**GREAT WAKERING PARISH COUNCIL**

**From the Clerk**

**Allotments**

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. We are constantly allocating plots to new plot holders.

**Christmas Parcels**

Once again this year there will be the opportunity for those Parishioners of Great Wakering who are over 80 years of age to apply for a free Christmas food parcel. Application forms will be available from early to mid-November downloadable from our website or from the Parish Council offices. Parcels will only be delivered to those residents of Great Wakering who have submitted a form by the deadline. These parcels will be limited in numbers so allocation will be on a first come first served basis until they are all gone, so get your application in as soon as the application process is open!

**Parish Council Quiz**

The Parish Council will be holding a quiz at the Memorial Hall on the 25th November to raise funds for the Christmas parcels, tickets will be £5.00 each available from the Parish Council Office from the beginning of November. Team sizes from 6 persons to a maximum of 8. Please purchase your tickets early to ensure a place. Teams to supply their own refreshments.

**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 December

Saturday 20th January

Saturday 17th February

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.**

Please be aware that:

* Waste can be investigated prior to disposal
* Any waste can be refused disposal at anytime
* Proof of address/ID will be required by residents using the arrangement – Rochford District residents only
* A vehicle height restriction of 2m will be in force
* Vehicle registrations may be recorded

Kind regards

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