

# GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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If you want any further details please contact Linda (07957 258280) or Helen (01277 227557).

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## VILLAGE NEWS

### Warley Place

The Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends were a great success this year. A total of £5677.11 was raised in donations and sales during these weekends, and when the weekday and guided tour donations were added, the total raised for Warley Place between 26 February and 10 April was well in excess of £8100. The weather during the open weekends was particularly good this year. We are grateful to the Cricket Club for the use of their car park during the busiest weekends and when there were large pre-booked guided tours. Thank you, too, to all of the volunteer car-parkers and gazebo 'meet-and-greet' helpers.

The new path down the daffodil bank, which follows Miss Willmott's Nut Walk, was much appreciated. Unfortunately people who used this path missed seeing the best-ever show of snakes-head and white fritillaries under the Caucasian Wingnut Tree.

The East and West meadows are about to have new fencing so that cows can be brought in to graze the grass low enough for next year's daffodil show. The footpath through the East meadow, next to the South pond, will have a fence beside it so that cows will not be able to access the visitors.

### 'Miss Willmott's Ghosts' by Sandra Lawrence

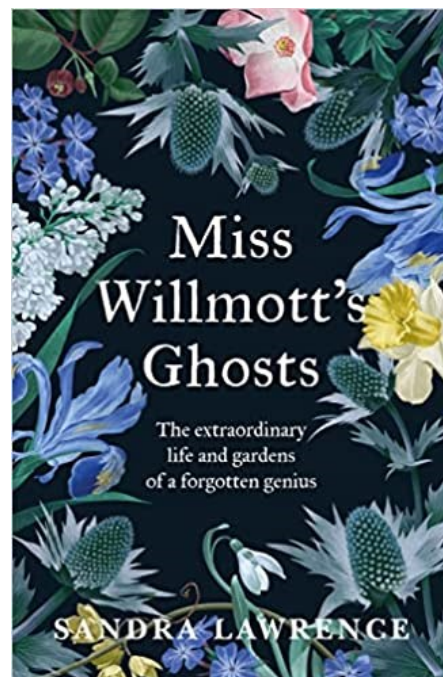
This excellent book about Ellen Willmott, the last resident owner of Warley Place, became available on Thursday 5 May. A book launch was held at Waterstones in Brentwood, where Sandra Lawrence was interviewed by a friend. She described how she researched the material for the book, before answering questions from the audience and signing their copies. All the tickets for this popular event had been sold in advance.

When Ellen Willmott died in 1934, her papers, letters, photographs and other archives were all removed to Spetchley Park near Worcester, the estate belonging to her nephew Robert Berkeley and his family. The boxes and trunks full of material remained there, untouched and deteriorating, until John Cannell and other volunteers attached to Warley Place started to sort through them. Access was not easy, but John managed to copy many interesting documents and photographs. He later improved the photos on his computer, several of

them being displayed at Warley Place today, and, with the help of his colleagues, transcribed the handwritten documents

Sandra Lawrence had access to John's material, and she then started to do her own even more extensive research, often in very difficult conditions. Many documents had turned to dust or were only partly readable, but John and the other volunteers helped Sandra to transcribe those that survived. The archives had by then been moved to Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire, the ancestral home of the Berkeley family. The archivist there was a great help to Sandra, and several surprises about Ellen Willmott were revealed through the huge numbers of letters which she had received.

Sandra has spent several years immersed in researching and writing this book, and the result gives a fascinating insight into the life of this amazing gardener who was once so much a part of Great Warley.



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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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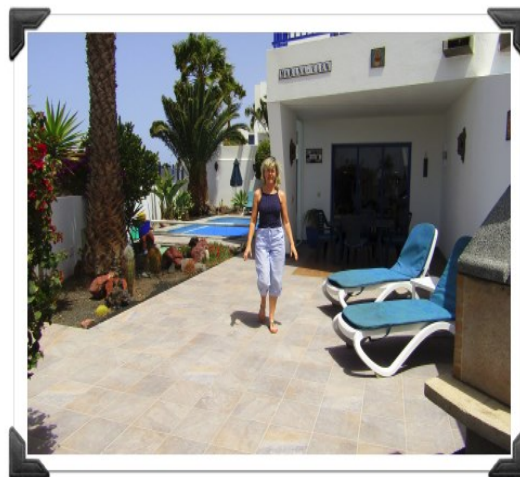
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5 June	11.30	Holy Communion Whit Sunday
12 June	11.30	Morning Prayer
19 June	11.30	Holy Communion
26 June	11.30	Morning Prayer
3 July	11.30	Holy Communion
10 July	11.30	Morning Prayer
17 July	11.30	Holy Communion
24 July	11.30	Morning Prayer
31 July	11.30	Matins

We welcome families with children to our services.  
The children fully participate in the services.

