

GREAT WAKERING NEWS

Issue 6



A Brief History of Great Waking's Allotments

The first known allotments were provided by the Parish Council in 1938, when land to the east of Vicarage Lane (now Little Waking Hall Lane) was purchased from Oldbury and Shopland Farms.

Initially land was purchased each side of the Lane for one row of allotments, each being 10 square rods in size. The second world war was looming and the phase 'Dig for Victory' was coined. Food would be in short supply and the provision of allotments would enable parishioners to 'grow their own'.

In 1941 the Garden and Allotment Society was formed to obtain seeds and other sundries at bulk price and distribute them on a 'Not For Profit' basis to members. The Society was run by volunteers as it is now and used any premises they could find such as Mrs. Mercer's barn or Public House outbuildings.

The Society has since acquired its own building from which it still operates and its aims remain the same.

In 1945 the second World War finished but food was still in short supply and on ration so in 1948 further land to the west of the existing allotments was laid out as 10 square rod plots. At that time there were no water tanks, fences or gates. Many of the returning service people wanted was to settle down and grow food for their families.

As time went by interest in allotments declined and many became vacant. It is only recently that allotments have again become popular and in 2008/9 the Parish Council decided to re-instate vacant plots into allotments. The ground was cleared, new water tanks fitted, fences and gates repaired or replaced. This enormous task has been mostly undertaken by Laurie Street, A Parish Councillor and Allotment holder for 60 years.

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Allotment History continued

The 45 new plots have now been allocated, are being cultivated and are providing food in much the same way as they did during the dark days of the second world War.

INCIDENT REPORT NUMBER

When ringing in to the Police Station to report a problem always ask for a Crime Report Number for the incident.. This registers the problem and ensures that it is recorded in the crime figures.

Don't be one of the frustrated people who, having rung in to report problems, subsequently find it wasn't recorded and all reference to the incident has been lost.



GARDENING AND HANDY- PERSON SERVICE

This is a service provided by Springboard Support. The service is available to you if you live in the Rochford District Council area, you are aged 60 or over or are disabled and on a limited income.

The service can do a Home Safety Check that could identify areas in your home that may put you at risk of falling and put in preventative resources such as grab rails. The service will also change light bulbs, fit curtain rails, smoke detectors, door chains and door viewers.

Other jobs are also undertaken.

There is a charge for the service and you will need to supply the materials needed to complete the work.

To find out more please telephone
01702 545140

EXPENDITURE			
	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Administration	10,446	11,064	17,825
Street Lighting/Highways	4,201	4,158	3,914
Allotments	2,236	8,559	1,499
Open Spaces	2,918	3,097	1,052
Burial Ground	10,635	15,187	12,356
Staff Costs	33,265	35,233	37,129
Councillors Allowance	2,232	3,436	3,703
TOTALS	65,933	80,733	77,478
INCOME			
	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Administration	83	3,468	3,184
Street Lighting/Highways	0	781	0
Allotments	5,520	2,317	2,536
Open Spaces	0	2,994	0
Burial Ground	11,265	12,920	7,780
Precept	60,000	50,000	50,000
Interest	2,555	3,300	1,952
TOTALS	79,423	75,780	65,452

The Parish Council Precept for 2010/2011 has been set at £57,000 a rise of under £1 per year.

In actual terms this means

Band D property : 09/10 £27.44 and in 10/11 £28.35

Parish Councils are funded by an annual precept which is calculated in the form of estimates based on money that will be used for specific resources and events in the Parish.

The precept is added to the Council Tax which is then collected by the District and paid to Parishes in two six monthly instalments.

For most households the Parish precept is a very small component of the council tax bill.

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NEXT MEETING DATES—ALL WELCOME
03.03.10 14.04.10 26.05.10

Meetings begin at 7.30 and take place in the
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