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Great Warley Village Coronation Flags

The celebratory display on the green for the coronation was fantastic. Large flags, Bunting, and the royal crown, all made painted and erected by David Wellings. He is a truly fantastic artist. Sadly just prior to the printing of the last edition, my brain was elsewhere, so I hope we can now fully celebrate David's expertise, and contribution to village life over many years.



*Helen
Burgess*

Village News

Warley Place

A new set of steps has recently been discovered and uncovered just outside the north-west corner of the walled garden (see attached photo). There must still be many secrets under the ground-cover at Warley Place, which makes it such a special place to be a volunteer or just to walk.

The re-stabilising of the Conservatory should begin at the end of August, now that enough money has been obtained to fund this. It will be lovely to have the conservatory and part of the ground floor of the ruins of the house open again, since this area is so central to the reserve.

A large branch of a tree fell across the main driveway at Warley Place during the high winds on the weekend of 14th and 15th July (photo attached). It has now been cleared.

All of the noticeboards at Warley Place will soon be upgraded by the Essex Wildlife Trust, including a welcome sign adjacent to the entrance gate and a car park site map. This will show the accessibility route for wheelchairs which is soon to be introduced.



Another car in the house!!

A second car has crashed through the fence and entered a house on the corner of Bird Lane and Great Warley Street!! (see photo). It happened during the late evening of Friday 14th July, and it has shocked local residents, some of whom heard a screech and then a bang.

The building had still not been repaired after the first incident, which happened on 9th December last year when a pickup truck was entirely embedded in the house.

A photo of that situation was printed in the Janu-

ary Lychgate newsletter.

The house owners have been living in hotels, paid for by insurance, ever since the first incident. It is a horrendous situation for them. They say that repairs were due to start in September but that might be pushed back now. The building might need to be reassessed for a possible rebuild due to the additional damage.



The driver of the car in the latest incident ran away. The December driver was injured and left blood in the truck which helped to identify him, but this black car may not have been going quite so fast.

Discussions are now starting to take place, including with the Conservation Society and with local council members, as to how to make this dangerous corner safer.

Award winning photo

Many congratulations to Andy Hibbard, who has just won a national photography competition with the below photo. It was taken from the north hide at Warley Place. Andy is a keen bird watcher and photographer. He is usually to be found in the north hide on Saturday mornings, and he is always happy to share his knowledge with visitors, so



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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
6 August	11.30	Holy Communion
13 August	11.30	Morning Prayer
20 August	11.30	Holy Communion
27 August	11.30	Morning Prayer
3 September	11.30	Holy Communion Back to School Service
10 September	11.30	Morning Prayer
17 September	11.30	Holy Communion
24 September	11.30	Harvest Festival
1 October	11.30	Holy Communion

Harvest Festival

We would love you to join us to celebrate Harvest, and the coming of Autumn. The service will be led by Sue Evans, who was a choir girl at St Mary's, and is now working with Brentwood Schools Cristian Workers Trust as an inspirational Christian educator and leader. Great Warley very much welcomes young people of all ages.

Churchyard

We are very grateful to Chris Padfield and family for arranging for the middle and lower part of the churchyard to be strimmed in June. Also we are always grateful to Liz and Jim Stanford for keeping the churchyard lawns so well mown. It is helpful for them to be able to keep the mowers in our lovely new shed beside the Lychgate.

Church Public openings

St Mary's Church continues to be open every Thursday afternoon, 2 – 4pm, for everyone to drop in and enjoy our beautiful Arts and Crafts interior. We will also be open for all visitors on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August, 12noon – 4pm, and on the Heritage Open weekend, which is Saturday 9th September 10am – 4pm and Sunday 10th September 12.30 – 4pm. Please come!

You are also most welcome to attend our regular Sunday morning service at 11.30am, and we will

show you round the church after the service.

Harvest Supper

Do come and join in this regular village event from 7pm on Saturday 23 September at the Rectory Hall. Celebrate the Harvest, meet new friends, all welcome. Tickets £15.00 to include casserole and veg, plus pudding. Bring your own booze and nibbles. Children under 11 free, 11-16 £7.50. Soft drinks, and Wallets apple juice included. Raffle for Lychgate, and church.

Funeral & Burial at St. Mary's

30th May Peter James

Dates for your Diary

July

Saturday 29 July 10am - GWCS Litter Pick from Thatchers Arms. All equipment provided.

August

Wednesday 2 August 10.30-12.30 - Walk around Hole Farm with Forestry England. Book by emailing arch.events@essex.gov.uk

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

Wednesday 30 August 1pm - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

September

Friday 1 September 10am - Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Liz 07825 017056

Saturday 9 10-4pm & Sunday 10 September 12.30-4 - Heritage open weekend at St Mary's

Saturday 23 September - Harvest Supper from 7pm at the Rectory Hall. Call Helen 01277 227557

Wednesday 27 September 1pm - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

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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WALKS AROUND GREAT WARLEY

Five interesting walks around Great Warley

All of these walks are 4 – 5 miles long and start and end at the Thatchers. There are many other access points, shortenings and variations. L= turn left, R= turn right. Please email fionaagassiz@hotmail.com if more details are needed, or with comments.

