

GREAT WAKERING NEWS

Issue 3



Welcome to Issue 3 of the Parish Newsletter.
Thankyou to those who have given us feedback. It is good to know that the village takes an interest in how the Parish Council works.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008/ 2009

I would like to thank each and every member of the Council for their service to the community and for their support and help during the past year. In particular, I would like to thank my Vice-Chairman, Councillor Karen Perring and the Parish Council staff.

I would like to express thanks to Essex County Council for arranging to replace four of our bus shelters with new ones. They are also replacing and moving the shelter outside the Doctor's surgery and looking to put up several new ones and to refurbish the bus stops. I have received positive comments about the new shelter outside the new development in Southend Road

The allotment sites in Little Waking Hall Lane are fully let . As the Football Club is not now taking up the area of the unused allotments work has started to clear the area and mark out allotments.

The maintenance plan for the Common, Jubilee Wood and Duck Pond is on target and these areas are continuing to look well cared for.

The maintenance of the Burial Ground and Churchyard continues to be carried out by our contractor to a high order.

We have continued the maintenance and refurbishment of our street lighting.

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What is the name of the first rector or vicar written on the board dated 1200 in St. Nicholas Church?

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: **CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT 2008/ 2009 (CONTINUED)** :
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The area around the village sign continues to receive praise as a 'bright gateway' into the village and I would like to thank Councillor Wilson and her husband Barry for taking such good care of the area.

As in past years we presented prizes to village children who took part in the 'Good Read' event held at the village library and I was pleased to note the number of children taking part and getting pleasure from reading.

The Teen Café in the Children's Centre at the Primary School was opened with financial support from both Rochford District Council and Wakering Parish Council. It has proved a great success and has attracted over 200 children and young people to join.

The Parish Council has changed its Newsletter from annual to quarterly and it is being delivered as a coloured insert in the middle of the Community Newsletter. I have already received a number of favourable comments about this. I would like to thank Councillor Wilson for all her work in editing our Newsletter.

Your village was awarded runner up in its class in the Essex Best Kept Village Competition.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those Councillors who represented the Council at outside bodies and organisations, County Councillor Pearson and my other two District Councillors Seagers and Wilkins for their hard work in supporting the village.

Chairman of Great Wakering Parish Council
Trevor Goodwin


Villager of the Year 2009
We have had more names than usual put forward for this prestigious village award. We are pleased to announce that the winner for this year is Mrs Julia Murray.
Julia was very surprised but delighted to accept the award. A small presentation ceremony will be taking place in the Parish Council Offices in the near future.

PROVIDING A SERVICE

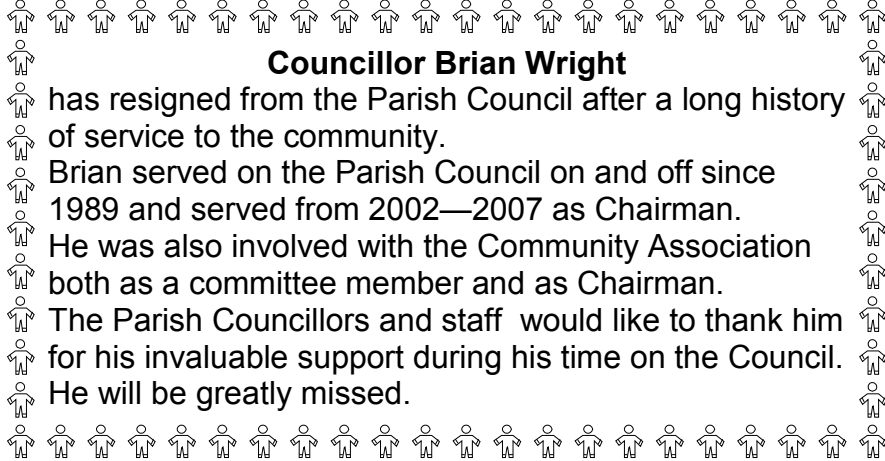
Parish Councils can provide many services using their legal powers, from community centres to fetes, allotment and buses. Parish Councils can also provide services in partnership with other bodies or as their agent. They might manage library services for the principal authority or work with the village hall committee to help local teenagers. Parish Councils can offer funding, equipment and premises to help others provide services. Giving grants to organisations that run child care, services for the elderly, arts activities, pond clearance or sport can improve the quality of parish life.

In the past year your Parish Council has financially supported

- * Great Waking Playscheme for resources
- * The Teen Café for staff and resources
- * Great Waking Garden and Allotment Society to support the local show
- * The Summer Read Library Book Tokens for local children
- * Great Waking and District Natural History Society for cutting the osiers on the Common

We hope you feel that this is money well spent in the interests of your community.

OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL
Parish Councillors represent the council on a number of outside bodies. In the next publication we will list these and also give you an idea of the various individual responsibilities that Councillors have agreed to take on.


Councillor Brian Wright
has resigned from the Parish Council after a long history of service to the community.
Brian served on the Parish Council on and off since 1989 and served from 2002—2007 as Chairman.
He was also involved with the Community Association both as a committee member and as Chairman.
The Parish Councillors and staff would like to thank him for his invaluable support during his time on the Council.
He will be greatly missed.

Parish Councillors

East Ward

Anthony Awin 01702 216108
Karen Perring 01702 217987
Barbara Wilkins 01702 218631

Central Ward

Vicki Brandon
Tony Porter 01702 217399
Trevor Goodwin 01702 219977
Lyn Rodger 01702 217778

West Ward

Hilary Wilson 01702 219778

County Councillor

Roy Pearson 01702 218737

M.P.

James Duddridge 01702 616135

NEXT MEETING DATES—ALL WELCOME

**27.05.09 Annual Full Council, 08.07.09,
19.08.09**

**Meetings begin at 7.30 and take place in the
Parish Council Office. Little Wakering Hall Lane,
Great Wakering,
Essex SS3 0HH 2
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**Answer to the question on the front page:
The name is Robert —no surname given**