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Remembrance Sunday

Warley Cadets laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Great Warley, following a moving service led by Venerable Mike Power. L/Cpl Kyan Pindoria was the Standard Bearer, Cdt Jeremy Davidson laid the wreath, supported by L/Cpl Matilda Goldhill. L/Cpl Cameron Beaken, and Cdts Hugh Gibson and Harry Stammers. The cadets were led by Major Gary Buckell, SSI James Wren and SI Malcolm Pitch. More than 50 people from the village, church and family and friends of the cadets were in attendance.



Village News

Warley Place

The conservatory at Warley Place is now being re-stabilised. The work should be finished by Christmas, and certainly in time for the Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends. It will be so good to be able to walk through the conservatory again and to use it as a resting place. We thank the Essex Wildlife Trust for obtaining the grants to enable this work to be done.

The flat walk suitable for wheelchairs round part of the reserve is now almost complete. It winds through the rockery area between the old stables and the road. The main front gate to Warley Place has been permanently removed so that motorists who use wheelchairs can access the main car park without having to open the front gate.

Work is underway to re-establish the 'Slip Garden' (outside the south side of the walled garden). Thanks to a generous bereavement donation, pollinating shrubs and perennials will be planted here. The former have been selected and will arrive by the end of November.

Twenty one additional native trees are to be planted in the two meadows during December. Each will have a protection guard structure to protect it from the deer and from the cattle in summer.

More volunteers are always needed to help with the car parking or to welcome visitors during the Spring Bulb Spectacular weekends. If YOU are able to help just for a couple of hours, please email me on fionaagas-siz@hotmail.com.

Headley Common

The Trustees for Headley Common have met with Dave Bigden, Joint General Director of Thames Chase and at a recent full trustees meeting with Alex Hewitt (Thames Chase Senior Programmes Officer) have agreed on three days of maintenance work with their team of volunteers.

On Tuesday 14th November Alex arrived with 14 volunteers for work along the Common on the west side of Warley Road. The wide verge from

Great Ropers Lane to The Fat Turk restaurant is part of the Common. We concentrated on the part from Great Ropers Lane to the turning in front of Felix. With rakes and long handled leaf grabs, the volunteers collected many bushels of leaves. When the leaves were removed a team on their hands and knees armed with trowels planted 300 daffodil bulbs.

Alex Hewitt said that 300 bulbs are enough for this late planting trial and we will see how it goes and if successful we will looking at planting 2,000 bulbs in October next year. This first day's work with Thames Chase volunteers has been a great success although the weather was not at all kind to us.

I have only been involved with Headley Common for 20 years and this is the first bulb planting I can recall in all those years. You will need to ask Fiona Agassiz or Len Fryatt who will know when the first bulb planting took place!

David Tee



Philip and Karen Lazell

We are sad to say farewell to Phil and Karen, who moved to Stock on 23rd November after 35 years of living in Bird Lane. They are moving to be closer to their married daughter and their grandchildren, and they will be very much missed. They have been a good part of the village community, helping in all sorts of ways, including running a very successful tombola stall at several of the original village fayres. We wish them all the best in their new home.

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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
3 December	11.30	Holy Communion
10 December	11.30	Morning Prayer
16 December	18.00	Carol Service
17 December	11.30	Holy Communion
24 December	23.30	No Morning Service Christmas Eve Mid-night Communion
25 December	11.30	Holy Communion at Christ Church
31 December	11.30	BCP Morning Prayer
7 January	11.30	Holy Communion
14 January	11.30	Morning Prayer
21 January	11.30	Holy Communion
28 January	11.30	Morning Prayer
4 February	18.30	Holy Communion

Christmas at St. Mary's

16th December 10.30 Decorating the church and Christmas Tree

16th December 18.00 Nine Lessons Candlelit Carol Service 17th December. 11.30 Holy Communion with Bishop of Bradwell

24th December 23.30 Midnight Communion

7th January 11.30am Epiphany Communion service with Tableau of Wisemen and Shepherds in the stable

Everyone is truly welcome at St Mary's at all of these events. We are so fortunate to be welcoming Bra-vissima to lead our Carol singing on 16th December. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Rectory Hall opposite the church. On 7th January the children and young people will be dressing to form a tableau of the Wise Men and the stable, to remind us of the revelation of Christ to all of us.

Post of vicar for St Mary's and Christ Church

Hopefully the advertisement for a new vicar is now out. All things being equal, we shall be shortlisting after Christmas, and interviewing in February. Provided all goes to plan... we should have a vicar in May 2024.

St Mary's Churchyard.

We are very grateful to all who help to maintain our churchyard. Especially we thank David Wellings who has restored the notice board just inside the Lychgate, Simon Dipper who has done his marvellous annual job of pleaching the lime trees, and Jim and Liz Stanford who keep the grass areas so well mown.

We now need YOUR help to clear the leaves and make the churchyard tidy for the winter. The first leaf clearing session will have taken place before you read this, but there will be a second one on Saturday 9th December, starting at 10am. Please bring gardening gloves, and a rake if possible. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

One of our most regular leaf clearers, Peter James, very sadly died this year. We all miss him. This is one reason why YOUR help is more needed than ever before. Please join us!

The Noticeboard restored by David Wellings



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MAVIS WRIGHT RIP

Mavis Wright 1931 – 2023

Mavis Kathleen Wright, lately of Hole Farm, was born on 18th November 1931. She had three older brothers, William, Maurice and Ian, plus an adopted brother Gordon. She left school at 15 and started her first job in the local chemist which was a short walk from her family home. She also worked in a department shop where she learnt to fold towels in the correct way.

