



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT


During the year we welcomed five new Councillors onto the Parish Council and I would like to thank them and 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 office staff.



Here are some of the things the Council has been doing this year.



- The over grown allotments have now been cleared, water reinstated, new fencing put up and all the allotments have been let. I would like to thank all those involved for their work in achieving this.
- The maintenance of the Common and Jubilee Wood is ensuring that these are continuing to be well cared for and the Duck Pond is now maintained by DWARF.
- The maintenance of the Burial Ground and Churchyard is still carried out by our contractor to a high order.
- We have continued the maintenance and refurbishment of our street lighting and bus shelters.



- The area around the Village Sign continues to receive praise as a 'bright gateway' for our village. I would like to thank Councillor Wilson and her husband Barry for taking such good care of the area. I would also like to thank Councillor Street who has also been supporting this work
- Due to changes in the staffing of the Library we were unable to present prizes to the village children who took part in the Good Read event held at the village library. We hope that this will recommence next year.
- Great Wakering Young People's Community project, including the Teen Café at the Children's Centre at the Primary School, is going from strength to strength and the staff and trustees have to be congratulated on their hard work.
- The Parish Council's quarterly newsletter has been well received and I would like again to thank Councillor Wilson for all her work in editing this Newsletter.
- I am extremely proud that the village was awarded First Prize in its class in the Essex Best Kept Village Competition this year. The award plaque is displayed on the post of the Village sign.



In conclusion, I would like to thank all those Councillors who represented the Council at outside bodies and organisations. Also thanks to County Councillor Pearson and my other two District Councillors Seagers and Wilkins for their hard work on behalf of Great Wakering.







VILLAGER OF THE YEAR





The Parish Council is pleased to announce that





Villager of the Year has been awarded to




Mr. Sam. Quelch.





Many of you will know Sam who sells plants, jam and





pickles outside his house near the Post Office in order




to raise money for children with special needs.



For many years now Sam has given money to support



individual children, families and our two local schools



Great Wakering and Barling Primary.



The award ceremony will take place later in the year




MESSAGE TO ALL DOG WALKERS

The Parish Council would like to encourage all dog owners to be responsible for clearing up their own dog's faeces.

Toxocara canis 5 is spread via dog faeces and is a very real threat to public health, especially to young children who are more likely to inadvertently ingest the eggs.

Each T. canis female can lay up to 700 eggs a day. These are passed out when the dog defecates and can survive for up to three years in soil. After two to three weeks of warm weather the eggs develop into an embryo state containing larva. This is when they become infective to dogs and people.

The larvae try to migrate through the human body as they would in a dog's, but the human body treats them as foreign material, which causes both a reaction and tissue damage and in some case blindness when a migrating larva reaches the eye.

Please take note and clear up after your dog. There are litter and dog bins around the village that you can use or take it home with you!

Parish Councillors

East Ward

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

26.05.10 Annual Full Council

July 7th August 18th

Meetings begin at 7.30 and take place in the
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