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The New Warley Lantern

Welcome to our Autumn/ Winter 2021 Warley Lantern.

We would like to thank all the members of the Community, Police and Council who attended the Association's open meeting in the Maypole last month. We were able to get your views on the traffic situation and anti-social behaviour in the village and surrounding areas. The meeting was very "active" and Councillors James Baker and Ashley Evans are going to arrange a meeting soon between their selves and various departments of the Council , to see what can be achieved. We will report back about this meeting in due course.

One positive action since the meeting is that we have had some highways officials come to observe and, hopefully, deter dangerous parking by parents in the centre of the village.

During the summer we held a very successful Coffee Morning at the Winterburn. It was lovely to see so many of the community come together and enjoy all the delicious bakes and take part in our quiz. We would like to thank Oscar and Lucy for allowing us to hold this event in their pub. We managed to raise £281. Some of this money will go towards buying new pads for the Defibrillators which need renewing both at the Maypole and next year at the Winterburn.

The third Defibrillator is now in place outside the Peacock and is emergency ready.

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From the School Logs….

It may seem surprising that the headteacher logs from the school still exist and cover the years from 1870 through until Easter 1997, when they ceased to be written any longer.

101 years ago, the headteacher was a Sidney Tidswell.On November 11th he wrote: 'Anniversary of Armistice. Two minutes' silence. Address by Headteacher. Nov 10. Contrasted with Nov 11 in the battle area in France 1918. '

On 10th January 1921, he wrote, 'Headteacher absent - excluded by Medical Officer - scarlet fever'. He returned on 17th January when logs resumed.

On 27th August an entry stated, ' At the local Allotment Show the 'School Garden' obtained four prizes: Bouquet - 1st; Carrots - 2nd; Runner Beans 2nd; Tray - 3rd.

Finally, on 16th January 1922 it seems a heavy fall of snow resulted in attendance of just 61 out of 130 children. This was at a time when the school had none of the current extensions so would have consisted of just 4 small classrooms and a hall to accommodate everyone.

More recently, in 1970, the new headteacher, Edward Sucksmith, wrote on 18th June that Wilfred and Mrs Pickles visited the school, the former to recall the memories from childhood in the school. If you've not heard of this 'old boy' of the school, try googling him!

On 3rd September 1971, regular visitor P.C. Merryfield visited to 'talk to the children about the new Green Cross Code'.

Those were the days of Wakes weeks etc and the school closed on 8th July for the summer holidays, opened on 24th August, closed again on 8th September and, finally, re-opened properly on 15th September. Grammar school selection tests were held in school, the first part on 30th November. The top class of the school attended the Warley Institute to sing Carols on 8th December, then visited Highlands School for Christmas music on 9th December and took part in the school Carol service on 14th December.

School numbers varied between mid-eighties and mid-nineties as the year went by.

Early test, trace and isolate?

These entries by headteacher Miss Eaton, from 1903, show how history repeats!

25th June: Was met at the door with the news that little Nellie Foulds in Std III who has been absent from school one week is suffering from Smallpox.

26th June: Sanitary Inspector visited us this morning and seemed to wish to dismiss the class of which the afflicted child was a scholar. Head Teacher deemed that a very useless experiment considering that our classes are grouped together in ways that cause each child to come in contact. (Later), the inspector returned with peremptory orders for the immediate dismissal of the class for a fortnight.

29th June: Attendance officer visited school but there was nothing I could ask him to do for several parents are with holding their children for fear of infection.

Note that phone apps were not available at this time……

News from Warley St John's Church

As the COVID pandemic latest lockdown rules have been relaxed (but we still have to be careful) more services at the Joint Benefice of Warley St John and St Hilda Halifax have been reinstated. The current monthly schedule of services is as follows:

1st& 3rd Sundays St Hilda's 9 30am Holy Communion Sung Service

2nd and 4th Sundays St John's 8 30am BCP Holy Communion Said Service

2nd and 5th Sundays St John's 9 30am Holy Communion Sung Service

4th & 5th Sundays St John's 9 30am Worship Service

There is also a Zoom Joint Benefice Worship Service on Screen every Sunday currently held at 11 15am and each Sunday there is a service shown on Utube. Access details are available on the Warley St John's Church website.

Uniformed groups have now started up with meeting weekly again. The first Mothers Union face to face meeting is due to take place on the 26th October at 2 30pm in the Church Hall. The introduction of a Mums and Toddlers group meeting in the church Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 30am to 11 30am is proving very popular. Several baptisms have taken place following the group starting up earlier in the year. Enquiries for attending and in connection with the Preschool held daily in the church hall building and grounds can be made by telephoning 07495 815717.

Other important dates to note for your diaries:-

2nd November – All Souls service 6 30pm at St John's Church. Opportunity to have names of loved ones no longer with us remembered and opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

14th November – Besides the 8 30am BCP HC Service, at **10 30am** there will be a Service of Remembrance held in the centre of Warley Town. Note that there will not be a procession down to St John's Church this year.

16th November – Launch in Warley St John's church of the Warley Chatty Cafe at 12 noon for up to an hour and a half, jointly organised by Warley Community Association and St John's Church. A light lunch will be available and opportunity to meet up, chat, receive information and hear music – cafe style. All ages welcome, the young, the not so young, families, all sexes. Time to spend in the company of others in a relaxed atmosphere – DO COME ALONG TO THIS NEW VENTURE.

11th December – 3 00pm at Warley St John's Church, organ recital of varied styles of music by David Baker Professor of Music and local teacher of the organ. Opportunity to sing Christmas Carols and enjoy afternoon tea.

SERVICES TO BE HELD OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

19th December – 9 30am Joint Benefice Lessons and Carols Service at the Church of St Hilda.

24th December – 5 00pm Family Christmas Christingle Service at Warley St John's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY – 8 30am Warley St John's Church, BCP Holy Communion; 9 30am West End St Hilda Church, Common Worship Holy Communion; 11 15am Joint Benefice Zoom Worship Service on screen.

Cleaning Warley

A clean up week was held in August and, as usual, lots of litter and rubbish was removed from the area and also many of the large gas canisters were found and disposed of around Great Edge, Butts Green Lane and Newlands.

Our next clean up week starts on the 8th November, to finish the day before Remembrance Sunday (14th November). Please watch out on the notice board for details.

A general request is for people not to leave dog waste bags hanging out of the various bins. Please use another if one is full or take it home.

Upcoming Events

8th - 13th November - Litter pick and clean-up.

14th November - Remembrance Service (entirely in village centre, not at the Church)

16th November - Chatty Cafe in Church

Later in November - Christmas lights switch-on around tree in village, hopefully with Santa and singing. Date to be confirmed so see notice board or social media for details.

11th December - Organ recital in Church

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