Mavis had a few boyfriends before she met her future husband Anthony Reginald Wright at the local fairground. She was there with her best friend Ada and Tony was there with his best friend Jeff. The girls were offered rides home on the boys' motorbikes, rather than waiting for the bus to arrive. They went with the boys, and both eventually married them.

Mavis married Tony in Chalfont St Giles on 26th April 1952, and they were together for 66 years until Tony died in 2019. They had three children, Janet, Julie and Stephen.

At first Mavis seemed to enjoy the life of a farmer's wife, baking cakes and making jam, collecting the eggs and being a perfect housewife. Unfortunately, this did not last after she realised that the life of a farmer's wife started before 5.30am and ended at 8.30pm when Tony went to bed. She then learned to drive, however, and she found work doing in-store promotions at local supermarkets.

In 1972 the family moved to Hole Farm, Great Warley, with Tony's brother Peter and his wife Jenny. It was an opportunity for them to manage a larger farm than the small holdings which they each held in Dedham. Mavis again found promotional work, and she joined local clubs including playing Badminton and Croquet.

Mavis's greatest love was for antiques. She loved jewellery and everything which glistened. She went to boot fairs and antiques markets, and often came home having bought more than she sold. She was a great hoarder! She loved to travel, and she used to spend many months visiting her scattered family. She

adored her four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mavis also adored animals. She hand-reared calves which were sick and which had been abandoned by their mothers. She put up with countless cats and kittens, dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits, ducks, geese, turkeys, peacocks, guinea fowls and chickens.

Mavis became very much part of the local community in Great Warley. She cooked for harvest suppers and barbecues and helped to run a stall at the village fayres. She was a good friend to many people in the village, and she is already very much missed.

Mavis was 91 when she died on 3rd September this year. Unfortunately she suffered a stroke in March and another in July. Her health then went downhill and she spent her last days in St Francis Hospice where angels attended to her every need. Members of her family are so grateful to the staff for their care.

Mavis's funeral was held on 27th September at St Mary's Church, followed by a burial in the churchyard and then by a reception at the de Rougemont Manor Hotel.



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The future of the Lychgate Newsletter

The next edition of the Lychgate, at the start of February 2024, will be the 100th edition since this newsletter started to be printed in its present format in August 2007.

Tony Merritt, who has organised the printing for us, has just retired. We therefore feel that after the 100th edition is a good time to use less paper and to cease delivering hard copies to every household which has not opted to have it by email. The format of the Lychgate will not change (unless you, the readers, ask for it to do so), and email copies will be sent exactly as before.

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A few hard copies will be printed by the committee, and these will be available in the church porch, with one also on the Thatchers notice board. We will also deliver or send copies to residents who are unable to access email or who have particular needs. If this includes YOU, please let me know on 01277 230436.

The Lychgate is the main way to keep village residents in touch with what is happening in Great Warley. It is important to know about your local community, and who to contact if you have problems, so please, please let us have your email address, especially if you are a new village resident. Articles, comments and suggestions about the Lychgate are always welcome from everyone.

Fiona Agassiz

Dates for your Diary

December

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

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

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

Wednesday 20 December 1pm - Ladies lunch at the Thatchers. Ann Hill 01277 214886

January

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

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

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VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS AND LOCAL EVENTS

GWCS meeting 23rd November

The bi-annual meeting took place as usual at the Rectory Hall and was well attended. A number of local environmental and planning issues were discussed including :- The De Rougemont Hotel where the consented development is not proceeding at this point in time and the hotel remains open. Concerns were again voiced at the potentially dangerous location of the proposed access to the Forest England facilities on Great Warley Street where no proposal for road speed limiting or sight line improvement is being made in the planning application and it is mentioned Brentwood Council will be responsible for maintaining the hedgerows and verges. Local requests for maintenance of existing paths and verges have not been actioned by the Council and Cllr Jay Laplain cited staffing problems. An update was given on the Five Acre Field saga and the Council process and commitment explained to the meeting. The Society has opposed the application for three new houses in the garden of Coombe on Warley Road and asked that the Highway authority look at the application as it is on a dangerous stretch of the PR 1 road.

Discussion took place about the future Lychgate circulation and a number of views and suggestions were made.

The Brentwood Enterprise Park transport assessment was referred to as not being feasible as currently drafted and, if the scheme proceeds, the Village must secure some means of traffic flow restrictions. Cllr Laplain agreed to investigate the damaged speed roundel opposite the cricket club which the community wants repaired following damage by a falling tree over a year ago. He also kindly agreed to assist over the issue of increased traffic on Dark Lane as it registers as a satnav route if others are busy.

It has been agreed we will have another "Village Picnic" at the cricket club next Summer on Monday 27th May.



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Duck Liver Parfait

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Grilled Goats Cheese

Served with Warm Fig & Apple & Ale Chutney

Main

Roast Turkey

Served with Roast Potato, Honey Roast Parsnips, Brussel Sprout & Pancetta, Roast Carrots, Chestnut Stuffing, Figs in Blankets, Cranberry Sauce & Yorkshire Pudding

6oz Sirloin Steak

Served with Chunky Chips, Braised Shallots & Ham Hock Butter

Salmon Hollandaise

Served with New Potato & Tender Stem Broccoli

Beetroot Wellington (v)

Served with New Potato & Seasonal Vegetables

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Desserts

Christmas Pudding

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