

THE WARLEY LANTERN



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JubileeFest - our biggest gala so far

"A fantastic day!" - that was how many people summed up the Warley gala which this year celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Plans to give the gala a country fair theme were realised this year with the move to the Vandals rugby ground. With more space, facilities and an indoor bar, the gala was transformed. This year saw the introduction of country craft demonstrations, a display of vintage cars and, bringing back the highlight of the galas of the 1950's, a Gala Queen. Glamorous Emily Fielden ceremoniously arrived with her attendants, to be greeted and crowned by the Mayor of Calderdale, John Hardy, which got the event off to a flying start.

To help with the 50's theme the girls of the Gala Team were dressed in pinny's and headscarves - humiliatingly painful for some, riotously funny to most! See our website for more details and pictures.

Take up a new hobby

If you've ever seen Kurling on the TV haven't you just wanted to grab a brush and have a go? The High 5 Group, who already run a variety of activities for the over 50's, are starting an indoor Kurling class from 5th September at the Highgate Methodist Church, Highroad Well, so get in quick as this is expected to be popular! Contact 07407 531 481 for more details.

Forward into 2013!

The WCA AGM

Please come along - it's not a boring AGM like many others - you'll be delighted. Includes a review of the year and election of committee members. Everyone welcome.
19 Nov 2012 Maypole Inn, 7.00pm

Calderdale Council

Anti-social Behaviour Team
0845 245 6000
Report a build-up of rubbish
0845 245 7000

A year of celebrations

This summer, more than most, has seen the Calder Valley celebrating its history, its character and its confidence in the future more vigorously than ever. The popularity of events such as the Rushbearing festival, the celebration of two hundred years of the Rochdale Canal in Sowerby Bridge, the Scarecrow Festival in Norland, as well as a whole array of food, drink, music and arts events along the valley, shows the the high level of interest and confidence in the area.

Through the efforts of residents and local organisations Warley has been able to play its part too, holding a successful village Gala, an Open Gardens day, School and Church galas and many other events.

COME AND TAKE PART YOURSELF
Contact us at mail@warleyca.co.uk and take a bigger part in the future of this unique and beautiful hillside.

There is an unmistakable feeling of optimism growing along the Calder Valley. Whilst the future of the economy at large is a concern, the Calder Valley has been able to embrace its roots and, through the strong community spirit which has always existed, to find a way to look forward to the future with confidence. Warley

is very much part of this movement and we look forward to more enjoyable events in the future.

Rushbearers come through Warley

Once again, this almost overwhelmingly mystical experience took place on the 1st September and as always the procession stopped in the village centre (Warley was once home to the rushbearing cart itself). The Association had a bigger presence in the Warley part of the Festival this year, selling home-made pies and other refreshments to the hungry crowds. See our website for pictures.

Christmas is on the way

Talking of enjoyable events, the Association have a very special event planned for 1st December this year - the **Warley Victorian Christmas** - more details to follow but put it in your diary now.

We have another famous resident in Warley now - Miss Poppy Mary King, who was crowned Hebden Bridge Times Child of the Year 2012. Poppy, of Warley Town Lane, received the highest number of reader votes in this year's competition well ahead of her nearest rival and runner-up, Ethan Lunt. Poppy also received a cheque for £250. Very well done Poppy... and Mum and Dad too.

Bus service 546 changes

From 28 October the Warley bus service is planned to be operated by Centrebus and to reverse it's route back to anti-clockwise - as it was prior to the change in 2010. (To be confirmed).

Open Gardens success

For the second year running the village hosted an Open Gardens day. Eleven gardens including three new sites were open to the public and once again the village was alive with visitors.

Stephanie Ryan, who co-ordinated the event said *"this event proved again the continuing interest in gardens and in Warley itself. We were delighted to receive so much praise for our combined efforts and we were also very pleased to be able to give a donation of £100 to the Ebenezer Church Food & Support Drop-in charity - a project which helps local people in desperate financial need."*

The Green Trail project continues...

Another part of the Warley Green Trail jigsaw will come together soon when an informative illustration, mounted in a display case will be installed at the far end of Warley Graveyard, looking out across the valley to Sowerby Bridge, Norland, Copley, Sowerby village, Ripponden and Boulderclough. The artistic interpretation of this stunning view has been done by local illustrator Alex Able (www.animania.org.uk) and is designed to appeal to adults and children alike. Alex said *"I wanted to ensure that children can relate to this picture and be motivated by it. The view is amazing and there are dozens of places to investigate"*. Further updates will appear on our website www.warleyca.co.uk.

A Tea Shop for Warley - at last!

It's great to welcome new businesses into the area and Sarah's An-TEA-que Shop at Cote Hill is proving very popular already. Local owner Sarah, sells much more than just tea and cakes, she also sells quirky antiques and collectables making a visit there a much more interesting experience than just having a cuppa. **Sarah's** shop is open Tuesday - Sunday.

From the Archives

Captain George Sidney Haigh – MC (Military Cross)

In a past issue of the Warley Lantern, I paid tribute to the life of the late Mrs Winifred Haigh (1921-2012), of Newlands House, Warley. This article gives an insight into the life of George Haigh (husband of the late Winifred) and who today still continues to live at Newlands House.



Captain George Haigh receiving the Military Cross from Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery

George, born 27th May 1919, was introduced to his Christian Faith at the age of 5 years when he attended Sunday School at Holywell Green Congregational Church. Today, he can recite with meaning, the words of the children's Christian hymn "Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear, light".

