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The New Warley Lantern

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of our newsletter.

It's been lovely to meet local residents at our winter events such as the Chatty Café and the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights (which, as you may recall, didn't actually get switched on until later). Now is the time to begin planning events and fund-raisers for 2022.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported the Community Association by purchasing the 2022 Warley calendar. This is a very important fund-raising activity, and the profits allow us to produce these newsletters and cover initial expenses for future events in the village. For the 2023 calendar we would like to invite submissions from local residents – please see the separate item in the newsletter.

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This year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be celebrated over four days starting on Thurs 2nd June. We are hoping to plan a Community Celebration sometime during this period ----there will be a planning meeting in the Maypole on 14th March.

We are still waiting for a report back about the Road Safety Issues brought up at the meeting held last Summer despite both Ashley and James meeting with the Council representatives. Ashley has reported that the 'speed tubes' requested should appear before long, once they have determined the best locations on Stock Lane, Warley Town Lane and Cliffe Hill / Water Hill Lanes.

Early last year, we were awarded £500 from the Ward Forum Grant scheme which we hoped to put towards some new signs, cameras or anything to do with road safety. Unfortunately, everything we suggested has, so far, been dismissed by the Council Representatives and we now may have to return this funding, so if anyone can help with any reasonable suggestions, we would be very grateful. Please email or phone June.

Something else we would like your help with is the Clean-Up day on March 12th, starting at 08:30, when we are going to clean up the Children's Play area. Everyone is welcome and we will supply you with bags and litter pickers but please bring you own gloves.

The Chatty Café is now a monthly activity, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. It takes place in the Church between 12.00 and 1.30pm and a light lunch is served.

Warley Museum News

The phone box outside the Maypole is a Type K6 and was manufactured by the Carron Company of Falkirk, under contract from the General Post Office. As you will probably know, it was taken over and its use updated as a museum in 2016. Since then, there have been a number of articles in various journals, many of which were as a result of the visit by Monkman and Seagull for their BBC show, Genius Guide to Britain. The Community Association has received two recent requests from Time Out and Camping & Caravanning magazines for information, one of these has already been published.

Chris Czainski, who looks after the museum, has provided the following for this edition of the Warley Lantern.

The celebrity of the Warley Museum continues. In the last month we have featured in The Halifax Courier twice and are currently in The Camping and Caravanning Magazine. The Courier tells us that a film taken by a crew from CBS in the States has recently been shown on American television.

Before Christmas the co-curator, Paul Czainski, hand-painted telephone boxes onto a series of iconic Yorkshire landscapes, in places where phone boxes could never be located.

This exhibition and crib stayed until after Candlemass and now we have a more 'museumy' style of exhibition with a photo of Warley's own Wilfred Pickles, along with a copy of his autobiography and Phyllis Bentley's best-selling book, 'Inheritance'. Alongside this is a display of writing materials, inks, pens and pigments (thanks to Viv Jorissen for contributing to this display).

There are also a few new pictures of 'Old Warley to look at (thanks to David Sim).

Finally, there is a fine display of medicine and perfume bottles.

We would like to request that, if anyone has a model phone box which they could donate to the museum, we have a small, but growing, display. Please contact Chris directly or email the Community Association at '**enquiries@warleyca.co.uk**'.

Finally, a big thanks to David Illingworth for getting the Museum's electrics working again so we once again have beautifully illuminated displays.

A History of Warley St John's Church - Part I

IN THE BEGINNING!!!!!

Warley St John's Church was born in 1865 out of the expansion of population from Sowerby Bridge up the hill to Warley Township and the general atmosphere of prosperity arising through activities taking place at Christchurch Sowerby Bridge.

The first minister of St John's was the Rev James W. Holmes who was ordained curate at Ripon Cathedral in June 1865. He was then licensed as a curate of the parish of Sowerby Bridge, with special charge of the district of Warley. At the time he was 31 years old.

Probably in anticipation of his appointment, arrangements had been made to hold Church Services in Warley and a room had been secured for the purpose at Hill Farm, Warley. Hill Farm, now demolished, which was in Windle Royd Lane, on the opposite side of the road to the church, and slightly higher up the lane. The rent for the room was paid by 12 people who subscribed 5 shillings (25p)each and the collecting book confirms the rent of this commodious room for a church service once a week and school twice a week including fire and gas in winter, cleaning, and the use of a pulpit was only £3.00 a year.

The first Church Service and the first Sunday School were held on Sunday 7th July 1865 at the room at Hill Farm. This was the beginning of St John's. Much more was to follow and the story will continue in the next issue of the Warley Lantern…….

(Written by John White, Assistant Warden and Pastoral Minister)

Neighbourhood Watch

The national Neighbourhood Watch scheme is 40 years old in June, coinciding with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. As a local association, we will be carrying out various activities such as tidying up the Warley area and will be looking for volunteers to assist with the main events that we decide upon. We would also like to revive interest in the scheme on the day of the event. Meanwhile, there is a Warley Whatsapp group which provides crime and safety reports about the local area. This was set up by our councillors so if you would like access to it, please contact Ashley Evans.

Calendar 2023 competition

We are looking for illustrations for the 2023 Warley Calendar. If you have suitable photos or other drawings, why not send them to us for possible inclusion? Photos need to be landscape and should be taken on a digital camera or recent tablet or smartphone so that the resolution is high enough for use in the calendar. Send your entries to '**calendars@warleyca.co.uk**'. If we use yours you will receive a complementary copy of the 2023 calendar when it is published in the Autumn.

Upcoming Events

8th March - Chatty Cafe at St John's Church
12th March- Playground clean-up.
14th March- Platinum Jubilee event planning
12th April & 10th May - Chatty Cafe at St John's Church
2nd -5th June - Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Local Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events

Outline thoughts for celebration of Queens Platinum Jubilee in Warley Township planned through joint working between Warley Community Association and Warley Church and others:

ACTIVITIES – Music & Singing / Games / Competitions / Stalls / Face Painting / Bouncy Castle/ Big Family Picnic / Entertainment / Bar/ Ice Cream Sales / Side show attractions and more……
WHERE – Warley Vandals Clubhouse and grounds……
WHEN – Saturday afternoon 4th June 2022 ……..

There will also be a JOINT BENEFICE celebration service on Sunday the 5th June at St Hilda's Church, Gibraltar Road, West End Halifax- details to be finalised.

PLEASE PUT 4TH JUNE IN YOUR DIARIES.

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