

# GREAT WARLEY LYCHGATE YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Farewell to Rev Stuart Hull and family

Stuart, Priest in charge of Great Warley and Christ Church, his wife Suzanne and their children Jennifer and Florence, who have all felt very much part of our village community, are moving on. Stuart will become a full time Army Chaplain, and when his training is complete, will serve with the NATO troops in Europe. We shall miss their thoughtful presence, music making and the general noise and bustle of family worship.

Suzanne played flute for our outdoor services during Covid, and has played the organ for many of our Sunday services and both Jennifer and Florence have helped to make services at St Mary's much more relaxed occasions. We shall miss them, and wish them all the very best for the future.

## Coronation Village Afternoon Open Air Celebration

Please come and join in the Coronation celebrations at the De Rougemont cricket field in Warley Road on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May between 2 & 4pm. Bring your own chairs and picnic. There will be music, fun and some games. It is entirely free of charge but please bring some cash and be prepared to buy some raffle tickets to help us cover the venue hire cost.

If you need further details or can help run games or have any other ideas for us for the day please contact Helen Burgess ([helen.burgess1@gmail.com](mailto:helen.burgess1@gmail.com)) or Linda Beaney



## Village News

### Warley Place

I hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful show of snowdrops followed by daffodils at Warley Place this year. We think the carpet of snowdrops was the best ever.

By the time you read this, there will be two more Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends for you to enjoy, first on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April and then from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April, over the Easter weekend. Volunteers will be on hand to answer all your questions about Ellen Willmott and Warley Place, and to sell guide books and other small items. There will be overflow parking available at the Cricket Club, and we are very grateful to Brentwood Cricket Club for allowing us to use this facility

You can, of course, enjoy a walk round Warley Place on any day of the week at any time, but please leave your dog at home. Donations from everyone are requested for the work of the Essex Wildlife Trust.

If you would like to see and learn more about the Warley Place birds, visit the North Hide on any Saturday morning. Andy is almost always there then, and he enjoys sharing his huge bird knowledge.

*Fiona Agassiz*

### GWCS Litter Pick

Please come along to the next litter pick on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April meeting at the Thatchers at 10am. The attendance has dwindled recently and consequently the surrounds of our village and this community seems to be drowning in litter. While the attitude of "I didn't throw it and I pay my Council tax to get it cleared" is perfectly understandable and shared by those who do help, unfortunately with Council services stretched and littering on the increase, without our community volunteers Great Warley will contin-

ue to degenerate. Locations where it is rampant tend to get more litter when they become less attractive because of the litter! It seems a downward spiral. So please, please join this community's battle and spare an hour to help. We supply tongs and hi-viz vests.

### GWCS Bi-Annual Meeting & AGM

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 8pm at the Rectory Hall

Please put this in your diary. It is not only an opportunity to learn of the Society's actions and the issues we are dealing with but also a chance to raise local community issues with our local Councillors. Rightly or wrongly it is the only community forum for Great Warley so please support it and also enjoy meeting fellow residents over a glass of wine.

If you might be able to spare some time we are currently needing someone to keep our accounting records. If anyone could spare a few hours a year please let Phil Smith know. ([phil@anomalyconsultants.co.uk](mailto:phil@anomalyconsultants.co.uk)) At the moment there are only three people on the committee which is insufficient for a community group of our size. Hope to see you at the meeting.

### De Rougemont Hotel

#### Planning permission granted for conversion and new build

Despite substantial opposition (and contrary to its own Development Plan), Brentwood Council granted consent for 43 houses and 11 apartments in the Conservation Area and Green Belt at last week's planning committee meeting.

Several Councillors argued against it (but then abstained, causing the application to gain consent).

The Conservation Society's planning expert, Phil Barrett, voiced opposition against building in the car park but in vain.

