



# **GREAT WARLEY Lychgate YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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## **Harvest Festival**

More than 40 people, young and older joined a celebration to 'bring the Harvest home. Wonderful flowers by Debbie Chapman and fruits adorned the church. There were generous donations to the Brentwood food bank



## **Harvest Supper**

A wonderful community event. Fantastic food, a beautifully decorated and cleaned hall and lots of chatting were enjoyed by more than 30 people on 23rd September. The participants came from all over the village, together with church members. We had representatives from Church Road, Codham Hall Lane, Hole Farm, Bird Lane, Great Warley St, Warley Road, Beredens Lane and Headley Common. We raised a splendid £507.00. This will be split between the Lychgate and refurbishment of the hall, particularly the electrics!!!

## Village News

### Warley Place

The Conservatory at Warley Place is now being stabilised again, so the path outside the southern wall of the walled garden will be closed for the next few weeks. There is a map on the entrance gate which shows how to access the information room and the walled garden. All of the re-building work will then be completed, and we are grateful for the grants which have been received to enable this safety work to take place. We are also grateful to Latchford Farm in St Mary's Lane for giving us a good discount on the bulk bird food which we have been purchasing from there for at least the last thirteen years.

The ten Red Poll cows and eight calves which have been grazing the Warley Place meadows have now been removed. They have left the grass short so that next year's daffodils should be as splendid as always. Volunteers from the Monday and Wednesday work parties counted and checked the cattle each day that they were on the reserve.

*Fiona Agassiz*

### GWCS

GWCS Autumn meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 8PM in the Rectory Hall. Please come along to discuss issues impacting our community. Local Councillors always attend so this is an opportunity to mutually air opinions to help improve and protect our village and community.

### Hole Farm Community Tree Planting Days

Help us create your community woodland at Hole Farm!

In partnership with National Highways, Forestry England is creating a new com-

munity woodland at Hole Farm in Great Warley. The 95-hectare site will have a mosaic of habitats comprising of ponds, wildflowers, a network of paths for walkers, cyclists and horse rides and, of course, woodland – this is where we want you to help out!

We're excited to say that we'll be starting year 2 of tree planting this winter where Forestry England will be planting another 70,000 trees on site. There will be two community tree planting days held on Sunday 26 November and Saturday 2 December 2023. Grab your gloves and wellies and come join us.

Sign ups for these events will open in October, please keep an eye on the Forestry England website for more information and the link for signing

up: [www.forestryengland.uk/hole-farm](http://www.forestryengland.uk/hole-farm)

In the meantime, if you have any questions please

email: [hole.farm@forestryengland.uk](mailto:hole.farm@forestryengland.uk)

### De Rougemont Manor Hotel

It was announced on 9<sup>th</sup> September that the de Rougemont Manor hotel will continue to be open for the foreseeable future.

The hotel was due to close on 1<sup>st</sup> October, following a planning application for a change of use. However, this situation has now been significantly delayed and the management team are delighted to tell us that the hotel will remain open for business and for future bookings.

### 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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Date	Time	Service
1 October	11.30	Holy Communion
8 October	11.30	Morning Prayer
15 October	11.30	Holy Communion
22 October	11.30	Morning Prayer
29 October	11.30	Matins
5 November	11.30	Morning Prayer
12 November	10.45	Remembrance Sunday and wreath laying
19 November	11.30	Holy Communion
26 November	11.30	Morning Prayer
3 December	11.30	Holy Communion
10 December	11.30	Morning Prayer
16 December	18.30	Nine Lessons and carols by candlelight
17 December	11.30	Holy Communion
24 December	23.30	Christmas Communion
25 December	10.00	Communion at Christ Church

### Leaf Clearing in the Churchyard

Please, please come and help us to clear the leaves in the churchyard on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, both at 10am. You will be rewarded with coffee, biscuits and good company. We have lost one of our regular helpers, Peter James, who sadly died earlier this year, so we are more in need of help than ever before. If you cannot manage these dates but have a little time to spare, please bring a rake and some gloves and collect some leaves at any time. Wheelbarrows can be found at the side of the new shed.

### Remembrance Sunday

Do join Warley Cadets and their officers at St Mary the Virgin Church at 10.45 on November 12th for a service led by Archdeacon Mike Powers which will include the Act Of Remembrance and 2 minutes silence. This will be followed by the cadets laying a wreath at the War Memorial opposite the Thatchers at about 12 midday

### Funerals at St. Mary's

6th September - Memorial service following cremation John Smith  
 12th September - Memorial service and Interment Lawrence Miller  
 28th September - Memorial service and interment Mavis Wright  
*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

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

**Thursday 12 October 7.30pm** - Richards Charity Quiz at the Thatchers £3 per person

**Saturday 21 October 10am** - GWCS Litter Pick from Thatchers Arms. All equipment provided

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

#### November

**Friday 3 November 10am** - Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Liz 07825 017056

**Sunday 12 November 10.45am** - Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial

**Thursday 23 November 8pm** - GWCS Autumn Meeting at the Rectory Hall

**Saturday 25 November 10am** - Churchyard Leaf Clearing

**Wednesday 29 November 1pm** - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

#### December

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

**Saturday 9 November 10am** - Leaf Clearing at St Mary's churchyard

**Saturday 16 December 6.30pm** - Carol Service at St Mary's

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## LAWRENCE MILLER RIP

### Lawrence Miller

1925 - 2023

Lawrence was born in Ilford on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1925, the eldest son of Gwen and John. He attended Brentwood School, and then in 1944 at the age of 19 he joined the Navy where he spent three years. On discharge he took up vigorous training in accountancy.

