

Woodham Walter 2009-10 Annual Parish Report

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Woodham Walter Parish Council

From the Chairman...



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I should begin by introducing myself, Colin Warner, as Chairman of the Parish Council which is made up of 7 councillors and our Parish Clerk, Jacky Bannerman. Mark Durham is the Vice-Chairman and the remaining Parish Councillors are David Potter, James Bunn, Claire Robinson, Angus Neale and Peter Warren. I have been the Chairman for the past 2½ years and in line with our policy there will be new Chairman in May.

This year we have decided to change the format of our Annual Parish Meeting and produce this printed report which is being distributed to all properties in the village via the Parish Magazine distribution team to whom we are very grateful.

We decided that this method will reach out to more members of the community and inform you of our work and that of many local organisations who have also submitted reports. We are still holding an Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 12th April at 8pm in the Village Hall, Rectory Road. All residents of Woodham Walter are warmly welcome to attend and ask any questions arising from this report or make any other comments or suggestions regarding the village.

You are of course ALSO welcome to attend any of the monthly Parish Council meetings which usually occur on the 2nd Monday of each month generally at The Women's Club Room on Top Road, but are

always advertised on the notice board outside Chapel Stores. We have a public forum at the beginning of each meeting in which you can make any relevant comments about whatever is of concern to you.



Woodham Walter
Parish Council Chairman
Colin Warner

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 12th April

All Woodham Walter residents are invited to attend the

Annual Parish Meeting

On Monday 12th April 2010 at 8pm

At Woodham Walter Village Hall, Rectory Road.

- Matters Arising from Annual Parish Reports
- Public Forum
- Discussion regarding Woodham Walter Memorial Garden

Woodham Walter Parish Council - Chairman, Colin Warner

Well, here we are at the end of another year and as in so many walks of life nowadays, to the Parish Council it means even more paper work, reports and questionnaires etc. to file through but nevertheless the year has been a fruitful one.

The year has largely been concerned with the normal business of planning applications, highway matters, care and upkeep of the village.

We continue to support local organisations by annual grants in the hope that in this way the organisations can survive to give enjoyment to many in the village. As in all villages we are struggling to support the services and organisations that make the village what it is and we will continue to support where we are able. The Bell Meadow Village Association on behalf of the Parish Council has continued to support the Meadow and put on a most enjoyable day again last August which is to be repeated again this year.

We've continued our policy of carrying out local consultations between planning applicants and immediate neighbours in order to achieve a balanced argument at meetings. We have dealt with 21 planning applications of which 3 were LBC (*Listed Building Consent*). (26 in 2009)

There has been a range of applications from small extensions to the more complicated conversions and rebuilds. We as a Parish Council are consultees in the process of approving or dismissing applications and hope to give a local voice to Maldon District Council who has the ultimate say on the decision.

We have responded to the Plan-

ning Inspectorate on one application which has gone to appeal. We have also been in close contact with Maldon District Council regarding a breach of Planning Condition at Falconers Lodge.

Our maintenance of the grassed areas was carried out by Paul Williams of Blackwater Landscapes to a very high standard last year. We are again very grateful to Mark Durham who continues to cut Bell Meadow for us. A&J Lighting Solutions remain our contractors for the lighting maintenance in the village. We received part-funding for the replacement of some of our street lighting in order that we could achieve turning the lights off from midnight as it is felt unnecessary to illuminate our rural village throughout the night.



We continue to liaise with the highways division and are pleased that after many years of discussions we have finally received the 'gating' at 3 entrances to the village. We are still awaiting some line painting which should hopefully be completed soon and further add to the visual impact. The general consensus is that the gates are acting as a good reminder to motorists as they enter the village, to slow down. We

are pleased with the continuation on loan of the Vehicle Activated Sign which further pushes the message. We are hopeful that following an annual inspection with our Highways District Officer that various potholes and other maintenance issues will be dealt with soon. We are currently investigating the possibility of installing a salt bin at the junction of Little Baddow Road and Top Road to address the safety of this area during icy conditions.

The Parish Council are registered for the Community Speed Watch initiative. Volunteers monitor speeds and we hope that the result is reduced speeds through our village. The Speed Watch team are in need of more volunteers, if anyone is interested there is a training manual to read and a form to sign, you will then work alongside the existing team. Please contact the clerk for more information.

We were sorry to hear that Malcolm and Linda Pudney were leaving our Parish. They will be missed throughout, not only from the Church. Their warm hearted, caring, welcoming manner has spread throughout the community over the few years that they have been with us. Having been part of a number of other communities they are well qualified to tell us, as they did how lucky we are to be part of the strong community that is Woodham Walter.



Woodham Walter Parish Council - Chairman, Colin Warner

The allotments are proving to be a great success and as we had hoped, another example of community spirit at its best..



We are very proud of Woodham Walter and thank all those who help to keep the village looking great, this is very much appreciated. I would like to

thank those that gave up their time for the village litter pick in February, for all those who have volunteered to “adopt-a-road” and to everyone who ‘litter picks’ as they go about. Although we suffer from more than our fair share of fly tipping we are pleased with the efficient way it is dealt with by MDC.

I would like to thank all the councillors for their continued support throughout the year. Last but by no means least I would like to add personal thanks to Jacky our clerk, a ray of sunshine, always cheerful and happy to help. She never complains that

David and I being the parish dinosaurs can’t receive emails and have to collect our paperwork from Jacky’s garden, always carefully wrapped in polythene.

I have enjoyed my time as Chairman, although I have been relieved that this past year has been a lot quieter than the previous one.

Colin Warner

What do Parish Councils do?

Powers and duties

Parish councils have a large range of powers and activities.

Woodham Walter Parish Council is involved in planning consultations, community funding to local organisations, managing Bell Meadow, the care and upkeep of the village, liaising with Highways, street lighting, Allotments, promoting the village and any other local issues.

How parish councils work

Parish councils are statutory bodies. Members are elected for a term of four years and councils are funded principally by an annual precept. Income and expenditure for the next financial year are calculated in the form of estimates. The net amount (the precept) is added to council tax, collected by Maldon District Council (the principal authorities) and paid to Woodham Walter Parish

Council annually. Parish councils can apply for other funding such as grant and funding awards, but they do not receive funds direct from central government, as principal authorities do.

Councillors agreed that the precept requirement for Woodham Walter in 2010/11 will remain the same as in 2009/10 at £10,449.00 which works out at £36.79 per Band D property.

What do Parish Councillors do?

As a councillor you become a voice for your community. Parish Councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public.

Councillors have three main areas of work:

1. Decision-making: through attending meetings and committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what

services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

2. Monitoring: councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

3. Getting involved locally: as local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. This often depends on what the councillor

wants to achieve and how much time is available.

