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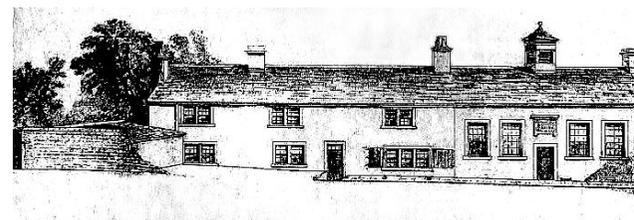
From the Archives

A school on the low side of the highway

Extract from a paper on Warley Grammar School published by Halifax Antiquarian Society. H W Harwood (1885-1967) wrote:

“A big surprise to me recently has been that a large number of local people have no knowledge that Warley had a grammar school. The school was on the low side of the highway to Todmorden, near the White Horse public house. Most of the building remains, serving now as housing. Some fifty years ago the far end was taken for a branch of the Luddenden Foot Co-operative Society.

In about the year 1784, it was felt that, apart from access to Heath Grammar School in Halifax, there was no school in Warley township where children of people who wished them to have a good education could be sent. Accordingly, five influential Warley men founded a trust on 10 May 1785 with the intention to build a school on land called Waterhill field and Spring Gardens, purchased from the Halifax surgeon William Alexander. Besides day scholars, of both sexes, the school would also take boarders.



Many masters came and went over the years. On 31 March 1853 the school was let to Mr and Mrs Farquhar. Mr Farquhar seems to have been a man of some eminence and we have an estimate of him from a man who, after leaving the school, was to become the editor of the Halifax Daily Courier and the Weekly Courier - Mr John Denison. Mr Denison, who was to live to be over 90 wrote: “When I first attended in April 1854 the master was Mr Farquhar, a short man with a long beard who stooped a little and wore a brown wig. He gave instruction in Latin, Pitman’s shorthand, algebra and drawing. Mrs Farquhar was a great favourite with the boys because they believed that she used her gentle influence on him on their behalf when mischievousness had brought them into trouble”.

It is worth mentioning that one of the Calder Valley’s most distinguished poets, William Dearden, was master of the school for many years. During his time the following subjects, in addition to those above, were taught: English, composition, geography, history, music, Euclid, geometrical drawing, French, pianoforte, German, Greek, chemistry, science and art; other sciences and training for commercial pursuits by arrangement. Although it had an impressive curriculum for such a small school, by 1894 it was struggling against the competition of free education and sadly, the trustees had to agree to close it”

The Amazing Lady Hattie!

Warley played host to the Halifax Civic Trust at their annual Christmas dinner when they enjoyed a talk about the history of Warley and also about some of the fascinating characters uncovered during our research on Warley Cemetery.

One of our favourites is Lady Harriet Fisher-Smith, an American who met her future husband (Halifax businessman George Henry Smith) while on holiday in Venice in 1885. They married and later settled at the Gleddings in Halifax.

Hattie, as she was known, was an indomitable champion of women’s rights, starting the first Women’s Welfare Clinic in Halifax in 1934 and supporting rights for spinsters. In 1936 she led 5,000 banner-waving spinsters on a march in London “When a spinster reaches the age of 55 something ought to be done for her!”

George became Mayor of Halifax and was later knighted, at which point Hattie became Lady Hattie. Both she and George are buried in Warley Cemetery

Extracts courtesy of Malcolm Bull and David Glover

What is the Council up to? Let them know what you want!

There is an oft held view that Councils don’t do much for the money we pay them and that the services they do provide are often not those that communities consider to be a priority. There has certainly been lots of heated debate in recent years as to whether ‘community engagement’ really exists - i.e. when the council make decisions, have they asked us or truly listened to what we have to say?

As far as the Community Association is concerned we have always tried to engage with our representatives and reflect what we understand our community is concerned about. To be fair to the Council they do undertake formal consultations on major initiatives and we are also fortunate in Warley to have an excellent Ward Forum as well as local councillors who are easily accessible and who will genuinely take your views on board.

It may be understandable that there is widespread cynicism as to whether it is worth the effort to engage in this process. Maybe we rarely get the services or investment we would like to see, but surely we can only feel justified in our criticisms if we (individually and collectively) have been proactive in letting them know what it is we want in the first place?

20mph—that old chestnut!

In recent months it will have been difficult to avoid noticing that the council is reviewing its 20mph policy. As many will also be aware, the Association has been campaigning for improvements to road safety in Warley for a number of years and we continue to ‘bang the drum’ by constantly reminding the council and our local councillors of all the things which concern our residents.

So in addition to reminding them that over 300 residents signed a petition in the recent past in support of 20mph, we have also re-iterated the relevance of the many other inter-related issues such as lack of pavements and resident parking, surface water, decaying walls, autumn leaf fall, one way systems etc. etc. More detailed information can be found on our website, so take a look and add your views. Don’t be shy either about emailing your local councillors directly—we know they just love to hear from everyone on this subject!

Latest on The Local Plan

We have commented in past issues of the Lantern about the development of the Council’s ‘Local Plan’. This has now reached the second stage in its development, namely Land Allocations and Designations. When completed, this will be a document that identifies sites for both development and protection across Calderdale. If you have concerns about the possibility of planning regulations being relaxed (or indeed tightened) in your area then we would urge you to use this opportunity to have your say. Much more information can be found on the Calderdale Council website (under Local Plan) and there are a series of public information/consultation sessions over the next few months across Calderdale. We are advised that the most relevant sessions for Warley residents are either on Wednesday 26th February 7.00pm-9.00pm at Heath Training Centre, Free School Lane (Halifax South) or Tuesday 18th March 7.00pm-9.00pm at Threeways, Nursery Lane, Ovenden (Halifax North).

