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Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations

A total of 100 people came to the Great Warley Jubilee village picnic at the Cricket Club on the afternoon of 2nd June. The weather was glorious, and everyone enjoyed our first full social event since the start of the pandemic. Competition was fierce in such games as wellie throwing and pinning the crown on the Queen. The event was organised by the Conservation Society, and the raffle made easily enough money to cover the cost of the cricket club hire. Many thanks to all the helpers, including Catherine, aged 5, who shouted out the raffle numbers without help!



The next evening, 3rd June, there were 100 people in St Mary's church to enjoy a jubilee concert by our friends in the Bra-vissima choir. They sang a variety of pieces, from church music to folk songs and Flanders and Swann numbers, and there were some solos too. The excellent church acoustics helped to make



this a really enjoyable hour, and the concert was followed by cheese and wine in the Rectory Hall. Many thanks, Bra-vissima!

Warley Place

The fencing of the east and west meadows at Warley Place is now complete, new water troughs have been installed, and there are now twenty cattle having a feast on the grass in the west meadow. A new section of fence has been erected so that visitors can enter the reserve without walking directly past the cows.

Extensive work is now taking place to ensure that all the walls on the reserve, including the ha-has, are safe and not in danger of falling down. This work has been organised by the Essex Wildlife Trust. The long wall beside the B186 is going to need attention, and it will be necessary to install traffic lights along this section of road for a time. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

EWT has also managed to obtain a grant to re-stabilise the Conservatory, and this work will take place in October/November, depending on weather conditions. Otherwise it will be done in the spring. It will be so good to dispense with the ugly fencing which is now surrounding this historic building!

Trustees of Headley Common

Headley Common and the woods surrounding it are looked after by eight full Trustees and one co-opted Trustee. Four of the full Trustees are appointed by the Conservation Society and four by Brentwood Council. Three of the Conservation Society Trustees, Len Fryatt, Gary Harrington and Edna Cantiani, have served for several years and will continue in this role. Following an appeal in the Lychgate a few months ago, they have now been joined by Gordon Allen, and we are very grateful to him for volunteering to fill the vacant post.

Five Acre Farm

The Travellers have recently lodged an appeal against the Enforcement Notice issued by BBC. This is in addition to the appeal they have already made against the planning decision by the Council to prohibit occupation of Five Acre Field. Both appeals will be considered in parallel at the public inquiry already scheduled in January 2023.

De Rougemont Manor

Brentwood's planning committee met on Tuesday 26th July and rejected the latest application for the hotel to be turned into apartments and houses to be built in the car park.

It is the third time the speculators, Redington, have applied for consent which, if successful, would mean the site would then be sold to house-builders.

The Conservation Society spoke at the meeting to underpin their previously tabled objections and two local residents also participated. One in favour, another against.

Car Crushed by a Falling Tree in Warley Road

On 22nd June at about 10.30pm a huge limb of an oak tree fell across Warley Road crushing a car which was driving on the road. The car was a complete write off. Miraculously the occupant walked out of the wreckage alive and was assisted by Cllr Jay Laplain to get to hospital. A car coming in the opposite direction was somehow able to pull up in time and car and occupant were safe. The limb of the tree which was at the entrance to the cricket ground, was completely blocking the road. Brentwood council organised tree surgeons to remove the tree from the highway overnight. However it took a further 48 hours and the the help of Cllr Jay to finally get the car removed and the road reopened. Subsequently the rest of the tree fell in the early hours of 11th July, completely blocking the entire driveway to the Lodge and the Cricket club and narrowly missing the Lodge. The tree continues to be a danger until it has been fully cleared. Honey rot fungus may have contributed to this, and could be affecting next door trees. Jay, Natasha and her father spent the 11th July clearing the branches, so that they could have access to their cars and driveway.