1. Circular walk round the village. 4.98 miles, inc. 0.4 miles each way in Dark Lane.

Walk down Dark lane, L on footpath opposite Green Lane (1 stile), through farm gate, L on 2nd footpath (2 stiles), L up slope by hedge after 2nd stile, L in Warley Road, R on unmarked footpath opposite 2nd driveway, R in Beredens Lane, L on footpath over small bank. Good views over the Thames here.

You are now in Hole Farm Community Woodland, where there will soon be more choice of walks. R on Hole Farm Lane, L on public footpath round Hole Farm (well signed). Join tarmac path past church to Great Warley Street.

Follow footpath opposite church (over stile) across the stream (the infant Mardyke) up to Bird Lane. L along Warley Gap and keep L past Felix, L on bridleway after pond, cross Warley Road to Green Lane (the unnamed road which starts by Great Ropers Lane) and L back up Dark Lane.

2. North to Warley Country Park and Holly Wood. 4.33 miles.

Follow Warley Road north, L into Great Ropers Lane, L again in Mascalls Lane and R into Vaughan Williams Way. Warley Country Park entrance is soon on your left. There is a small convenient car park a few yards further on.

Follow the main pathway to the T-junction, turn L, and R at park edge. Follow this path round the edge, hearing Elizabeth Line trains to your left, and on reaching the field cross towards railway bridge. R up Crescent Drive, keeping straight ahead on path when road turns left. Enter Holly Wood, keeping R behind the houses. Follow this main path as it winds through the wood.

On reaching the grassy area by Clements Park, head for the water tower. Take path to R of tower. Follow yellow footpath sign, L at tarmac path and R before brick steps leading to Mascalls Park. L on Vaughan Williams Way, R in Great Ropers

Lane, R into Green Lane and L up Dark Lane.

3. South to Little Warley and to Childerditch Industrial Estate. 5 miles.

South on Great Warley St., L on footpath opposite church, R in Bird Lane, L on path before road bridge, follow field edge to Rectory Chase, R then L in front of Old Rectory, diagonally across 3rd field to stile. R in Little Warley Hall Lane, L on footpath after road bridge, keep ahead on footpath and bear R to follow grassy area in Industrial Estate. L on wide track at road roundabout, L on track past the Greyhound just before Magpie Lane is reached. Time for a quick stop?

Follow Magpie Lane L. Bear R at fork, cross Bird Lane and follow path ahead to Great Warley St.

4. East to Warley Gap, Childerditch Common and Thorndon Park. 4.58 miles.

Up Warley Road, R on bridleway, follow Warley Gap past Felix. Straight on at crossroads, 2nd R footpath down Warley Gap woods, L in Magpie Lane, take narrow footpath at nearest corner of common, keep on L footpath to pass beacon and bear R there to cross Childerditch Lane. Follow path opposite, L before stream, follow this winding path and go L at its end.

Cross lane again and take signed path to right of tennis club, to reach Eagle Way opposite the Marillac. Alternatively turn R in the lane and L on new cycle path shortly before Devils Head crossroads. L in Eagle Way, L past Regimental Chapel, back via Green Lane or the way you came.

5. West to Folkes Lane Woodland, Tomkyns Lane and Tylers Common. 4.08 miles.

West on Warley Road, L down Beredens Lane, follow footpath straight on and across M25 footbridge. Immediately R on footpath, which circles L and has good views, R again where footpaths cross, bear R after stile, go straight (partly a tractor route, with more good views) to Tomkyns Lane. R in lane, cross main road to Tylers Common, follow narrow path straight ahead. R on 1st path and follow it down hill and through gap to Tylers Wood. Can be muddy here. L then R to car park, L on road bridge over M25. Avoid dangerous Warley Road corner by going R on unmarked footpath opposite 2nd driveway and L up Beredens Lane to Warley Road.

PETER JAMES RIP

Peter James RIP

Peter James died on 15th May 2023, just nine days before his eightieth birthday. He was buried on Tuesday 30th May in Great Warley churchyard, next to his late wife Barbara. They were both well known and much loved members of the village community, taking large parts in many of the Conservation Society discussions and village events. Barbara sadly died in 2017.

