

# THE WARLEY LANTERN



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The Warley Community Association was formed in 2008 - yes, it's almost its fifth birthday! It's achieved so much in just a short time due to so many residents getting involved in lots of different ways - and moving with the times we've now added a blog to our website. **Now, the Association needs YOU even more.** For it to stay relevant and vital in these changing times, new ideas and new people are constantly needed.

With Calderdale Council working out how it can step back from providing services, the time has come for community groups like ours to step up. In fact if we don't, we will find ourselves being overruled by neighbouring community groups and getting the short straw. The landscape is changing but how lucky are we, that we have a strong community group in place which can provide at least some support, guidance, leadership or whatever is going to be needed?

## AGM. 19 November. Maypole Inn. Free refreshments

The Association will vote in a new committee and we urge you to come along. **IF YOU WISH TO MAKE NOMINATIONS** - turn over to see the form or visit our website. Starts at 7.30pm.

GET THE NEWS AS IT HAPPENS  
Have you checked  
out our **NEW**  
website/blog?

[www.warleyca.co.uk](http://www.warleyca.co.uk)

you can leave comments  
there for us too!

We're also on twitter...



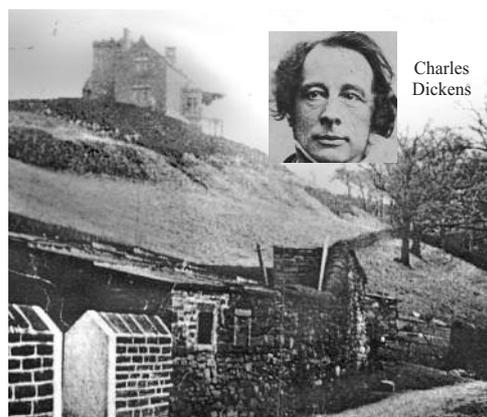
### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE at Warley St John's Church 11th Nov 2012 10.15am.

The names of all from the Warley area who are known to have given their lives in the service of their country, in the First and Second World Wars and other more recent conflicts, will be remembered and opportunity will be given to view the war memorial plaque within the church to those who specifically served during the First World War.

## From the Archives

### Gads Hill and the astonishing Wilkinson Pickles

The steeply banked and formerly densely wooded area of Trimmingham has always been closely associated with Warley. For example, Miss Elizabeth Farrar, who lived at Trimmingham House was one of the main benefactors for the building of Warley St John's Church. Scattered across this hillside, around and below West View Park, lie many fine houses. The grand and imposing 'Gads Hill' is situated on the hill top and, as lovers of Charles Dickens will know, takes its name from that famous author's own house in Kent. The house was built by Wilkinson Pickles



Looking up at the imposing Gads Hill from Browfoot Gate.



Charles Dickens

owner of the nearby Steam Laundry who insisted on an exact replica of Charles Dickens' own library being created in the house. A wonderful story and apparently a somewhat eccentric character. Amongst Wilkinson's other notable activities were globetrotting trips to all corners of the earth studying steam

laundries and a visit to the holy land - where he brought back two very heavy tablets of stone which he installed in Boulderclough Methodist chapel. Williamson was a native of Soweby but like many before him had chosen to emigrate to Warley at the earliest opportunity and naturally, we don't blame him. His house still stands proudly on the hilltop with some windows looking straight out to Warley Edge. Did he imagine as he gazed out to the fields beyond, that he might one day pen a work that would be as great as his hero? **Learn more about Wilkinson Pickles on our website [www.warleyca.co.uk](http://www.warleyca.co.uk)**

### The Warley Green Trail project continues...

Once a central part of everyday life, cemeteries seem to have lost some of their significance for many people even though they provide essential links to our 'family roots', contain hints of rich stories of the past and, like ours, many are located in beautiful environments. But things are changing. Across the UK family history is enjoying a revival and with it people are rediscovering the value of cemeteries. Warley is lucky enough to have a very well kept cemetery thanks to its owners the New Hope United Reformed Church and its volunteers and members of the WCA are always keen to help where they can.

### Work of art installed in Warley Cemetery

A 'Panorama Board' has been installed in Warley Cemetery funded by Northern Gas Networks and with artwork by local artist Alex Abel. Alex's illustration, which is particularly aimed at helping children pick out elements of the landscape, has been highly praised and is sure to attract residents and visitors alike.

### Trace your family tree

At the next meeting of the Local History group - see below, there will be a short talk about a project to transcribe the burial records of Warley cemetery, please come along, this project is going to be interesting!

### And finally... a weighty chunk of Warley heritage saved

Many people reported their concerns over the disappearance of one of the stone pillars to the entrance of Warley cemetery. The pillar had been removed by the owners after it was declared to be unsafe. In a bid to preserve as much of Warley's heritage as possible the Association has kept tabs on the stone and is in discussions with the cemetery owners about reinstatement. The Association is seeking funding to have the pillar re-erected - and also repositioned further from the passing vehicles (which had probably dislodged it).

Please keep letting us know if you see or hear of other pieces of our local heritage that you think might be under threat.

Next meeting of the Local History Group 26 November at the Maypole Inn. 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

## Warley Victorian Christmas Fayre

This year, the Christmas Fayre, organised by Warley Community Association, promises to be better than ever. Attended by the Mayor of Calderdale and Halifax Town Crier and even Father Christmas himself, there will only be one place to be on Saturday 1 December:

### Warley Town School. From 1.30pm Admission FREE

The event will take place both inside and outside the school building and, weather permitting, children can ride outside on Benedict, our Christmas donkey.