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### ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
2 April	11.30	Holy Communion distribution of Palms
7 April	10.00	Good Friday Service and making of Easter Gardens
9 April	11.30	Easter Holy Communion
16 April	20.00	Ash Wednesday Christ Church
23 April	11.30	Holy Communion
30 April	10.30	Farewell Service for Rev Stuart at Christ Church
6 May	11.15	Bell ringing for the Coronation
7 May	11.30	Holy Communion
14 May	11.30	Morning Prayer
21 May	11.30	Whit Sunday Holy Communion
28 May	11.30	Holy Communion

### Good Friday Service

Bring all the family to our Good Friday service and making of Easter Gardens. We hope to be outside in The churchyard with Suzanne Hull playing music for us. Hopefully the weather will be kind. We will start at 10am. See you then!

### Church Opening Times

Our lovely Arts and Crafts/Art Nouveau church of St Mary the Virgin is now open for all drop-in visitors every Thursday afternoon 2-4pm. You can either be given a guided tour or explore the church treasures on your own.

The church will also be open from noon to 4pm on Bank Holiday Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> May, and again all visitors will be welcome. We will not be open on the extra Bank Holiday on 8<sup>th</sup> May, because this is the day of the Village

Coronation Celebration Party at the Cricket Club. Guided tours of the church for organised groups can be arranged for any time on any day. Please phone Fiona on 01277 230436 or email [fionaagassiz@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaagassiz@hotmail.com) for more details. Otherwise, come to one of our services, held at 11.30am each Sunday.



The ladies from Bennett's Funeral Directors at the Lychgate at St. Mary's, Great Warley on International Women's Day

### 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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## DIARY DATES, VILLAGE NEWS AND SPONSORS

### Dates for your Diary

#### April

**Saturday 1 April 10am** - GWCS Litter Pick from Thatchers Arms. Meet at 10am. All equipment provided.

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

#### May

**Friday 5 May 10am** - Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Liz 07825 017056

**Monday 8 May 2-4pm** - Village afternoon open air Coronation Celebration at the De Rougemont cricket ground

**Thursday 25 May 8pm** - GWCS Meeting and AGM at the Rectory Hall

**Wednesday 31 May 1pm** - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

### Planning and Enforcement Appeals at Five Acre Field

As you may already be aware, a public inquiry into the development of Five Acre Field was held on 10-13 and 17-19 January 2023 as a result of an appeal having being made against an enforcement notice and a refusal to grant planning permission by Brentwood Borough Council.

A decision was made in favour of the Council by the Inspector on 7 February by dismissing the appeals, upholding the enforcement notices and refusing the planning permission. The appellants have been given 12 months to comply with these decisions.

In his summary, the Inspector found that the site amounted to "inappropriate development in the green belt" regarding the site being situated in a "particularly sensitive green belt location" with further harm to openness and the countryside. The site was considered fundamentally unsuited for development which was also considered a "textbook example of intentional unauthorised development."

The Society was represented by its own barrister who worked in parallel with the Council's barrister. After three years of hard work by the Great Warley Conservation Society the result is a positive one for Great Warley and the local environment.

Thanks are due to all those who supported the case both financially and otherwise.

### The Bardswell Club

What's coming up next...

**Saturday 1 April - Cockney Night & Pie 'n' Mash\***

**Friday 7 April - Bee Gees Tribute Night**

**Saturday 15 April - Tom Jones Tribute Night**

**Friday 21 April - Abba Tribute Night**

**Friday 28 April - 80's Night**

**Saturday 6 May - Tina Turner Tribute**

**Saturday 13 May - Julie Jive and the Bigshots Rock 'n' Roll**

**Saturday 20 May - Shadows Tribute Band**

**Saturday 27 May - Ed Sheeran Tribute**

**Friday 2 June - Cher Tribute**

**Friday 9 June - Word of Mouth Rock 'n' Roll Night**

**Friday 16 June - Katy Perry Tribute**

**Friday 23 June - Dolly Parton Tribute**

**Saturday 1 July - Rod Stewart Tribute**

**Friday 8 July - Freddie Mercury Tribute**

**Saturday 16 July - George Michael Tribute**

**Saturday 22 July - Rat Pack Tribute**

**Friday 28 July - 60s Night**

Tickets available in advance from the bar, online or on the door.

Events marked \* will **not** include food if purchased on the door.

