

# GREAT WAKERING NEWS

Issue 1



**WELCOME** to the first edition of **Great Waking News** which we hope will put you in touch with your village, the parishioners and the Parish Council.

This is the first of four quarterly Newsletters that will match the distribution of the **Community Newsletter**. The Parish Council would like to thank the Community Association for agreeing to this collaboration.

Councillors would like **you** to get involved, so full contact details of the Councillors, the Parish Council offices and the forthcoming Parish Council meetings are printed on the back page.

Do you have suggestions for articles? Do you know anything that may be of interest to others living in the village?

**Give us a call and we will send our roving reporter to see you!**

### ***The passing of a much respected Parish Councillor***

*Great Waking Parish Council would like to extend sincere condolences to the family of Stan Alden who passed away on the 3rd October 2008. Stan was a Parish Councillor for many years during which he was known for his high standards and principles.*

*The Parish Council will hold a two minute silence at the next meeting to honour Stan's memory.*

### **What do you know about Great Waking?**

**For instance, how many houses are there in the village?**

Answer on the back page

## WHAT IS A QUALITY COUNCIL?

A report from Harry Morris, Clerk to the Council

**Great Wakering Parish Council was awarded Quality Status last year.**

In order to obtain this the Council must show, by way of documentary evidence, that it is representative of the whole community, that it communicates with its residents and is effectively and properly managed. This was done by submitting a large portfolio to an Independent Accreditation Panel serviced on behalf of the government by the National Association of Councils.

The benefits of the Quality Council scheme affects three groups.

**1. The Community has a** Council which is more accountable, visible, representative and which provides community leadership.

**2. The Parish Council has greater** civic pride and more credibility in the eyes of the local community. It has the capacity to demonstrate that it is effectively and properly managed with a well trained Clerk. Also, in the future, if the Council wishes it can deliver more direct local services.

**3. Principal Authority has reassurance** that the Quality Council has been independently assessed and is therefore capable of working together with the principal authority to deliver services on their behalf or in partnership.

**REMINDER we need to use it or lose it!**

**Bus no. 7 leaves Southend Travel Centre at 22.28 and 23.28 from Monday to Saturday.**

**This service, run by ARRIVA started on March 30th and is subsidised by Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Allotment winners were awarded their Certificates and Trophies on Wednesday 1st October. The winners are:

**10 RODS** 1st Mr. Jim McDonald, 2nd Mr. Norman Preston  
3rd Mr. Peter Mead.

**5 RODS** 1st Mr. Alf Hallums, 2nd Mr. Barry Hale,  
3rd Mrs Maggie Sykes.

## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSOs)

**Q. Why did you join the Police Service?**

*I have always had an interest in joining the police force and becoming a PCSO seemed like a good way to start. Eventually I would like to join as a regular officer.*

**Q What is a PCSO?**

*They are the eyes and ears of the police force, working in communities and feeding back local concerns to police officers. The government introduced them in 2003 to replace the 'bobby on the beat'. PCSOs were introduced to increase levels of high visibility patrols in communities.*

**Q. What is the most enjoyable part of your job?**

*It has to be community involvement. It is incredibly satisfying to get positive feedback from the community of Great Wakering. It is good to know that if people are having problems they have the confidence to phone one of the Wakering officers.*

**Q. What are the biggest challenges in your job?**

*There are two main ones, keeping appointments when other things kick off, and gaining the trust of the local youths. Thankfully the second is now long gone and we work alongside many of the young people to resolve local issues.*

**Q. If you had a message for the Great Wakering community what would it be?**

*Don't hesitate to call if you have ANY issues or concerns. If we are not there we will get back to you.*

Contact Wakering PCSOs 0780 1461635 or Essex Police 0300 333 4444



On behalf of the Members and staff of  
Great Wakering Parish Council  
I would like to take this  
opportunity to wish all Parishioners a very  
**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**  
Trevor Goodwin  
Chairman of Great Wakering Parish Council

## Parish Councillors

### East Ward

Anthony Awin 01702 216108  
Michael Osher 01702 216864  
Karen Perring 01702 217987  
Barbara Wilkins 01702 218631

### Central Ward

Vicki Brandon  
Tony Porter 01702 217399  
Trevor Goodwin 01702 216767  
Lyn Rodger 01702 217778

### East Ward

Brian Wright 01702 585668  
Hilary Wilson 01702 219778

### County Councillor

Roy Pearson 01702 218737

### M.P.

James Duddridge 01702 616135

**Did you  
know  
that we  
currently  
have  
councillor  
vacancies?**

*Please contact  
Harry, the  
Parish Clerk,  
to find more if  
you are  
Interested.*

#### **NEXT MEETING DATES—ALL WELCOME**

**05.11.08 10.12.08 21.01.09 04.03.09**

**Meetings start at 7.30. Notices of all dates are posted on the  
notice board outside the  
Parish Council Office. Little Wakering Hall Lane,  
Great Wakering,  
Essex SS3 0HH  
( The Lane is next to the British Legion Building)**

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**The answer to the question on the front page is 2,300**