Victorian sweetshop and gifts	Accordion players and
Cafe with traditional	Church Singers
home-made cakes and buns	Fire Engine
Father Christmas Grotto	Children's Donkey Rides
Children's Activity Centre	Roasted chestnuts and
Secure pram park	Hot baked potatoes
Bran Tub and Tombola	

### ...AND AT 4.00PM:

The HALIFAX TOWN CRIER will lead a children's procession to the village centre with Father Christmas to

### SWITCH ON THE FESTIVE LIGHTS

Carols sung around the tree led by St John's Church singers.

### Christmas in a box

Children's competition - Prizes to be won  
Design and fill a shoe box to show a festive scene.  
Bring your entry to Warley Town School on 1st December for 2.30pm. See - [www.warleyca.co.uk](http://www.warleyca.co.uk)

## A Big Thank You From A Warley Resident

When Jean Smith of Holme Drive was approaching 70 she decided to celebrate her big birthday with a party for a few friends - 90 to be precise! She organised her 'do' at the Vandals Rugby Club on 22 September and made sure the night went with a swing. Jean didn't want any presents, asking instead for contributions to her two favourite charities. By the end of the night she had collected an amazing £120 for the Forget-me-not Children's Hospice and £110 for the Heart Foundation. Jean was thrilled with the evening and wants to say a big thank you to everyone!

## The Association has a new website/blog

To keep you as up-to-date as possible we are always reviewing our communications strategy. Technology moves rapidly on. Static websites have had their day (of course you knew that). Blogs have been around a while and before they too get superseded we thought we'd get stuck in and give it our best shot. For those of us unfamiliar with the word blog, they are much like a conventional website but the big advantage is that as well viewing them you can type in a comment. Your comment can be seen by everyone and can, in turn, be commented on. It's a better way to communicate and we are keen to make it available as widely as possible. Please have a look and give it a try, [www.warleyca.co.uk](http://www.warleyca.co.uk) tell your friends, colleagues and other organisations too.

### Warley St John's Church Services in December

2/12/12	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.15am All Age Family Worship
9/12/12	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.15am All Age Family Communion
16/12/12	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.15am All Age Family Christingle Service
23/12/12	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.15am All Age Family Worship
24/12/12	6.30pm All Age Family Christmas Carol Service	

### Christmas Eve

25/12/12 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.15am All Age Family Communion

### Christmas Day

30/12/12 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.15am All age Family Worship

### Other events:-

**1 December** Christmas Carols and Songs sung by members of St John's Song Group 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Warley village - see above.

**31 December** New Years Eve Dinner in the Church Hall - 7.00pm for 7.30pm full sit down 4 course meal with wine £12, followed by a short church service. Transport from home can be arranged. Contact John White for further details 01422 367979 - ticket only event for catering purposes.

### WARLEY ST JOHN'S AUTUMN FAYRE

**Saturday 17th November 11.00am to 2.00pm. Doors open at 11.00am.**

There will be a variety of stalls selling cakes; home-made produce; ginger wine; Christmas gifts; toiletries; good as new items; jewellery; plants, DVD's and toys. You can relax in the cafe with morning coffee & cakes and/or enjoy lunch. Something for everyone. Come to what is known as one of the major social and fellowship events in the Church calendar.

**Have you checked out our new website/blog yet?**

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## AGM - make your nominations here

To nominate yourself or someone else, fill in this nomination form now and send to the Secretary or bring to the AGM meeting. See bottom of form for address.

**WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
Annual General Meeting  
Monday 19 November 2012 7pm Maypole Inn, Warley

1. Minutes of the previous AGM Matters arising
2. Consideration of the Annual Report prepared by the Chair
3. Consideration of the Annual Audited Statement of Accounts
4. Election of Auditor
5. Election of Officers and Committee Members
6. Election of Nominated Charity
7. Any other relevant business
8. Date of next Committee Meeting: 14 January 2013 - 7pm

Warley Community Association Nomination Form - November 2012	
<p><b>You may submit nominations for the following posts:</b> Please tick relevant box:</p> <p>Officer - Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> (7 vacant posts)</p> <p>Officer - Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>Note: Officers must have already served on the committee for a minimum of one year.</b></p>	
<p><b>I wish to propose the following as a member of the Warley Community Association Committee:</b> please enter name, address, tel, email</p> <p><b>NAME:</b></p>	
<p><b>Name of Proposer</b> - please print name, address, tel/email. <b>NAME:</b></p>	<p><b>Signature:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b></p>
<p><b>NOTE: You can propose yourself</b></p>	
<p><b>Name of Seconder</b> - please print name, address tel/email. <b>NAME:</b></p>	<p><b>Signature:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b></p>
<p><b>NOTE: The Seconder must be an existing member of the Committee</b></p>	
<p>Please return this form to: The Secretary, Warley Community Association, c/o 19 Edgeholme Lane, Warley, Halifax HX2 7RW or hand in at the AGM - 19 November 2012 by 7pm. If you have any queries then please telephone the Secretary on 01422 833036. PLEASE USE CAPITALS</p>	