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## WARLEY LANTERN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### So does it make any difference?

In our last edition we highlighted how the Community Association has petitioned the Council over the years on issues which concern our community whilst also encouraging residents to get involved directly. Although we still wait patiently for any initiatives to improve pedestrian safety, it does look like someone out there is taking action on some of the other issues we have all raised.

In their budget announcements for 2014, the Council have agreed to three measures which should help Warley and its residents. Firstly more resources will be made available to the Safer Cleaner Greener teams to tackle litter and dog fouling. Secondly, funds are being earmarked for community projects which will give us the opportunity to apply for financial support for local projects in Warley. Finally, it looks like the very unpopular decision to introduce charges in King Cross car parks is to be reversed. This latter issue is one which has angered and frustrated all the communities around King Cross and indeed every other local High Street in Calderdale. Hopefully we will now see a more rounded solution to support our local businesses, encourage shoppers and make the streets safer for us all.

So local campaigning can make a difference. Let's keep it going!

### And on that same subject...

Warley residents responded to our appeal to get involved in the consultation process for the Calderdale Local Plan and turned out in force at the sessions during February and March to get an update on the council's progress and to provide them with feedback on their plan as it stands. Full details of progress to date and next steps can be found on-line at:- [www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/planning/local-plan/](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/planning/local-plan/)

### And not forgetting....

Everyone must now be aware that our local NHS Trust are proposing the closure of the Accident & Emergency unit at Calderdale Royal Hospital as one option in their attempt to make our local services 'more efficient'.

There is clearly an enormous amount of opposition to this suggestion and the closure would more than double the distance and time it would take us to reach an A&E unit.

If you want to register your opposition to this proposal then go on-line to [epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/61484](http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/61484) and join over 7,000 local people who have already signed up. Alternatively contact any of your local councillors (see back page for contact details). Why not also spread the word by e-mailing the petition link to your friends? The NHS Trust have stated that this is not yet a 'done deal', so speak up now before it is!

**Watch Out - There's a Thief About!** Don't be afraid to report suspicious behaviour—it could prevent a crime. **Just dial 101**

## From the Archives

### The Park on the Hill

The revival of interest in renovating West View Park at Highroad Well\*\* prompts us to recall that it was the illustrious Warley resident Henry Charles McCrea (1810- 1901) who's idea it was to create the park. He strongly believed that the ordinary person would benefit from living amongst beautiful surroundings - a theory which is still taken seriously today.

In common with other men of his time he was keen to take some definite action. Henry Charles McCrea helped to create the Albert Promenade at King Cross and he was a driving force in transforming Blackpool from a tiny fishing village to a holiday destination for thousands of working class families. Here at West View Park, he was behind the plan to turn a disused quarry into a small oasis of beauty with formal garden walks, rock grottos and its own promenade from which to take in the spectacular views.

In this respect Henry Charles was following a tradition of Warley men who placed a high value on their surroundings. Centuries ago the Farrar family had rebuilt many old properties in Warley to a higher standard, the Milnes of Cliff Hill had improved drainage and sewerage for the benefit of the villagers and many others had done their bit too.



Have you ever approached Warley Town down Stock Lane and stopped to appreciate the

unique setting? It's no accident. It was deliberately created by Thomas Milne, the first occupier of Warley House, to visually resemble typical country house parkland. Old maps sometimes refer to it as The Park. Countless visitors have remarked on the setting and although many of the trees lining the road and in the fields are now more than 160 years old they are still in good health today and give Stock Lane an air of permanence and majesty.

As an aside and to shine a little more light on Henry Charles McCrea's character - and also his son Arthur Selby, who shared many of his father's ideals, Mr Grant Pedley gave us a small snippet of life at Warley House. Grant sadly passed away in October 2012 but, as a professional plantsman, he remembered clearly the horticultural aspects and particularly the large greenhouses. "As well as exotic fruits, mimosa was cultivated and when in flower it was cut into bunches and delivered to the infirmary for the wards". A small snippet - but one which illustrates how the McCreas sincerely believed that being in better surroundings was a tangible benefit to everyone's wellbeing.

**\*\* We wish the West View Park project well and hope that we can all remember to do what we can to maintain and improve the glorious setting in which we live. For more details contact Friends of West View Park by emailing: [friendsofwestviewpark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofwestviewpark@hotmail.co.uk)**

### Starting your own business?

If you're thinking about becoming self employed, then there is plenty of local free advice and support available. For more details just call **01422 392222**

# Community Projects & Activities

## Let's spruce the place up!

Whilst we welcome the Council's proposal to increase their commitment to a Cleaner Warley (see this month's lead article), they will still have limited resources and sadly we will continue to be plagued by litter louts. We cannot be certain that the culprits are visitors rather than residents, but there is much anecdotal evidence to suggest that the majority of littering is caused by people passing through the area in cars. As such, most of the problem is concentrated on the roads themselves and the few yards over the walls on either side.