Lawrence met Janet Bentley on an art history trip to Venice in 1952, and 3 years later to the day they were married at Great Warley Church on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1955. They bought 14, Worrin Close, Brentwood, and made it into a family home. Lawrence was a devoted husband to Janet for 62 years, father to Joanna, Timothy, Martin and Daniel and proud and encouraging Grandad to James, Ben and Alex. He made the daily commute from Shenfield to London to work as an accountant.

In 1990, when Samuel Marsden went to Australia, Lawrence and Janet, along with other families, were the main reason why the Chelmsford Diocese did not close St Mary's church. They worked hard to keep it going, and as a result it thrived. Lawrence was a member of the PCC for nearly 60 years, and he was a church warden for many of these. He wrote the church guide book which is still in use today. He knew a great deal about Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau and was a great inspiration to those whom he mentored as church guides.

Lawrence was instrumental in Great Warley Church becoming a Grade I Listed building. In the 1990's he managed to obtain grants from English Heritage and other bodies for a major restoration project in the church. He spent a huge amount of time on church matters and he cared deeply for the churchyard, becoming the Tree Warden in addition to his other responsibilities.

To celebrate the new millennium Lawrence and Janet gifted a new double stained glass window to St Mary's, a copy of one of the original windows by Hayward Sumner. The original win-

dows in the nave had been destroyed by a bomb in the churchyard in 1940.

Lawrence had a long association with the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks, joining the Company in 1971 as Parish Clerk for St Mary le Bow in Cheapside. He served in various capacities including on the Finance Committee, the Investments Sub-Committee, and on the Court which is the governing body. He was the 720<sup>th</sup> Master of the company in 1993, and he later continued as a Past Master Emeritus.

Lawrence made the most of every day of his 97 years with many diverse interests including card games, especially bridge. He and Janet shared a love of travel and exploration, and every year they had at least one trip abroad. He loved photography, and accumulated a huge library of photo albums. He also kept a tidy and well-stocked garden, and was interested in everything to do with natural history.

Lawrence died on 17<sup>th</sup> August after spending his last years at Old Shenfield Place. His funeral was held at St Mary's on 12<sup>th</sup> September, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Lawrence was such a huge part of Great Warley Church for so many years that it is difficult to imagine what the church would be like today without all of his input. We thank him for his huge legacy, and we send our sympathy to his family.



## DAVID BARLOW RIP, MAVIS WRIGHT RIP

### David Barlow RIP

1935 – 2023

David Edward Barlow was a regular member of the congregation at St Peters Church in Harold Wood and then of St Mary's until a few years before his death. His son Steve, daughter-in-law Ruth and granddaughter Amy live in Great Warley and also attend St Mary's church. David's funeral was held at Bentley Crematorium on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

David and his wife Daphne grew up in Portsmouth. David was an upholsterer before joining the police and moving to Essex. They met at the Salvation Army Youth Club, where David was a bandsman playing the euphonium and Daphne was a singer. They married in 1958.

David and Daphne had a great love of the Lake District Fells, sometimes returning four or five times in a year. Great Gable and Haystacks Fell were two of David's favourites.

David was a strong character who believed in high morals, honesty and respect. He was known as a constant source of support and encouragement for his family and friends or as part of church life. He loved to hear the Lord's word and went out of his way to encourage all who preached it. He would spend considerable time preparing to lead home bible groups, and to Daphne's surprise he would often return from a Sunday morning service with additional guests for lunch.

David was also known for his energy and humour. As a church warden at St Peter's he was often the compere for Christmas celebrations. He loved music, with Nimrod being his personal choice. Singing in church was very much part of his worship.

He was also well known for his love of running, which he continued until he was 70 – a time to release, re-energise and sort out issues which always seemed to be more manageable when he got back.

Finally above all David was a family man – a devoted husband to Daphne, father to Martin, Steve, Jane Anne and Tim and grandfather to

Hannah, Amy, Charlie, Darcey and Ruby. Nothing delighted him more than the family. His counsel was regularly sought, always considered and always right. He will be very much missed.



### Mavis Wright RIP

We are sad to announce the death of Mavis Wright, late of Hole Farm, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 at the age of 91. Her husband Tony died in 2019.

Mavis and her family lived at Hole Farm for many years, and they had three children, Janet, Julie and Stephen. Mavis was well known and much loved in Great Warley, and she was an active member of the Conservation Society.

Her funeral is taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm at St Mary's church, followed by burial in the churchyard. A fuller obituary about Mavis will be printed in the next issue of the Lychgate.

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