The work of a parish councillor may include:

- going to meetings of local organisations
- going to meetings of bodies that affect the wider community, such as the police, the Highways Authority, schools and colleges
- taking up issues on behalf of members of the public.



District Councillor, Mrs Sheila Young



Last year 2009 Steve Watson resigned as Chief Executive, after he had fulfilled his contract.

Fiona Marshall was promoted into the position after a few months acting C/E. She has worked for the Council in a senior capacity for sometime and lives in the District. Hazel Berrett is Strategic Director of Community Services and Deputy C/E.

We have slimmed down the Council and saved money in the process.

Of course as you all know the Council works in partnerships with the Voluntary Sector on many projects and you are able to find out about these from the Council Courier or the Website (www.maldon.gov.uk) and other publications.

The Council is also working with Essex County Council. We will have the use of their Legal Team, should we need it as our Solicitor could be leaving in the near future and it will be less costly to use the team at ECC. We have an agreement with them and if we are not satisfied, we can pull out at any time.

The Planning Services are getting back up to speed with another person just been taken on in the Spatial Planning Team.

The Planning Staff now reads:

Acting Head of Planning -
Jennifer Candler

Development Control Team

Team Leaders - Debbi Bunkell
& Mark Woodger

DC Officers - Chris Purvis,
Kate Stevens, Yee Cheung,
David Wallis, Steve Butler,
Hilary Baldwin, Julia Sargeant.

Enforcement Officers -
Gordon Nisbet & Linda
Chamberlain

Tree Officer - Jackie Gilbert

Spatial Planning Team

Policy Officers - David Col-
man, Tai Tsui & Carol So

Conservation Officers - Jackie
Longman & Tim Howson

Economic Development -
Jenny Lewsey

Community Services have had to scale down the Grants this year, and some people will not receive what they had hoped for. Groups to whom the Council usually give are being encouraged to look for funding elsewhere. There is other money about; it is accessing it which is sometimes difficult. Maldon Carers became Family Carers Ltd which I gather gives them access to other funding.

The Council Tax was kept as low as possible 1.9% reserves are better than expected. Maldon is in a reasonable position to cope with unexpected events that may occur.

In conclusion, we must not forget the Green Flag which was awarded yet again for our three green spaces. Promenade Park - Maldon, Riverside Park - Burnham-on-Crouch and the play area at Heybridge.

The Emergency team worked well when called to the fire at Calorex on the Causeway. They intended to have an event to test their skills, but it came for real. Fortunately nobody was hurt, just inconvenienced.

What do District Councillors do?

The primary role of a Councillor is to represent their Ward and the people who live in it.

If you would like to talk to your District Councillor you can telephone or write to them using the contact details which can be found on the Maldon District Council website: www.maldon.gov.uk

Footpath Officer - Peter Warren



I've now completed 3 years as Parish Footpath Officer, walking the local paths every day looking out for anything that's amiss, assisted by my labrador Bella. There are 33 official public footpaths in the parish and I try to cover 2 or 3 paths each day. Some paths are walked only once every couple of months, others closer to home I walk every day or two. If there are any problems I then liaise with Nicky Coleman, the ECC Public Rights of Way Officer for Mid-Essex or the appropriate landowner or farmer in an attempt to get things put right.

One of the most common problems are paths becoming impassable, either due to the crops (particularly oilseed rape) or overgrown with weeds, especially nettles. Last year was a good one in that respect, the dry weather in the latter half of the year meant that the nettles died down early. 14 of our

paths are on the ECC cutting schedule and these were done in late July and stayed clear for the remainder of the year.

We've had 9 trees brought down by the wind in the past year obstructing paths, all removed promptly, mainly by the landowners. ECC policy on this is that if the obstruction across the path is dangerous they will clear it as soon as possible. If not dangerous they expect the landowner to arrange for its removal. Any small trees or branches I've cleared myself.

In the past year Nicky Coleman has organised the replacement of a lot of the old concrete signposts that were a bit dilapidated, some leaning over and covered with brambles. You've probably noticed the new wooden ones slowly appearing around the parish. Also several new waymark posts have gone in and I've replaced several old or damaged waymark discs. Currently ECC are putting additional waymarking on Woodham Walter Common. This is much needed as I think most of us have got lost in there at one time or another!

Other improvements in the past year include a much less boggy FP 12 between the pumping station and The Warren thanks to leaking hydrants being repaired by Essex & Suffolk Water and two lorry loads

of recycled road planings spread by staff of The Warren. Also the old stile in Rectory Rd FP 19 has been replaced by a gate, much to the pleasure of the allotmenters with their wheelbarrows!



Future plans include making our 10 wooden bridges safer, particularly when the planks are wet and slippery. Most already have a handrail and, now that the use of wire mesh has been deemed a trip hazard, ECC are looking into alternative surfaces that could be used instead.

When you are out walking if you see anything amiss, or any improvement that you could suggest, please let me know.

Woodham Walter Women's Club - Enid Lush

This year our main activities have been raising funds to carry out extensive maintenance work to our clubroom.

To bring you up to date, the floor has been completely replaced and insulated which should help with the cost of our heating bills. We have installed new cabinets for storage purposes for ourselves and also the Tadpoles and replaced the carpet. The clubroom has been redecorated inside and the roof insulated.

We are extremely grateful to the Big Lottery Fund grant awarded to us which has been a great help towards refurbishment. Also, Maldon District Council awarded us a grant for our maintenance fund which has enabled us to improve the lobby area.

The balance of the money required to achieve our major refurbishment has been raised by our fund raising activities

throughout the year such as the Festival of Flowers when our members work their socks off baking cakes and scones, and providing cups of tea and cakes for the many visitors to the festival. Also, funds are raised at our Jumble Sale and Bell Meadow Day, together with a number of coffee mornings, hosted by our members, which have proved to be a great success.

Our project for this year is to have the toilet area improved and the outside of the club repainted.

In conclusion we would like to thank everyone for the help and support given to us which has been greatly appreciated. We feel the Women's Club is a very special part of the village and hope that its future is assured for many years to come.



Mobile Library



The Mobile Library visits Woodham Walter fortnightly as follows:

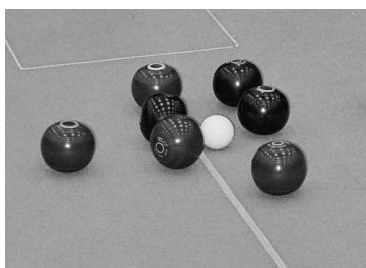
Woodham Walter, Wood Corner 1530-1600
Tuesdays 13th & 27th April, 11th & 25th May,
8th & 22nd June

Woodham Walter, Queen Victoria 0930-1000
Wednesdays 7th & 21st April, 5th & 19th May,
2, 16 & 30 June

Watch out for other dates in the Parish Magazine.

