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New Cycleway

The new cycleway which links the Ford Warley HQ building to Thorndon Park is now open for walkers and cyclists. It has an excellent surface, and it will soon be properly signed.

The path leaves Thorndon near the gate where the two lodges are situated. It crosses the top of Childer-ditch Lane and ends on the foot-path which runs up to Eagle Way just to the east of the Ford building. It is a much better way to walk to Thorndon than walking along the road. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

What are you doing to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee?? We need your help!! We are thinking of.. 2nd June Afternoon Tea and games at the Cricket Club, 3rd June Celebratory Concert with Bra-vissima. What do you think? Are you able to help? More details in the next Great Warley Lychgate. Book the dates now. Please contact helen.burgess1@gmail.com 07949205994

VILLAGE NEWS

News from Warley Place

The best news is that we are able to hold our Spring Bulb Spectacular Open Weekends again this year! They will be held every weekend from 26 February until 10 April, which should cover the end of the snowdrops and the whole of the daffodil flowering time, as well as many other flowers. You can, of course, visit on weekdays too.

There will be volunteers on hand from 10.30am to 4.30pm each Saturday and Sunday to greet visitors and to answer questions, as well as to help with car parking. If YOU could help at all, please, please let me know on 230436 or email fionaagassiz@hotmail.com. We really do need extra assistance, and it is a good way to make new friends.

Guided walks will be held on each of the Saturday mornings at 10.30am during the spring bulb weekends.

Donations of £2 per head are requested from all visitors, either in cash or via the QR code which is available beside the information board in the car park.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed at Warley Place, because it is a nature reserve.

Ellen Willmott's Nut Walk, which ran down the south side of the daffodil bank, is be-



ing re-created by the Warley Place volunteers, and we hope it will be ready in time for the open weekends. Other ongoing work includes rebuilding some of the walls of the old cold frames.

A large tree near the front gate had to have its branches removed for safety reasons.

We would like to thank Geoff Bowmer for the loan of a skip to clear some of our rubbish.

De Rougemont Hotel Planning Application

The Conservation Society advises that the application for a 45 residential unit development at the above was recently turned down by Brentwood Council's planning committee. It is as yet unclear if the development option holders, Redington Capital, will re-apply or if the hotel will continue to operate.

Update on Five Acre Field

Public Inquiry

The planning appeal that was due to be heard on the 1 February 2022 and was scheduled for 10 days has been postponed to March (date to be advised). This follows a Planning Pre-inquiry that was held on 27 January attended by representatives from the Council, the Appellants and the Planning Inspector regarding a number of matters.

Committal Hearing

The hearing relating to alleged breaches of the high court injunction will go ahead on 14 February 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.

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Jonathan Tee

We were so very sad to hear of the death of Jonathan Tee on 17th December at the age of 45.

Although Jonathan did not live in Great Warley but in the next-door village of Little Warley, the family is well known to many of us.

Jonathan's father, David Tee, was for many years one of the Borough Councillors for Warley, and he represented Great Warley village on a good number of issues. He is still the chair of the Trustees of Headley Common. Jonathan's mother Pam taught for many years at Woodlands School, where Jonathan also worked for several years as the groundsman and caretaker. He used to drive the Year 1 children from Woodlands on their visits to both Warley Place and St Mary's church.

Jonathan was keen on motor racing, and he gained several trophies. He died of an inoperable brain tumour, and his funeral was held at Brentwood Cathedral on 10th January.



Litter Picking Dates

There seems to have been a concerted effort recently by litterers to blanket this community. Warley Road and Warley Street in particular have been especially singled out as well as Bird Lane.

Please help battle this scourge by giving a little of your time to assist in the community's fight back!!

The next dates are Saturdays 26th Feb and 26th March. As usual meet at The Thatchers at 10am to be equipped with tongs and sacks. Please wear sensible shoes and bring gloves.

Thanks for helping your neighbourhood.

