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Blue Plaque for Ellen Willmott

On Friday 19th August, exactly 164 years after the birth of Ellen Willmott, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, came to Warley Place to unveil a blue plaque in honour of Miss Willmott. The plaque was supplied by the Essex Gardens Trust.

A reception was held outside the conservatory at Warley Place, with refreshments and a 164th birthday cake supplied by the Essex Gardens Trust. The speakers (l to r in the photo) were Sandra Lawrence, author of Miss Willmott's Ghosts; Jane Frederick, Essex Gardens Trust's Artist in Residence; Mick Hedges, Warden of Warley Place; Ailsa Wildig, leader of the Warley Place Research Group, and Carol White, organiser of this event.

The speakers stood beside the rose arbour which was re-erected a few years ago on its original flint base. The roses planted there were especially chosen because of their links with Ellen Willmott, including one which is named after her.

Ellen Willmott's plaque is one of several being unveiled in Essex to celebrate the achievements of women all over the county in all sorts of fields. The plaque will be attached to a wall in the walled garden, but it has not yet been put in place because of the building work which is going on at Warley Place at present. (More photos on page 2)



Warley Place

We apologise again for any inconvenience caused by the traffic lights in Warley Road outside the long wall at Warley Place during part of September. It was necessary for work to be done to make this wall safe. We hope that the conservatory at Warley Place will also have its safety work completed in October or November, but this will depend on the weather. It will be so good to have the conservatory accessible again to visitors.

Members of the volunteer work party have been taking advantage of the very dry conditions to remove some of the mud from the base of the north pond, as well as completing many other routine tasks. The photo below shows about half of the volunteers who were in the pond on Monday 5th September. They were asked in advance to bring their wellies!



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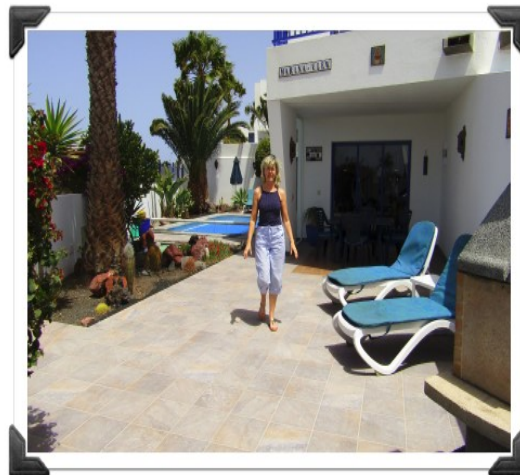
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Date	Time	Service
2 October	11.30	Holy Communion
9 October	11.30	Harvest Festival and Morning Prayer
16 October	11.30	Holy Communion
23 October	11.30	Morning Prayer
30 October	11.30	Matins
6 November	11.30	Holy Communion
13 November	10.45	Remembrance Service
20 November	11.30	Holy Communion
27 November	11.30	Morning Prayer
4 December	11.30	Holy Communion

Baptism

25th September Emily Margaret Stewart Anderson. Daughter of our recent treasurer Gemma and her husband Paul.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God"

Luke 18:16

Weddings

22nd August - Nicola Sheppard and Steve Nadia

26th August - Polly Theobald and Mark Louth

Funeral

10th August - Michael John Kinsella 1943-2022 followed by interment at Woodman Road Cemetery

Harvest Celebration, 9 October 11.30

Do join us 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.

Leaf Clearing in the Churchyard

Please come and join us in clearing the leaves in St Mary's churchyard from 10am onwards on Saturday 12 November and Saturday 26 November. Your help would be very much appreciated. You will be rewarded with coffee and biscuits! Please bring gardening gloves and a rake if possible.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be on 13th November 10.45 at St Mary the Virgin Great Warley, followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial near The Thatchers at about 12 midday.

We will be welcoming the Warley Detachment A Company, Essex ACF, and their Detachment Commander, Sgt James Wren. They will be joined by Lieutenant Emily Hill Staff Officer, Sergeant Major Alex Taylor Permanent Support Staff, Sergeant Major Sophie Galley Assistant Training Officer, and Major Gary Buckell Officer Commanding A Company, who are all A Company staff based at Warley Army Reserve Centre. Please do come and join us to remember all those who have given their lives for their country in past conflicts.

Harvest Supper, 1 October 7pm

Come along to celebrate the remarkable Harvest this year. Apples in plenty, despite the drought a good harvest from Hole Farm. Do please let me know if you would like some tickets, any offers of help will be gratefully received. The Hall has had a deep clean prior to this!!! Please contact Helen (helen.burgess1@gmail.com, 07949205994) or Linda (lbeaney@btinternet.com, 07957252820) up to midday on 30th September if you would like tickets (£15.00). 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 Burgess

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OUR SPONSORS & DIARY DATES

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 1 October 7pm - Harvest Supper at the Rectory Hall. Tickets £15 from Helen Burgess 01277 227557

Wednesday 5 October 8pm - GWCS Autumn Meeting at the Rectory Hall

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

Wednesday 26 October 1pm - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

Friday 4 November 10am - Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Liz 07825 017056

Saturday 12 November 10am - Leaf clearing in St. Mary's Churchyard. All help welcome!