Silver Threads - Ann Mulley

In common with all the other Silver Threads and associated clubs for the elderly, dwindling numbers of members are a concern, so if you know of anyone who would like to join us on our regular meetings on alternative Tuesdays, we would be delighted to see them. This would be of particular pleasure for the carpet bowlers whose numbers have shrunk to the point where we sometimes don't even get the carpet out.



However, we have had a busy year starting with our AGM and lunch at the village hall in early March, followed by two weeks later with a floral workshop where our guest Wendy Munnion provided a demonstration followed by assistance in producing our own Easter floral arrangements.

In April, Ken Hay provided a very pleasant musical interlude, and later in the year we made visits for afternoon tea to Stisted, Forrester Park Golf Club and Tropical Wings. Also this year, in addition to the regular visit to my home in Tollesbury for Christmas lunch, the members came for a light summer meal as well. The Christmas visit was also an opportunity to say farewell to Malcolm and Linda Pudsey.

Christmas also saw the regular visit by the Salvation Army for carols and afternoon tea and in October, seven members attended the TRAAC AGM and lunch.

Through the darker months of January, February and March we take advantage of our membership of Viking Transport and enjoy a series of pub lunches at places such as the Queen's Head at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, the Jolly Sailor at Heybridge Basin and Peartree Pantry among others. Apart from enjoying a hot meal, it provides

an opportunity for a break from the dark days of winter.

Sadly this year, we have lost two members reducing our numbers to just fourteen and quite often, illness and accidents have on occasion meant as few as eight have attended.

Our annual subscription is still only £6 per year which provides the tea and biscuits at each meeting, and in addition we pay 50p to the sunshine fund and £2 per meeting to fund the Viking Hire Fees, and we really could use extra members, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, please persuade them to come along to one of our regular meetings.

Finally, thank you to the Parish Council for their continuing financial support and on a personal note from me, thank you to Ann Maxwell and other people who from time to time willingly give up their time to help me keep our club viable.

Ann M Mulley

Viking Community Transport

Maldon District Community Transport (Viking Community Transport)

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For residents of Maldon district. Available services - Social Car Scheme for residents who meet the membership criteria, who cannot access public or private transport; Minibus Scheme for local not for profit organisations to enable their members to attend social clubs or go on group trips.

Bell Meadow Village Association - Mark Durham

Every day that I have lived in this village (and that's 18,340 days to date!), I am thankful & proud to be part of such a unique and special community. Despite its comparatively small size, Woodham Walter provides a wide range of events and activities for parishioners and visitors alike, and 'Bell Meadow Day' has become one of the highlights of the village calendar.

**"LAST YEAR'S
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FAR"**

It is hard to believe that it is nearly six years since the inception of the first event to celebrate the acquisition of the meadow. At the time it was planned to be just a one off event, but here we are reporting about a fifth successful year and the committee is well into the preparation for the sixth, to be held on August 29th. I am very proud to have been involved in every one so far and one of the responsibilities is to write this report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Last year's event took place on Sunday 30th August and unusually for the bank holiday weekend we were graced by good weather once again. The preparations for these days takes more or less a whole year

as the committee meets monthly, literally straight after the last event finishes. We try and learn from year to year what things work and what doesn't, we try to keep things fresh but still retain the rural atmosphere that I believe is so important. The organisation is very much a joint effort and without the time and devotion of the committee members, this event simply could not be run. The members of the team all have their own responsibilities but all contribute jointly to the success of the day. There is also a great deal of work done by a few of us during the week or so before the day, and afterwards to clear up the meadow. It really isn't fair to single out individuals, but there are one or two that have been involved from day one and who do more than their fair share over the weeks before and on the day itself. They know who they are and they deserve a huge thank-you from everyone.



Anyway, last year's event was the biggest yet with the best attendance so far. We have introduced a couple of new features which seem to have been very popular, the falconry display being the main draw. The gun dogs, dog beauty competition and egg throwing were also well received. It is very difficult to find things that will be of interest to people but still maintain the rural connection that befits the event. We always struggle to find new stalls and displays as there are many other similar functions running at the same time that compete with us. There is a large craft fair at Cressing that denies us many stalls that would be ideal and we have even thought about changing the date of our event to avoid these clashes. We believe however that there is still a valid reason for keeping to the bank holiday and it certainly makes it easier for the volunteers who would otherwise have to work. A dubious bonus for being held on the bank holiday was that we were filmed by Anglia Television and there was short report on the Monday evening. It was a bit unfortunate that I was wearing one of the worse shirts of the day at the time of the interview! For those counting, there were 22 changes of shirt last year!

Bell Meadow Village Association



One of the other increasingly popular items is the competition tent, last year saw record entries in all categories and there is a real spirit of friendly rivalry, not least with the home grown produce!

As our event gets bigger and bigger, there is an increasing financial commitment and we rely on the generosity of the parish council for its grant, and to other local businesses & individuals for their support. We must cover the overheads each year and retain an amount in reserve just in case we have a wet year. This is as good an

opportunity as we will get to ask for contributions, either for the raffle etc or simply in terms of volunteering to help us on the day or beforehand. We need lots of people to lend a hand setting up and throughout the day with gate duty, car parking and marshalling. Please get involved and put your name on the lists that are put in the shop and pubs later in the summer. Also, if anyone has any ideas or contacts that may be suitable for stalls etc, please come forward and let us know.

The evening part of the day has also grown each year and it has become a much talked about event in its own right. Our band 'For Funk Sake' did us proud again and put on a superb show that had just about everyone dancing into



the night. You will be pleased to hear that they will also be headlining in 2010.

This year we are hoping for a few more surprises and the committee has been working hard already. We have a few new members on the committee this year and they have brought new ideas and enthusiasm. I must thank all of them in advance and look forward to getting everything put together in the months ahead. For all of us it is one of the highlights of the year and it really isn't a chore for anyone.

Concluding in a similar vein to the start of my report, I count myself as fortunate to live in this village and to be able to contribute to it, even in a small way. All of us on the Bell Meadow Village Association Committee feel the same way, and as Chairman I thank all involved and commend this report to the village.

Mark FL Durham

Bell Meadow Day

Sunday 29th August 2010

Woodham Walter Allotment Association - Angus Neale



On 28th Jan last year the Association was started, and a great deal has been achieved since then. From a thistle infested corner of a field, to a lush healthy village garden full of plants and vegetables. The result is, I am sure all will agree, worth the dirty hands, broken backs and blisters.

