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Property speculators Redington plan to develop 48 properties in the Great Warley Conservation and Green Belt area



Following our recent email about the De Rougemont housing estate, the planning adviser for GWCS, Phil Barrett has issued the message below to all interested parties.

It is **VITAL**, if **anyone at all** holds any views in favour of or against this development, **before the 3 February 2021** you need to urgently:

1. Respond direct to Brentwood Council stating your views and reasons on the planning portal (the link is below) and
2. Very definitely also pass on your views to Phil Barrett and the GWCS Chair, Phil Smith. **If this is not done and as it is unfortunately not possible for us to currently meet, it seems the Society will not be able to accurately reflect the Community's opinion.**

<https://publicaccess.brentwood.gov.uk/online-applications>

You will see that the proposal is to convert the Hotel and banqueting suite into 22 units and construct 26 houses in the existing car park areas.

The whole site sits within the Conservation Area and Green Belt.

There are several things to consider too that might help you in your deliberations.

1. The Hotel, somewhat surprisingly, has no listed building status
2. The Frontage of the Hotel and banqueting suite would be renovated and upgraded but not materially changed
3. Whist obviously in Green Belt, the car parks have PDL status (previously developed land) due to its ancillary use to the hotel.
4. Loss to the village of local amenity ...
5. Effect on traffic generation. The submitted traffic survey appears to comply with current guidelines and suggests, using the those guidelines, that there would be no increase in vehicular traffic, but it will be of interest to get your views on that.

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GWCS

Can you please help the Conservation Society?

The current secretary, Linda Beaney, is unable to carry on due to a change in circumstances. Consequently the Society is currently seeking someone who is able to assist by taking on the position. It normally involves organising and minuting two meetings each year, plus notices re litter picks and the occasional extra session if something major urgently needs community debate. The role needs good IT skills and input and liaison with The Lychgate production team to ensure any GWCS matters that need covering are included. Initially please contact Linda on 01277 231265 or email lbeaney@btinternet.com

Five Acre Field

Planning and Enforcement Appeals

The legal process for the Planning and Enforcement Appeals is now underway.

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) gave the appeals a start date (just before Christmas) and Council Officers are working on the statements which will be provided to PINs by early February.

The appeal will be heard by way of a Public Inquiry and the Council will be notified of the Inquiry date once statements have been submitted.

Documents and submissions can be tracked on public access under the Brentwood Planning Application platform using the reference 19/01546/FUL; and by registering with the PINS appeal casework Portal. The PINS reference numbers are APP/H1515/C/20/3248911 & 3248930.

Committal Proceedings

The Court date for the Committal Proceedings (the hearing for the alleged breaches of the high court junction placed on the Travellers last year) is set for the 9th March 2021.

Local residents continue to report development work on the site but further breaches cannot be added to the application that has already been made. The Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Local Development Plan

The Examination phase of the Brentwood Local Plan has commenced and for those interested the various sessions are being streamed, and available for play or replay on YouTube. Adoption, or indeed rejection, of the Plan in the context of Traveller accommodation may influence the outcome of the 5AF Inquiry. It is also likely to impact future Green Belt policy for the Brentwood area.

There are several sessions and the programme can be found here: <https://brentwood.sharefile.eu/share/view/s603873adf0eb4220bbd68c69db61a124>

The session related to Travellers and therefore Five Acre Field is Matter 9: 'Gypsies, travellers and travelling show people accommodation' and this is scheduled to be held from 2pm on Tuesday 10th February 2021.

Fundraising

A fundraising campaign has been launched by GWCS to supplement the contribution the Society has made towards legal expenses and some very generous donations have already been made from a number of GWCS members for which a 'very big thank-you'. If you are a GWCS member but have not donated and would like to please contact the Treasurer at gwcscharity@gmail.com and ask for a form. If you are not a member and would like to join and donate please use the same contact details.

We will keep Lychgate readers informed as the legal process continues.

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Warley Place

Unfortunately we are unable to hold any Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends this year, because of the pandemic. This last happened exactly twenty years ago, when the reserve had to be completely closed because of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. Not even the then warden, Jim Jarmy, was allowed to enter the reserve that spring. Last year we only held the first three of our special weekends before the first lockdown began in mid March.

