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The New Warley Lantern

Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of our newsletter.

Thank you to all – some 150 plus – who came and supported the Warley Coronation Celebration event back in May held at The Vandals Rugby Clubhouse and grounds. In particular thanks to volunteers from The Vandals, the Warley Community Association (WCA), Warley Church and others as well as the Fire Brigade who brought an appliance along as part of the entertainment. Photos are on page 2.

The next main event in the village will be when the Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing Cart, along with the dancers and Mummers, comes to Warley on the morning of Saturday 2nd September. Warley Church, where the Rushcart officially sets off from, will be serving bacon, egg & sausage butties and drinks in the Church Hall from 9.45am onward.

The WCA will, as usual, from about 10.45, have a stall selling pasties, cakes and other food goodies. Copies of the 2024 Warley calendar will also be on sale.

- **<u>APPEAL</u> If anyone can donate buns or cakes to sell on the WCA stall or are able to give some time to serve on it please come along on the morning (we will be there well before 10.45). If you have baked goods you need collecting please contact June on the number on page 4.**

To request a calendar, please email us at 'calendars@warleyca.co.uk' or contact June directly.

The Warley Community Association is run for and by the residents of Warley and is not affiliated to, nor in any way controlled or influenced by any other group, society or organisation

Request for Volunteers

The Community Association needs a new Chair. It is not an onerous responsibility but it does provide a focus for our activities and fundraising. If you would like to know more, or even volunteer, please email us at 'enquiries@warleyca.co.uk', say 'hello' at the Rushbearing stall or come along to our next meeting at the Maypole in October.

Additionally, we would like someone to take on the collation of the annual calendar. Full support will be given! Any good ideas for next year's theme also gratefully received.

A note from June Illingworth

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards of condolence, expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers we, as a family, have received for the loss of David. We know not many of you really knew him, but everyone has been so kind and thoughtful.

Thank you from June and the Family.

Coronation Event

It was great to see so many people at the King's Coronation event which was held back in May. As usual, we were somewhat affected by the weather, forcing some of the outside activities to have to be relocated into the Clubhouse. The Association's gazebo did, however, make a valiant effort to enter the Space Race but, alas, crashed and burned. Spirits were lifted by the afternoon teas and also by the bar drinks and BBQ offerings from the Vandals team! The bouncy castle remained outside and was very popular with the younger children who were able to have unlimited goes for a small fee. Here are a few pictures from the event.

Playground News

Some of you may have noticed that the big spiky bushes have been removed from the flower bed in the bottom corner of the playground. These were removed because they were dangerous to people getting too close - for instance when retrieving balls. We obtained some funding from the Ward Forum Grant scheme to plant child friendly shrubs there. Unfortunately, some people destroyed these by trampling them or deliberately pulling them up and leaving them to die. We have now bought several more plants which we aim to put in when the time is right to plant them. We hope that everyone will respect the work and leave these plants alone so everyone can enjoy them. If you see any children walking on this garden, please ask them to play elsewhere. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

2nd - 3rd September - Rushbearing
12th September, 10th October and 14th November - Chatty Cafe at St John's Church
3rd October - Warley CA open committee meeting - Maypole @ 18.30
12th November - Remembrance Day Service in the village centre @ 10.45 followed by procession to the Church.
14th November - Warley CA AGM - Maypole @ 18.30. All officials will be appointed or reappointed (new Chair required) plus an independent financial examiner.

Also - don't forget there are plenty of apples to pick at the side of the field above the playground.

Halifax Vandals RUFC
1923 - 2023

It is with great pride that we celebrate our centenary year this season. One hundred years ago, a group of college students, coming together following the hardship and sacrifice of The Great War, gathered under a lamp post in November 1923, on Francis Street, and agreed to form a rugby union team - The Halifax Vandals.

To dispel a common misconception, the name 'Vandal', is attributed to a warrior tribe who took on the might of Rome in 455 and came out on top. It's this courageous spirit and strong bonds of togetherness that our founding members recognised as essential values for our club.