The love affair started on Valentines Day last year with a tree pruning and hedge trimming day, this was followed 10 days later with the field being rotovated by Mark Durham and quickly followed by several tonnes of compost from Colin Warner. A big thank you to both of them.

Once this had been done I felt we were in a position to allocate plots to those people interested, which took place at the Queen Vic on March 6th 2009. Now everyone had a plot to work on, and we, the committee had some money to work with.

With the help of Graham Loveday and his connections we

were able to get Andrew Upson to put up a fence in the last week of March; things were really beginning to take shape.

Water pipe was laid 2 weeks later and finally connected 4 weeks after that by the water board.

We were finally up and running. Hard work and regular tending produced some prize winning vegetables with many gaining rosettes at the Rural Celebration day in August.



The final event of the year was a Bar-B-Q organised by Jane Weedon on 13th Sept when we were able to say a proper "Thank you" to Peter and Bryony Maynard for allowing the

use of their field for the allotments. And also to Chris the digger driver for saving us weeks of hand digging.

The project has been a re-sounding success with people queuing up on the waiting list. I have received many, many positive comments, with people taking detours on their walks to see the latest changes at "the Allotments". To walk past the allotments and see people pottering, having a chat over the fence and sharing their experiences is exactly what this community project is all about.

I watched the school children getting "stuck in" on their allotment last year and it brought back memories of my grand father doing exactly that with me some 30 odd years ago. And Yes, it's great to grow healthy, tasty vegetables, but the interaction between the community, particularly the young is what puts the biggest smile on my Face.

Everyone has worked very hard on this project and the rewards are here for all to see. Congratulations to all.

Projects for the coming year include benches on the communal area, a "what grows best" news letter and a group barbecue on September 12th.



Woodham Walter Village Hall Association - Ivor Brearley

The following is based on the Chairman's presentation at the Woodham Walter Village Hall Association AGM:

This year has been quite successful financially as far as regular annual events are concerned. The July 2009 Art Show was very well attended throughout the day, and generated a reasonable profit as usual.

The 2009 Revue was a great success and many favourable comments have been received, so the Organisers are reasonably confident that 2010 will be fully booked again. The committee members and regular helpers were thanked for assisting with the organisation and the bar, to Mark Durham for compering the show, to AJ and the Band for arranging and taking part in the evening's entertainment, to Gary at the Queen Victoria for arranging the liquor license, and to the shop and pubs for supplying the refreshments and selling the tickets. Of course, many thanks go to the volunteer entertainers for keeping the paying public happy and highly amused throughout the evening, and it is hoped yet more talent will come forward to take part in the 2010 Revue on Saturday 13th November. The 2008 Revue was also well received and brought in much needed funds.

Several temporary bookings have helped with income, notably the Tadpoles while the Women's Club building was being refurbished, and the After School Club. Both of these bookings have now expired.

It is much regretted that Becky is giving up her duties as Bookings Clerk and Caretaker of the village hall after six years, due to other pressures, and the committee thank her very much for her hard work and attention to the details of these responsibilities. A salaried replacement is required as soon as possible, and the post is being advertised. If anyone knows of someone to take over, please let us know.

Various repairs and upgradings have been carried out during the year, one of the most important being the installation of a rainwater soakaway at the south rear corner of the building to cure a serious damp problem in the structure of the original gents' toilet. The original kitchen rear doorway has been blocked up and the external stairway removed. A new fence was erected across the rear boundary.

The ceiling lights and spot lights to the stage front are being replaced as these were found to be in poor condition.

The three redundant rooms at the rear of the stage have been stripped of all internal fixtures and fittings in order to create more storage space. The kitchen, passageway and toilet floors are to be repainted soon. The old cooker in the kitchen has been replaced.

A new Premises Lease Agreement has been drawn up, in conjunction with a new Hire Document, to cover new bookings taken in future. The Fire Risk Assessment Certificate expires in 2011, and PAT checks are to be carried out soon.

The committee members and assistants were thanked for attending on the necessary clearing up days, in order to keep the village hall surroundings tidy and an asset to the village.

Ivor Brearley,
Chairman 2010-2011



St Michael's Church - Kathy Tompkins



We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful example of Elizabethan architecture as our village church. Recent research, with which we must all now be familiar, has proved its historical importance. It is never easy to conserve a Grade II* Listed building but with so many helpers now enlisted progress is being made.

St Michael's is a thriving church for a small village such as ours. We have a loyal core congregation with numbers soaring for festivals and celebrations. Weekly services of Holy Communion alternate with Morning Prayer and Family Service, all of which encourage active involvement from the congregation. In addition, a fortnightly prayer group meet and we host a 'Fresh Expressions' Outreach project to the parents and children within the travelling community. Involvement with the village school includes a weekly club, regular church led assemblies, wel-

coming the children into church for end of term services and presenting all school leavers with a Bible as a personal gift from St Michael's.



There are 46 names on the Electoral Roll comprised of confirmed members of the Church. Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) consists of members from a variety of backgrounds. Two church members serve on the Governing Body of the village school, as representatives of the Diocese and of the PCC. The Church Warden and Incumbent are trustees of the Almshouses, which are overseen so expertly by the Honorary Treasurer Mr Malcolm Bunn assisted by his wife Iris.

The church was also fully involved in the trip last year, organised by the Diocese, when Mrs Dodd and Mrs Neale visited a Kenyan school, and we look forward to being involved this year when Head Teacher, Mr Dickson Kabuga, makes a reciprocal visit.



We have a choir, run by our Organist Mr Ken Hay, who sing at festivals and weddings.



Gary & Sarah Norton were married at St Michael's on 12th Sept 2009

During last year we held three Baptisms, three weddings, six funerals, five burials of ashes and two large Memorial Services.

We are grateful to The Friends of St Michael who have made such a huge contribution to the upkeep of our beautiful church and in the maintenance of the churchyard. During the past year we have seen the completion of refurbishment of the railings together with the creation of dry areas around the church as we begin to address a major damp problem. This year we intend to move inside and by removing a section of render discover the true state of the walls so that the next course of action can be agreed. Volunteers lop the lime trees, cut the grass and clean the church. With help from The Friends and other volunteers we are hoping to enter the Best Kept Churchyard competition this year for the first time. We must also thank the Friends for sponsoring repairs to a tabletop tomb just outside the church door and for repairs to replace glazing bars to windows on the south wall.