Visitors are still welcome to walk round the reserve during the daytime this year to enjoy the wonderful displays of snowdrops (already started), and then daffodils and many other flowers. The bird hides and the information room are closed at present, because of the risk of overcrowding during the present lockdown. Please avoid using the car park if possible, because of the risk of having too many vehicles there at the height of the daffodil season.

No full working parties have been allowed at Warley Place since last March, although up to six volunteers have been allowed to do essential maintenance work at times when the lockdown has been less strict. People from the Essex Wildlife Trust headquarters, which is at Abbots Hall Farm in Great Wigborough in north Essex, have also been coming to the reserve to do essential safety work. We are grateful to them for their help and advice during these difficult times.



Fred Gowers 1939-2020 buried at St Mary's 8/01/2021 alongside his parents

Brian was born to Ivy and Fred Gowers on 14th July 1939. He was brought up in Gladstone Cottages Great Warley, along with brothers Trevor and Leslie, and sisters Pam & Monica. He attended the village school along with his siblings. Many happy times were spent roaming free in the fields helping with the harvest, driving tractors and enjoying village life. As a young teenager with brother Trevor, sister Pam, and friends from the village they used to cycle all the way to Brands Hatch, to watch motor cycle races. As soon as they were old enough, the cycles were swapped for motorbikes. Brian's love for motorbikes came from watching his dad who always had and worked on his own bikes.

At the age of 36 in July 1975, Brian married Janice, they were married for nearly 45 years. Sadly Janice passed away in February 2020. After leaving school, Brian had many jobs until finally becoming a motor bike mechanic. After living in Upminster for a short while. The family moved to Romford to work for Johns of Romford Motor Bike shop, they lived in one of Johns Flats above the shop for many years. Brian finally got a job as a mechanic with the Metropolitan police looking after both cars and bikes, before retiring. Brian had two passions, his bikes, and his dogs mainly English Bull Terriers.

He and Janice travelled thousands of miles on the motor bikes around Europe with their friend Mick. He also spent 33 years Go-Kart racing with his brother Trevor. They built all their own engines. Trevor was the driver, and Brian the chief mechanic. They won many trophies over the years. He also travelled around as mechanic to Michael, from the motor bike shop. Who did grass track racing. He did many miles with him, even travelling abroad. Older sister Pam, said she has a vivid memory of Brian and Trevor in the nativity play as Shepherds, in great Warley Church.

MESSAGE FROM REVD. STUART

Lockdown 3

As the reality of the current pandemic continues to make its presence felt across the world, all of us will be weathering this storm in different ways. For our medical professionals and other front-line workers this means enduring seemingly countless hours at work supporting people in great need. For our teachers this means adapting to level of virtual teaching on a scale previously unknown in our national history. Time is a precious commodity, and both of these groups find that there is little to spare as they step once more out onto the busy hospital ward, or summon up the energy needed to guide a virtual classroom of students through the topic at hand. It is right that workers such as these and many others are remembered in our thoughts and in our prayers at this most challenging of times.

However, for many others, the seemingly unrelenting storm that is Covid-19 has given nothing but time, and taken much more. Many of us are unable to carry out our daily pattern of life as we would wish and we are separated from those relationships which otherwise sustain, enrich and occupy our lives. I personally find myself at the point when I often recall what day it is by looking at which particular Zoom meetings I have scheduled (with the exception of Sundays, naturally). Even for those of us afforded the opportunity to work from home, the reality of a working day can feel very different: at times exhaustive, at others somewhat listless.

It's no wonder that so many of us are seeking ways to distract ourselves from the current situation, and it will come as little surprise to hear that 2020 marked a record time for the sale of ebooks and audiobooks. Companies such as Audible and Amazon have noted exceptional sales last year, especially in digital fiction books. The prospect of temporarily immersing ourselves in another world has clearly appealed to many people across the world

right now. Interestingly, this love for fiction is not limited to times of crisis; humans have repeatedly turned to reading fiction as a means of escaping the trials of life, even everyday life.

