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# WARLEY LANTERN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Christmas is a-coming - Keep it local!

Well it barely seems two minutes since we were basking in a proper English summer and here we are already enjoying a proper English Autumn. How refreshing that the seasons have for once lived up to their names and behaved as they should!



This autumn, St John's is bringing the annual remembrance of all those affected by war and unrest into the community by holding an open air service in the centre of the village at 10.30 am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please consider taking some time out for reflection on this special day in our national calendar.

St John's and Warley Town School have their own Autumn Fayres to look forward to in November and we round it all off on Saturday 7th December with the Community Association's Warley Victorian Christmas. As always this includes a visit from Father Christmas followed by the time honoured 'big switch on' of the village Christmas tree lights accompanied by the singing of carols.

We must also not forget our two fantastic village pubs! With James & Becky at the Winterburn and Chris at the Maypole we are fortunate to have such enthusiastic advocates of our local community. Over the years they have supported and sponsored our events and activities, provided free meeting space for our village associations and sports clubs as well as organising their own events to raise money for charity. Both hostleries are running festive menus throughout December so why not bring your office party to the village or take your family and friends out for some excellent Yorkshire festive fayre?

Finally, Christmas would not be a Warley Christmas without the traditional carol singing outside the Maypole on Christmas Eve. As always, the excellent Friendly Brass Band will be leading the way as they have done from time immemorial.

*More details of what's going on this Autumn and Christmas can be found on the back page and on our website -www.warleyca.co.uk*

## Angela is Remembered

In our April edition we reported the sad death of Angela Mason (1948 - 2013). Angela was a true Warley character who was especially supportive of the Community Association. Using the generous donations from Angela and her family we have installed a new seat in the village playground in her memory. Enjoy and reflect on Angela's contribution to our community.

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

## We Need YOU!

The Community Association AGM is on Monday 25th November at 7pm in the Maypole, so why not come along and have your say about what is important to you for the future? Whilst the association continues to thrive, we rely on the dedication of a relatively small number of committee members especially given the breadth of our current activities and an appetite to do more.



So if you think you can help out now and again or, even better, join our committee, then we need to hear from you. Anyone can stand for election at the AGM so now is a good time to get more involved. Remember that without the voluntary efforts of our residents, the Association would not exist at all.

Just email us if you wish to stand for election or ring our Chairman, Andrew Berry on 07786 967184 to find out more about what's involved.

# Community Projects & Activities

## Burial Records—Transcribing Warley Cemetery paper records onto a searchable database

The summer break brought a halt to the project but it has now re-started with a group of hardy volunteers eager to get their hands on the next batch of records for transcription. The second burial book has now been scanned and we hope our volunteers will be able to complete transcription by April 2014.

The checking process must then confirm that records are complete and accurate before they can be finally converted to make them accessible for public viewing. We still need more volunteers to help with transcription and checking of records, so if you are interested please contact Maryke Deahl at mail@warleyca.co.uk or by calling 833036.

In the meantime, following feedback from our Footsteps event earlier this year, we intend to publish a series of mini-biographies of some of the interesting people buried in the cemetery - watch this space!

## Village Plan

We have just kicked off a 6 month project to develop a Village Plan. At this early stage, we do not know what the plan will eventually contain, but our first objective is to establish what is important to the community and in doing so, re-visit and potentially re-define our objectives as a community association.

From there we will explore the potential for funding larger projects from various agencies and trusts and use that information to propose a long term plan for maintaining and improving the infrastructure of Warley and the surrounding area. If you are interested in being involved or simply want to tell us what is important to you then just email us or contact our Chairman, Andrew Berry, on 07786 967184

## In-Bloom

Our In-Bloom Group is concerned with maintaining public areas of planting in Warley and keeping the place looking spick and span. We have recently adopted another area of public planting at the top of Stock Lane and have been helped by the Council with weed spraying and mulching.



The group have just submitted an application for a grant from the Community Development Fund and if successful we will be investing over £1,000 in new planting, spring bulbs and extra seating.

We now maintain over an acre of land in total and always welcome additional volunteers who can spare the odd hour now and again to help with its upkeep. If you are that person then just email us or contact our In Bloom leader, Keith Hutson on 07932 690853

## 2014 Calendar

This year we decided to produce a bigger and better Warley calendar and also tripled last year's print run to 300. We were right to be so optimistic as we have nearly sold out after only a few weeks!



At the time of writing we have sold over 250 and already recovered our production costs. If we sell them all we will make a £350 profit which will be split between community projects and Ravenscliffe school who have played a massive part in helping meet our target.

Call 833036 or order on-line at our website shop to get your copy before we sell out!

## Warley Open Gardens

In 2014 we will be running our third Warley Open Gardens event which we want to be bigger and better than ever before.



The provisional date is Sunday 8th June, so if you have a garden you are proud of, big or small, then why not consider letting our visitors share your enjoyment? Just email us or contact the event organiser on 07786 967184.

# From the Archives

## Thomas Hawkins - a man with a mission!

Extracts from 'Warley Worthies' by Tom Sutcliffe, 1916 \*\*

"Perhaps one of the most irresistible of individuals to have played their part on the Warley stage and did so for nearly half a century was Thomas Hawkins.

He certainly never seemed to tire of active participation in useful duties of all kinds. He was a man of many parts - Greek scholar, controversialist, writer and preacher, and appears to have been obsessed in attempting to better the social condition of the district, and improving the minds of the people committed to his charge

Mr Hawkins hailed from Aylesbury, and commenced his pastoral duties at Warley Chapel in 1796. He had not been long in Warley when he found himself faced with the problem of witchery."