St Michael's Church (Continued)

"WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL WHO HAVE MADE SUCH A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UPKEEP OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH"

In the wider community we took part in the village weekend in July with our own Flower Festival. A huge success as always with great support from sponsors for the various displays, from the Women's Club who man the tea tent, and of course from the flower arrangers themselves. We held other charitable fundraising events including musical evenings and the Christina Hoskyn Memorial Lecture when funds are split between St Michael's and the Break-through Breast Cancer Charity. Our main fund raising is for a kitchenette and toilet project and it is hoped to make a start on the kitchenette project this year. We also play our part on Bell Meadow Day.

One of our major concerns last year was to increase our contribution to the family purse. Every parish has a financial responsibility towards

the running costs of the church in England and for some time we have not been meeting that commitment. Several initiatives to raise awareness have proved very encouraging. So to all those who have made single donations, set up standing orders or made contributions in other ways we do thank you most sincerely. It is because of your



support that we are able to again seek a priest to live and work in our community.

We were very sad to learn that due to family commitments Rev'd Malcolm and his wife Linda were to move to Sussex to continue their Ministry. It was a reflection of how well regarded they were that the donations raised enabled us to give them a farewell party for over a hundred people, at which time they were pre-

sented with gifts from the whole community. This has meant that we are now in an Interregnum, but we are already actively seeking a replacement for a 'House for Duty' post. This arrangement means that the priest is unpaid but is allowed to live in the Rectory in exchange for 2½ days spent working in the two Parishes of Woodham Mortimer and Woodham Walter. Meanwhile all church activities will run as normal. We have a dedicated group of lay people all of whom are taking on extra duties to ensure the smooth running of our church during the Interregnum. So with four weddings already booked it is very much business as usual.

St Michael's not only belongs to us, but to past, present and future generations so please continue your support – it is making a difference.

Kathy Tompkins

Church Warden



Wood Corner Caravan Site - Steve Andrews



It has been a quiet year for Wood Corner Caravan Site over the past year outside of normal day to day life for the residents and site manager Derek Butcher.

The refurbishments to bring number 14 back in to use were completed and we welcomed a new resident in August. Around the same time, we had another resident move off, and immediately filled that place with a new resident in September.

We are hoping to attract grant funding to carry out refurbishments to the kitchens in the next round of bids, following recent works on the bathroom areas.

The recent cold weather has caused some disruption to our residents, with the increased demand for electricity exceeding current capacity resulting in blown main fuses. We are currently in the process of seeking

to upgrade the supply to avoid future occurrences.

Derek has made specific mention of the work that the church has carried out on the site, including visits at Easter, and carol singing at Christmas. This meant a lot to the residents and Derek and Liz.

On the subject of Derek, it is worth noting that he becomes a septuagenarian this July.



Some of the team with their Health Trainer awards

Supporting People

In June 09, all of our site managers underwent the necessary training and passed the exam to become “Health Trainers”, enabling them to better signpost our residents on general health and welfare issues.

We also received training on pest control, which is essential for the rural locations of many of our sites.

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DEREK, OUR
SITE MANAGER**

The common thread throughout this report has been Derek our site manager, and I would like to personally thank

him for all his work on the site, and with the local community.

Steve Andrews
Gypsy & Traveller
Services Manager
Essex County
Council

Woodham Walter Common - Chris Wheadon

General

Working parties have undertaken normal maintenance, concentrating on removal of invasive holly, bracken and bramble. Holly control has been greatly enhanced by employing Contractors using mechanical means to dig out the larger trees. Coppicing of Hornbeam has taken place, with encouraging signs of regenerative new growth, despite the presence of Munjack deer. A Common Buzzard was seen over the Reserve in August. Streams virtually dried up until October, some flow returned, they are now all healthy again.

Projects

(1) Water Level Monitoring.

Installation of water level monitoring equipment has taken place. A number of monitoring "stations" comprising of measuring "tubes" have been installed in the two bog areas adjacent to Pheasanthouse Farm Brook.

In addition, and, in conjunction with the above, two shallow twenty metre long trenches have been dug, one in each bog giving a visual indication of the situation. Both activities were instigated to provide evidence of what is actually happening, following a general concern that both important bog areas may be drying out. EWT can then put

appropriate mitigation procedures in place if necessary.

Initial "thoughts" are that "upland" tree/shrub growth is utilising what little rainfall there is, which is depriving the bogs of their water source. To this end appropriate tree/shrub removal (mainly holly) is being systematically undertaken by hand, and mechanically, as and when time and money permits.

(2) Heathland Regeneration.

An area of approx. 1/3 acre (0.15ha) was earmarked as ideal for regeneration of heather. Consequently an area of invasive Birch was cleared by Contractors in the summer. The area was further partially hand cleared of bracken roots by a Working Party in October and further hand clearance took place this week. The area is now being seeded using seed I gathered in the Autumn from existing heather on Woodham Walter Common.

(3) Bridleways/Footpaths.

A joint EWT/ECC survey of Bridleways/Footpaths took place on The Common. A number of damaged signposts/waymarks were found. It was agreed these damaged signposts/waymarks would be replaced by ECC (Essex County Council) or their Contractors, the majority of this work has been now been completed..

(4) Dormice. A number of Dormice "tubes" were attached to trees/saplings earlier in the year in designated areas on The Common to give us a better indication of the Dormouse population (if any). The tubes were recently checked for usage, sadly I have to report that no signs of use by Dormice was found, however we did find that some "tubes" had been used as shelters by small birds, no doubt it helped them survive the recent harsh weather. Encouragingly I can report that some Dormice have been found on adjoining Reserves in the Danbury/Little Baddow Ridge group.

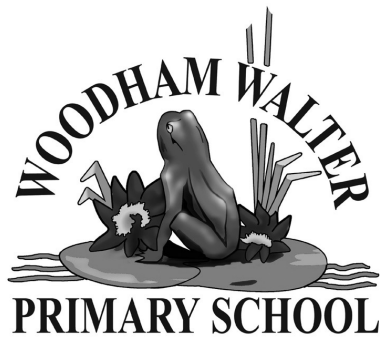
(5) Other matters :- I must apologise, I did not submit relevant updates re The Common to the Parish Magazine.

The photo below shows the recent Working Party encouraging heath land regeneration by hand clearing bracken roots on The Common.



Chris Wheadon. (greatly assisted by the "retired" Martin Gregory.)

Woodham Walter Primary School - Head Teacher



It is our aim at Woodham Walter CofE Primary School to give our children the best learning opportunities through a fun learning environment that delivers high standards. We are in a very privileged position to inspire, enthuse and nurture children.

We are delighted that the recent OFSTED inspection (May 2009) acknowledged the many outstanding areas of our school. We are always continuing to work on many developments in our continuing pursuit to achieve excellence.

Developments:

Admissions Number

The school is showing increasing popularity. We had a full intake for this year and we will have a full intake this September with over 50 families applying for the 15 places.

