

GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Defibrillator at the Cricket Ground

Members of Brentwood Cricket Club are about to install a de-fibrillator on an outside wall of the cricket pavilion. It will be on the wall nearest to the car park. This will be for the use of anyone in the village who needs to use it.

There will be phone numbers on the outside of the casing for people who can be contacted in an emergency. These people, who live close to the centre of the village, can immediately access the equipment and will be trained to use it. We are very grateful to them for agreeing to help with this project.

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We are most grateful to Brentwood Cricket Club for providing this facility, as well as for all that they do to maintain our cricket ground in such excellent condition.



VILLAGE NEWS

GWCS

The GWCS Autumn meeting will be on Wednesday 20 October 8pm at the Church Hall. Please email me well in advance if you will be attending. In the current circumstances we will be limiting numbers to help everyone keep safe and feel comfortable. If we realise we prospectively have too many I will advise those who, unfortunately “haven’t made the cut”. There are numerous new community issues to discuss and this will be our first gathering post Covid so we look forward to meeting, updating and importantly hearing everyone’s views.

Please consider becoming involved and can possibly give any of your time to our community. We need a new treasurer - Phil Mylrea has now moved away (thanks Phil for your great work over the last couple of years) and I need to step down as Secretary. Let me know if you can possibly assist in any way.

GWCS can report that the application for 48 homes at The De Rougemont Hotel was withdrawn on 21st September just before Brentwood's planning committee was to consider the application that evening. Any further initiatives will be monitored by the Society and reported to members. *Linda*

Warley Place Novels for Christmas

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas presents? The three novels by John Cannell about Warley Place are still available from Fiona. They are an excellent read, and all the money goes to the Essex Wildlife Trust. The novels are: The Wall, The Walnut Tree and Ripples in a Pond. The books cost £5 each. Email fionaagasiz@hotmail.com or phone 01277 230436 to order.

Ladies Christmas Lunch

The annual Great Warley Ladies Christmas Lunch has been booked at the Thatchers for Wednesday 1st December at 1pm. There is no menu available yet or prices, but if anyone is interested to join us let me know by email to annhill3@gmail.com. We usually bring a Secret Santa gift and it is a nice way to meet other ladies in the village. *Ann*

Rectory Hall

The Hall, kitchen, bathrooms and plates etc etc, have been given a thorough deep clean!! Ready for all comers! Please contact me if you would like to hire the hall at helen.burgess1@gmail.com *Helen*

Richard's Big Quiz

The next village quiz night with our famous Quizmaster Richard, will take place on Thursday 21 October at the Thatchers Arms at 7.30pm. All proceeds will as usual go to a local charity. Please come along and support what is guaranteed to be a very enjoyable evening.

Great and Little Warley WI

It is an absolute pleasure after so many months to have something positive to write about. The meeting in August showed just how many members were happy to be back and interacting once more and we had over 30 members present again in September. That meeting took the form of a quiz and another social get together but I am delighted to report that a speaker has been secured at short notice for next month - Bob Jones, whose talk is entitled “Laughter in the Village”.

Another step towards normality also happened this month when the WI were pleased to support the Village Hall Committee and take charge of running the Tea Tent at the village fete. Many members volunteered their time either on the day or by providing a glorious array of home-made cakes for sale and the venture proved to be most successful.

The committee members have now resumed their normal monthly meetings, with firm plans already made for Christmas Lunch and soon we hope to have a calendar of events in place for next year. At long last we are able to look forward.

After such a long break due to Covid, for those who may not be sure, our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in Little Warley and Childerditch Village Hall, Magpie Lane at 2pm.

Five Acre Field

The Committal Hearing in the High Court (for alleged Injunction breaches) is scheduled for 11 - 13 October 2021 and the Public Inquiry for 1 February 2022 (up to 10 days).

Printing of the Lychgate

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

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WARLEY PLACE 1539-1875

The village of Warley Magna was first established in Saxon times. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and it was owned by Barking Abbey. The village land stretched from what is now Brentwood in the north to include Clay Tye in the south, with the infant river Mardyke forming its eastern boundary. The original settlement, with church and manor house, was in the Church Lane area.

On 8th November 1539 the last Abbess of Barking, Dorothy Barley, surrendered the abbey and all of its revenues, lands and manors to King Henry VIII as part of the dissolution of the monasteries. Earlier in that year the king had granted the whole manor of Warley Magna to William Gonson, Treasurer of the Navy, and later Vice-Admiral.

William Gonson committed suicide in 1544, and the Warley Magna estate was assigned to his widow, Bennett, for life, and then to one of his younger sons, Benjamin (c.1525 – 1577), who was appointed Treasurer of Marine Causes for the Navy in 1549 and who remained in that post until his death. He was succeeded by his son, also Benjamin Gonson (1551 – 1600), a Clerk of the Ships. When the younger Benjamin died, the Great Warley land was assigned for life to his widow Mary, later Lady Bulstrode, with reversion to his four sisters, Ursula Peterson, Anne Fleming, Benedicta Wallenger, and Thomasine Fenton (later Browne).

Probably before the death of Lady Bulstrode in 1627, the land was divided between the four sisters and their heirs. Warley Place went to Anne Fleming and her husband Gyles Fleming. It is likely that this is when the earlier house was built at Warley Place, in the area of the present walled garden, and the first residents may have been Anne's daughter, another Ursula, and her husband Arthur Ashenhurst. By 1633 Arthur and Ursula had both died and Warley Place had passed to Ursula's half-brother Giles Fleming and later that year to Giles' son Captain John Fleming, who had nine daughters.

The ownership of Warley Place is uncertain between the death of Giles Fleming in 1633 and its acquisition by Thomas Jackson of Grays Inn,

who was holding it at the time of his death in 1728. This period includes the career of John Evelyn (1620 – 1706), whose father-in-law was Sir Richard Browne, son of Thomasine, the eldest of the four Gonson sisters. John Evelyn held the Warley manorial rights for a few years, but his diaries indicate that he never stayed at Warley Place, and he only visited the area a few times.

Warley Place at this time was a more modest house than Great Warley Hall (beside the church in Church Lane). It would have faced south, with a terraced garden leading down towards the south pond. The present driveway was the main road into Brentwood, and there were buildings on the east side of the driveway, shown clearly on the 1777 map, which could well have been the stables.

In c1725 Warley Place was described as 'an ancient house'. It was probably then owned by Thomas Jackson. In 1728 it passed to his son George Jackson and then to his sister Winifred Jackson. When she died it passed to David Scott, who owned it until his death in 1760. The estate later passed to Captain Thomas Adams, who employed James Gandon to rebuild the house on its present site sometime between 1774 and 1777. From 1781 to 1784 Warley Place was held by Anthony Merry and his family, who sold it in 1784 to Samuel Bonham (1729 – 1821).

The Bonham family, first Samuel and then his son Major-General Pinson Bonham, lived at Warley Place for about 70 years. They were a very wealthy family who owned several estates. The closeness of Warley Camp would have been convenient for such a military family.

The gardens were redesigned by the Bonham family. The buildings to the east side of the old Brentwood Road were removed and the walled garden and the stables were built. Pinson Bonham did much planting of exotic species, including several trees such as the Wingnut tree, the Turkey Oak and the Lucombe Oak, some of which survive today.

Fiona

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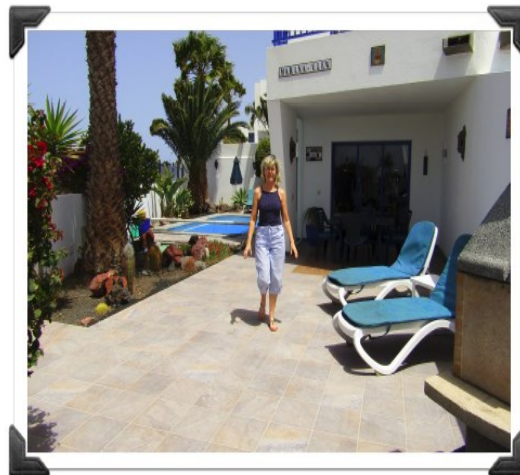
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17 October	11.30am	Holy Communion
24 October	11.30am	Morning Prayer
31 October	11.30am	Mattins
7 November	11.30am	Holy Communion
14 November	10.45am	Remembrance Day Service
21 November	11.30am	Holy Communion
28 November	11.30am	Holy Communion

Harvest Supper 2 October

Come along to celebrate the easing of restrictions. Do please let me know if you would like some tickets. Any offers of help will be gratefully received. The Rectory Hall has had a deep clean in readiness for our visit!!!

Please contact helen.burgess1@gmail.com (07949205994) or lbeaney@btinternet.com (07957252820) up to midday on 1st October if you would like tickets (£15.00). Please bring your own nibbles and drinks... I will bring some Walleys apple juice!! There will be chicken and beef casseroles, a vegetarian option, and puddings. Please let me know of any allergies.

Helen

Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's

Do join us on Sunday 3 October to celebrate the Harvest, sing some Harvest songs, and enjoy flowers, and a cup of coffee. Please bring any in date food donations, which will be given to the Food Bank.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday 14th November 10.45, followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at about 12 midday. We will be welcoming the Warley ACF, their Detachment Commander, Sophie Galley, Major Ian Coffin, and the previous Detachment Commander, now Adult Training Officer Gary Buckell to our service of Remembrance followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial near the Thatchers at 12 midday. Please do come and join us to remember all those who have given their lives for their country in past conflicts.

Churchyard Leaf Clearing

The first official leaf clearing session in St Mary's churchyard will be on Saturday 27 November from 10am onwards. Please put this in your diaries now and come and help on the day. Coffee and biscuits will be available again this year. Please bring a rake and your own gardening gloves.

Many leaves will have fallen before this, and the lay-by outside the Lychgate gets particularly full. If you have a few minutes to help to clear this by yourself, please take a rake and a wheelbarrow from the shed and get rid of as many leaves as you can.

Every little helps and is very much appreciated!

Baptisms

5th September - Boden Phillip Reynolds

12th September - Sienna Calderini

19th September - Rebecca and Arthur Grafham

"May all be reborn to a new life in Jesus through their baptism"

Wedding

21st August 2021 - Sam Evans and Francesca Keane

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