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

Community Projects & Activities

Warley Circle

Following on from a successful year of the Warley Institute Craft Circle, a meeting was recently held to discuss the development of the group. Our sincere thanks go to Shari Taylor for organising and hosting the last year at her beautiful home, The Institute.

The newly named Warley Circle is open to all interested in a variety of social activities for example Arts/crafts, Local history visits, Health aspects i.e. yoga/healthy living, Cinema/theatre outings, Speakers - various topics.

All ages are welcome, as are ideas for future events. Warley Circle is open to residents of Warley and the surrounding areas.

An outing has been arranged to the Halifax Minster on Tuesday 18th February from 1-3pm, where a tour, talk and tea will be provided for £5. Meeting at the Minster just before 1pm.

The Maypole have kindly offered a room where we will be meeting at monthly intervals. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 5th March at 12.30 where a £20 subscription will be collected.

Previous members will be contacted by phone or email prior to meetings/outings to confirm numbers and give details of events organised.

All other enquiries to any of the following:

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WCA AGM

The AGM of the Warley Community Association was held at the Maypole on 25th November and was attended by 23 members.

Three officers were elected:- John White (Vice Chair), Maryke Deahl (Secretary) and June Illingworth (Treasurer). Keith Hutson who had previously been co-opted to the committee was formally elected.

Minutes and tabled reports can be found on our website

A Dog Owners Plea

We all feel privileged to live in the beautiful village of Warley and many of us love to walk our dogs around the lanes and playing fields. Although the majority of us are now converts to 'pooper scooping' there are still occasions when dog poo is not being dealt with properly.

The council are doing their bit by providing more receptacles and emptying them on a regular basis but wouldn't it be great if we could all use them all of the time? If you forget your poo bag there is always another dog walker who will be only too pleased to let you have a spare.

So come on fellow dog walkers, do your duty and **PICK IT UP**. It's not fair on the majority who do and is certainly not fair on our youngsters who get a face full of it on the playing fields

Calendar Sold Out!

The new and improved Warley calendar sold out in record time and this year we also made a healthy



profit of £350 which has been split between community projects and Ravenscliffe school. We are now planning our 2015 edition so if you have any photographs you would like to submit, just email us

Warley Open Gardens

In the last edition of the Lantern we announced that we would be running our third Warley Open Gardens event in 2014. Although we have had many residents volunteering to open their gardens, we have been unable to secure anyone willing to lead the organisation of the event as a whole. Sadly, therefore, we have had to cancel the event for 2014

What's on?

Tue 18 th February	Warley Circle - Tour & Talk of Halifax Minster - Meet at the Minster for 1pm start. £5 including refreshments
Mon 24 th February	WCA Committee Meeting - 7pm - Maypole Inn
Sat 1 st March	Table Top Sale (see below) 10.30 - 1.30pm - St John's Sunday School
Wed 5 th March	Warley Circle (formerly Warley Craft Circle) -12.30pm - Maypole Inn
Thur 20 th March	Ward Forum & PACT - 7pm - Grace Baptist Church. Roils Head Road
Sat 5 th April	Table Top Sale (see below) 10.30 - 1.30pm - St John's Sunday School
Mon 7 th April	WCA Committee Meeting - 7pm - Maypole Inn

Everyone Welcome to all events - Just turn up

Table Top Sales Car boot sales can be too wet and windy so why not visit the TABLE TOP SALE and grab a bargain? Taking place on the first Saturday of every month until July from 10.30 till 1.30pm at Warley St. John's Sunday School, Windle Royd Lane.

If you want to book a table they cost £10 and can be reserved by phone or text to 07765 116624 (Proceeds to HOPE FOR JUSTICE - Say NO to Human Trafficking). See www.facebook.com/Tabletophopeforjustice for more info.

Warley St John's Services

Feb 16 th	Messy Church for families - 3pm
March 5 th	Ash Wednesday Combined Holy Communion 7.30pm at St Hilda's Gibraltar Road
March 16 th	Messy Church for families - 3pm
March 30 th	Mothering Sunday Services - 9am & 10.15am
April 13 th	Palm Sunday Services - 9am & 10.15am
April 17 th	Maunday Thursday Combined Churches Together Evening Service - Venue yet to be announced (contact the vicarage)
April 18 th	Good Friday 10.15am Devotional Service
April 20 th	Easter Day Services 9am & 10.15am

All other Sunday services up to the end of April will be as usual, said Holy Communion 9am every week, Family Worship 10.15am with Holy Communion on the 2nd and 5th Sundays

Contact us: mail@warleyca.co.uk or: 01422 833036
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Victorian Christmas Fayre

A great time was had by all on the 7th December when the annual village Christmas Fayre took place. Father Christmas had many visitors to his grotto and there were plenty of homemade cakes, crafts and table decorations on sale which produced a surplus of over £200 for community projects.

The children took part in making stars to hang on the village Christmas tree and entertainment was once again provided by Warley St John's Song group.

The Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr Ann Martin and her consort Mohammad Naeem, were in attendance and led a procession to the Maypole to switch on the Christmas lights. The event was rounded off with carol singing led by the St John's song group.

CHRISTMAS EVE

A large crowd flocked to the Maypole on Christmas Eve for the traditional singing of Christmas carols led as usual by Friendly Brass Band. The weather was fine and there was a great atmosphere as the revelers saw in Christmas day morning in fine voice. The Chairman of the band said a few words in recognition of it's centenary year and read out a Christmas greeting from Canon Frank Carless, now in his nineties, the popular former vicar of Warley Parish.

From under t'lantern

Seth: "T' Grim Reaper came for me last neet but I gave him a reight leathering wi t' vacuum cleaner"

Fred: "Bloody 'ell Seth that were a close shave. Talk about Dyson wi' death!"