New Build

The school has been successful in obtaining approval for the building of a new classroom.

This will be built at the back of the school to provide a proper classroom for our youngest children. We hope the building works will begin by November 2010.

Gifted & Talented

Giving extended opportunities for our gifted and talented children to develop their learning is always a priority. Science events, challenge activities and sporting opportunities have enabled our children to have interesting experiences and work with children from other schools. The teachers plan lessons to include opportunities to develop challenge throughout the curriculum. Children are also challenged in the thinking skills club.

Creativity in the curriculum

Through teaching many aspects of the curriculum thematically the teachers and children have had greater opportunities to inspire and be inspired. Whole school cross-curricular subjects such as 'The Decades' have engaged the children with exciting activities. We have other whole school themes planned, such as 'Farms' later in the year which will enable the expertise of staff and local members of the community to be shared.

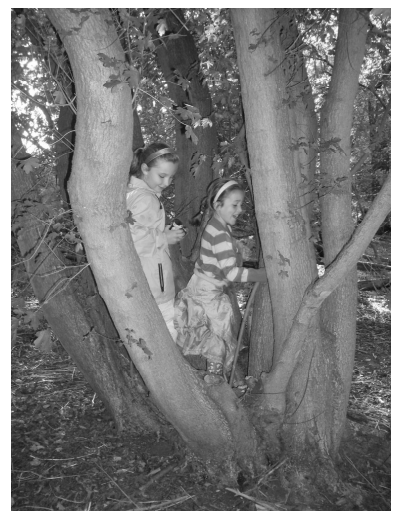
Africa

Our link with an African school has been of great bene-

fit to the school and village community. This link has developed our cultural understanding and knowledge of an African community. A planned visit by Mutira Primary's headteacher, Mr Dickson Kabuga, during March, will help develop our friendship and links further. The many fundraising events for our African links have been supported by many members of the community and have been fun to participate in.

Forest School

We are extremely pleased the Forest school work in 'The Wilderness' has been so successful. The children have had fun exploring and finding out about nature. The children have developed their environmental awareness, independence and problem solving skills whilst being able to get muddy at the same time! Unfortunately, we don't provide washing powder.



Woodham Walter Primary School (Continued)

Healthy Schools

Our children enjoy our school dinners cooked freshly each day. They have the opportunities to plan, plant and grow seasonal produce, in the village allotment, which is sometimes used for our school dinners. The squash soup was a great success! We hope to develop these skills further along with their cooking skills.

At Woodham Walter CofE Primary School we passionately care and want to give our children the best opportunities. The support given by The Blackwater Consortium of Schools, the Small Schools Cluster, the Parish Church, the Parish Council, local businesses, and the parents, including our very active PTA., as well as many other individuals who give their time so kindly,

has helped our school move from strength to strength. Our members of staff are highly committed and our governors give willingly of their time and expertise to support and develop the schools' future. This we hope will continue so that we can pursue our school vision of 'Excellence for Everyone.'

Headteacher:

Mrs Madeleine Matthews B.Ed. NPQH

Parent & Teacher Association - Emma Springham

With the start of a new School year in September it brought us lots of new children into the reception year with a few of the older children having left for pastures new. This meant a big change around for the PTA and sadly we had to lose several of the key members. As a new parent, I and a few other new mums decided to come along to the first PTA meeting, and as they say the

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rest is history. I am now the new chair and Lucy Bennett has become my fantastic vice chair. Wendy Smith also took over the crucial role of Treasurer.

2009 started with a fantastic quiz night bringing in lots of parents, staff and the wider community. This very enjoyable evening made over £600! We most recently held another quiz night in early Feb, with the fantastic Mr Graham Bannerman as the host and the winning team, a team of class 1 parents – see photo.



Throughout the last year we have held several "Bake and takes", which sees the parents donate cakes, sandwiches and other savoury goodies. The children then charge in at 3.15pm and eat as much as they can as quickly as they can before going home! During 2009 we held these at Easter, Christmas (with a special visit from Father Christmas) and most recently at Valentines. We raise an average £150-£200 each time.

PTA (continued)



By far the biggest task for the PTA is the organisation of the annual Summer Fete. 2009's edition proved to be a fantastic success with a great time had by all (helped significantly by some lovely weather!). The fete was expertly hosted by the Voice of the National Lottery Balls, Mr Alan Dedicoat and supported by some impressive demonstrations by our children from the talent show winner Becci Morris, to the karate team. In conjunction with the numerous stalls, and lots of help from all the school, PTA and the Village, we made over £3200.

Jumble sales are one of the PTA's favourite adventures and we regularly have Danbury village hall packed out with all the jumble the school and village can donate. These are very successful and are one of our major money raising events with the last two raising over £600 each

Emma Chapman, who has unfortunately now left the PTA, put on a fantastic Race night in October which saw many of the new parents from the 2009 intake come along and enjoy themselves. The night brought new friendships and amidst a lot of fun, raised over £650.

Since joining in September we have put on several other functions with my first being a Pamper & Shopping Evening, which was well attended, with all 8 therapists being fully booked on the night! The evening made £560.

So having raised all this money we love to spend it on the people we are all here for - the children and the school. Over the last year we have paid for the children to go on several trips to have swimming lessons, Walton, the sea life centre and to see the theatre production in London of Christmas Carol. Key stage 1 children are also about to embark

on a trip to the Natural History Museum to expand on their Spring term focus on dinosaurs. The PTA have also bought staging for the school hall which makes the productions the children put on even more wonderful. We also funded the tepees in the school field and a wonderful bench in memory of Mrs Clark.

Each year we also make sure that we bring the magic of Easter and Christmas to life. So whilst the children are at the church enjoying their Easter Service the Easter Bunny comes to visit the school and leaves mini Easter eggs for each child hidden in their classrooms for them to find on their return. At Christmas when they go to the church for the Christmas service, we make sure that Father Christmas is there with his huge sack and a present for every child in the school!

This coming year our main priority will be to raise more funds to help furnish and provide books for the new library that will evolve when the new build is complete.

We have several more money raising adventures in the pipeline for 2010 and beyond and hope that we can continue to raise more money to benefit the school and our wonderful children.

Emma Springham

Chair Woodham Walter PTA

Tadpoles Nursery - Pam Seaar



As always we have been very busy at Tadpoles playing and learning.



Last spring saw the beginning of our Allotment project, we began with our very bleak plot of land! The first working party began with digging and planning. We then started what has proven to be very popular events our family working parties. The first working party was well attended by mum's dad's and children of all shapes and sizes as well as the staff of Tadpoles and their families.

One dad brought his rotavator and we all worked hard to prepare the allotment for planting.