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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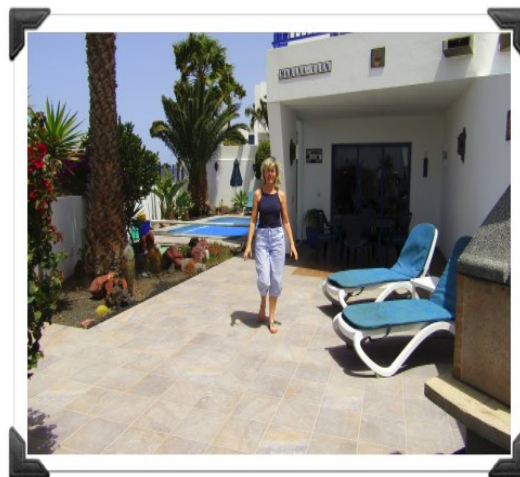
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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
7 August	11.30	Holy Communion
14 August	11.30	Morning Prayer
21 August	11.30	Holy Communion
28 August	11.30	Morning Prayer
4 September	11.30	Holy Communion
11 September	11.30	Morning Prayer
18 September	11.30	Holy Communion
25 September	11.30	Morning Prayer
2 October	11.30	Holy Communion
9 October	11.30	Harvest Celebrations & Morning Prayer

Baptism

12th June - Noah Louis Stephen Sheppermaal, son of Naomi and Michael

"O Lord our God, look mercifully on Noah, as he is baptised. Make the light of your gospel shine upon him, and send an angel to him from all powers of the enemy. Amen"

Wedding

25 June - Mark Francis and Karen Maloney

Funeral and Burial

15th July - James Dowsing age 28. His grandparents Jane and Harry Horncastle, and Frederick and Joyce Smith, and his uncle James Smith are all buried in the churchyard

Ashes interment

15th July - John Dowsing, father of James

Underpinning Work

To celebrate the completion of subsidence work on the church porch and organ, a plaque has been installed by the Church door on the way out where donations are collected. We send enormous thanks to all who supported and enabled these important projects to be completed.



Harvest Supper

Do join us for Harvest Supper on 1st October at 7pm. Tickets £15.00, Children under 14 free. Bring your own drinks. Contact Fiona or helen, for offers of help, and tickets. Harvest festival will be at 11.30 the following Sunday 9th October, come and enjoy this family celebration.

Christmas at St. Mary's

Keep the Date! The Candlelit Christmas Carol Service will be on Saturday 17th December at 6pm. Bravissima will be leading us to welcome Christmas. Do join us.

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OUR SPONSORS & DIARY DATES

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 August 12-4pm - Church Open Day

Wednesday 31 August 1pm - Ladies Lunch at the Thatchers. All welcome. Ann Hill 01277 214886

Friday 2 September 12-5 and Saturday 3 September 10-1 - Final Hole Farm Project Presentation by Forestry England at the Rectory Hall

Saturday 10 September 10-4 and Sunday 11 September 12.30-4 - Heritage Open weekend at St Mary's

Wednesday 28 September 1pm - Ladies Lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

Saturday 1 October 7pm - Harvest Supper at Rectory Hall.

Thursday 6 October 7.30 - Richard's charity quiz at the Thatchers Arms

Saturday 17 December 6pm - Christmas Carol Service with Bravissima.

A new Yoga group has started at the Rectory Hall on Thursday evenings, from 7-8 pm. Please text or phone Lisa Napper 07976621533 if you would like to join. The cost is £7 for a single drop in, or £35 for 6 classes.



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Forest England Hole Farm Proposals

Arable farming has come to an end at Hole (Holy) Farm. The last wheat has been harvested. Since medieval times the land at Hole farm has been part of the farming community at Great Warley. Long term residents tell me that 50 years ago villagers clubbed together to buy trees to put in the hedge alongside Hole farm Lane. These trees still form part of the hedgerow on the western side of the lane. The land was purchased by Highways England, and the vast majority of the land is to be managed by Forestry England.

Members of the Forestry Commission have organised several site visits for local residents, and they also held a meeting at our Rectory hall in Great Warley Street on Thursday 9 June. This was attended by nineteen people from the village, as well as three members of the Forestry Commission staff.

The proposed layout of the new park was described. It will include mixed broadleaf woodland and several ponds. There will be parking for 100 cars, together with a small café and some toilets, and these facilities will be screened. The main discussion during the meeting was the site of the car park and the access road, which is likely to be off the B186 on the flat ground south of the church and the Hermitage. Some people are against this, but there do not seem to be any viable alternative sites.

