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The New Warley Lantern

Welcome to the first 2024 edition of our newsletter.

2024 began with a small group of us getting together with some members of the Allotments Association to tackle the Community Compost Bin which had not been emptied for at least 2 and half years due to lack of volunteers and the weather.

There were some surprises as the rich compost was dug out including plant pots, plastic mesh, planks of wood, lots of poo bags and a rat's nest. All this was put into strong garden bags apart from the wood and disposed of by the Safer Greener Team, so thanks to them. The next day some new fruit trees were planted up the side of the field using some of our good compost. This helped fill in a few spaces where previous trees have died and also where none were previously planted.

One of the new pear trees

Our next event will be a coffee morning on **Saturday, 27th April** at the Maypole. See the poster above for details.

For your convenience we will put quick links to emails and web

We have been informed by the Allotments Association that there are a couple of plots currently available. Please contact Lesley on 01422 834239 if you are interested. They would like to get them into use within the next few weeks.

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Ongoing footpath closure

The ongoing closure of the footpath from the top of Water Hill Lane to Burnley Road is of real concern to the Community Association. We know this path is well used and a crucial active travel link to Burnley Road and Sowerby Bridge. The path has been barricaded off for four months despite requiring just a wall repair. We have raised this with local councillors and the Council's Rights of Way team, and we know residents have made complaints. We have so far had unsatisfactory responses failing to say when the path will reopen. We will continue to press for reopening, and ideally improvements to the path, its surfacing and drainage. Residents can express their concerns via the council's online form, rightsofway@calderdale.gov.uk, or Warley councillors.

Additionally, the footpath on Cliffe Hill Lane is once again getting regularly flooded due to the failure of the council to clear the gulleys. We would encourage all readers to visit 'https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/dio/request-gully-cleansing' in order to request this is properly dealt with. If they receive enough complaints, maybe they will finally take action? It may be of interest that the so-called regular maintenance of gulleys is based on a period of several years, so there's no point just hoping it will be sorted as part of the regular cleaning schedule.

Love our buses

Did you know, using public transport, walking and cycling instead of driving is shown to be the best thing you can do to help tackle the climate crisis? Plus it makes our streets safer, healthier and less congested.

Using buses also helps protect these essential services. Many communities have seen big cut-backs, and it's a worry for our village bus, which often has few people on it. Cuts make buses less viable for those who depend on them, and the shift to greener, healthier travel harder. To ensure Warley continues to benefit from regular public transport (while doing our bit for future generations), we need to use it!

Bus top tips:

- Grab a deal, like £2 flat single fares, £5 'Metro Day' for unlimited bus use that day in West Yorkshire on any operator, or £15 'WY Family Day Saver' for five people off-peak on any WY buses and trains.
- Our village bus (546) is run by TransDev (Team Pennine), while Burnley Road buses (590, 592) and Norton Tower (542) are First. Both have apps, for live times, timetables and tickets. Or see local bus stops.
- For journey planning across operators/modes, try Google Maps or wymetro.com.
- Enjoy the view! Our 546 bus must be one of the most scenic in the land!

Warley 2025 Calendar

We are thinking about doing a theme of pets and animals. Please do email us photos that may be suitable to 'calendars@warleyca.co.uk'. Free calendar to anyone whose photo is used. Closing date 31st May.

THE HALIFAX VANDALS RUFC

Halifax Vandals RUFC
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The Vandals' 29-22 cup semi-final win against Huddersfield Laund Hill sets up a superb centenary-season finale on 18th May. In beating Barnsley in a gale force wind on 23rd March, the Vandals 1st XV extended their unbeaten run to 14 games. A mightily impressive run of success. With a far superior points difference to current league leaders Northallerton, James Wainwright's men need just one slip from the Dales men and the Yorkshire 3 title could come the way of the Pennines. Also, the Vandals secured promotion to Yorkshire Division 2 with four games to spare as they beat Castleford at Warley on 17th February. Saturday 15th June sees the End of Season Celebration at the Clubhouse.

New Business in Warley

You may have noticed a new sign going up along Warley Town Lane between the Vandals clubhouse and Newlands. Simon has opened his butcher's premises, next door to the Dog Grooming business. All his meat and game is sourced locally. Ideal for this summer's barbecues are his sausages called the 'Warley Banger' and his special venison burgers. He is open for locals and those further afield at weekends between 10.00 and 16.00. Feel free to pay him a visit.

Paid-for content

*Watch out for **Susan Calman** visiting Warley in the next few days. She will be recording for one of her **'Great Days Out'** television programmes and will be looking at the Museum. This currently has a new exhibition of curios in it so why not visit it yourself?*

St John the Evangelist Warley & St Hilda Halifax Church at Cote Hill

Working towards net zero - St John's Church & Hall

The Church and Church Hall both require new boilers in order to improve the ecological footprint of the buildings. The existing ones are both over 30 years old and are very expensive to run. Unfortunately, occasional winter bookings for members of the community are having to be declined due to the expense of ad-hoc heating of the buildings. Therefore, the Church has created a fund-raising page which they re asking readers to visit and consider donating to.
All details can be found at:

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/working-for-net-zero-on-st-johns-church-hall

Your support will be much appreciated.

Upcoming Events

27th April - Coffee Morning & Quiz - 10.00 at the Maypole

2nd Tuesday of each month - Chatty Cafe at St Johns, starting at 12.00

22nd June - Afternoon tea and Songs from the Shows (see poster here for details - John White for tickets).

23rd June - Community walk around Warley (details to be confirmed)

Recent visit to the Mayor's Parlour

Back in December, several members of the Community Association attended the presentation of an award to Karen Parrish who has given an incredible amount of her time to picking up litter and other rubbish from the village and surrounding areas. Well done to Karen.

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