We planted lots of different things including flowers, herbs, beans, onions, sweet corn and lots more. We looked after them watering and weeding with parties of parents and children going regularly to the allotment as well as weekend and holiday working parties.

They grew and grew and grew!! So in July we began harvesting our crops and eating them, they were very tasty. We still meet to work on the allotment but not so much through the winter, our last working party before Christmas was 'muck spreading' which was a fun experience again well attended by lots of families. The children, parents and staff have all learnt a lot from these experiences around growing and healthy eating we have made a diary to show what we have done, which we love to share.



Every June we have our Teddy Bears Picnic which again the school very kindly hosts for us we all took our teddy bears which we counted for a sponsored teddy count we also had a raffle and raised over £300 for our chosen charity 'The British Heart Foundation' a representative came to collect

the cheque and brought us some stickers for doing so well.

In the Summer we enjoyed an Outing to Colchester Zoo, we went on a big coach with all our friends, there was lots to see and do and lots to talk about when we got back.

In October we moved to the village hall for a few weeks while women's club was being decorated we had fun but were pleased to move back to the beautifully decorated club-room .

Autumn was followed by Christmas which is a really fun time for us we performed our usual nativity in the school which was enjoyed by families, neighbours and the local community and really put us in the festive spirit. This was followed by our party and a visit from Father Christmas, before he started his busy time delivering all the presents.

We operate 10 sessions a week and there is always lots going on , regular visits to the allotment , walks around the village, visits to our friends at school and visits to us from others in the community, such as reverend Malcolm who came to sing songs and tell us stories. If you would like to visit please just call Pam 01245 222046, we would love to see you !

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Cumming



The last year has been relatively quiet for us, with no major incidents reported.

There have been some instances of petty theft that I am aware of; one case in one of the pubs and others involving thefts from private properties. In all cases it seems to be opportunist rather than planned and it behoves as all to take care with the security of our property and homes.

I had one case reported to me where one of our residents was approached by a man claiming to be an official of some kind; the lady wisely did not allow him into her house and he left. It remains unclear if this was a genuine approach or an at-

tempted artifice burglary; either way the outcome was the safest for the lady involved.

I regularly attend meetings of the NHW area coordinators run by one of the local coordinators. These meetings typically take place every 2 months, however, support from our local police is not as strong as it has been. Firstly, and very sadly, the death of our local crime prevention advisor, Ray Stannard, has taken a valued resource away from us and it is not clear if and how he will be replaced. Secondly, the Maldon Police have withdrawn funding that they had been providing to support a part-time civilian liaison officer to act as a link between the police and the NHW; the result of this is a substantial loss of information. The whole

issue of the relationship between the local NHW and Maldon Police is currently under discussion between the two parties and we await the outcome.

I have links with Little Baddow NHW (who are linked to Chelmsford Police) and this is proving to be a valuable source of local information.

I continue to write articles for the Parish Magazine when there is something of importance to communicate and this seems to be the most effective way to spread relevant information and advice.

As always I encourage everyone to remain aware; we are fortunate to live in a relatively low crime area and we are lucky that the biggest risk to us is complacency.

Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch members are not Police or County Council employees but members of the local community. Using a hand-held radar gun, they capture the speed of offending vehicles, record the necessary data and send it to the police. The police then send the registered keepers up to two warning letters

explaining the dangers and problems caused by speeding. Individuals who have received two letters are then targeted by the police who will prosecute them if they are caught a third time. More volunteers are needed in Woodham Walter and new members will work alongside the existing team and are issued with a training manual

by the police on how to use the detecting equipment, how to record the data, health and safety at the roadside and basic conflict resolution techniques.

If you are interested in volunteering as a CSW member please contact Parish Clerk for more information.

Neighbourhood Action Panel (NAP)

The NAP is where members of the public can discuss items of concern with the panel, a group of key individuals in the area (e.g. police, parish councillors, business representatives, district councillors, local residents) discuss the problems raised and then select three priorities to be actioned.

To find out what action has been taken already and to help us identify priorities for future action, please come along to your local NAP.

They meet once a month and rotate between Woodham Walter, Woodham Mortimer & Wickham Bishops.

The next NAP visit to Woodham Walter will be on Thursday 1st July from 7pm-9pm at the Village Hall.



Police - PS Phil Morley



Woodham Walter forms part of the Purleigh Policing area which sits within the Maldon Neighbourhood Policing District. The Purleigh Beat has a dedicated Neighbourhood Specialist Officer, PC 2999 Tony England, and a Police Community Support Officer, PCSO Richard Stott..

During the period of the 1st of April 2010 to 12th of March 2010 the Maldon District has seen 2229 Reported Crimes. The Purleigh Beat has had 76 Reported Crimes. For the same period the previous year there were 2336 Reported Crimes in the Maldon District. This shows a decrease in Crime across the District of 107 offences or 4.6%.

The Purleigh area has unfortunately seen a slight increase in Crime of 3 Offences but has seen a significant drop in the number of Dwelling Burglaries from 13 to 5. The offences that have increased are Criminal Damage

(an additional two offences) and Offences Against the Person (an additional two offences).

The past year has seen an increase in three particular offences across the Maldon District. These being:

- Burglary (of dwellings and Sheds / Garages)
- Thefts from Motor Vehicle
- Theft of Lead

A lot of these have been opportunist crime i.e. vehicles, garages left insecure or with valuable items left on display. This type of crime is easy to prevent by securing property and making sure that items of value are removed from vehicles or at least hidden away from sight.

With the price of scrap metal on the increase the District has seen a rise in the number of offences of Theft. The most commonly affected premises are those related to Education, Churches and Sports facilities, all of which are unoccupied at night or for

regular periods of time. That said we have also seen some Houses being targeted for these types of offences as well.

On a more positive note, the Neighbourhood Policing Team have teamed up with One Place in Burnham to provide mobile surgeries throughout the Maldon District on a monthly basis. This means that once a month the Mobile Police Station will visit the village and will be staffed by Police and staff from One Place who can offer advice and assistance on a wide range of things from applying for bus passes to housing enquiries. Please do come and visit us and let us know of any problems you are experiencing in your area.

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Southminster Police Station
01621 775918
Non Emergency Number:
0300 333 4444
Email:
phil.morley@essex.pnn.police.uk

One Place on Wheels



One Place on Wheels will be visiting the 24 rural parishes across the **Maldon District** in the **Mobile Police Vehicle** on a monthly basis. *The Mobile* vehicle will be manned by representatives of both *Essex Police* and the trained *One Place Team*. On occasions they will be joined by other partner organisations. **Maldon District Council** has lent its full support to the initiative

The One Place On Wheels vehicle visits Woodham Walter Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month from 1415-1515.



