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WARLEY LANTERN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Warley enjoys itself!

After a long hard winter and very little Spring, we have enjoyed (at long last) a great summer. This year, more than any other in recent times, has seen a rash of celebrations and events up and down the Calder Valley and Warley has been no exception.

In early May, the sun appeared from nowhere and we all enjoyed a scorching Bank Holiday Monday, especially those from far and wide who came to the Warley Country Show. With producer's stalls, games, food and drink and plenty of great entertainment nearly a thousand people turned up at Vandals to make the most of the hot weather. Our local pubs had a very profitable day as well!

But it wasn't just the WCA that hosted events in Warley this summer. Spring Bank holiday saw the Maypole Inn hosting its own very successful Family Fun Day raising money for charity and in June Warley St John's Church organised a summer concert and enjoyed a wonderful evening with the One Voice male voice choir from New Mill.

Enjoying recognition way beyond Warley, two private gardens were accepted into the prestigious National Gardens Scheme and opened their impressive gardens for charity in May and July. This year, Edgeholme joined Warley House Gardens in *The Yellow Book* which first opened as part of the scheme in 2012. The gardens clearly impressed the assessors as we understand that both will be open again and raising money for charity in 2014.

However, summer is still far from over as Warley looks to welcome the Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing Festival once again on the first Saturday of September. Further details can be found inside this edition of the *Warley Lantern*.

Lets all hope the good weather continues and that the summer of 2014 will also be a memorable one.

Moving on

Ever since its inception in 2009, WCA has made it a priority to be in touch with the local community on a constant basis. Very quickly, members of the Association found that, in this fast-changing world of ours, having pre-conceived ideas about what a community association is (and does), just does'nt work. The Association constantly strives to stay ahead of the game, and we have learned that regular community meetings generate very little interest from the vast majority of residents so we no longer have them just for the sake of it – we will however organise meetings as and when there is a specific topic of interest or issue which is worthy of such a forum.

We have now fully embraced social media and along with our re-vamped website and the *Warley Lantern*, we have found that these mechanisms should provide the foundation for keeping people in touch with what's happening. We have also learned what sort of events and activities work and which don't and refocused ourselves accordingly.

However, we can do none of these things without the continued support and enthusiasm of a strong committee, event and project organisers and helpers and of course everyone who gets involved at whatever level.

As we move towards 2014 some of our long standing committee members and organisers are stepping down or taking more of a back seat, so we are going to need people to fill those seats if we hope to continue with our activities and projects. We also need to look to a future where the Council will be devolving more decision making and services to local communities and unless we step into the breach, then eventually we will notice changes which may not always be for the better. **More so than ever before, the future of our community lies in our own hands so let's try and make sure it continues to be a great place to live. CONTACT US TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

The 2014 Warley Calendar OUT NOW

As a result of all your feedback on our 2013 calendar we have made the 2014 edition bigger and better than ever before. Full of pictures and commentary from in and around Warley, it's a great Christmas gift as well as still being the best way of keeping track of your family's busy lives.



STILL ONLY
£5

To get your copy
call **01422 833036**
or email mail@warleyca.co.uk
Hand delivered for free within 2 miles
or £1.50 p&p by post

Also on sale from 7th Sept at the Winterburn Inn and from our stall at the Rushbearing festival 7th Sept in the village centre

Part of any profits made on the sale of the calendars will go to Ravenscliffe High School and Sports College, Calderdale's only secondary special school, providing education for students aged 11 - 19 years. The most recent inspection report (Nov 2012) by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) describes Ravenscliffe as an 'Outstanding School where the exceptional quality of teaching ensures that students progress extremely well throughout their time at the School.'

A fantastic week of Sowerby Bridge local history

Love your Library week, 9-14 September at Sowerby Bridge Library. Events and displays about Sowerby Bridge all week, see: www.calderdale.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/branches/sowerbybridge

Keith is back

Yes, after a spell of ill-health Keith Hutson is back in our midst and has joined the WCA Committee! You may have received a flyer from this dedicated community worker recently. He's working with the Conservatives at the moment by the looks of things but whichever party he's with, Keith impresses everyone with his inexhaustible energy and commitment to doing his best for his locality. His home/office is crammed with testimonials from schools, clubs, organisations and individuals from Warley and Pellon. We know these are all genuine and heart-felt. Welcome back Keith!

Dancing, singing, Tai Chi, art or exercise?

Improving the wellbeing of people over 50 - for more info, see:

<http://pellonhighfive.wordpress.com>

Do PACT meetings affect Warley and what are they anyway?

PACT - the term stands for Police & Communities Together.

These meetings are for you to put your case to, or hear from, our local policing team as well as to our local councillors - on any issue concerning the local area.

Where else could you have a one-to-one talk with the Local Chief of Police who, what's more, is ready to give you his undivided attention.

<http://halifaxnortheast.com>

The indispensable Friday Flyer - who wants one?

Get to know what's going on. This is a must-have weekly e-newsletter which includes upcoming events, activities, information and local services in Illingworth, Mixenden, Northowram, Ovenden, and Warley including Norton Tower.

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From the Archives

SIR GEORGE NEWNES

“That's what I call a real tit-bit!”

