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WARLEY LANTERN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



To Plan or not to Plan? ..Where next?

Since the last edition of the Warley Lantern we have held two of our new style Community meetings with an emphasis on presentations and the discussion of issues which could affect our community

At the first one in February we discussed traffic concerns including the Council's decision not to introduce the anticipated 20mph restrictions in and around Warley. This was followed up by a meeting with Councillor Barry Collins who explained the rationale behind the decision and set out the council's official position. In summary, Warley is not considered to be a priority for traffic calming measures at this point in time. As an Association we will continue to campaign on your behalf for improvements to the road infrastructure through all available channels and would encourage you to let us know of any new evidence to support our cause. Our concerns for Warley and the safety of us all will not disappear and nor will our determination to continue to fight for change.

The second Community meeting, on 8th April, was given over to Phil Ratcliffe from the Council's Planning Department who gave us a very interesting and well informed presentation on the Localism Act. The Council is developing a Local Plan for Calderdale (which will supersede existing plans and planning controls) and these must accommodate government targets for building new homes. Phil told us that Calderdale intends to continue placing great emphasis on the importance of Green Belt and Conservation Areas in their planning which by definition tends to protect the more rural areas of the Calder Valley from large scale development.

The new legislation also allows communities to register their intention to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan, which would give them control over certain aspects of development and infrastructure investment - any plan would be subject to meeting required criteria and being accepted by a majority of residents in a local referendum.

If this is something that interests you or you would like to be involved in exploring these ideas further, then please contact us at mail@warleyca.co.uk or speak to the Association's Chairman, Andrew Berry, on 07786 967184

..Where next?

In the light of the Localism Act (main story) taking on more responsibility at a local level will require plenty of local residents to be actively involved. There are big decisions to be made and there would be a lot of work involved. On the plus side we would be able to influence planning decisions and our environment and... there is significant funding available to support local plans.

Even if it would appear that the Council's Local Plan is to some extent protecting green belt areas (and would not pose an immediate threat to Warley in terms of major housing development) there would be benefits for our community to go some way down this route. It is a subject which requires much more discussion.

Recent Events

A Great Night at the Vandals!

The Community Association's first social event of the year, 'Plants, Pie & Peas at the Club', took place on 21 March at Vandals Rugby Club. The guest speaker was horticulturalist and fruit tree expert Keith Hutson who regaled his audience with advice on winter pruning, mulching and eco-friendly pest control. Over 40 people attended and the event was pronounced a resounding success by events leader Eliana Bailey – "Everything went to plan, Keith was wonderful and everyone enjoyed themselves" said Eliana.

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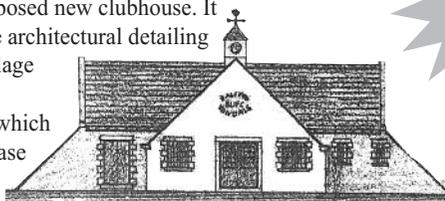
New Rugby Coach at the Vandals

Halifax Vandals have enjoyed the coaching skills of player-coach Ed Morane during the 2012/13 campaign. Morane, who has succeeded Matt Farrar in the Warley hotseat, quit Yorkshire One rivals Heath to take charge of the Yorkshire Four outfit. The 24 year old IT technician, who moved to Calderdale in the spring after spending the bulk of his rugby career with hometown club Brighton Blues, played a handful of games for the West Vale side at the start of the season. Ed's ambitions for Vandals are wide-ranging, but not necessarily focused on on-field glory.

"I just want to make training and playing a positive experience for the players, something they will enjoy and tell their friends about," said Morane. Morane, who plays back row or No. 8, hopes for success but also to promote grassroots rugby union at the Warley Club.

In our last issue we appealed for any items of interest to support the Vandals 90th Anniversary celebrations. We have received many interesting documents, among which is the drawing, shown below from 1996, of the proposed new clubhouse. It was meant to echo the architectural detailing of buildings in the village centre!

If you have anything which may be of interest please let us know.



