr Adrian McConaughie

We have been indebted to Rev Adrian for supporting our parish through truly difficult times, including the interregnums (vacancies). He has now decided to step down from his role as associate minister at Warley, to concentrate on his role as chaplain and teacher at Brentwood School. We shall greatly miss him, his wife Sarah and their children. Jonty has been willing on several occasions to play the organ for us at amazingly short notice! Rev Adrian, has given us excellent support and care, through some truly difficult times. He is an amazing communicator and theologian. He can make you listen to his words, and expand your mind to think, and renew your beliefs. We have been truly blessed to have the benefit of his skills and care over the last five years. We are all very sad to see him go, and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

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Travellers on Five Acre Field

Brentwood Borough Council continues to monitor the situation at Five Acre Field following an Injunction Order served by the High Court on 20 May which will continue until the end of the Planning and Enforcement Notice Appeal process.

Recent activity has however been observed by local residents on the site and the Council has been made aware of this and are looking into the situation.

The timeline for the Appeal Process between September and December remains the same, but it is understood that the pandemic is causing a number of delays to Court and related proceedings. Hopefully, more will be known by the time of the next issue of The Lychgate.

Diary Dates

August

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

September

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

12 Saturday 10-4pm: National Heritage Open Day at St. Mary's Great Warley

13 Sunday 12.30-4pm: National Heritage Open Day at St. Mary's Great Warley

October

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

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