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Remembrance Sunday

The church and the village welcomed the Warley Cadets and their officers to a reflective service where we heard the names of those who died in the first and second world wars, and those who have died serving their country in recent conflicts, followed by 2 minutes silence. The service was followed by laying a wreath at the village War Memorial by Cadet Matilda Goldhill. The standard bearer was Corporal Caitlin Wright. The Warley Detachment 'A' Company were commanded by Sgt



James Wren, and joined by Lieutenant Emily Hill, Sergeant Major Alex Taylor, Sergeant Major Sophie Galley, and Major Gary Buckell.



Village News

Warley Place Thanks

Congratulations to all of the volunteer workers at Warley Place for receiving the 'Make a Difference' award from BBC Essex. Many messages of appreciation have been received, and the volunteer warden, Mick Hedges, deserves particular congratulation for all of his efforts. The work parties take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings, 8.30am – 1pm, and new members are always welcome.

Thank you also to the Essex Wildlife Trust, particularly to Zoe Ringwood, for obtaining grants to pay for the restoration building work now taking place. The existing walls are being made safe. Work on the conservatory will take place in the spring. Thank you, too, to all of our readers for your patience while it was necessary to have traffic lights on the B186 so that the main outside wall was made safe.

We would also like to thank Latchford Farm in St Mary's Lane for giving us a discount for the bird seeds and nuts for our feathered friends at Warley Place. This generosity has continued for many years and is much appreciated.

Finally, if you are new to the village, you are welcome to explore Warley Place at any time within daylight hours. The entrance is next door to the Thatchers pub, and trail guide maps are available in the car park.

Great Warley Lychgate

This Lychgate newsletter is printed six times a year, at the start of the even-numbered months, and it is run jointly by The Great Warley Conservation Society and St Mary's church. It is mainly financed by advertisements, with the top-up being funded by GWCS. Some copies are distributed by email, others are hard copies delivered to houses in the village. If you would like to change the method of your delivery, please email me on: fionaagassiz@hotmail.com.

The Lychgate in its present form has been in existence for over fifteen years, and the seven hard copy deliverers have not changed in all of that time! We owe them, and our main editor Liz Francis, a huge vote of thanks.

We always welcome new ideas, contributions, advertisers and suggestions, so please, please get in touch with me or any of the editorial team listed on the front page. My email address is above.

Fiona Agassiz

Warley Place Award

Warley Place was a winner at the BBC Essex Make a Difference Awards, Environment category. The trophy was presented to Mick Hedges, volunteer warden at a dinner ceremony held at Hatfield Place on 3rd November. Also attending were key volunteers Audrey McCarthy and Kevin Win. Radio listeners voted for their most deserving project, which was then whittled down to four by a panel of judges, who attended the presentation event.



Hole Farm

Forestry England are excited to let you know that their first community planting day at Hole Farm will be on Sunday 4th December, and they would be delighted if you could join them to help plant some of the first trees on the site. The planting will run from 10am to 3pm. If you would like to join in please email hole.farm@forestryengland.uk

Update on Five Acre Field

The Public Inquiry is to run in January 2023, Tuesday – Friday (10th – 13th and 17th – 20th) with two days over the third week, Tuesday/Wednesday (24th and 25th).

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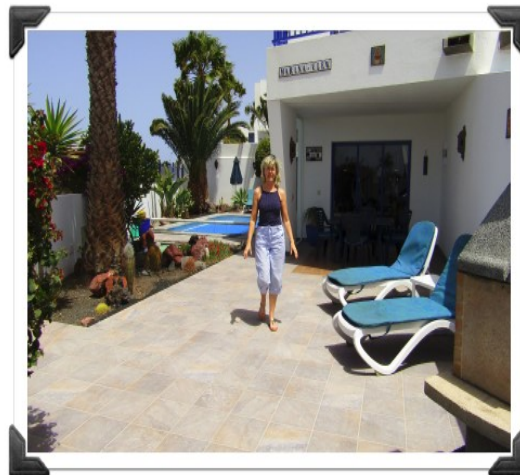
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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
4 December	11.30	Holy Communion
11 December	11.30	Morning Prayer
17 December	18.00	Candlelit 9 lessons and Carols
18 December	11.30	Holy Communion
24 December	23.30	Christmas Eve Communion
25 December	10.00	Family Communion at Christ Church
1 January	11.30	Morning Prayer
8 January	11.30	Morning Prayer and Epiphany celebration
15 January	11.30	Holy Communion
22 January	11.30	Morning Prayer
29 January	11.30	Mattins

Baptism

27th November - George Arthur William Cullen, son of Peter and Lizzie, brother of Ralph.

Harvest Celebration

Wonderful flowers and fruit, great congregation, good Harvest hymns, a very meaningful celebration.



Leaf Clearing in the churchyard

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the leaf clearing so far this year. This includes two cadets from the Warley TA and their leader, who joined us on 12th November to make the churchyard tidy before the Service of Remembrance. Thanks also to Mike Camfield and Peter James for their ongoing help to keep the churchyard tidy.

There will be one more leaf-clearing session on **Saturday 10th December**, 10.00am onwards. Please come if you can. The more help we have, the quicker it gets done!

St Mary the Virgin Great Warley

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 17th December 2022, 6pm

Bra-vissima Ladies Choir

Directed by Julia Wilson-James



Seasonal refreshments in the Hall after the service

There will be a retiring collection which will be shared between Bra-vissima and the church. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. If you prefer to make a cash donation in advance via BACS, please contact Helen Burgess on 07949 205994

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OUR SPONSORS & DIARY DATES

Dates for your Diary

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

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

Wednesday 14 December 1pm - Ladies Christmas lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

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

Friday 6 January 10am - Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Liz 07825 017056

Wednesday 25 January 1pm - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886



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VILLAGE NEWS

GREAT WARLEY CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Firstly a very warm welcome to any new Great Warley residents. We hope you enjoy this community, location and environment and thought it may be interesting to tell you and any other residents who are unsure what the society is, how it came about and what it does today.

Originally formed to fight the first M25 routing proposals (which put Great Warley under threat) the Society has evolved into part of the community infrastructure by supporting and organising village events; providing funds for community items such as replacement oak posts around the War Memorial green; financially supporting the joint community/ Church newsletter The Lychgate; organising regular litter clearances throughout the year and crucially entirely funded recent local legal battles for Green Belt issues of community concern. We constantly monitor both major and minor planning and highway proposals and at the 2018 AGM the Society's Constitution was brought up to date with the following stated objectives and mission:-

“ The objectives and mission of The Society shall be to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of residents and public the environment of Great Warley and for this purpose and not otherwise the Society shall:

- a. Promote negotiation and co-operation between local authorities and their various departments, local societies and other persons.
- b. Make representations in response to planning consultations and applications including by means of public appearance at public planning meetings and enquiries or in other ways as shall from time to time be necessary.
- c. Take other such lawful action as shall be calculated to promote the aforesaid objectives.
- d. With the exception of alterations and expansion of roads, railways and other transport forms which may impact upon traffic levels, noise, health or safety, the Society will confine itself to assessing and commenting upon and,

if agreed by the Committee, oppose planning applications within the Conservation area of Great Warley and any applications to extend properties or change their use together with any proposals which could affect protection of the Green Belt.”

The Society also has an involvement with the protection of Headley Common by virtue of having four representatives as Trustees.

Membership is open to residents and businesses and we ask for an annual subscription of £5 per head or £10 per household, although it is always greatly appreciated if anyone can kindly donate more. Please pay by bank transfer to Great Warley Conservation Society 20-72-89. 70032506. If you have any queries please email the treasurer Phil Mylrea = phil.mylrea@gmail.com.

Details of the Spring meeting will be emailed in due course.

De Rougemont Manor Hotel & Grounds, Great Warley Street Latest planning application

Yet another application for a substantial housing development at the above is being made by the property option holders, Redington Capital.

This version again ignores the principle of protecting Brentwood's Green Belt and, judging by the support for Green Belt development from the majority of councillors at the last planning committee hearing, it needs your vociferous opposition. The Great Warley Conservation Society will oppose the application but it is important that individuals also state their views. The deadline is 8th December. Public access to the planning portal is via <http://publicaccess.brentwood.gov.uk> or in writing quoting ref 22/01562/FUL.

The local ward councillors are:

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READER'S ARTICLES

There's Mistletoe in them there trees, right here in Brentwood!! Has anyone spotted them??

Many years ago, I saw what looked like large pom pom shaped nests towering high above the tree canopy along the slip road from Shenfield Common towards Brentwood Town Hall and thought they were nests of birds of prey. Then all was revealed on a tv gardening programme and they are actually mistletoe bushes, also known as "witches broom".

The Mistle Thrush bird propagates the mistletoe by eating it's white fruit and excreting it's sticky seed onto tree branches. That's how the process starts and you can hear the lovely Mistletoe Birdsong online. There are many varieties of mistletoe which is actually an organism that lives in or on an organism of another species as that's where it derives it's nutrients from. There are over 1500 varieties worldwide varying in size and toxicity and should never be eaten from the plant.

The Christmas tradition of kissing beneath the mistletoe started in ancient Greece during the festival of Saturnalia the Roman precursor to Christmas and later appears in marriage ceremonies due to its supposed fertility links.

In ancient times the Celtic Druids revered it as a wonder herb known as a mysterious parasite. It's promising amazing medicinal properties (benefits and side effects) can be viewed online as too numerous to mention here.

Mistletoe "Symbolizes the circle of life & death, rebirth, growth & renewal, femininity, friendship, good luck, healing, magic, peace, power, protection, romance, unification & wards off evil". The list is endless.

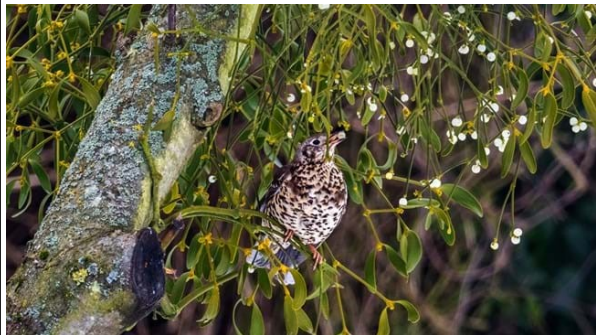
The Mistletoe isn't such a parasite after all considering it's fascinating long folkloric history and renowned medicinal properties. Many interesting articles can be found on the www to view.

Where is the Mistletoe & Wine? I wonder if it can cure a hangover!

With The Seasons Greetings !!



Witches Broom



Mistle Thrush Bird



Mistletoe

Susan
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