Warley has a tradition for fine buildings

Regular Lantern readers will know that over the next few months, members of the Warley History Group will be out and about recording the interesting architectural details of the village. Much of the village is over 100 years old with some buildings 200, even 300 years old. Beyond the village centre, there are many buildings older still. We are lucky that buildings of architectural merit continue to be constructed in the village - Warley Town School won a Civic Trust award for its classroom refurbishment in 2003 - and most recently, a newly built house in the centre of the village, Book House, has won a Civic Trust award. It's good to know that the integrity of the village is being maintained with quality architecture.

Have you a picture which shows the cemetery gates?

As part of the History Group's research into Warley cemetery, they would like to hear from anyone who may have a picture which includes the cemetery gates at the Winterburn Lane end. If you have, please call 01422 833036.

Warley Country Show 6 MAY

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Enter the Fun Dog Show

Any dog, any shape, size or breed - it's a great opportunity to have fun with your dog. Professional judging. All rules will be explained on the day. Register your entry between 2.30-4.00. Entries: 50p per class. Judging starts at 4.30pm

Class 1 - Waggiest Tail

Class 2 - Best Biscuit Catcher

Class 3 - Best Veteran Dog (over 7)

Class 4 - Best Turned Out Dog

CAKE BAKERS wanted

Victoria Sponge competition.

Judged by professional chef Jeanie Gavan. Prize for winner. Only 50p to enter. Bring your entry to the cake stall prior to 3.00pm.

Judging will take place at 4.00pm.

Don't miss Benedict OUR FAVOURITE

Donkey, Benedict, will be giving children rides at the show from 2.00-2.30pm and 3.30-4.00pm ONLY so be sure not to miss him.

From the Archives

WARLEY INSTITUTE

In 1904 Arthur Selby McCrea decided that, as a gift to the people of the village, he would build a village Institute on land he owned adjoining his Warley House estate. Replacing a small village club of two rooms, this was to be no ordinary building. It was designed by architect JF Walsh in the Arts and Craft style and was to be built of stout local stone - its self-confident aspect still graces the village centre today as a monument to mill-owning wealth and to McCrea patronage.

The building was awarded a deed of covenant and trustees were appointed to maintain and to run it. Originally a 'men only' establishment, the Institute had a kitchen, a reading room and a library on the ground floor and a billiard room and slipper bath upstairs. Each floor had a coal fire and there was a large range in the kitchen

The men only domain remained until 1951 when women were allowed in to 'make tea'. As the years progressed women became more involved - raising funds for running costs and forming the Tuesday Club. The Club was very active; the women took it in turns arranging suppers, raffles, jumble sales and whist drives and organising speakers. There were Christmas parties for the local children, pancake suppers on Shrove Tuesdays and pie and peas were always served on bonfire night. The Tuesday Club got involved with the Warley Gala and the Rushbearing - all to raise money to keep the Institute running. Occasionally the main room and kitchen were let out for private functions such as family parties - although alcohol was strictly forbidden. Upstairs the popular billiard room continued and many youths of the village and surrounding area spent their time learning how to play for the village team.

Sadly all this was not enough to provide money for necessary major repairs. In the early 1980's dry rot was discovered and all the old wiring needed replacing too. A public meeting was held and it was decided to form a Community Association and make the building a thriving centre of local interest. It would become a charity, exempted from rates and eligible for grants. The Institute was renamed Warley Community Centre and by 1988 in addition to the Tuesday Club there were activities on most nights including Art classes, Darby and Joan and a Youth Club.

Unfortunately, this was still not enough, society was changing and very sadly the building closed and was sold in November 1992. Although the village had lost its Community Centre, when the building was sold as a private dwelling the money from the sale went into the Warley Trust. The Trust now awards grants to help many local causes and has helped the present Warley Community Association in many projects to improve village life. Meanwhile, the building has gone almost full circle as the present owners now hold regular community craft events in the downstairs rooms.

Where is this picture now?



