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The New Warley Lantern

Welcome to the November 2023 edition of our newsletter.

Since our last edition the Rushbearing Festival came to "Town", the weather was beautiful and we had lots of visitors and customers for our WCA stall where the goodies went down well. Thank you to everyone who provided us with some lovely cakes and buns and to those who purchased them. We also had lots of interest in the 2024 Calendar and the Warley book (which both make ideal Christmas gifts for a friend).

Our next Event will be the Warley Christmas Tree switch on which takes place on **Sat. 2nd Dec from 3.00pm**. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto which you will find in the Gazebo at the back of The Maypole so please bring your children to see him and receive a small gift.

To welcome you to this event there will be mulled wine (alternatives for the children) and mince pies and other Christmas goodies. There will be lots of Christmas prizes on our Tombola Tables - 1 for children and 1 for adults.

The tree lights will be switched on at 4.00pm in the centre of the village where there will be traffic cones and marshalls for the safety of all.

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

Trees in the Park

Several years ago, the Community Association planted a number of fruit trees on the playing fields alongside the allotments boundary. These are a community asset and everyone is welcome to pick the fruit in the summer and autumn. Since they were planted, a small number of trees have not survived and we are, therefore asking local residents if they would like to purchase a few new ones. We will order them alongside nameplates to hang on the trees. If you wish to buy one, perhaps in celebration or remembrance of someone, then please let us know in the next few weeks. Use the 'enquiries@warleyca.co.uk' email or come along to the AGM on 28th November. Costs will be the price of a bare-rooted tree (approx £40), the planting compost, the nameplate and a small donation to the Community Association.

Warley 2024 Calendar

This year's calendar is available either by phoning June (see back page), coming along to the AGM or Christmas lights switch-on event or by emailing us at 'calendars@warleyca.co.uk'.

For 2025….

We are thinking about doing a theme of pets and animals. More next year but if you take any 'cute' photographs over the festive period and beyond, please remember to keep them so that you can send them to us for possible publication in the next calendar.

School News - Governors

Mrs Stott would like to thank villagers for their forbearance whilst the school has had a skip blocking Paradise Lane during the recent allotment re-vamp and vans causing some obstruction during recent weekend working to start the replacement of lighting within school with energy efficient LED strips. She also asks whether any residents in the vicinity of the school have had interruptions with their waste collections recently - the school is being told that a small car has been blocking Dark Lane though, rather surprisingly, it has not been spotted by anyone at school. If you can assist, please email our 'enquiries' email.

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CENTENARY WEEKEND
17-19th November 2023

The Halifax Vandals RUFC celebrate their centenary season this year and are looking forward to holding a full weekend of events from 17 -19th November.

The Vandals were founded in November 1923 when a group of college students, coming together following the hardship and sacrifice of The Great War, gathered under a gas lamp on Francis Street and agreed to form a rugby club. The Vandals played their first fixture in December of that year and used the Golden Lion Hotel in Highroad Well as their base, their games took place more than half a mile away by the old Halifax Race Course at Roils Head.

The Vandals moved in 1930 and made the Wheatsheaf Inn in Pellon their club HQ before making Warley Village their home in 1933, where the club has been based ever since. Initially using the attic of the Maypole Inn as a changing room and the farmers field behind as their pitch.

Through the 1950-60's, with the pressing need to be less reliant on public house accommodation, club members rolled up their collective sleeves to build and renovate two club houses, the latter being the Old Sunday School on Warley Town Lane that remained the club house until 2003. In 2004, after eight years of planning and successful funding applications, the 'new' clubhouse, at the top of Warley Town Lane, was completed. The tireless efforts of members Barry George, Ralph Pollard, Steve Beard and Trevor Whitworth being especially significant in this achievement. To mark the centenary year, the club house has undergone a decorative renovation.

Warley community residents would be very welcome to join us at the club on the afternoon of Saturday 18th November when the Vandals 1st & 2nd XVs will both be playing at home, followed by a social gathering and live music in the newly refurbished clubhouse later.

Saturday 18th November
Players & Friends Centenary Celebration Day

Two Home Games
1st XV vs Wheatley Hills
2nd XV vs Old Brods

Free Live music from the amazing Sean Harrington

Delicious Wood Fired pizzas by Crust & Crumb (£10 per pizza)

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

Message from the Vicar:

You are all warmly invited to all of our celebrations of Advent and Christmas.
There are activities going on for all ages and all the family. Christmas Eve will be particularly special as we enter in to the wonder of the Christmas story in an all age service. I look forward to seeing you.

Caroline

Christmas services

Sunday December 3rd 10:15am - Communion Service all welcome. **2:30pm** Advent Messy Church, for families with particular activities for young children.
Sunday December 10th 9:00am - BCP Holy Communion (said Service). **10:15am** Lessons and Carols Service (with particular emphasis on praying for the Middle East and other war-torn areas).
Sunday December 17th 10:15am - Communion Service all welcome. **2:00pm** Carols and tea event for everyone in church.
Sunday December 24th (Christmas Eve) 9:00am BCP Holy Communion with two Carols. **4:00pm** Christingle Family Service.
Christmas Day December 25th 10:15am Communion Service all welcome.
Sunday December 31st 9:00am BCP Holy Communion (said Service) **10:15am** Service of the Word.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 28th November 6:30pm. Warley Community Association Annual General Meeting. Election of officials and other committee members. Presentation of accounts. Opportunities to suggest future events and ask questions regarding the local area. Calendars will be available for sale.

Saturday 2nd December 4:00pm. Switch on of Christmas lights in Warley Town outside The Maypole followed by Carols around the Christmas Tree. **Father Christmas in his grotto from 3:00pm**, presents for children, tombola for both adults & children, mulled wine/juice, mince pies, fruit cake, Gingerbread men, making of stars for children to place on the Christmas Tree.

Sunday 24th December approx 23:45. The Friendly Band is expected to make their final call of the season outside the Maypole for community singing.

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