We are, and always have been, a welcoming and unpretentious community rugby club, our one hundred years of existence is testament to the commitment, effort and determination of our members, past and present. We have enjoyed success both on the pitch and off it, and also withstood challenging times. In either case, it has been camaraderie, selflessness and the Vandals spirit that has allowed us to achieve what needed to be done (and yes – the beer does help too).

The Vandals have, for most of their 100 years, been based in Warley. Having used the Maypole Inn as a changing facility and social base in the early days, club members pulled together in the 1950s to build their own clubhouse in the village. The club developed further when acquiring the Old Sunday School on Warley Town Lane and renovating it to become their new clubhouse, closer to the playing fields. The current clubhouse was completed in 2004 and continues to be our 'home'. The Pennine setting and panorama are a unique aspect for the Vandals - we are the highest rugby club in Yorkshire!

On behalf of the club, I would like to extend an invite, to all Warley residents, to join us at the club during our centenary year. Why not come along on a Saturday, support our small community club and enjoy the atmosphere? All would be most welcome.

We aim to ensure that the Vandals spirit lives on for another 100 years.

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Chris Davis - Club President

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH WARLEY

Important news from St John's Warley

The 1st September 2023 will see some important changes at St John's, Warley as we join together with St Hilda's, Halifax to become a new and larger parish of **St John the Evangelist, Warley & St Hilda, Halifax** with just one church building serving the entire parish at the church building known as Warley, St John's on Windle Royd Lane.
St Hilda's, Halifax will have its Final Service on Sunday 27th August at 10:15am. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as their building closes for public worship. However, in the midst of this sadness, we know that the church building will be used as a community asset - with an emphasis upon early years provision.

In the meantime, all of the services and activities that take place at St John's will continue as normal and Rev'd Caroline Greenwood remains the Vicar of the new parish.

We look forward to welcoming you to St John's & St Hilda's soon.
Rev Caroline Greenwood

IN THE BEGINNING!!!!! (Chapter 3)

The previous two chapters about the start of a St John's Anglican church at Warley printed in The Warley Lantern (available on the website), brought us up to when it was functioning in and from the School-Church which is now the Church Hall, formerly the Sunday School building.

The present Church:-

Evidently, affairs continued to prosper and it was decided to erect a permanent church. A Buildings Committee was set up to raise money, to consider possible sites and church designs, and any other relevant business. It comprised – Mr.H.C. McCrea of Warley House; Miss E. Farrar of Trimmingham House; Mr J Holdsworth of Willow Field; Mr J Aked of Trimmingham; Mr F Jubb of Standbroke Lodge, Rev. John Ellison, Chairman and Rev.J Holmes Secretary.

When about £4,000 had been raised, a site was purchased, and a design by Mr. W. Swindon Barber of Halifax accepted. Work began in May 1877 and the foundation stone was laid on Saturday afternoon 30th June 1877. Miss Elizabeth Farrar performed the stone laying ceremony. The stone was lowered into position after she had spread some mortar with a special engraved silver trowel. She then tapped the stone at each corner and said " In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I lay this stone."

Two hymns were sung – "The Church's one foundation" and "Christ is our Corner Stone" and according to the newspaper report of the time "the weather was most auspicious for the occasion, making the short outdoor ceremony quite pleasant".

Building took just over a year and the completed church was consecrated on Saturday 28th September 1878 at 11 00am. The Diocese of Wakefield had not been formed (which is now part of the Anglican, Diocese of Leeds) at the time - the Halifax area was part of the Diocese of Ripon - and the ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Bickersteth, Lord Bishop of Ripon.

The service of consecration was followed by the service of morning prayer, luncheon for the dignitaries followed the service which was held in the schoolroom and was followed by a public tea.

The following day, Sunday 29th September 1878, the morning sermon was preached by the Vicar of Halifax, the afternoon sermon by the Rev. J Holmes, and the evening sermon by the Rev. J. Ellison. The church was crowded for each service and extra seats had to be brought up from the school.

The new church was well and truly launched!

John White, Pastoral Minister and churchwarden Warley St John's.

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