Sunday 13 November 10.45 - Remembrance Sunday service at St. Mary's then afterwards at the War Memorial near the Thatcher's

Saturday 26 November 10am - Leaf clearing in St. Mary's Churchyard

Friday 2 December 10am - Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Liz 07825 017056

Saturday 17 December 6pm - Christmas Carol Service with Bravissima at St. Mary's



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Great Warley Hut, later to become the Rectory Hall

Prior to the 1914-18 war, the Long Room above the coach house at Goldings Manor (now the de Rougemont Manor Hotel) was used for the Great Warley village social gatherings. It contained, among other furnishings, two full-sized billiard tables. In 1909, for example, the Long Room Club had 29 male members, and the Mothers Club had 18 members.

Heating and lighting in the winter were provided by Evelyn Heseltine and his family, who lived at Goldings. George Hearn stoked the stove, and down the road he also stoked the coal-fired generator (in Elm Lodge) which provided electricity to Goldings, the Church, and the Rectory. The Rectory is now Great Warley Place, across the road from the church. George's brother Billy organised late night 'hops' in the Long Room.

After the First World War the exterior staircase to the Long Room became unsafe. There followed a suggestion that a brick hall should be built up the hill near the centre of the village, to be called the Memorial Hall. Mr Heseltine, however, preferred the memorial to be a cross on the village green, which he provided.

The villagers therefore contributed to a fund for a wooden meeting place, and in the 1920s the Great Warley Hut was opened for all social activities on land across the road from the church. It was used by guides and brownies and for a youth club, among other organisations, and modern gas heating was installed there.

In 1949 the Women's Institute replaced gas lighting with electricity, and in 1988/89 Mrs Joan Boddam Whetham, a churchwarden with plenty of enthusiasm, organised a hot water supply, new kitchen equipment and carpeting for a total cost of £2000, most of which was donated.

Also at about this time grants were obtained from Brentwood District Council for toilet facilities costing £3000. Previously a toilet in the Rectory Lodge had been used if necessary. Ma-

terials and services were also provided by village residents and by the congregation. The Hut had become eligible for these grants because it was a village hall, and therefore it was renamed the Rectory Hall.

New furniture, crockery and cutlery were installed in 1992/93, and about five years ago the electric wiring was completely renewed and the hall was entirely redecorated by Rev. Rob Binks and Liz Francis, together with several others. New tables, chairs and cupboards were donated by the Essex Fire Service, which no longer had need of them. A second toilet was also created at this time.

Several organisations now meet at the Rectory Hall. If you are interested in hiring it for a party or for regular group meetings, please contact Helen Burgess, whose details are on the church page of this newsletter.

Fiona Agassiz



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IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE VILLAGE...

Welcome!

You've come to live in a lovely part of rural Essex which happens to be not too far from the main motorways and roads in this area, with the town within easy reach and the train network very accessible.

Our village has a 'must visit' pub - The Thatcher's Arms and the food and drink there are much renowned in the area. There are regular live music nights and quizzes which do get competitive at times, but every night is a good night out.

We have a lovely little village Church - St. Mary the Virgin which has a friendly congregation meeting every Sunday for services usually at 11.30.

There are various clubs which you may like to try out. The ladies lunch club is very popular meeting every month and it's a great place to start if you'd like to meet other ladies who live locally.

There is a sewing group which meets every month and which you would be made most welcome at. It is said that sometimes not much sewing goes on, but we certainly put the world to rights over tea and cake! It's a great place to meet local ladies and although we call it a sewing group, bring any craft along. There is usually knitting, embroidery, crochet and quilting going on.

There are local WI (Women's Institute) groups in Brentwood Town and Little Warley. The Brentwood Belles is a large group with 120 members and a waiting list which meets at the South Weald Parish Hall every third Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

The Great & Little Warley WI meet in the village hall at Little Warley every second Tuesday of the month at 2pm. You can find details of WI groups on the WI website at <https://essex.thewi.org.uk/find-wi>.

There are U3A groups in Warley, Shenfield and Hutton which organise lots of visits and have fun evenings trying new things. These are very friendly groups who are always on the lookout for new members.

There is the Brentwood Theatre in the town which hosts some great shows from local Operatic societies and other performing groups. There are Operatic Societies in Brentwood, Shenfield and Billericay. Amateur dramatics is a really fun way to get to know other people.

The Brentwood Writers Circle meet every first Saturday of the month from 2-5pm in Brentwood Town Centre and have interesting speakers and organise fun events.

The Brentwood Role Play Society meets every Thursday with Games and Dungeon Masters overseeing Dungeons and Dragons and other sci-fi board games. They meet every Thursday evening from 7pm in Central Brentwood.

There are several tennis, cricket and golf clubs around the town all within easy reach of the village.

Please also see the Diary Dates on page 5 for things which are happening in the next couple of months.

You've certainly picked somewhere to live with a lot going on nearby and we hope that your stay here will be most enjoyable!