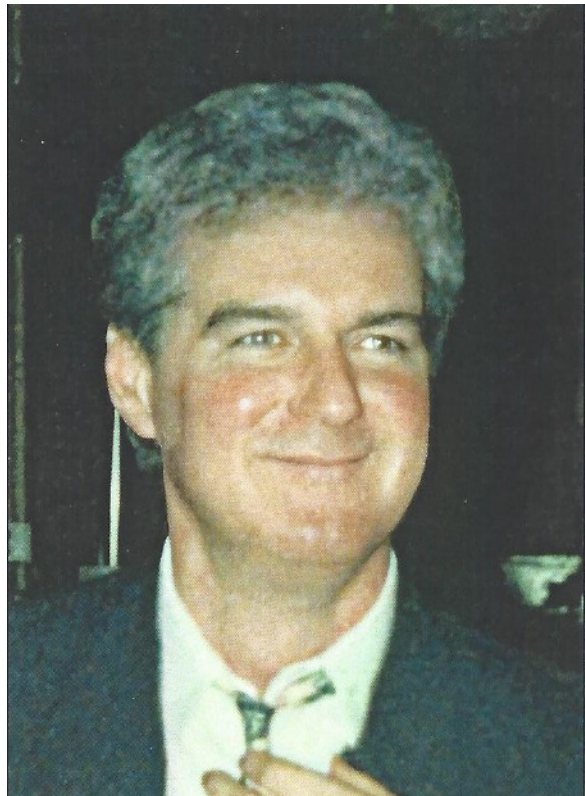
Peter was born in Wales in 1943. His father was in the police force, but he also served in bomber command during the Second World War. The family then moved to West Ham, where Peter's brother David was born. The brothers were very close, even though David was eleven years younger than Peter. The family had many holidays in Wales, especially in the Gower peninsula.

Peter often looked after his younger brother, particularly taking him to movies. He started his working life as an accountant, and he was a keen supporter of West Ham football club. There were often West Ham players in the pubs which he and David used to visit.

Peter married Barbara in France. Barbara already had a son, Edward, and Peter became very close to Edward and his family, often visiting them in Wales, even after Barbara died. He knew a great deal about Welsh history, and he passed this knowledge on to Edward's children, Emily and David.

Peter was a generous, kind person, who was a good listener and always happy to help others. He became well known in the village, walking to the Thatchers from his home near the A127, often picking up litter on the way. He also took an active part in village litter-picking sessions and in leaf-clearing in the churchyard every autumn.

He is already very much missed.



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VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTICLES

Scouts camping by our Rectory Hall

We have been sent these photos by Stephanie Tebbutt, whose grandparents Henry and Edie Tebbutt lived in the Rectory Lodge in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Her grandfather was the church Verger. During this time Stephanie was living in Woodford, and her local scout group, 50th Epping Forest South (St Paul's, Woodford Bridge) used to camp in our Rectory Hall car park. The car park still had a grass surface at this time. The facilities at the Lodge were made available to the group.



Giant Hogweed Warning

We are grateful to a local resident, Sue Montanjes, for bringing to our attention warnings about the danger of highly toxic "Giant Hogweed". We understand it has been sighted in woodland and beside footpaths around Brentwood and thought we should warn the community to be highly wary of its dangers. If touched, it has been known to cause severe



burns to both humans and pets; can cause long term blistering and scarring and, in severe cases, the need for skin grafts.

It looks like huge cow parsley but has distinguishing pink/purple blotches on the hairy thick stems and grows to greater heights than cowslips.

If touched and blistering occurs, immediate emergency medical treatment should be sought.

Stephen Brabner's Ride and Stride

On 9th September I will be donning the walking boots again and braving the footpaths and pavements of Essex to walk in aid of St. Mary's and the Friends of Essex Churches in the annual 'Ride and Stride' event which takes place across the whole county and East London. Cyclists and walkers participate to raise funds for the Trust, 50% of the money being donated to the charity and the residue going to the nominated church of the rider or pedestrian foolish enough to take part. The funds are available to all major denominations for the repairs of historic and important church buildings, the enhancement of facilities of churches for wider community use and has been in operation since 1951. 'Ride and Stride' is the largest contributor to the Friends of Essex Churches Trust funds, although there is also a range of other sources such as an autumn Gift Fair, Open Garden days and usually a bi-annual Study Day where members and guests travel to 5 different churches to hear about the history and architecture from experts, many people either enjoying a picnic at lunch time or the comfort of a local hostelry.

The wonderful Heywood Sumner window at Great Warley Church (the rose window at the west end of the church near the font) is in dire need of new stone work in the tracery due to erosion. This is estimated to be in the order of at least £50,000 although we have yet to ascertain this as the church architect has advised us that a full survey of all the windows would be sensible before we proceed. Whatever the outcome, it will necessitate a substantial bill for the work so whatever can be raised this September will go towards this project. If you can help please donate- either at the church itself - forms will be available at the back of the church or at <https://gofundme/tgg7jn>

Grateful thanks – Stephen Brabner