Rectory Hall

We are very fortunate in having this wonderful facility in the village. Since the Covid pandemic use has decreased, so we are keen to have more users again. Our fees are reasonable. It is fully fitted for disabled access. There are 2 toilets, and a fully functioning kitchen. Parking is excellent. Do let me know if you or someone you know might be interested to hire it. Helen
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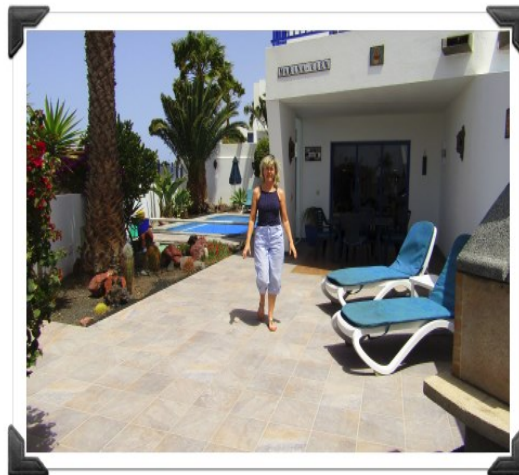
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Date	Time	Service
6 February	11.30	Holy Communion
13 February	11.30	Morning Prayer
20 February	11.30	Holy Communion
27 February	11.30	Morning Prayer
2 March		Ash Wednesday service at Christchurch
6 March	11.30	Holy Communion
13 March	11.30	Morning Prayer
20 March	11.30	Holy Communion
27 March	11.30	Morning Prayer Mothering Sunday
3 April	11.30	Holy Communion
10 April	11.30	Morning Prayer
15 April		Good Friday Service
17 April	11.30	Holy Communion

Church Opening Times

Our lovely Arts and Crafts church of St Mary the Virgin will be open to all visitors every Thursday afternoon 2 - 4pm from 3rd March until the end of October. Everyone is welcome to explore the inside of our special church. No need to book in advance. A guide will be available, or you can wander round by yourselves. All enquiries to Fiona on 230436.

Christmas at St. Mary's

Christmas Celebrations at Great Warley Church 2021 Despite Omicron's "best" efforts, we were able to enjoy Christmas celebrations. The Christmas Tree was erect-

ed by David Fife, with the fantastic help of Mike Camfield, who also helped with the candles. The decorations were hung with help from Helet, Jacob, and Ben Van der Lith. Flowers were displayed with many thanks to Debbie, Jenny, Eileen and Helen. Our amazing friends at Bra-vissima rescued our Carol service, despite Covid indisposing their organists. Their singing of Silent Night was particularly poignant. We are really grateful to Julia, the choir and all the readers for making it a truly moving occasion. We are very grateful to Olive Law for leading the Christingle service. Our final service of the year was Midnight Eucharist, despite wearing masks throughout a good number of us celebrated the festival of Christmas.



One of the fabulous Flower arrangements at St. Mary's over Christmas

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VILLAGE HISTORY

The old Great Warley Rectory

The original rectory for Great Warley was situated on the site now occupied by PERI. It was therefore close to the old church building, which was at the end of Church Lane, in an area which is now woodland.

We do not know when this rectory was built, but it was certainly there in the time of David Jenner, who was the rector from 1678 until 1687. There would have been an earlier priest's house somewhere in the Church Lane area, perhaps on the same site.

David Jenner was followed as rector by John Stedman. When John died, David's widow Mary had the power to appoint the next two rectors, John Wigmore in 1693 and Samuel Hulme in 1698. Mary was so keen to live back in the Great Warley rectory that she married both of these priests in turn, and she lived there until she died at the age of 46.

Hastings Robinson, a very wealthy gentleman, was rector of Great Warley from 1827 until 1866. He made all sorts of improvements to the rectory and its outbuildings, adding some extra rooms and enlarging others. A complete list of his alterations can be found in George Harper's excellent history of the village, entitled 'Warley Magna to Great Warley.'

Hastings Robinson was also responsible for building our daughter church, Christ Church, on Warley Common, and for starting our village school in Bird Lane.

The next rector was Hammond Roberson Bailey (1866 – 1900). His wife had poor health, so he decided to build a house on higher ground at his own expense to make life easier for her. This house is now Fairstead Hall.

After a time, the old rectory became a country club for gentlemen. When it was finally demolished, its grounds became an industrial estate, with the A127 running beside it. The site is now owned by PERI.



The old Great Warley Rectory



The old Great Warley Church



Photo sent from Wendy Mayor. Her father (centre) was chauffeur to the man who owned The Old Rectory Club. They both served together

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