These words, uttered by George Newnes when he spotted a lively story in an otherwise dull newspaper, were to lead George, a ‘Warley lad’ to become one of Britain's first media magnates and to produce a magazine that in its heyday was selling 500,000 copies a week.

George Newnes born in 1851, was the son of Warley minister the Rev. Thomas Mould Newnes. He was well known in Warley village as a mischievous young lad who delighted in playing pranks on his playmates.

His playful nature however was soon to be challenged when he was sent to Warley Grammar School to be trained under the sedate and logical Scotchman, Mr Farquhar. Mr Farquhar had a colourful career during his time at Warley Grammar School; the school itself has a fascinating history... but that’s another story.

George's irrepressible nature survived intact and he went on to work in the role of sales - learning the techniques of persuasion and the needs and desires of the emerging British consumer.

Literacy in the UK was rising fast and George took advantage launching Tit-Bits in 1881 from his Manchester office. George was actually pioneering new forms of journalism at this time. Tit-Bits aimed at a lower-middle class readership, it was inclusive, it solicited the participation of readers in the creation of its text - and its readers responded with enthusiasm. The tit-bits themselves were easily digested snippets of information, short stories, pieces of advice, jokes and correspondence - a formula which has stood the test of time and which has been repeated in countless other publications since.

‘A new system of Life Assurance’. George spiced up the appeal of the newspaper through relentless promotions. The best-known was the Tit-Bits Insurance Scheme, dreamed up in 1885, in which the next-of-kin of any Tit-Bits reader killed in a railway accident and found with a copy of the newspaper on the body, would be given £100 - by September 1891 there had been 36 cases!

Sir George had a colourful career, full of ups and downs, but he died broke in 1910. George Newnes Ltd continued publishing long after his death with titles such as Practical Mechanics and many others. Tit-Bits ran until July 1984.



Rushbearing Festival 7th & 8th Sept

TWO FULL DAYS OF
RUSH-RELATED TRADITION
AND TOMFOOLERY.
THE SOWERBY BRIDGE
RUSHBEARING
IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS
KIND IN YORKSHIRE

Rushbearing dates back several centuries to a time when rushes were simply a floor covering in churches. Each year, it was out with the old and in with the new. Over many years this tradition has gradually turned into a celebration and a holiday involving music, morris dancing and revelry.

**See the Rushbearing at its best
in Warley village centre**

Come and support the event in Warley. As usual the WCA will be there selling home made cakes, hot pasties and our newly published 2014 Calendar
SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

10:15am to 11:00am

St John's Church Warley

11:15am to 11:45am

Warley Village centre

www.rushbearing.com

World's Biggest Coffee Morning!

In 2012 this event raised £14,957,191 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Local heroine Becky at the Winterburn Inn ensured that over £300 of that was ‘ground out’ in Warley!

**Help Becky smash that record
this year.**

Bake a cake or simply turn up at the Winterburn Inn between 10 and 11.30am for a good old natter on
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER!

Call Becky on 01422 834918 for more information.



It's the 60's - are you here?

Where are they now? This picture, taken at Warley Fete in the mid-60's was sent in to us by Christine Davis, nee Kaye, who used to live at Raw End Farm. Christine's sister, Margaret, is on the far right but who are the other girls? If you know, please contact us - by email to mail@warleyca.co.uk or by phoning 01422 833036.

In the last edition of the Warley Lantern we incorrectly referred to Warley Fete as the Warley Gala and was put straight immediately by Mr Peter Allsopp of Holme Road. Peter was one of the men who worked hard to ensure Warley Fete was such a success throughout the 1960's and has many memories of those happy days. Thanks Peter.

What's on? Events and Activities are open to all

Sat 7th September

Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing Festival

10.15am – Warley St John's Church and at 11.15am – Outside the Maypole Inn.

Mon 9th September

Warley Craft Circle – 2pm – Warley Institute. Pre-Booking required.

Fri 27th September

World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

10am-11.30am – Winterburn Inn, Winterburn Lane, Warley.

Tue 1st October

Warley Ward Forum & PACT Meeting

6.30pm – St Columba's Church, Sandbeds Rd, Pellon.

Mon 14th October

Warley Craft Circle - 2pm – Warley Institute. Pre-Booking required

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St John's Church

In addition to the usual services and weekly activities, this September St John's is hosting a course designed to help build relationships with Muslim neighbours. The course, entitled Encountering Muslims, will run on Thursday evenings for six weeks from 7-8.30pm beginning on the 12th September. Muslims born in Halifax will speak about their life, culture and experiences, and those attending the course will think about how they might be a blessing to Muslim neighbours through sharing the good news of Jesus with them.

More details about the course can be obtained from Rev'd Tony Street – Halifax 363623.

Harvest Service this year is on Sunday 22nd September (10.15am) and the project for 2013 focuses on the work of Farm Africa, an organisation which helps subsistence farmers in different parts of Africa. Come to the service and hear all about this exciting work.

From under t'lantern

A Yorkshireman takes his cat to the vet.
Yorkshireman: "Ayup, lad, I need to talk to thee about me cat."

Vet: "Is it a tom?"

Yorkshireman: "Nay, I've browt it wi' us"