

# GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Brentwood Enterprise Park - emerging plans and public consultation

We have been made aware of a letter issued by St. Modwen's regarding their plans for a new employment park on land next to the M25 / A127 junction – known as Brentwood Enterprise Park – and to advise you of the upcoming public consultation.

### *Their letter states:*

This consultation marks the start of an exciting phase of investment, delivery, and development at a site that is allocated for employment in Brentwood Council's emerging Local Plan and central to the council's strategy for jobs growth and supporting a successful local economy.

### **Local benefits**

Brentwood Enterprise Park has the potential to make a positive impact throughout the borough by:

- Bringing significant investment into Brentwood, attracting major businesses to the area, and providing opportunities for existing local businesses to prosper and grow
- Creating around 2,000 jobs for local people, which could be worth approximately £40 million per year to Brentwood's economy
- Delivering infrastructure funding and contributions in the region of £15 million
- Generating business rates payments for Brentwood Council of some £2.5 million per year
- Providing a range of benefits for the community, including access to on-site amenities and improvements to local roads, footpaths and cycleways We are in the early stages of preparing a planning application for the site and we aim to submit this to the Council later this year.

### **Our public consultation**

St. Modwen is committed to building a long-term relationship with communities and consulting local people on our developments. We are launching this consultation to present our emerging proposals for Brentwood Enterprise Park, give the local community an early opportunity to comment on the work we are doing, and use this to help shape our final plans.

### *End of letter*

We understand letters have been sent out to neighbours, businesses and local groups to make them aware of the consultation, which runs from Monday 2 August to Sunday 22 August 2021. Please ensure you have your say about this development which will have an enormous impact on our village.

Our immediate concerns are the impact on Church Lane and Great Warley Street plus questions as to why a roundabout is needed on the link road to Codham Hall Farm: is there something else planned? Plus the increased traffic and total lack of 7.5 ton weight limit enforcement by Essex Police on both Warley Road and Great Warley Street.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Good and bad news at Warley Place

The good news is that the Ellen Willmott roses which were planted two or three years ago around the rose arbour on the main lawn where she used to grow them have all flowered really well for the first time (See photo). These seven roses were either her particular favourites or were propagated by her or were named after her.

We are now able to welcome all of the volunteers back to Warley Place, either on Monday or on Wednesday mornings. There has been much less vandalism and litter on the reserve since the lockdowns have ended.

The bad/sad news is that both the conservatory and the old cloakroom have now had to be fenced off for safety reasons. The back wall of the cloakroom has been found to be unstable, and some concrete has fallen off the walls of the conservatory.

There will be no cattle on the reserve this year, because the fencing of the east and west meadows needs to be replaced. The meadows will be mown later in the year.



The Rose Arbour at Warley Place

### Five Acre Field

As mentioned in the last Issue, the Committal Hearing in the High Court scheduled for 9 March (for alleged breaches of the Injunction)

was adjourned by the judge to 21 April due to legal issues raised by the defendants. Further adjournments were made by the judge to hearings re-scheduled for 19 May and 8 June respectively, following similar requests made by the occupants of Five Acre Field. The hearing has now been scheduled for three days **11-13 October**.

A provisional date for the Public Inquiry into the Planning Application Appeal has now been set for **1 February 2022** and will last 8-10 days.

### Wedding Celebration at St Mary's

There was a great celebration at Great Warley Church on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July when Dr. Andrew Burgess, son of church warden Helen Burgess, married Susan Stewart. Andrew is a doctor at Beechwood Surgery in Warley, while Suzie (as she is known to everyone) is a Project Manager.

The church looked beautiful, with two lovely pedestals of flowers by the front screen and another stunning arrangement on the font. Suzie looked radiant in a beautifully cut white dress with a short train.

There were 140 guests altogether, including 7 bridesmaids, 3 young pageboys, and 14 ushers. The bridesmaids wore multi-coloured outfits, and carried lovely bunches of fresh flowers.

We wish Suzie and Andrew the very best of luck for their future together.



## LOWER THAMES CROSSING

### Lower Thames Crossing

Anyone who regularly travels from Essex to Kent will be aware it can take anything from thirty minutes to three hours to make the journey via the Dartford Crossing, be it by bridge or tunnels. The crossing is running at more than 100% capacity and while it eased off somewhat over lockdown, traffic is now back to full frustrating tailback status.