In the present day (2013) we look back with a degree of wonder on the belief in witchcraft. In those days, superstition was part of everyday life, nights were long and dark indeed and without the benefit of science much in the world was unknown and mysterious. Everyone, particularly in the countryside, was much closer to 'the other world' as it were and witchcraft was part of normal everyday life. Indeed the Church of the time accepted and worked with witches to some degree. There were, however, many sides to witchcraft and problems were many fold. It's not clear to us how witchcraft was viewed in Warley at this time. We do know that Warley had a reputation for being riotous and irreligious even when the upright and fearless Thomas Hawkins made his appearance in 1796.

### Tom Sutcliffe continues:

"A writer, at the end of the 18th century, says "Mr Hawkins was very popular as a preacher, but the interest of Warley is now sunk low, many ignorant people in his neighbourhood being addicted to conjuring and fortune telling." One of many booklets published by Mr Hawkins, this one entitled "The Iniquity of Witchcraft, Censured and Exposed", a contemporary review said :- "It is truly melancholy to find that in our enlightened country there is still any necessity for such a work as this". Witchcraft however was only one subject concerning the energetic Mr Hawkins and his reputation relied on many other aspects of his towering intellect."

Interestingly, Thomas would be able to recognise much in Warley if he were to return today, including his home - the Manse in Edgeholme Lane, where he held weekly classes for young people exploring the many avenues of knowledge opening up at that time. For more details on Thomas Hawkins contact the WCA local history group via our website.

\*\* The author, Tom Sutcliffe, was a founder member of Halifax Antiquarian Society and a Warley resident.

## In Memory—Barbara Greenwood

Barbara Greenwood of The Manse, Edgeholme Lane, Warley passed away aged 85 on 9th May 2013 after a long illness.

Barbara was born in Halifax and married Peter in 1952 and they went to live on Springwood Avenue, Copley. She was an active member of St. Stephen's congregation and served on the Parochial Church Council. Barbara worked as a legal secretary in Halifax, returning to work part-time when her daughters, Julie and Heather, reached school age.

Barbara was a founder member of the Halifax Samaritans and a regular on-call volunteer for over twenty years. Apart from her weekly duties she also gave talks about the Samaritans to local societies and was heavily involved with many fund-raising events.

The Greenwoods moved to Warley in 1965 and Barbara entered village life helping at many different functions at the Warley Institute - from jumble sales to parties. She was also the secretary of the last village fete held in the late 1960's.

Barbara enjoyed life in Warley and could be found everyday walking her dog around the Vandals playing fields and chatting to other local dog walkers. Her home and family were very important to her and she and Peter were also blessed with three grandchildren. She is sadly missed by all the family and many Warley residents.

## Where are they now?

After putting the picture "It's the 60's - are you here?" in the last Lantern we soon had a reply from Glynis Rodd of Norton Tower:-

"Yes I am - the first on the left. I was Glynis Greenwood then and was Warley Queen. Next to me is Catherine Walker and second from the right is Stephanie Heap. Can anyone remember the other girls? We lived at Hoyle House, Friendly. My dad, who is 91 years young, still lives there!"

The owner of the photograph, Christine Kaye, was delighted to be able to put some detail on the picture that she has kept safe all these years.

## What's on?

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Air Remembrance Day Service 10.30am - Outside the Maypole
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Warley Craft Circle 2pm - Warley Institute
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	St John's Autumn Fayre 11am - St John's Sunday School
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Warley Community Association's AGM 7pm—Maypole Inn
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Warley Victorian Christmas Fayre 2pm Warley Town School Christmas Lights 'Switch On' and Carols round the Tree at 4pm
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Warley Ward Forum & PACT Meeting 6.30pm - Pellon Baptist Church
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols with Friendly Brass Band 11pm - Maypole Inn

*Everyone Welcome to all events - Just turn up (except for Warley Craft Circle where pre-booking is required - Tel. 839458)*

**St. John's Autumn Fayre** There will be a variety of stalls and a café with a delicious selection of food and refreshments. All are welcome so come and join us and enjoy being together at this popular annual event in our community life

**Warley Victorian Christmas** All the usual crafts, cakes and raffles at our traditional Christmas event and of course Father Christmas and the "big switch on". **Don't miss it!**

**Open Air Remembrance** To commemorate those who lost their lives as a result of conflict over the last 100 years. Be part of this national day of remembrance outside the Maypole

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## A Big Thank-You!

Friday 27th September saw the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of MacMillan. The Winterburn opened their doors once again and ground out over £430!

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Well done Becky, James and their staff for organising such a great day. Also a big thank you to our talented bakers in and around Warley who made and donated such a fabulous array of cakes and finally, of course, to everyone who turned out to support this amazing charity. A fantastic community effort all round!!

## Rushbearing Hits Warley

The traditional Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing festival once again hit Warley on the first Saturday in September. The entertainment was as usual first class and everyone had a great time.



WCA raised over £200 for community projects from the sale of refreshments and crafts. Thanks to our bakers, to Warley Craft Circle and to everyone who spent their hard earned brass!

## From under t'lantern

Overheard in t'Winterburn

"Nah then lad, has'tha heard t'uproor 'bout Miley Cyprus and her raunchy twerking?"

"T'working? We do that everyday from nine 'til five round 'ere!"