The consultation on Hole Farm as developed by Forestry England is almost complete. The final presentation will be on Friday 2nd September 12-5pm, and Saturday 3rd September 10am -1pm, at Rectory Hall opposite the Church.

Ride & Stride for Friends of Essex Churches

Last year Friends of Essex Churches Trust donated £5,000 towards the underpinning of the porch at Great Warley Church. This was the largest grant we received from any of the grant bodies to which we applied, and emphasises the importance of this charity to the heritage of Essex. Churches comprise the majority of Grade 1 listed buildings within the county and without the support of F.O.E.C.T. generations of buildings that have been revered, loved (and sometimes loathed) would be in graver danger than many already are. Climate change has had a dramatic impact on our own church, the recent installation of a 'jack system' under the pipe organ at St. Mary's relieving the pressure on the instrument to allow for adjustments as the floor below it, as wetter winters and dryer summers take their toll on the London Clay that underlies the church.

Many villagers of Great Warley contributed to the appeal for the porch underpinning, and the wonderful news was that as a result we managed to largely cover the vital work to the organ as well. Without your help this would not have been possible so everyone at St. Mary's would like to thank you for your wonderful generosity. However, the Quinquennial Report (which is a statutory obligation for churches in the C. of E.) has thrown up more fund- raising needs as a steeplejack will be needed to investigate the roof, a lighting conductor needs installation, and the Memorial

Chapel requires underground excavation. There is cracking and deterioration around the base of the pulpit plus erosion to the west end masonry on the outside of the building, leading to some rain water coming through the glorious Hayward Sumner rose window.

Every year I participate in the Friends of Essex Churches 'Ride and Stride' event which is the charity's principal annual source of income. The idea is to walk or cycle to as many churches as possible between 9 am and 5 pm and churches that are open will verify that I have completed the walk (I prefer to have aching feet rather than an aching posterior!) Nowadays, most people who sponsor me tend to do so as a set sum, but the original idea was so much per church. In rural areas this could be difficult as churches are so spread out, so I tend to stick to more built- up areas – the Diocese of Chelmsford includes the London Boroughs of Havering, Barking, Newham, Waltham Forest and Redbridge (the historic boundaries of Essex up to the River Lea) so this gives me more options regarding route. At the time of writing this, I intend to walk around Chelmsford and outskirts so I may finish at Chelmsford Cathedral. All main denominations are applicable to receive grants, so these will be all on my route and in the past Salvation Army and Quaker Meeting Halls have all given me very warm welcomes although not all are aware of the remit of the F.O.E.C.T. The charity was founded in 1951, and the 'Ride and Stride' event commenced in the early 1980s. Since 1997 over 3.6 million pounds have been given to churches in Essex and East London and, although my memory is awful, I believe I have been getting blisters on behalf of St. Mary's since 2010. The year it was officially suspended due to Covid I walked as an individual on behalf of St. Mary's, so all monies went to our effort to fund raise for the ailing porch.

Why sponsor me? Well, 50% of what you generously donate is returned to the church nominated by the participant - St. Mary's, Great Warley in my case. The fact that St. Mary's supported the charity is taken into account when we apply for a grant. There are absolutely no administration charges - I pay for all blister ointment myself and you also get rid of me from the village for a whole day in September - what's not to like? There will be sponsor forms at the back of the church from August, but if you are kind enough to support my weary soles you can also donate online at <https://www.gofundme.com/vkm7s>. If you would like a guided tour of St. Mary's we are open 2 - 4 pm every Thursday throughout the summer until the end of October. The church will also be open on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 12 noon - 4 pm and on the Heritage Weekend (same day as Ride and Stride on the Saturday). The Saturday hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. 10th September and 12.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday 11th September- but all are very welcome to the church service that commences at 11.30 p.m.

Alternatively, you can contact Fiona or myself (contact details on the church page) and we would love to show you around at a mutually convenient time.

Very many thanks.

Stephen Brabner

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Youngsters enjoying welly throwing at the Jubilee picnic



Beautiful flowers at the recent wedding at St Mary's



Last Harvest at Hole Farm, Great Warley