Next week the next stage of the consultation into the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) begins as it prepares to submit its application for a Development Consent Order later this year. The proposed crossing will almost double road capacity between Kent, Thurrock, Havering and Essex, and ease congestion and improve air quality on the Dartford Crossing by diverting over 13 million vehicles away every year. (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/>)

If approved, the LTC will skirt round the edge of the Brentwood and Ongar constituency, bring traffic direct from Kent through two new tunnels under the Thames and joining the M25 just south of Junction 29. However, in the Southernmost corner of the Brentwood and Ongar constituency, where the border is defined by the M25 and just south of the A127, lies Hole Farm.

Farmed by the same family for the last fifty years, Hole Farm was recently put up for sale and has been bought by Highways England to create habitats for wildlife and a green space for community use next to the new Lower Thames Crossing.

I visited the farm recently with Matt Palmer, the Executive Director for Lower Thames Crossing, and Emily Dawson, the project's Head of Benefits. Currently fields of wheat are turning golden in the occasional July sun, but once this crop is harvested no more wheat will be grown here. Instead, the 250 acre site will become a new community woodland managed by Forestry England. Native trees will be planted, including a community orchard, and there are hopes of a café, heritage centre and education centre too. Matt and Emily assured me this will all go ahead

whether the LTC gets planning permission or not, so the constituency will benefit from a new habitat for animals – dormice are high up on the agenda for encouragement – and a beautiful community asset too. I look forward to seeing how it develops over the next few years.

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Please visit one of the consultation events detailed below to find out more about how this development will affect you and your village.

### Events in Thurrock, Essex and Havering

Public information events	Date	Time
East Tilbury Village Hall, Princess Margaret Road, East Tilbury, RM18 8RB	Thurs 26 Aug	2pm-8pm
Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road, Linford, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0QQ	Fri 6 Aug	2pm-8pm
	Tues 24 Aug	2pm-8pm
Brandon Groves Community Club, Brandon Groves Av, South Ockendon, Essex, RM15 6TD	Wed 1 Sept	2pm-8pm
Outdoor information centres	Date	Time
Thames Chase Community Forest Centre, Broadfields Farm, Pike Ln, Upminster, RM14 3NS	Fri 13 Aug	11am-3pm
Grays Town Centre, High Street, RM17 6NP	Sat 7 Aug	10am-4pm
Webinars	Date	Time
The route north of the River Thames up to the A13	Mon 2 Aug	7pm-8pm
	Wed 25 Aug	7pm-8pm
The route north of the A13	Tues 10 Aug	7pm-8pm
	Tues 17 Aug	7pm-8pm

### Deposit locations

The consultation materials will be available to collect, and additional technical documents and maps will be available to review, at deposit locations from 21 July 2021.

#### Kent and Gravesham

- Dartford Central Library and Museum
- Gravesend Library
- Maidstone Library
- Rochester Library

#### Thurrock, Essex and Havering

- Brentwood Library
- Grays Library
- Romford Central Library
- Tilbury Hub



## LOWER THAMES CROSSING AND MESSAGE FROM REVD STUART

### How to find out more

We have provided lots of ways you can find out more, either online, on the phone or in person.

#### Online

All consultation materials will be available on our dedicated website. You can watch videos explaining the proposals, explore an interactive map, see new fly-throughs and visualisation images of the proposed route and download the consultation documents

#### Webinars


We are holding a series of webinars where a member of the project team will explain our proposals in your area and give you the opportunity to ask any questions. These webinars will include live captioning and a British Sign Language interpreter.

#### Telephone surgery


You can book a call back from a member of the project team to discuss any questions or provide comments on the proposals. To book an appointment from 14 July 2021, call us (weekdays between 9am and 5pm) or visit our website.

#### Home delivery

For cost and environmental reasons, we encourage everyone to access the consultation materials online. However, if you have limited or no access to the internet you can ask for a printed copy to be delivered to your home free of charge. Please visit our website, email or call us to request this.

 call us on **0300 123 5000**

 email us at **info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk**

 visit our website: **www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation**

All of the documents from our previous consultations are available online at **www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/archive**

### How to have your say

Our response form can either be completed online or downloaded and sent by email or via our Freepost address. You can also request a printed copy by emailing us at **info@lowerthamescrossing.co.uk** or calling us on **0300 123 5000**.

The following response methods are all free to use. Please note, we cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be considered.

#### Online response form

Fill in the response form at:  
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#### Email

Comments or electronic copies of the response form should be emailed to:  
**LTC.CONSULTATION@TRAVERSE.LTD**

#### Telephone

We are offering additional support to help you provide feedback over the phone. Call us on **0300 123 5000** (weekdays between 9am and 5pm) to book an appointment. Please be aware that appointments are not available every day.

