

GREAT WAKERING NEWS

Issue 4



Welcome to Issue 4 of the Parish Newsletter. July 2009
Great Wakering parish Council would like to welcome the five new councillors recently elected onto the Parish Council.

How did Parish Councils come into being?

Some thousand years ago, when communications were poor and central government weak or often non-existent, villages were ruled by the Lord of the Manor. Then, as time progressed, Parish Priests and School Masters became involved in matters relating to the whole community as they were the only adult inhabitants with any form of education.

Around 1600 the church took on a more active role in the government of the community and Church Vestry Meetings were organised and they introduced legislation to give themselves the responsibility of levying the poor rate.

These were the first effective local taxes. Everyone in the parish was entitled to attend Church Vestry Meetings but in reality the work fell to a few individuals, rather like the Parish Councils of today.

In the 1800s the Poor Law Amendment Act removed from Parish Vestries the responsibility for poor relief and handed it to the Poor Law Unions who were the predecessors of what is now our District Councils.

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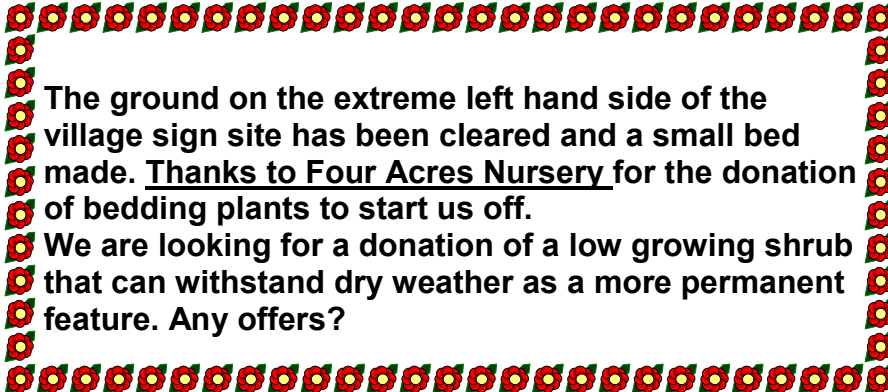
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Although the Squire, the Parson and sometimes the Schoolmaster were still the leaders in the village, popular education was spreading and more people wanted a say in managing local affairs. It was W.E. Gladstone, then Prime Minister, who introduced the 1894 Local Government Act which, although faced with considerable opposition, made its way through the Houses Of Parliament to become law and result in the formation of Parish Councils as we know them today.

This new legislation resulted in the Parish Council being responsible for civil matters whilst church affairs became the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council.

PC Steve Thomas is Wakering's
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO)
Mobile: 07801 461653

If you do not report an incident and get it formally logged then it will not feature in local statistics.


The ground on the extreme left hand side of the village sign site has been cleared and a small bed made. Thanks to Four Acres Nursery for the donation of bedding plants to start us off.
We are looking for a donation of a low growing shrub that can withstand dry weather as a more permanent feature. Any offers?

The Council have appointed representatives to attend the following outside bodies;

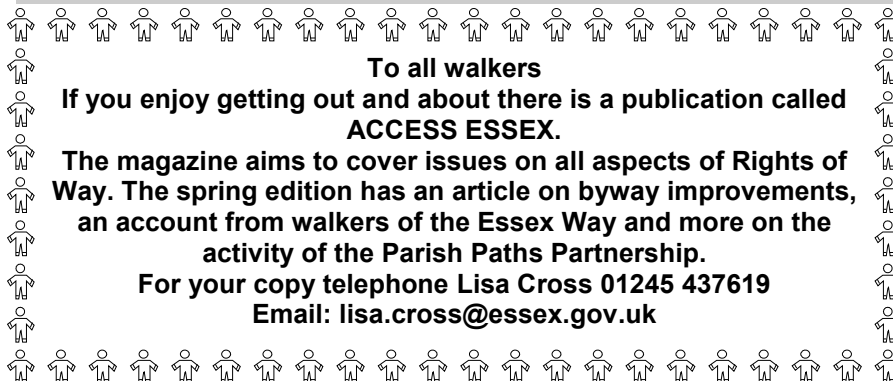
- Public Transport representative - Lyn Roger
- Footpath's representative = Karen Perring
- The Great Wakering Memorial Hall— Tony Porter
- The Community Association—Jo McPherson
- Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils—Tony Porter
- Eastern Area Committee– Karen Perring and Jo McPherson
- Wakering Young People's Community Project—Hilary Wilson
- Vicki Brandon—Patient Voice

'AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR NEW ALLOTMENT'

Taking on one of the new allotments provided by the Parish Council can be a daunting task. Thankfully there are current allotment holders who have been growing fruit and vegetables on Wakering soil for many years.

One of these is Laurence Street who teamed up with Hilary Wilson to present a talk on the basics of allotment holding on Wednesday 17th June.

There were fifteen new allotmenters present and the feedback was so positive it is hoped that follow up talks can take place in the future.



To all walkers
If you enjoy getting out and about there is a publication called ACCESS ESSEX.
The magazine aims to cover issues on all aspects of Rights of Way. The spring edition has an article on byway improvements, an account from walkers of the Essex Way and more on the activity of the Parish Paths Partnership.
For your copy telephone Lisa Cross 01245 437619
Email: lisa.cross@essex.gov.uk

Parish Councillors

East Ward

Anthony Awin 01702 216108 Kevin Hines 01702 216375
Karen Perring 01702 217987 Barbara Wilkins 01702 218631

Central Ward

Vicki Brandon Tony Porter 01702 217399
Trevor Goodwin 07753741909 Lyn Rodger 01702 217778
Robert Green 01702 535244

West Ward

Hilary Wilson 01702 219778 John Flaherty 01702 219877
Jo McPherson 01702 216698 Laurence Street 01702 216242

County Councillor

Roy Pearson 01702 218737

M.P.

James Duddridge 01702 616135

NEXT MEETING DATES—ALL WELCOME

19/08/09 30/09/09 04/11/09

**Meetings begin at 7.30 and take place in the
Parish Council Office. Little Wakering Hall Lane,
Great Wakering,
Essex SS3 0HH 2
(The Lane is next to the British Legion Building)
Telephone/fax (01702) 219343**

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**Work at Star Lane Brickfields started in 1932 and ceased in
2007.**