**GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL**

**From the Clerk**

**Coronation Coins**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and to provide a lasting memento of the occasion the Parish Council purchased 500 coronation “coins” 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 the “coins” were then distributed to any adult residing in the Parish who applied. The supply has now been exhausted.

**Coronation Grants**

The Parish Council awarded grants to residents of Great Wakering who had applied for a donation to assist in arranging events for Great Wakering Parishioners to celebrate this historic event.

**Coronation Event at Methodist Church**

Several Councillors accepted a kind invitation from the church and took the opportunity to celebrate at The United Methodist Church in Great Wakering High Street.

**Allotment Competition**

The annual allotment competition for the plot holders of the Parish Council allotments has recently been judged. The results will be announced in the next newsletter once the winners have been informed.

Please continue to take care on the allotments, remember to sanitise hands and equipment frequently especially before and after touching shared resources. Please do not wash produce or equipment in the water tanks.

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.

**Non-Contested Election**

The recent local election was uncontested for Great Wakering and the Councillors continue as before. Councillor R Efde and Councillor Wilkins were re-elected for the upcoming year to act as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

**Parish Council Burial Ground**

Would dog owners please clear up after their pets and always keep their dogs on a lead whilst in the 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 16th September

Saturday 21st October

Saturday 18th November

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.**

Kind regards

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