The original of this contemporary painting, presented to Mr McCrea by the architects of the Institute, hung for many years on the office wall of Mr GA Coutts, a partner of the firm for the building project. It was seen by Councillor Whatmough in 1963 and he is reported to have said "Mr Coutts said we could have it". It was then hung in the main meeting room of the Institute. **Where is it now? Any information - please email us or call 01422 833036.**

Warley Institute Craft Circle

The newly re-formed Craft Circle has been a big success and featured recently in the Evening Courier. Members have been busy making crafts for sale at the Warley Country Show. Visitors to the stall will see handmade items such as bunting, lavender bags, beeswax candles, and novelties for children and pets. Future craft activities will include knitted and crochet items and floral decorations. To join, phone 01422 839458

The Warley Trust Annual grants

Applications for assistance from the above Trust are invited from inhabitants of Warley and district (including Mount Tabor and Wainstalls) for grants for the general benefit of the communities. Applications should be submitted in writing to Mrs A.L. Noble, St John's House, 2 St John's Lane, Halifax, HX1 2JD before 1st June 2013 next, for consideration at the Trustees meeting on 14 June 2013.

'One Voice' Male Voice Choir New Mill

Accompanied by:
Linda Fraser Soprano
Anne Levitt pianist

at
St. John's Church
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Community Concert
Saturday
8th June 2013
7.00pm
for 7.30pm

Contact: Barbara Butler 01422 354839. John White 01422 367979

National Gardens Scheme Open Days

The NGS publishes The Yellow Book, a guide to over 3,700 gardens - the so-called 'bible' of garden visiting. Most gardens which open for the NGS are privately owned and open just a few times each year. This year, two gardens in Warley will make it into The Yellow Book and will be open to visitors on the following -

Warley House Gardens HX2 7RU Sunday May 12 1pm to 5pm.

Partly walled 2½-acre garden. Drifts of shrubs, herbaceous plantings and wild flowers

Edgeholme, Stock Lane HX2 7RW Wednesday 3 July 1pm to 5pm.

Terraced Country House garden with pond and woodland setting.

In memory

Angela Mason, of Warley Town, 1948 - 2013. Angela was well known in the village, having helped her mother for many years in the shop and Post Office. As a young woman Angela developed a love of horses and showjumped, bred and showed them. She worked for Harvey Smith for a time, helping him and driving his horses to events.

Unusually for the times, Angela had a Class 1 HGV licence, which meant that she could drive large articulated vehicles for a living - a job she loved, particularly delivering new vehicles from the docks to customers throughout the country. Angela lived life to the full even working as a fashion model in her teens. Unfortunately, in her 20's, ill health took its toll of Angela but she was still able to help her mother in the shop. She also had the support of her sister Diane who lived close at hand at The Grange. Angela will be sadly missed.

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Next Warley Community Meeting

20 May. 7.00pm Maypole Inn. ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME

What's on?

APRIL: Sun 28 Warley Footsteps History, Nature Walk and Treasure Hunt. 2pm - Meet at the School - £3 for adults, £1 for kids.

MAY: Mon 6 Warley Country Show 2pm. Vandals Rugby Club.

Sun 12 NGS Open Days - see across and www.ngs.org.uk

Mon 13 Warley Institute Craft Circle meeting. 2pm Warley Institute.

Pre-booking Required

Mon 20 Warley Community Meeting 7pm - Maypole Inn.

JUNE: Sat 1 Warley House Gardens Charity Garden Party. Games, stalls. Paninis BBQ and teas. Maypole dancing, Ducking Stall, Donkey rides and a giant slide.

Full details see www.warleyca.co.uk

Warley couple to do 500 mile trek

The arduous Camino de Santiago

Doug and Eliana Bailey have been preparing all winter for a 800km (500 mile) trek across Northern Spain, from the French side of the Pyrenees to Santiago. The trek follows the ancient pilgrimage route to Santiago and beyond. The route takes them over mountains, through towns, cities and small villages. Along the way they will sleep in Albergues - pilgrims hostels.

Before Doug and Eliana can begin they have to obtain a pilgrims passport which will be stamped at each place they pass through. On completion of their journey, they visit Santiago Cathedral where their passport is checked and they receive a certificate. They plan to take up to six weeks to complete the Camino de Santiago.

From under t'lantern

Police have just released details of a new drug craze that is being carried out in Yorkshire nightclubs. Apparently, Yorkshire club goers have started injecting Ecstasy just above their front teeth.

Police say the dangerous practice is called "E by gum".