In recent years the Community Association has organised periodic tidy ups and once again a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers took to the streets on Saturday 5th April to tackle the winter backlog of litter and even small scale fly tipping. As a result we should all be able to see some benefit from this effort even if this will only be relatively short lived!

Whilst most of us remain appalled by this inconsiderate littering, the situation prompted one Warley resident, Jago Holmes, to volunteer to organise more regular tidy-ups. Jago (who is known to many residents through his New Image personal training business in the village - [www.jagoholmes.com](http://www.jagoholmes.com)) contacted us in January saying that, "the recent high winds and a constant influx of casual passing traffic are leaving a scar on our beautiful village and I'd like to do something about it".

Of course, no one person can do this alone, so Jago has issued an appeal for more volunteers to make themselves available to help out on a regular basis and his contact details are on the flyer enclosed with this edition of the Lantern. If we can get more volunteers, then we can do more work, more frequently, and keep the area looking spick and span all the time. Tools, rubbish bags and waste disposal will continue to be provided by the council so all you have to do is to volunteer and be available every now and again. Please support Jago and, of course, the community as a whole if you possibly can.

## Grave Respect

Grave Respect is an innovative new start-up business based here in Warley. It offers, throughout Calderdale, Haworth, Harrogate and Leeds, a grave maintenance service, particularly for those who are elderly or unable to attend a grave because they have moved away from the area. As an additional service, new flowers and/or planting can be arranged.

The business is run by local resident Dick Rothwell of Lower Hoyle Green. Dick is a retired Chief Superintendent from West Yorkshire Police who, looking for a complete change upon retirement in 2009, set up Warley Garden Solutions which currently operates throughout the area. Grave Respect will run parallel to this successful business and has evolved through an obvious growing demand for private and war grave maintenance services.

For further information and photographs of example work just contact Dick on 07894 577370 or via email at [dickrothwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dickrothwell@hotmail.co.uk)



# What's On?

Mon 28th April	WCA Committee Meeting - 7pm - Maypole Inn
Sat 3rd May	Table Top Sale 10.30 - 1.30pm - St John's Sunday School
Sun 11th May	NGS Open Garden - 1-5pm - Warley House Gardens, Stock Lane
Mon 19th May	WCA Committee Meeting - 7pm - Maypole Inn
Sat 7th June	Table Top Sale 10.30 - 1.30pm - St John's Sunday School
Mon 30th June	WCA Committee Meeting - 7pm - Maypole Inn

## Warley St John's Services

Sunday services will be, as usual, Said Holy Communion at 9am every week, Family Worship at 10.15am every week (including Holy Communion on the 2nd and 5th Sundays of the month). Messy Church for families is held at 3pm on the third Sunday of each month.

## Open Gardens in Warley

Two of Warley's gardens are once again open to the public in 2014 as part of the prestigious NGS 'Gardens Open for Charity' scheme. Warley House Gardens will be open on Sunday 11th May and they will also be open on Sunday 13th July on a combined entry ticket with Edgeholme Gardens just across the road at the bottom of Stock Lane Warley. Opening times are 1pm-5pm on both days. Don't miss these opportunities to see two of the finest private gardens in West Yorkshire.

## Your Warley Ward Councillors represent you so let them know what you think!

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## Winterburn Ladies kick start Rebecca and Jordan's Macmillan Appeal!

On Monday 24th March, the Winterburn held another successful ladies evening and Becky and James would like to say a massive **thank you** to all the stall holders and everyone who attended to make it such a fantastic evening.

A raffle raised over £125 to kick start the efforts of Winterburn barmaid Rebecca Page and her boyfriend Jordan Juma who are running the Manchester 10K in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Their target is £500, so if you would like to sponsor Rebecca and Jordan, forms and donation boxes are available at the pub or alternatively you can donate online at [www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Page2](http://www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Page2)

## Join the Boy's Brigade!

The 12th Halifax Boy's Brigade is now recruiting new members and is based at New Hope URC on Warley Road. Contact their Captain, Colin Walker on 01422 832607 for more details

## From under t'lantern

"My neighbour knocked on t' door at 2:30 this morning. Can you believe that, 2:30am? Absolutely ridiculous I thought! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes!