



West Horndon Parish News July 2009

*The Newsletter of
West Horndon Parish Council*

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Marcia Goddard is the 2009 Roy Boggis Citizenship Award winner

Marcia Goddard has succeeded Maurice Winch as the holder of this award, heading a strong list of candidates. Marcia (seen here being presented with her trophy and citation by Brentwood Mayor, Cllr. Tony Sleep) is the 6th holder of this award for which there were 8 nominations.

Marcia has been a resident of Thorndon Avenue for forty years. The citation pointed out that she is one of those people you can rely on when you need a helping hand. If it's a prescription to collect or shopping to get then she'll be there. In addition, Marcia is heavily involved with Neighbourhood Watch and in the past has worked with the School and Rainbows. She can regularly be seen around the village delivering newsletters or leaflets about different events.

In the picture to the right Marcia and the Mayor are seen with the other nominations (l to r) Iris Key, Karen Wentworth, Jack Key, Jack Thorpe's picture (being held by Marlene Knights), Norman Page, Margaret Yems and Kath Porter.



From the Chair

Welcome to the second 2009 edition of our newsletter. You will gather that I was re-elected Chair in May and I hope to be able to continue to serve our community over the next 12 months.

At the same time Cllrs. Linda and Michael Golding have stood down from the Council because of the time pressures caused by the fact that they are also Brentwood Borough Councillors. We are grateful for the efforts they have made, on our behalf, during their time on the Parish Council. Linda was one of the original Councillors. As one of our Ward Councillors, together with Gordon MacLellan, I'm sure we shall still see her heavily

involved in village affairs.

These two resignations, together with the earlier one of Diane Middleton, mean that there are now three vacancies on the Council and we do need to find people to fill these positions to ensure we have the resources to carry out our role and also so that we do represent all areas of the village. Do consider standing and if you want to find out more, don't hesitate to speak to one of the existing Councillors or the Parish Clerk. Our details are on the back of the Newsletter.

Steve Williams (Chair)



COUNCILLOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



In each issue of the News Letter we put one of our Councillors under the spotlight. For this issue our Vice-Chair Tina Duffin had a chat with one of our newer Councillors, [Peter Bowes](#).

Tina: How long have you lived in the village?

Peter: 9 years

Tina: Where did you come from?

Peter: Stratford, East London

Tina: And how long have you been on the Parish Council

Peter: I was co-opted in 2007

Tina: What do you do for a living?

Peter: I'm a partner in an Electrical Contracting firm

Tina: What else do you do in your spare time?

Peter: We have a caravan and I hold a small aircraft pilot's licence

Tina: Small aircraft! Is there anything else you would like to fly?

Peter: I'd like to fly a Douglas DC3

Tina: What's the scariest moment you've had flying?

Peter: I was doing a practice stall and something happened that the instructor said was not supposed to happen!

Tina: What made you decide to become a Parish Councillor?

Peter: To make a difference in the Village and as I get frustrated when people complain about things and do nothing about it I thought I would try and do something

Tina: Do you think you've had a positive effect on the village?

Peter: I hope so but all the work that the Parish Council achieves cannot be attributed to a single person as all the Councillors work together to get things done

Tina: What's your favourite food?

Peter: Tai food

Tina: and drink?

Peter: A good British ale, probably Directors

Tina: And finally, who would you most like to meet?

Peter: The Queen

Does your club or group need a new piece of equipment?

Are you planning a gap year journey and want support for it?

Are you a young person about to start training and are looking for help with the cost of your sports kit, a musical instrument or for some IT support?

Did you know that West Horndon has its own charitable fund! It's called the Howard Memorial Trust and is named after the Howard family whose business traded for many years in the Parish. The purpose of the Trust is to provide small grants or loans for social, cultural, educational or recreational purposes.

Any West Horndon individual or local group is welcome to apply and bids from the fund are currently being invited. If you are interested in seeking a grant or loan, you can get further details and an application form from:

[The Trust Administrator, Geoff Rudd, on 01277 218618.](#)

[The closing date for completed applications is Monday 5th October 2009.](#)

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

How do you become a Parish Councillor?