All tickets **without** food £7 Members and £10 Non-members.

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## EILEEN NEWBY RIP

### Eileen Newby RIP

With the sad passing of Eileen Newby an era comes to an end as Ken and Eileen were residents at 3 Bird Lane for close to 75 years. They moved in to no 3 as recent newlyweds when the house was still brand new and they went about making it into what turned out to be their forever home.

Ken set about getting the garden laid out for producing fresh fruit and vegetables with a chicken run at the bottom for fresh eggs. Linda was then born in 1951 but sadly passed away in 2022.

During harvest at Codham Hall in 1952 there was major excitement when the combine Ken was operating caught fire (then farmed by the Goodchild family). Quick thinking by Ken kept the damage to a minimum, not all super heroes wear capes!

In 1954 their son Graham was born and the family was complete. Graham has now retired and

lives in Australia with his wife. They have a son and grandchildren.

Both Newby children attended the School in Bird Lane (School House) where Eileen was the dinner lady and Ken maintained the playing fields with his Suffolk cut mower.

Eileen went on to become house keeper for the Ellingworth, Goodchild and Padfield family ( the latter right up until her 70's when she used to ride her bike to Codham Hall every day.)

Eileen and Ken have two grandsons (one in the UK and one in Australia) and 5 grandchildren who sadly never met Ken and Eileen.

Ken's level hedge outside no 3 is legendary as he managed it all by hand and eye, and now sadly not the case since his passing in 2020.

So what next for 3 Bird Lane? What we do know is that Ken and Eileen's DNA will be forever etched in local folklore.

*Graham Newby*



Photo of the Bird Lane School house and pupils from the early 1960s. Eileen is pictured second row from the back, third from the right. Linda is to the left in front of her and Graham mid-centre front row. Who else from the village do you recognise?

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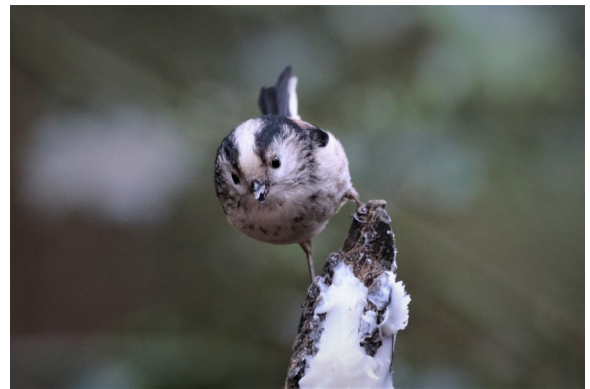
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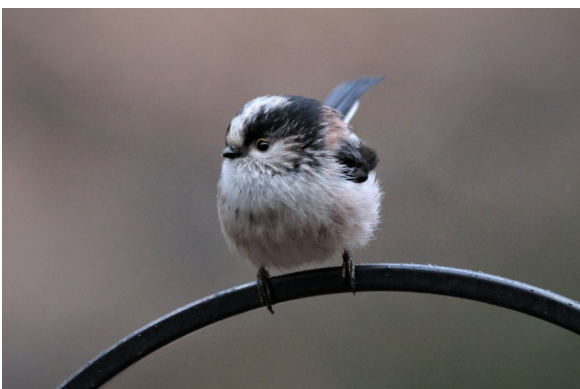
Some fabulous photographs taken by Andy Hibbard and his co-photographer Andrew from the North Hide of Warley Place recently.



The stoat has also been spotted at other locations around Great Warley. Have you seen him and can you work out what the birds are?



Warley Place has a Facebook page and you are most welcome to upload any photos you take while out walking as there is always something lovely to see there especially at this time of the year.



If you haven't yet visited Warley Place there are two more Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends for you to enjoy. The first on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April and then from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April, over the Easter weekend. Volunteers will be on hand to answer all your questions about Warley Place's history and the famous Ellen Willmott who was awarded the first RHS Victoria Medal of Honour in 1897 as a British horticulturalist. More than 60 plants have been named after her or her home Warley Place.