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## WARLEY LANTERN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Paradise Lane - How Can This Be?

As the major pedestrian thoroughfare in the centre of Warley, Paradise Lane provides a vital route for accessing the school and our recreational facilities as well as safe 'off road' passage to and from different areas of the village. However, most would agree that it's general condition has become increasingly neglected and potentially hazardous, particularly by the main entrance to the school. In Council parlance, this public right of way is 'unadopted' which means the Council have no legal obligation to improve it.

Residents have consistently raised this issue with the Council over the years and in the last twelve months we have re-engaged our local Councillors in the debate. However despite their own best attempts they too have been unable to get straight answers. We remain perplexed as to why the Council should not see this as a matter for concern especially as the lane, for the most part, provides access to Council owned land and facilities. In particular, we would have thought that they would be taking their moral responsibilities for providing safe access to the school much more seriously even if they are legally obliged to do nothing. We would challenge them to name any other Calderdale school where the main (and only) access for prams, wheelchairs and emergency services is via a rutted dirt track!

Whilst we will still push the Council for a definitive position, we feel as an Association that this is now a matter of real urgency and have started looking into options for having the lower part of the lane repaired and resurfaced. This is no small task and will not be cheap, but if push comes to shove we will look to raise funding ourselves and ultimately aim to get the whole of Paradise Lane improved and adopted.

### Thank you Becky & James!

We recently learned that our good friends Becky & James will be leaving the Winterburn in July. During their tenure they have transformed our popular local pub with the introduction of fabulous food and as a result it is now ranked in the top 20 places to eat in Calderdale. They were also named 2013 Courier Pub of the Year for the HX2 area - great news for us and them!

Nonetheless, the high overheads and beer prices that leasehold pubs are subjected to continue to make it very difficult to compete with the freehold chains and big supermarkets. The worry must be that if Becky and James could not make a decent go of it then who will be able to? Could we be looking at yet another great local shutting up shop in the not too distant future?

We will all be sorry to see them go and we know they are very sad to be leaving but we wish them all the very best for the future. They have become an integral part of Warley life in the last few years with their unstinting support for our community as well as their own charitable endeavours for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thanks for everything Becky and James!!

### Get those cameras out!

With I-phones, I-pads and all these other new fangled gizmos it's never been easier to capture a great picture when you're out and about, so why not submit your 'pics' for possible inclusion in the 2015 Warley Calendar? We will be selecting the best over the next couple of months as we put together next year's edition. As always we want to improve on last year's effort, so if you have any photos in and around Warley which capture the seasons and spirit of our community then email them to [mail@warleyca.co.uk](mailto:mail@warleyca.co.uk)

## From the Archives

### Of Delves and Delvers

"Our township was pretty well off in the matter of Quarries, or Delves as they were commonly called", so wrote Councillor Tom Sutcliffe in a booklet published in 1900 concerning Local Government in Warley between 1800 and 1900.

On our steep sided valley, good quality sandstone outcropped in many places - all the ancient houses in Warley were built of stone taken from the ground almost by the door. As the industrial revolution got under way, this stone was in great demand. Hundreds of houses needed to be built together with mills, roads, towering high walls, (a Victorian favourite!) tunnels, sewers, bridges for railways, roads and canals and much more. The Victorians were



in love with big building projects and the bigger the better. Stone was wanted in huge quantities and in our area hundreds of men worked in the trade. This picture is of the Mason's Arms, now called 'The Winterburn' but still often fondly referred to by its original name. Taken in 1953 it was kindly submitted by John Tyson who lived next door. Similarly, many other pubs of the time had names reflecting the stone trade - 'The Delvers', for example at Wainstalls.

Our local Government booklet gives us brief glimpses of this work - "On Nov 2nd 1835, John Tatham signed an agreement to get and dress the setts arising from the Trough Delf, at 11s. 6d per rood, and 7d per yard for all Boulder arising from the same, the conditions being that no setts be less than 9in. deep when dressed. On the same date, James Taylor agreed on the same terms to get and dress setts at Newhouse Delf, Abraham Gaukroger agreeing to set them in Stocks Lane in a workmanlike manner for 4s. 7d per rood. At this period the following Quarries were being delved for Setts and Boulder: Greystones, Westroyd, Butts Green, Ruston Hill, Lumb Green, Elbow, Hoppy Lane, Prick Hill, Sentry, Cragg Nook, William Ellis's Delf and Mr Oldfield's Quarry. The Warley workhouse was the centre for the breaking of Boulder and Dross. At a meeting held at 'Ye Workhouse' on 15 July 1836, it was ordered that 25 roods be set from the village of Warley Town up Newlands Lane to be completed by the month of October."