### Churchyard Maintenance

Many thanks to Liz and Jim Stanford for continuing to do the mowing in St Mary's churchyard, sometimes under difficult weather conditions.

Thank you also to the Padfield family for organising the strimming of the graves in the churchyard, and to John Dobson for carrying this out. All of this work is much appreciated by people who visit their family graves. They often comment on the high standard of churchyard maintenance.

### Seeds for the Churchyard

If you have spare flower seeds this summer, they could be planted in St Mary's churchyard. Please contact Fiona on 01277 230436 or by email at [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com). if you can help with this project.

### Veronica (Rona) Hawthorne

**1934-2022**

Rona passed away on May 1st aged 87 years. She was a devout and regular attender at St Mary's Church and is greatly missed. Rona was married to David Hawthorne, who predeceased her. He was our Treasurer and churchwarden for many years. We valued her wisdom as a member of the PCC. Rona spent her young years in Great Warley. Her parents were Fred and Elsie Lee, Fred cultivated wonderful flowers and blossoms in his garden.. Rona was one of three children, she had a brother and a sister. She worked as a Nanny to the Ford family of Childerditch Farm. She and her sister Pamela McAlpine donated an altar cloth in memory of their parents. Sadly Pamela died at a young age, which brought much grief to Rona. David and Rona settled in South Woodham Ferrers, and made weekly trips to St Mary's where they were a cheerful presence.

The date for Rona's funeral is 16th June 10.30am at Chelmsford Crematorium. There will be a wake with coffee and biscuits at the lodge in South Woodham Ferrers. Once we have a stone we will have an interment of ashes service at St Mary's Great Warley.

*Eileen Fife*

### Adult Baptism

3rd April - Susan Helen Rose Burgess

### Birth

Congratulations to Stuart and Suzanne on the birth of Florence, a sister to Jennifer.

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### Forest England Hole Farm Proposals

A steering group from the Conservation Society recently met with the team handling this project and there was a useful discussion covering concerns including traffic generation, access and egress; car park locations + free or charged use; possible peak use parking overflow; user facilities; accessibility for walkers, horse riders, cyclists; landscaping aesthetics (ie will the trees be in scruffy plantations a la Folkes Lane, Pike Lane etc); long term management; agricultural maintenance equipment storage & access locations; site security; vistas ie maintaining distant views from the De Rougement Cricket Club.

The team are proposing an evening presentation to our GWCS members and local residents. We are waiting confirmation that this will either be on 9<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Rectory Hall commencing at around 5.30/6pm. We will advise members asap.

It has been confirmed that, as Forest England has bought Hole Farm, the project will go ahead regardless of any future decisions taken on the Lower Thames Crossing road projects.

The Lower Thames Crossing Project has now moved to consulting on some localised changes before they submit their Development Consent Order application. If you want to find out more go to <https://ltccconsultation2022.nationalhighways.co.uk>

Just another reminder that the GWCS AGM is this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the Rectory Hall commencing at 8pm. There is much going on locally so do please come along.

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### Richard's Big Quiz

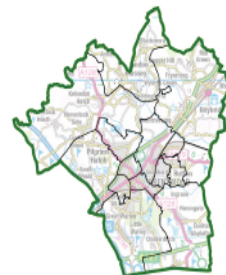
The next charity quiz at the Thatchers' Arms will once again be hosted by Richard Osborne on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. This time it is in aid of Havens Hospice and it costs £3 per person to take part. All funds raised go to the charity and it is always a fun night.

### Re-thatching of Thatched Cottage

Thatched Cottage in Beredens Lane has had its ridge re thatched, and is now visible in all its glory at the start of the Lane. Sean Stewart is about to complete the thatching project which is being redone for the first time in 16 years!!



### Have your say Brentwood Electoral Review



The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on our electoral review of Brentwood. The review will agree new ward boundaries across the council.

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?

**Consultation closes: 18 July 2022**



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