To paraphrase the great fiction writer C.S. Lewis, we crave the fictional and the fantastic because deep down this world repeatedly proves itself utterly insufficient when compared to the greater hope to which our hearts are inclined. We are never fully contented by the world we find ourselves in, because we were made for a greater world, one untouched by pain, disease or sin. So it's no wonder we so often try to escape to other worlds by reading books or watching films. The joy of being part of God's church is knowing that the greatest possible world, the greatest possible home, has been won for us by Jesus. This is a hope rooted in historical reality and observed in the day-to-day strivings of ordinary people who put their faith in a man like no other.

Rev'd Stuart

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21 February	11.15am	Private Prayer
28 February	11.15am	Private Prayer
7 March	11.30pm	Private Prayer
14 March	11.15am	Private Prayer Mothering Sunday
21 March	11.15am	Private Prayer
28 March	11.15am	Private Prayer

Church Services

Sadly until permitted we are not allowed to have services in Church. There are weekly services at 9.30 each Sunday available through the ChristChurch Warley facebook page. Do join Rev Stuart, Suzanne and Jennifer. We shall of course be continuing to review services, and will put a notice outside church with any updates. Do contact us with any queries.

Funeral

8 January 2021 - Brian Gowers

Wedding

19th December 2020 - Charlotte Marie Grafham and Beau Daniel Couldrey

Sadness at St. Mary's

Since the last issue of the Lychgate Vi Young, and Hilary and David Forster have sadly died. They have all been active members of the church community. Their funerals will be in February, and their Obituaries will be in the April issue.

Local Independent Advisory Group

District Commander Chief Inspector Ant Alcock has made a personal appeal to residents of Brentwood and Epping Forest to apply to join the local Independent Advisory Group. He says: "We are looking for individuals who are under-represented in the usual decision-making processes within the police and who may not ordinarily have a voice in conversations that will affect their communities".

We would really like to try and achieve an IAG that is as representative as possible to the communities of Brentwood and Epping Forest.

There is further information and details of how to apply available at <https://www.essex.police.uk/iag>



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We have been lucky enough to have Tony (formerly of Brentwood Community Print) to arrange the printing of our newsletters after the closure of BCP. We would like to thank Tony and recommend him for any of your printing needs.

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RAMNIK MEHTA RIP

Ramnik Mehta

1941-2021

Ramnik was born in a small village in Gujarat, West India. School, initially, involved a ten mile walk. He then moved to senior school in Wankaner.

His medical training was at The University of Bombay. He met and married Bhanu (a dentist) during this time. He then came to Newcastle on Tyne to complete his training as an anaesthetist, where Devesh their son was born.

Ramnik joined the team of 3 consultant anaesthetists at Harold Wood Hospital, delivering excellent, safe care to the population of Havering, and Brentwood. He moved to The Goldings, Great Warley more than 40 years ago, developing his practice at Harold Wood, Rush Green, Oldchurch, Hartswood and Nuffield Hospitals.

When the Burgess family arrived at Harold Wood in 1991, he persuaded us to look carefully at "Wallets", and then threw a party to invite all the village to welcome us.

He worked with all the surgeons as a team, both in the NHS and privately to give the best to patients. He was always available, day or night to offer support and care to patients.

He kept closely in touch with his old village in Gujarat, where he funded several new schools. He liaised with the Lions Clubs to fund the N. R. Doshi Eye Hospital to treat children with Eye problems and blindness. He was honoured by the Indian government, and set up the Devdaya Charitable Trust. He persuaded many of his colleagues, from UK, India, USA, and Singapore to volunteer to make the trip to India, to help in treating the children, and setting up Pathology, Radiology, and Physiotherapy Services. He had a

great presence socially, and was full of kindness and humour.

He and Bhanu entertained generously, and this skill enabled them to attract many people to support his charity, but they didn't need any excuse to party! He loved the open spaces around The Goldings. Bhanu, Devesh and all his family will have a huge gap to fill, as will all who knew him.

David Fife and Helen Burgess



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