**GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL**

**From the Clerk**

**Platinum Jubilee Mugs**

To celebrate the Queens’s Platinum Jubilee and to provide a lasting memento of the occasion the Parish Council purchased 1000 mugs to be distributed upon application amongst the children residing in Great Wakering on a first come first served basis. After the children’s cut off date mugs were then distributed to any adult residing in the Parish who applied.

**Updates to Local Arriva Bus Services**

**Route 4A** - Landwick to Southend City Travel Centre. The frequency for this service is 2 hourly (Sundays only) The revised route the service now operates from Landwick via Asda, North Shoebury Road, Bournes Green Chase, Southchurch Road to Southend Travel Centre. This will be operated on behalf of Essex County Council.

**From 24th July 2022 the following changes will be in place:**

Route 1 will be split into Route 1 and Route 2 to improve punctuality of the service.

**Route 1** - Southend City Travel Centre to Rayleigh Station. This service will now only operate between Southend and Rayleigh, the frequency will be up to every 10 minutes Monday to Friday, up to every 12 minutes on Saturdays and up to every 30 minutes on Sundays

**Route 2** - Southend City Travel Centre to Shoeburyness. This service will replace service 1 between Southend and Shoeburyness, the frequency will be up to every 12 minutes on Monday to Friday, and up to every 15 minutes on Saturday’s and up to every 30 minutes on Sundays.

**Route 7/8** – Shoeburyness to Rayleigh. The core frequency of this route will reduce to every 20 minutes Monday to Saturday, every 30 minutes between Shoeburyness and Rochford on Sundays. Route 7- Serving Ashingdon will operate through the main part of the day with 2 buses an hour Monday to Saturdays, every hour on Sundays. Route 8 Serving Hawkwell will operate hourly Monday to Saturday and no service Sundays, Buses for Wakering and Landwick will operate up to every 40 minutes Monday to Saturday. Service 4A will operate every 2 hours on Sundays for Wakering and Landwick.

**Parish Council Burial Ground**

There is a big increase in waste being left in the burial ground. If possible would users please take their wilted flowers and wreaths home with them to place in their green bins for composting to reduce the increasing disposal costs. Please remember not to place glass or alcohol on the graves as this will be removed for safety reasons. Please remember that by entering the burial ground you agree to be bound by the burial ground rules posted on the noticeboard at the entrance.

**Fly-tipping** is a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 - or 12 months imprisonment ifconvicted in a Magistrates' Court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and up to 5 years imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

**Great Wakering Household Recycling Point**

The confirmed upcoming collection dates for the recreation ground are as follows:

Saturday 20th August

Saturday 17th September

Saturday 15th October

What can be taken:

Non-recyclable waste (sacks only)

* Bulky items such as mattresses and small furniture
* Electrical appliances (items that can be fitted into a standard sized carrier bag)

**What cannot be taken:**

* Garden waste
* Gas bottles
* Asbestos
* Any hazardous waste including chemicals and paint
* Hard core/building rubble/plasterboard
* Commercial/business waste

The vehicles will leave the site once they are full. Any waste left here by residents after the vehicles have left is classed as**fly tipping.**

**Rayleigh Recycling Centre**

**From 6 June 2022, residents visiting the Rayleigh recycling centre will need to book a slot online in advance.**  Residents will be able to book their slots in advance via a link on the [Love Essex website](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.loveessex.org%2Fbookings&data=05%7C01%7C%7C11da2d02744b434d17b308da3a70b830%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637886554533789068%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uh0OzHKbunUahkvmcewkwRbrlQJeH05k5Fktylruqc4%3D&reserved=0) from 23 May. Blue badge holders are not required to book their slot in advance.  The trial will run for up to 18 months and will be monitored throughout to adjust and improve where appropriate.  Any decision to retain the booking system will be subject to further decision.

* Bookings will close two days in advance to allow for detailed lists to be provided to the sites and administrative teams. The booking system will be frequently reviewed to ensure it is working efficiently; however, it is set to be in place for the foreseeable future. Any decision to retain a booking system in the longer term will be subject to formal decision-making processes.
* If you have limited internet or accessibility issues that may restrict you from booking your slot online, there are alternative options to book a slot.
* In the first instance, do you have a smart phone on which to make the booking and display the booking information (the booking does not have to made on a computer and there is no need to print the booking)?
* Could you receive assistance from a friend, family member, colleague, carer or neighbour? You are also able to visit your local library where you can use the internet free of charge to book a slot and can also print your confirmation.
* As a last resort, you can phone the Essex County Council contact centre on 0345 743 0430 Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm who will make the booking on your behalf.

**Allotments**

Please continue to take care on the allotments, remember to sanitise hands and equipment frequently especially before and after touching shared resources.

There is a long waiting list for allotments but if you would like to rent an allotment plot please contact the Parish Council Office to be added to the waiting list. Parishioners of Great Wakering have priority on the list over non-Parishioners.

Kind regards

Sharon Hyatt – CEO/Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer