

# The New Warley Lantern



## Welcome to the autumn edition of the newsletter

I would like to begin by thanking all the members of the Group and the Vandals, with their families, plus the fire brigade, stall holders, and the tractor guy who helped make our VE/VJ daytime event a great success. As usual the weather was not too kind but I hope all who came along enjoyed themselves.

The evening event was very entertaining with dancing and singing, raffle and karaoke. Also, many thanks to our brilliant singer, Tom Kowalski.

We would like to ask for volunteers to come along and help us to empty the Community Compost bin on the playground (free compost for all who come along!) and

dismantle the old one in readiness for a New

Compost System

which has been partly funded by a Ward Forum Grant. This will take place over the weekend beginning **Saturday 18th October**. Please come along with your fork/spade and wheelbarrow from **9am onward**.

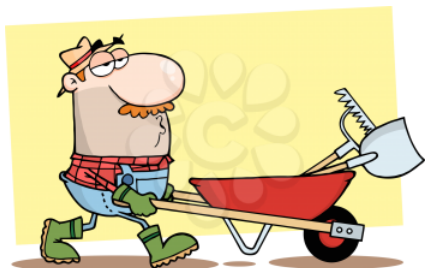
Further details will be posted on the Facebook page, website and notice-board.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be on Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>. To encourage attendance, we have moved this to a Monday evening at the Vandals Rugby Club at 18.30. A full bar will be available. If we are to continue to operate effectively, it is essential that we have new members support us and help to organise, publicise and run events, so please, please do come along if you can. Everyone is welcome.

**To request a 2026 calendar, please telephone on 07957 992192 or email us with your requirements to 'calendars@warleyca.org.uk'. The cost is £5 plus a suggested minimum £1 donation towards the Christmas Tree appeal. We can also supply a calendar-sized posting envelope for 50p, if required.**



**Fun on the event-day slide**



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**RFU****HALIFAX VANDALS RUFC**

Halifax Vandals RUFC has been part of the Warley Story since 1923. For more than 100 years, the Vandals have stood as a symbol of resilience, camaraderie and local pride, with generations of players and supporters helping to carry the club forwards.

When the National League system was introduced in 1987, the Vandals became the first ever Yorkshire 5 champions, with more honours to follow: - Yorkshire 3 Champions 2016-2017; Yorkshire 4 Champions 2015-2016 and Yorkshire 5 Champions 1987-1988; 2004-2005 and 2007-2008.

Rivalries between local Rugby Union clubs have always defined the Vandals' identity. Clashes with Halifax RUFC are fierce contests that go beyond league points to decide bragging rights across the town. Add in the long-standing rivalries with Old Brodleians and Old Rishworthians and nearly every fixture carries history, pride and a story worth telling.

Currently we are playing in Counties 2 Yorkshire of the English Rugby Union.

### **Matchdays at The Vandals**

On a Saturday afternoon, the Vandals ground comes alive and is *open to all*, with supporters welcome not just to watch the rugby but to enjoy the whole matchday experience. The bar is open, hot food is served and, after the final whistle, the clubhouse fills with laughter, conversation and the whole spirit of community.

Home fixtures are spread through September until mid-April, so whether you are a first-time visitor or a lifelong supporter....ALL ARE WELCOME.

### **A hub for the whole community**



*The Vandals clubhouse isn't just for rugby. It is available all year round for community events, private functions and celebrations.*

*The facilities provide a space where Warley neighbours can gather and make memories. The club is proud to be more than just a rugby team.*

As the Vandals moves into its second century, we invite you to come to the Clubhouse, bring your family and friends and be part of this amazing club. Whether you are cheering on the team, enjoying a pint or booking the venue for your own celebration, Halifax Vandals RUFC is your club, your history and your community. Join the Vandals family.



<https://www.facebook.com/halifaxvandalsrufc/>

Telephone: 01422 831703



## Warley Christmas Tree 2025

Once again, we have been asked if we would like to provide a Christmas tree for the village. As many Christmas events such as our own one and the Christmas Eve singing really rely on the tree being there we have, along with a number of other villages and towns, decided to again buy the necessary services from the council. The total cost to the Association is around £900. The 5m tree, which we source locally, will cost an additional £225.

If you would like to donate towards the cost, please drop us an email at 'enquiries@warleyca.org.uk' or phone June (number on back page). Alternatively, use this QR CODE to donate directly using your phone.



We need someone to lead the fundraising for this in future years - the current WCA members do not have the capacity to continue with it after 2025. Please contact us or come to one of our next meeting in October or the AGM in November to discuss if you would like to see the village continue to have a tree and feel that you may be able to help.



**WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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**HALIFAX VANDALS RUFC**

Founded 1923

Would like to thank Mick Bryson and all the team at:

**GROSVENORS BUTCHERS & DELICATESSEN**

For the generous donation of pies and a raffle prize at the VE&VJ Day Celebration



Please support your local businesses



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



Albeit at present without a resident priest all usual services and other activities continue to take place at Warley Church on Windle Royd Lane. The church mission statement is "Through Faith, Hope and Love, to know Christ better and make Christ better known".

### Church Services:-

Sunday 9 00am (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Holy Communion said Service (BCP).

Sunday 10 15am (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) Holy Communion Service-Common Worship with Music.

Sunday 10 15am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service of the Word with Music.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Occasional Holy Communion & Healing Service.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month Messy Church 2 30pm to 4 00pm for young children accompanied by adults, an activity-based gathering.

Tuesday each week 8 30am Morning Prayer (Said Common Worship Service).

The main 10 15am services provide for all age worship.

### Upcoming Events

**18<sup>th</sup> October** - Emptying compost bins - recreation ground starting 09.00.

**21<sup>st</sup> October** - WCA Open Meeting - 18.30 @ The Maypole

**9<sup>th</sup> November** - Remembrance Day Service - Village Centre @ 10.45 then St John's

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - WCA AGM 18.30 @ The Vandals

**Clubhouse.** Please try and come along and support us. We need new volunteers if we are to continue to be an effective organisation.

**6<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas event @ The Maypole. See notices for timings nearer the date.

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month, **Chatty Cafe** takes place at the Church. Lunch is available plus opportunity for fellowship and meeting friends.



### Contacts

**Warley CA** email for newsletter and general enquiries: [enquiries@warleyca.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@warleyca.org.uk)

Calendars and most event details: June Illingworth on 07957 992192

#### Warley St Johns Church:

<https://stjohnschurchwarley.wixsite.com/stjohn>

Facebook: St John, Warley & St Hilda, Halifax; Instagram: stjohnschurchwarley

Any enquiries for Weddings, Baptisms, funerals and Pastoral Visits including other general enquiries concerning the church should be made to the Churchwardens:-

Helen Harrison Tel: 07810 437264 and John White Tel: 07774 589919 or 01422 367979.

**Councillors:** [councillor.acarr@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.acarr@calderdale.gov.uk); [councillor.aevans@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.aevans@calderdale.gov.uk); [councillor.aparsons-hulse@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.aparsons-hulse@calderdale.gov.uk)

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WEBSITE: [warleyca.org.uk](http://warleyca.org.uk)



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