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The New Warley Lantern

Welcome to the Summer 2022 edition of our newsletter.

Firstly, thank you to all the members of our community and beyond who came along to support the Platinum Jubilee event at the Vandals in June. Despite the exceptionally cold wind hundreds of people came along to take part in the various contests such as Fancy Dress, Tug-o-War and cake baking. The bouncy castle was especially popular, as were the various activity stalls such as the coconut shy, hook-a-duck etc. There's a couple of photos on the reverse of this newsletter.

A special thanks to the many helpers who helped erect the stalls and then pick them up again and move them when they blew down! This did make things look a bit long and squashed but at least everyone had a good time.

Our next event will be the Rushbearing Festival where we will have our usual tables in the village centre, selling pasties, cakes and calendars.

The Chatty Café will resume in September down at St John's. It is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month between 12.00 and 1.30pm where a light lunch is served.

Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing

This year's festival takes place on the first weekend of September. On Saturday, 3rd, the Rushcart will start at Warley St. John's at 10.00 to deliver the first rushes of the weekend. They will then proceed, at 10.45, up Windle Royd Lane and down Stock Lane to the Maypole, arriving at 11.00. Several dance groups will perform before the cart departs at 11.45.

The Saturday dance teams are scheduled to be White Rose Morris; Sutton Masque; Border Reivers; Danegeld Morris; Forest of Dean Morris Men; North British Sword; Carlisle Clog and Clerical Error.

Additionally, it is hoped that the Ryburn Longsword team will provide entertainment before the cart arrives and the Bradshaw Mummers after it departs.

Warley Community Association will man a stall outside the Chapel where you will be able to buy pasties and cakes. Please do come along and support Rushbearing as well as the Community Association.

We should also have the 2023 Calendar available for sale at the event so you can buy some early Christmas presents. The price will be £6 so please remember to bring some cash with you.

Photos from the Platinum Jubilee event

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH WARLEY

IN THE BEGINNING!!!!! (Chapter 2)

In the March issue of The Lantern we covered how Warley St John's Church first began in a meeting room of Hill Farm (now demolished) on the upper part of Windle Royd Lane in 1865.

In 1866, due to The Hill Farm Estate changing hands and the new owner, Mr John Naylor, asking the church to find a new venue, it was decided to build a small wooden meeting place. Mr Naylor allowed a building to be erected in the corner of one of his fields in Windle Royd Lane (in fact, at the top of Windle Royd Lane on the right hand side). The building must have been quite small, as it was put up in a week. In the Sowerby Bridge Church records of the time it reads:-

"1866. The Temporary Church at Warley was erected at a cost (including some of the fixtures) of £160-17-11 which amount was raised by subscriptions, Mr Aked of Cliff Hill giving £50. Colonel Akroyd (Boothtown) gave the Pulpit, Reading Desk, Communion Table, Rail, and small Font. The Communion Plate was also a donation."

The pulpit, reading desk, etc. had been in use at Copley where Colonel Akroyd had built his Model Village in the 1850s. Church services there were held in the school, awaiting the building of the church of St Stephen's, which was consecrated on 30th October 1865. When the church came into use the temporary fittings were no longer needed and came in very useful for the mission church at Warley.

A paragraph from the Halifax Guardian of 29th August 1868, shows the young church in action.

"On Sunday a sermon was preached in Warley St John's Church by the Rev. J. Holmes, curate of Sowerby Bridge, and a collection made on behalf of the church expenses amounting to £12-10-4. The weather was unfavourable, and the congregation only moderate."

The school (current church hall), or the first part of it, came next. The small wooden Church was proving too small for the increasing numbers of Sunday School scholars and church congregations, and the school was built to replace it. It was called the School-Church and was opened on Wednesday afternoon 31st January 1872 by the Venerable Archdeacon Musgrave, Vicar of Halifax. The earliest recorded baptisms, in March 1876, were carried out in the School-Church.

The above covers the second stage of the origins of St John's. More was to follow when the present church building was erected and the story will continue in the next issue of the Warley Lantern…….

John White Churchwarden and Pastoral Minister Warley St John's.

Upcoming Events

3rd - 4th September - Rushbearing
13th September, 11th October and 8th November - Chatty Cafe at St John's Church
30th August - 2nd September - Litter pick - details on local noticeboard
17th October - Warley CA open committee meeting - Maypole @ 18.30
7th November - 12th November - Litter pick - details on local noticeboard
14th November - Warley CA AGM - Maypole @ 18.30

We would love more people to get involved with the Community Association.
Please contact June(see below), email us or come along to either of the meetings and have a chat.

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