The booklet goes on to recount other interesting details including the creation of the grand Wells at Highroad Well and the two stone 'Lion Wells' in Warley Town - but maybe that's a story for another day. We do know that this area was alive with quarrying activity and of the difficulty of transporting such a heavy material by horse and cart down steep narrow lanes. In the book, Pennine Perspectives, Aspects of the History of Midgley, by Midgley History Group, Edward Crowther recalled as a boy 'hearing the screech of the waggons on the other side of the valley descending Stocks Lane'. The book devotes a whole chapter to quarrying on Midgley Moor, complete with pictures, and is highly recommended reading.

Many small Quarries and Delves which peppered our district can still be made out today as small gentle depressions in the hillsides. A quick look at an old map will confirm where they were - some were in quite surprising spots! To find out more about our local history activities ring 01422 833036 or email us at [mail@warleyca.co.uk](mailto:mail@warleyca.co.uk)

**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

## Yorkshire in Bloom 2015 competition

Do you remember the summer of 2010 when, at its very first attempt, Warley won Silver in the Village category of Yorkshire in Bloom? The Certificate still proudly hangs in the Maypole as testament to the hard work and pride of our residents but wouldn't it be great if we could better that achievement in 2015 and enjoy a summer of Warley In Full Bloom?

To do that we need lots of people to help out at all levels. From improving and preparing the public areas of planting around the village to individual residents festooning their properties with tubs and baskets.



As a project, we can support the village's entry with funding, but what we really need to make it a success is **YOU!**

We have a year to prepare, but we need to start planning now and can only submit our entry if we know we have enough people on board to make it a success. So if you are interested in getting involved at whatever level, then contact us as soon as possible.

**Please help us help to create a village to be proud of in 2015!**

Contact: Maryke, the Association's Secretary, on 01422 833036 or [mail@warleyca.co.uk](mailto:mail@warleyca.co.uk)

## Remembrance 2014

Following on from the 2013 village commemoration of those who lost their lives or suffered in the world's conflicts, the event will be repeated in the village centre on Remembrance Sunday this coming November. Of course, this year is perhaps more poignant, marking as it does the centenary of the outbreak of The Great War.

There has been some debate over recent years as to whether the village should have a permanent reminder of the sacrifices made by Warley residents during and since the Great War and with the centenary being this year, the subject has been raised once again.

It has been suggested that a discrete memorial plaque bearing the names of those who have died directly or indirectly as a result of conflict could be attached to the McCrea memorial fountain and lantern in the village centre.

If this suggestion is to be progressed then it is important that everyone is given the opportunity to comment on the proposal and that it only goes ahead if there is a popular consensus. So we need to hear your views, for or against, over the next couple of months either via email ([mail@warleyca.co.uk](mailto:mail@warleyca.co.uk)) or by ringing the Association's Vice Chairman, John White on 07774 589919



## What's On?

- Sat 7th June Table Top Sale 10.30 - 1.30pm - St John's Sunday School
- Mon 30th June WCA Committee Meeting - 7pm - Maypole Inn
- Sat 5th July Table Top Sale 10.30 - 1.30pm - St John's Sunday School
- Sun 13th July Warley House and Edgeholme Gardens Open for Charity - 1pm-5pm -£5 payable at the gate for entry to both
- Sat 19th July 1940's Dance—featuring live music by Calderdale Big Band - 7.30pm - Vandals Clubhouse, Warley Town Lane - Tickets only £5 from June on 01422 833824

### 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 on 13th July as part of the prestigious NGS 'Gardens Open for Charity' scheme. Warley House Gardens and Edgeholme Gardens at the bottom of Stock Lane Warley are open 1pm-5pm. Don't miss this 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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**Rebecca & Jordan Smash their Target!** Winterburn barmaid Rebecca Page and her partner Jordan Juma completed the Manchester 10K on 18th May and raised £800 for MacMillan Cancer Support. As reported in April's Lantern, their target was to raise £500 so many thanks to the Winterburn & everyone who supported this great effort. Well done Rebecca and Jordan!!

**Contact us:** [mail@warleyca.co.uk](mailto:mail@warleyca.co.uk) or: 01422 833036

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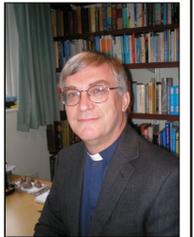
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## Tony Moves On

The Rev'd Tony Street, vicar of Warley St John's Church for over 17 years, is to be instituted and inducted as Rector of Sawley in the Diocese of Derby in July.

During his time in Warley Tony has provided Christian teaching and ministry through the church, through bible and fellowship home groups and through visits to Warley Town School. He has overseen improvements and



renovations to the church buildings which have been extensively reconfigured to meet the needs of current day worship and community use whilst at the same time retaining the character and integrity of the buildings.

Tony's final service will be Holy Communion at Warley St John's at 10 15am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June followed by the opportunity to say farewell before or over a parish lunch. For catering purposes, please contact John White on 01422 367979 if you intend to stay for lunch.

### From under t'lantern

"I can't stop thinking about prisons" says Fred. "You know what" replies his missus, "your mind works in Strangeways"