Full data privacy statement at  
**www.highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/privacy-notice**

### Message from Revd Stuart

On Sunday 5th September at 11.30am we would like to invite our wonderful local community here in Great Warley to a special "Welcome Service". After the difficulties and isolation that so many of us have faced over the past year we feel it's important that everyone in this community knows that they will find a warm welcome at St Mary's (in addition to some rather nice refreshments).

No matter if you've never been to church before or you're a regular attender, everyone is welcome to come and join us. Here at St Mary's not only are we equipped with a beautiful building in which we worship, pray and reflect, but we are ultimately a community of people who seek to know God and love our neighbour. The last year has been a huge challenge for all of us, and personally I as the minister of St Mary's have benefitted greatly from the care and support of this wonderful church community. Whether it's singing hymns together, chatting over a few biscuits, gathering together to celebrate the joy of Christmas and Easter, or supporting each other when in need, I truly believe that there is nothing quite like the church.

We hope that our church will carry forward that message of hope and love that we see in Jesus, and as we look to the future we want to make sure that we are serving our local community in the way that He calls us to. So we would very much like to invite you into our church, to share in the sense of community that we all need, and to catch up over a cup of tea.

### Richard's Big Quiz

On Thursday 29 July the first quiz since lockdown took place at the Thatchers Arms. The winning team was Suzie's Floozies and an amazing £520 was raised for MIND. Everyone had a most enjoyable night.

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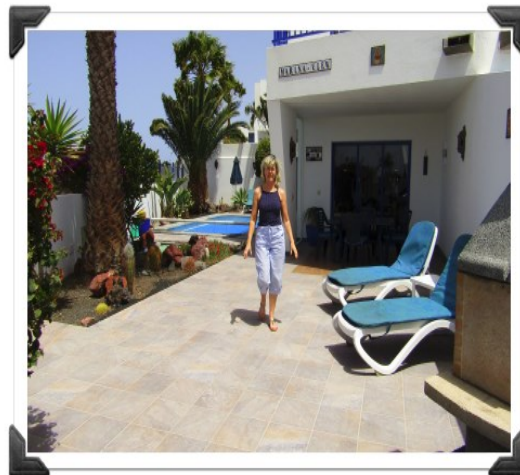
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22 August	11.30am	Morning Prayer
29 August	11.30am	Mattins
5 September	11.30am	Holy Communion
12 September	11.30pm	Morning Prayer
19 September	11.30am	Holy Communion
26 September	11.30am	Morning Prayer
3 October	11.30am	Harvest Festival

### Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival

The joint Conservation Society and church Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 2 October, 7.15 for 7.30pm, in the Rectory Hall. This promises to be a great occasion to get back together with so many neighbours who you haven't seen for ages because of the pandemic, and if you are new to the village, here is your chance to meet new people. Tickets at £10 each are available from Linda Beaney ([lbeaney@btinternet.com](mailto:lbeaney@btinternet.com) or tel.231265) or Helen Burgess ([Helen.burgess1@gmail.com](mailto:Helen.burgess1@gmail.com) or tel.227557). Please bring your own drinks. A delicious meal will be provided.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at the church service on Sunday 3 October at 11.30am. Everyone will be welcome. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of these events.

### Wedding

Saturday 31 July - Andrew Burgess to Susan Stewart

<b>Clergy</b>	Stuart Hull	01277 295881	<a href="mailto:revdsj2@gmail.com">revdsj2@gmail.com</a>
<b>Church wardens:</b>	Stephen Brabner	01277 230771	<a href="mailto:stephengbrabner@gmail.com">stephengbrabner@gmail.com</a>
	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	<a href="mailto:Helen.burgess1@gmail.com">Helen.burgess1@gmail.com</a>
<b>For visits and guided tours</b>	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	<a href="mailto:Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com">Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Church Address</b>	St Mary The Virgin	Great Warley Street	CM13 3JP

### Garfield Weston Foundation Grant

The restoration fund has received a grant of £4000.00 from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards underpinning of the church porch. Putting this money with the very generous donations from members of the village community, we are now able to look forward to also rectifying the subsidence under the organ. Hopefully we will be able to get this completed in September/ October before the bats roost for the winter!! The Garfield Weston Foundation was established 60 years ago, its endowment fund comes from shares in Twinings, Primark, Kingsmill, and Fortnum and Mason (part of Associated British Foods)

### Heritage Open Days

As part of the National Heritage Open Days, and supporting Friends of Essex Churches, for Ride and stride, the church will be open 9th September 2-4pm 11th September 10am -4pm 12th September 12.45-4pm Do come along to visit this spectacular church, and see the work which many have so generously supported.

### Printing of the Lychgate

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