

Weeley History Recorders Report 2024

January

The year started mild, wet and unsettled.

Weeley in Bloom hold Thank You Coffee morning at Hilltop Garden Centre.

Parish Council concerned over unlawful use of Spiney in Clacton Road, they will contact and identify other plot holders.

Children Play Area closed and work has commenced the work is expected to take several months.

Extension to existing Gypsy traveller's site in Gutteridge Hall Lane for siting of five residential caravans and storage units.

February

The construction of the new wind farm will use the roads through Weeley and Weeley Heath resulting in 60 to 70 truck movements through the village every day.

New housing development in Clacton Road to be known as Amber Way for a residential property known as Heah Lodge opposite Victoria Road Weeley Heath.

The wooden carving of the Highland Solider overlooking Barrack field receives £500 towards the cost estimated at £1,000 a History Board will be erected to inform villages of the history of the Scottish Regiments that occupied the fields.

March

A riot of colour greets visitors to Weeley with hundreds of daffodils and crocus planted over a number years by Weeley in Bloom.

Proposed demolition of house and erection of a two- story Care Home with sixty- six bedrooms at The Oaks Clacton Road.

Proposed erection of one dwelling land adjacent to the Church lane, known as the Spinney.

Application of removal of Agricultural Occupancy Nightingales Mill Lane former home of Bernard Partridge a well- known Pig farmer at Willow Farm the land having been developed and now known as Millars Green.

April

The Pond Fest was postponed due to the very wet and windy weather.

Weeley Parish Council have begun Preparations for VE day celebration in Weeley a working group has been set up with a budget of £5,000 local organisations are being asked for their support.

Work has started on further bungalow development in Connaught Road near the boundary of Weeley and Lt Clacton.

May

Children's play area work is on- going the play and still closed.

Weeley woods were again open to visitors to come and enjoy the spectacular display of bluebells that increase year by year

Application for change of use at Bucklands Gutridge Hall from equine to mixed residential caravans.

Proposed use of land at the spinney Clacton Road to Gypsy traveller's site has now gone to appeal.

June

Community Day for the village held on Weeley playing field this proved very popular.

Weeley in Bloom organise the first Open Gardens Day with good weather this was very successful with twenty gardens open and appreciated by the many visitors.

July

The Rev Sharon Guest and her husband visit the Parish and the three other Priory parishes.

Judging takes place for Anglia in bloom after a tour around the village the Committee met with the with the Judges for refreshments in St Andrew's Church.

Weeley Scouts with Beavers and Cubs working hard for their achievement badges these are very popular groups for the young people.

Children's Play area now complete with new and exciting equipment which the children are enjoying

Women's Institute held their annual garden party at Bush Wood, Weeley Heath.

September

Bishop of Colchester Roger and Archdeacon Ruth announce the rev Sharon Guest has been appointment Priest of the Priory Parishes, Weeley, Lt. Clacton, Gt. Bentley and St. Osyth.

Weeley in Bloom and 1st Weeley Scouts hold their annual Fest for All on the playing field another very successful event.

Weeley in Bloom hold Mc Millan Coffee morning in St Andrew's Church This was very well supported.

The last of St Andrew's monthly cake stalls of the season was held at Rainbow Nursery these have been well supported by residents.

October

Weeley Residents continue to enjoy various outing to places of interest also weekly activities in the Village Hall

The Petanque Group have a large group of players who meet each week on the playing field.

Weeley in bloom hold their AGM in the village Hall. