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YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December - January 2022

Remembrance Sunday

Excellent weather, new recruits, and a beautiful service led by Reverend Captain Stuart Hull celebrated the devotion to duty of all those who lost their lives serving their country.

Afterwards, we joined together on the village green to sing Amazing Grace, lay the wreath, and reflect on all the lives lost. We were ably accompanied by Colin Hawkins, both in Church, and on the Green (accordion). Captain Gary Buckell and David Fife read the lessons, the Names were read by David Wellings. We were accompanied by Staff Sergeant Sophie Galley, and the Warley Cadets CO.



VILLAGE NEWS

Warley Place News

Historic England have included Warley Place on their 'At Risk' listing. An article in The Times, Guardian and BBC News website mentioned the reserve, which attracted additional media interest from BBC's Essex Radio, Gardener's World and local press. Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT) are viewing this as positive indicator for attracting possible funding going forward. Although Countryside Stewardship partial funding is being applied for from Natural England, it can only be granted in specified areas. It doesn't cover repairs to the conservatory or glasshouses.

EWT invited RHS to visit Warley Place and the curators from Wisley and Hyde Hall came along for a look around in November. Ellen Willmott persuaded Sir Thomas Hanbury, her neighbour in Italy, to give Wisley to the RHS. She subsequently became a Trustee of the RHS. Both parties will explore common interests for future collaboration.

Trustees of Headley Common

Headley Common is managed by a group of Trustees. This arrangement was set up by arrangement with the Charity Commission in October 1981, just over 40 years ago. The area covers not only the open grass area, but also the pond, the triangular woodland to the north, the woodland to the south east up to the ski slope area and the area on both sides of the B186 down to the Great Ropers Lane Junction.

The Trustees also own the car park at the front of Felix. The rent from this car park pays for the grass cutting, the tree and scrub work, the pond maintenance, the post and bench replacements and any other necessary activities.

There are eight voluntary Trustees, four of

whom are appointed by Brentwood Council and four by the Great Warley Conservation Society. There is also one co-opted Trustee, usually an officer from the council parks department. Meetings are held three or four times each year.

One or two of the GWCS Trustees hope to retire when the GWCS AGM is held in the spring. Would you like to take their place, and be involved in the local community?

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Fiona Agassiz, on 230436 or fionaagassiz@hotmail.com. We would be really grateful for your help!

Warley Place Novels

I have just a few copies of John Cannell's three novels about Warley Place, set partly in Ellen Willmott's lifetime and partly in the present day. If you would like to buy them at £5 each, perhaps for Christmas presents, please contact me on 230436 or fionaagassiz@hotmail.com. If you love Warley Place, you will surely enjoy these books.

Update on Five Acre Field

Committal Hearing

The hearing relating to alleged breaches of the high court injunction has been set for 14 -17 February 2022.

Public Inquiry

The planning appeal is due to be heard on the 1 February 2022 and is scheduled for 10 days. Parties are preparing statements in line with the PINS deadline,1 January 2022.

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

VILLAGE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON AT THE THATCHERS

De Rougemont Cricket Ground Defibrillator

We are pleased to let everyone know that the defibrillator is fully installed now, complete with Helen and Steve Burgess's and Susan Curtin's telephone numbers. There are also laminated posters inside and outside The Thatchers giving details of its location, courtesy of Geoff.

Richard's Big Quiz

The quiz held recently at the Thatcher's Arms by local quizmaster Richard, was a great success. The evening raised an astonishing £615 in aid of Breast Cancer Now. The captain of the winning team is pictured below accepting the trophy from Richard after winning the head to head final tie-break question.

Make sure to read future editions on the Lychgate to find out when the next quiz night will be at our local pub to support another great charity.



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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service	
5 December	11.30am	Holy Communion	
12 December	11.30am	Morning Prayer	
19 December	11.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Candlelit Carol Service	
22 December	4.00pm	Christingle Service	
24 December	11.30pm	Midnight Christ- mas Communion	
25 December	10.00am	Holy Communion at Christchurch	
26 December	10.00am	Holy Communion at Christchurch	
2 January	11.30am	Holy Communion	
9 January	11.30am	Morning Prayer	
16 January	11.30am	Holy Communion	
23 January	11.30am	Morning Prayer	
30 January	11.30am	Matins	

Harvest Celebrations

Our joint Conservation Society and Church Harvest Supper was held on Saturday 2nd October in the Rectory Hall. A total of 26 people attended, and it was great to be able to meet and chat to friends and neighbours again. Numbers had to be restricted because of Covid rules, but it was such a special time to celebrate after the cancellation of all of last year's festivities.

Delicious homemade casseroles and desserts were enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to all who contributed the food, and to those who laid the tables and coped with all the washing up. It was good to know that the Rectory Hall had a deep clean in the week before the Harvest Supper. The church Harvest Festival was held on the next day, 3rd October, and again it was lovely to be able to celebrate the easing of the pandemic and the fact that normal church services can now be held again. There were extra flowers in church, and Debbie and Willis Chapman constructed a fantastic display of flowers, fruit and vegetables in the church porch.

Churchyard leaf clearing

We are most grateful to everyone who helped with clearing the leaves in St Mary's churchyard on Saturday 27 November. Even without the Red Oak tree this year, there were plenty to keep us occupied.

There will be a second session on Saturday, 11 December, 10am onwards, so please, please come along then if you can, with gardening gloves and a rake if possible. Every single helper makes a big difference.

Christmas at St. Mary's

Christmas is coming and we have plenty to celebrate, enjoy and reflect on:

19th December 6.30pm Candle lit 9 Lessons and Carols with Bravissima followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Rectory Hall

22nd December 4pm Christingle service for all the family by candle light

24th December 11.30 Christmas Holy Communion

Decorating the Church

Help! All hands needed to 'dec the Church'. Please come and lend a hand on 18 December from 10am onwards. If you have a favourite step ladder or vacuum bring them along. All ages are needed to decorate the Christmas tree and put up the candles ready for all our Christmas celebrations!

Funeral

28 October - Colin Colins. Colin was a very well regarded architect whose parents, first wife and second wife are all buried at St. Mary's

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For visits and guided tours	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
Church Address	St Mary The Virgin	Great Warley Street	CM13 3JP

PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE















Top right: Remembrance Sunday 2021

Bottom left: De Rougemont Cricket Ground from the air

Bottom right: Leaf clearing at St. Mary's

