

GREAT WAKERING NEWS

Issue 5



Welcome to Issue 5 of the Parish Newsletter. The very first issue is now exactly a year ago. How time flies!!

Chairman's Christmas Message

I know you will have this Newsletter well before Christmas but I'm afraid it's the only opportunity I have to fit this message in with publishing deadlines!

Firstly may I give my congratulations to you all for winning

Best Kept Village in our category for 2009

We have a unique village that we are proud of and it is good to have our efforts rewarded. The plaque acknowledging our achievement is now on the post of the Village Sign.

Remember that your Parish Council is here to serve you, so make sure you let us know of your concerns. If we can't sort out the problem we will do our best to point you to those who can.

In the Christmas spirit of goodwill to all, and as the winter nights draw in, we would ask that everyone keeps an eye out for their neighbours.

Unfortunately, this time of year is when people could fall victim to an opportunist thief so make sure you lock up well when leaving home and keep valuables out of sight.

On behalf of myself, and the Parish and District Councillors, I would like to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Trevor Goodwin

VILLAGER OF THE YEAR 2010

This initiative is now in its fourth year and is becoming a popular feature of village life. The Council would like to present the award again this year and ask that nominations are delivered to the Council Office in Little Wakering Hall Lane by January 10th 2010 so that Councillors may select a winner.

The proposer and nominee must be residents of Great Wakering, not politically active or a member of the Parish Council. The nominee must be over voting age and have made a significant contribution to village life. Please keep the written proposal to no more than one hundred words.

Thankyou



The Allotment Competition

This years allotment competition winners were

10 rods:

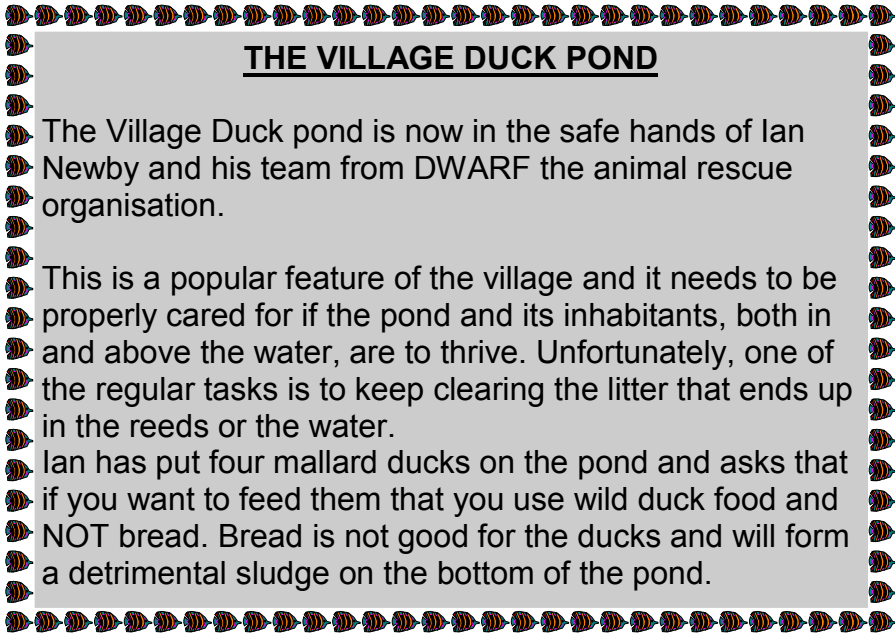
1st Mr. A Bartram
2nd Mr. J. McDonald
2nd Mr. P Hartley
3rd Mr. A Elliot

5 rods:

1st Mr P Cotgrove
2nd Mr R Stewart
3rd Mrs M Smith

Congratulations to the winners, some of whom were brand new allotment holders!

The allotment winners and your Villager of the Year 2009, Mrs Julia Murray, were given their prizes by the Chairman of the Council at a special presentation evening.



THE VILLAGE DUCK POND

The Village Duck pond is now in the safe hands of Ian Newby and his team from DWARF the animal rescue organisation.

This is a popular feature of the village and it needs to be properly cared for if the pond and its inhabitants, both in and above the water, are to thrive. Unfortunately, one of the regular tasks is to keep clearing the litter that ends up in the reeds or the water.

Ian has put four mallard ducks on the pond and asks that if you want to feed them that you use wild duck food and NOT bread. Bread is not good for the ducks and will form a detrimental sludge on the bottom of the pond.



Waking Young People’s Community Project

TEEN Café

Many parents of the young people who use the Teen Café in Great Waking Primary school on Monday and Wednesday evenings will know of the excellent work that takes place there.

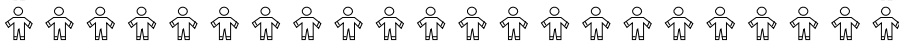
The TEEN CAFÉ is part of Waking Young People’s Community Project, run for young people by young people of the village.

The Parish Council is pleased to support the project both financially and through the voluntary work of two of its Councillors, Hilary Wilson and Jo McPherson.

This organisation is currently seeking Charitable Status and we are grateful for **Steve Farrow, FMAAT**, of **Estuary Accountancy Services** for volunteering to support the group with its finances in the future.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

To commemorate National Older People’s Week young volunteers from Waking Young People’s Community Project baked cakes and took them along to Bellhouse for a special afternoon tea. Both young and old greatly enjoyed their time together.



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

16.12.09 20.01.10 03.03.10

**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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We think the first Allotments were dug in Great Wakering in
1936. Do you know any different?

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