Besides his successful career as an accountant and as well as being a very caring family man, it is his distinguished service to the country in the Second World War which particularly stands out. It was for this service he was awarded the rank of Captain

and holder of the Military Cross - presented to him by Field Marshall B L Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief of the 21st Army Group.

George was a member of the Duke of Wellington's Territorial Regiment before the Second World War broke out and he started his full time army service in 1940. After spending time training at an Officer Training Unit, he left for a three and a half year stint in both North and South Africa, and regularly experienced sniper fire. Following being posted back to England, after a short while George was appointed to the 7th Field Regiment, at Ecclefechan, where he undertook training for the D Day Landings. George has clear memories of landing in Normandy whilst sniper fire was taking place and being greeted by Col Nigel Tapps. He fondly remembers (with amusement) the very British experience of taking tea in a Sherman Tank, before going forward on military duty!

Amongst the memorabilia George holds is a letter from Buckingham Palace, signed by King George, congratulating him on his Military Cross award. George also has a letter from the War Office dated 4th June 1946, granting him the honorary rank of Captain for the valuable services which he rendered in the service of his country at a time of grave national emergency. In addition, George has a copy of citation printed in the 1945 August issue of 'The Gunner' which reports his heroism, excellent communication skills and leadership ability when his Company was subjected to intense shell, mortar and small arms fire, and all the Company officers were killed or wounded. George assumed command, rallied and re-formed it and co-ordinated the Company defence position. At the same time, he carried out his normal role of Forward Observation Officer, ordering and controlling the fire of his guns in support of the advance of the remainder of the Battalion.

It was a privilege to talk with George in collecting together the information for this article and to come to know him as being a very modest, Christian and caring person, with a clear sense of public duty.

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Next WCA meeting

22 Oct. 7.00pm Maypole Inn. ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME

We are not alone

As well as our own village, many others areas are implementing 20mph zones. In a recent consultation in Pellon 73% of responses were in support of introducing them.



In memory

Mrs Audrey Reddihough, Winterburn Hill Farm.

Born Audrey Ambler, at Abbey Cottage, Newlands, Audrey - who lived her whole life on the Warley hillside, died on 11 July. As a youngster, Audrey walked the half mile to Warley Town School four times a day - a reason perhaps where her love of walking in later life originated. Audrey married John Henry Reddihough, a farmer, butcher and well known breeder of fine arab stallions and moved to Winterburn Hill Farm only a stones-throw from her birthplace, where she continued to live for more than 50 years. Audrey was happiest around people, keeping up with the news and being in the thick of things. She worked in her husband's butchers shop in Parkinson Lane for many years before moving into catering. Audrey was well liked in the village and will be very greatly missed.

Mrs Jessie Fearnley, Littlemoor, Warley

Jessie the youngest daughter of Frank and Blanche Ford died in July, aged 99. She was well-known as a farmer, being active on the Warley hillside from 1949. Her father Frank, a manufacturer of fish and chip ranges, made the 'Frank Ford' name famous throughout the country - Jessie always remembered with glee that as a young girl she was once asked to count payment from a customer in gold sovereigns! Jessie was a sporty child and her excellence in swimming led her to become a Junior Yorkshire Champion. Jessie married Harold Fearnley and had three sons. An inherited farm in the post-war years promoted her enduring interest in farming and the growth of the farms at Warley led to her becoming well-known at the auction markets. Jessie was also a member of the very active Warley branch of the NSPCC.

During retirement she travelled widely and enjoyed a happy social life with her friends. "As a person with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of local families she was a source of entertainment to many," said her son, Denis. "She possessed strong and straightforward opinions and her drive, humour and enthusiasm for life will be sadly missed."

As the long winter evenings approach, the **Local History Group** will again be meeting to take stock of latest events and to investigate Warley's murky past. **All is not what we thought** (it never is) and a little light digging by Warley School's very professional Archaeology

Have you any pictures of Warley, or of local people, WE ARE INTERESTED so please get in touch, 01422 833 036.

Club has revealed surprising results. To find out more come to the first local history meeting of the winter season on 24 September at the Maypole Inn. 7pm.

Events Diary

St John's Church, Warley

Sunday Services: 9.00am said Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer and sung Morning Family Worship at 10.15am with Holy Communion on both the second and fifth Sundays of the month.

23rd September St John's Messy Church, 3.00pm, a special event for all ages. For more details ring Tony on Hx 363623.

Between the 28th and 30th Sept. members of both St John's church and St Hilda's church will be away for the weekend at Sneaton Castle Whitby. There will be one service only on the 30th Sept. this will be Holy Communion at St Hilda's at 10.15am and will be conducted by Canon Michael Storey.

24th September, Warley Coffee Club will start a new season with Mr Clive Roberts, talking about 'Back Stage Memories of the Halifax Palace Theatre', meeting starts with coffee from 10.15am.

6th & 7th October will be our Harvest celebration this year and will start with an Harvest Supper on the 6th October in St John's Church Hall. At the 10.15am Harvest service on the 7th October, the Harvest giving will go to the St Augustine's Centre, Halifax.

13TH OCTOBER

An Evening of Music over 60 Glorious Years, will take place at St John's Church, in aid of Forgetmenot Children's Hospice.

Performance starts at 7.30pm to reserve tickets (£5 adults, Concessions £3) or for more information, contact 01484 411040 or 01422 367979.

Refreshments will be available All proceeds will go to the hospice.