There are two ways to become a Councillor:

Elections for the Parish Council are held every four years with the next one due in 2011.

In the meantime if someone steps down, a notice is put up notifying the vacancy and giving electors the opportunity to call for a by-election. This can only happen if ten or more electors ask for one. If a by-election is not called for, then the Council can fill the position by what is called Co-option, i.e. by appointing someone to fill the gap. The practice at West Horndon is that the vacancy is again advertised but this time anyone interested submits a CV and shortlisted candidates are invited to interview – just like applying for a job except with this one “the work” is unpaid!!

However you’ll find it interesting and hopefully rewarding, with a sense that you are achieving something for the community and helping to make West Horndon a better place for everyone.

As well as attending the regular Council meetings (currently ten a year) there is the opportunity to get involved in some of the services and projects that the Council are running and perhaps campaign to deal with some of the issues that come up.

It is possible to focus on things that particularly interest you. Current Councillors have close involvement with the Village Hall, the Park, the Church, Planning issues, Youth issues, Crime & Disorder and Transport. We keep a watching brief on as many other things as we can but if you have a particular interest, such as the environment, or want to help with one of the issues already mentioned or believe we should be looking at other areas where you have an interest, then the best thing to do is join us and work from the inside rather than complain from the outside!

As you will see from Steve’s message on the first page we currently have 3 vacancies and we hope to fill them in time for the next Parish Council meeting in September by Co-option.

Anyone who would like to apply (by the end of August) should get in touch with the Parish Clerk or any of the existing Councillors. (Our contact details are on the back page) Hopefully our Council is a relaxed and supportive environment and being a member is a stimulating, if sometimes challenging, opportunity to serve our community.

Did you fill in the West Horndon Parish Council Community Survey?

Many did and a big thank you to those of you who found the time and put in the effort. We hope that you found it interesting to fill in and maybe some of the questions generated interesting discussion in your household.

The forms returned contain lots of information - there are over 20,000 pieces of information to look at! This work is currently being undertaken and once the results are available they will be discussed by the Council and also reported in a future edition of this Newsletter.

Coming up:

Barnards Farm - Open Days Thursdays 6th & 13th August - 11am to 4.30pm.

Horticultural Show Autumn Show Saturday 29th August - Village Hall from 2.30pm (Prize giving - 4pm)

Children’s Fund Day at Barnards Farm Tuesday 1st September (Application forms are in the Link at St Francis Church or contact Sylvia and Bernard Holmes on 01277 811262)

Bring your animals to a Pet Service at St Francis Church on Wednesday 30th September at 4.30pm

Who's who on the Parish Council

Steve Williams (Chair)	01277 811223
Tina Duffin (Vice-Chair)	01277 811793
Peter Bowes	01277 812956
John Grahame	01277 811548
Christine King	01277 810306
Chris Price	07708 503104
Geoff Rudd (Parish Clerk)	01277 218618

Other key people

PCSO Kelly Field	07896 871008
Brentwood Police Station	01279 641218
Neighbourhood Police Team	07896 871008
Brentwood Borough Council	01277 312500
Cllr Linda Golding (Ward)	07792 670393
Cllr Gordon MacLellan (Ward)	01277 810945
Cllr John Roberts (Essex)	01277 225039

Parish Council Meetings - 2009/2010

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Thursday, January 28, 2010

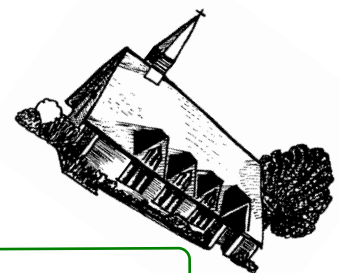
Thursday, February 25, 2010

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Meetings are usually held in the Christabella Wing of St Francis Church in Thorndon Avenue on the last Thursday of each month * commencing at 7.30pm, with 30 minutes for a public forum prior to business commencing at 8.00pm.

* No meetings in August and November. The December meeting is on the first Thursday.

There's been lots going on in the village this summer. These are just some of the places where there have been fetes and fairs.



Do look out for autumn events.
You don't want to miss anything!