This vehicle is manned by representatives from Essex Police and One Place Team offering information and advice on policing, tourist & community information, social care, healthy living, benefits and housing advice, volunteering opportunities and access to IT and training. It is open to all.

One Place on Wheels is due to visit Woodham Walter Village Hall on 14th April and 12th May.

Village Agent



Easy access to services and information

Mid Essex pilot

The Village Agent pilot project is active in selected villages as a face to face signposting service for people living in rural communities. It aims to put people in touch with organisations that provide services, promote health and independence and provide high quality information and advice to local residents. Working as a team the Village Agents offer free confidential advice and easy access to services and information such as:

- Home adaptations and equipment to make your life easier and safer
- Home security, Fire safety checks and smoke alarm fitting
- Housing and getting jobs done around the home and garden
- Healthy living advice and activities such as fitness, weight loss or smoking cessation
- Making sure you are receiving the correct benefits or pension
- Information about all forms of travel and access to community transport
- Support opportunities for your family or carers
- Help you to become a volunteer to help others
- Access to local social groups, leisure activities and learning opportunities

For more information or to arrange a meeting with a Village Agent please call us free on 0800 9775858

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL VILLAGE AGENT



Thank you for inviting me to submit an article on the initiative as part of Woodham Walter Parish Council Annual Report.

I appreciate the welcome afforded to me by the council and residents since the initiative was launched in October 2009.

The pilot project is still in its infancy and we are constantly learning and developing the services available. If you have a question about what we may be able to offer, I would be pleased to meet you at the Annual Parish Meeting, or please contact me as below to arrange a visit.

Christine McDonald

Call free on: 0800 977 5858 and I will phone you back, or Email me at:

christine.mcdonald@vaessex.org.uk

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Woodham Walter War Memorial Garden



The Parish Council has felt that the War Memorial shelter outside the village shop is not as prominent in this day and age as it was when it was erected.

We have made some enquiries as to people's feelings on this subject and were glad to receive a positive response.

The money that was raised for its construction was indicative of its importance because at that time life was hard and money was short.

There is strong feeling that the Memorial should stay as it is, however it has become apparent that there is interest in raising the profile of the War Memorial Garden on Bell hill (opposite the Church).

The Parish Council would now welcome ideas and comments for future consideration on how this might be achieved

This will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 12th April at 8pm in Woodham Walter Village Hall, Rectory Road. All are welcome and we look forward to hearing your views.

You can also write to us via the Parish Clerk, Burnt House, Burnt House Road, Woodham Walter, CM9 6RS or email jacky@parishclerk.co.uk or speak to any of the Parish Councillors.

Bus Services for Woodham Walter

MALBUS 4 (Thursday's & Saturday's)

Maldon - Woodham Walter - Little Baddow

Little Baddow, Spring Close	0915	Maldon, Tesco Store	1143
Woodham Walter, Spring Elms	0922	Maldon, White Horse	1147
Woodham Walter, The Bell	0928	Beeleigh, Brook Farm Corner	1152
Beeleigh, Brook Farm Corner	0935	Woodham Walter, The Bell	1159
Maldon, All Saints Church	0940	Woodham Walter, Spring Elms	1205
Maldon, Tesco Store	0944	Little Baddow, Spring Close	1212

31A (Mondays to Fridays)

Woodham Walter - Little Baddow - Danbury - Sandon - Chelmsford

Woodham Walter, Council Houses	0725	-	-	-	Chelmsford Bus Station, Stand 2	-	1240	1600	1715
Woodham Walter, The Bell	0728	-	-	-	Great Baddow, Blue Lion	-	1252	1612	1727
Woodham Walter, Spring Elms	0731	-	-	-	Sandon, The Crown	-	1257	1617	1732
Little Baddow, Spring Close	0738	0925	1318	1638	Danbury Common	-	1305	1625	1740
Danbury, Eves Corner	0746	0933	1326	1646	Danbury, Eves Corner	0914	1307	1627	1742
Danbury Common	0748	0935	1328	-	Little Baddow, Spring Elms	0922	1315	1635	1750
Sandon, The Crown	0756	0943	1336	-	Woodham Walter, Spring Elms	-	-	-	1758
Great Baddow, Blue Lion	0801	0948	1341	-	Woodham Walter, The Bell	-	-	-	1801
Chelmsford, Bus Station, Stand 2	0813	1000	1353	-	Woodham Walter, Council Houses	-	-	-	1804

31A (Saturdays only)

Maldon - Woodham Walter - Little Baddow - Danbury - Sandon - Chelmsford

Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Centre	0805	1205	1605	Chelmsford Bus Station, Stand 2	0700	1100	1500
Maldon, High Street, WH Smith	0808	1208	1608	Great Baddow, Blue Lion	0712	1112	1512
Woodham Walter, The Bell	0815	1215	1615	Sandon, The Crown	0718	1118	1518
Woodham Walter, Spring Elms	0818	1218	1618	Danbury Common	0725	1125	1525
Little Baddow, Spring Close	0825	1225	1625	Danbury, Eves Corner	0727	1127	1527
Danbury, Eves Corner	0832	1232	1632	Little Baddow, Spring Close	0735	1135	1535
Danbury Common	0834	1234	1634	Woodham Walter, Spring Elms	0743	1143	1543
Sandon, The Crown	0844	1244	1644	Woodham Walter, The Bell	0753	1153	1553
Great Baddow, Blue Lion	0846	1246	1646	Maldon, High Street, Swan Hotel	0800	1200	1600
Chelmsford, Bus Station, Stand 2	0858	1258	1658	Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Centre	0803	1203	1603

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Who's Who and What They Do

Parish Councillors

Colin Warner - Chairman

Mark Durham - Vice Chairman
& Bell Meadow Village Assoc.

David Potter - Councillor

James Bunn - Councillor
& Bell Meadow Village Assoc.

Peter Warren - Councillor
& Footpath Officer

Angus Neale - Councillor
& Allotment Association

Claire Robinson - Councillor

Parish Council Meetings

Woodham Walter Parish Council meets at 8pm on the second Monday of the month, usually at Women's Club room, Top Road. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and can address the council on agenda items or any issues relevant to Woodham Walter. The agenda for the meeting is displayed on the notice board outside Chapel Stores during the week preceding the meeting.

Diary Dates 2010/11

12th April	11th October
10th May	8th November
14th June	13th December
12th July	10th January
9th August	14th February
13th September	14th March



Party Tents For Hire

Two 8m x 4m Party Tents available to hire from Woodham Walter Parish Council.

£50 for one tent or £75 for two.

For Bookings contact Parish Clerk,
Jacky Bannerman 01245 222595
(before 8pm)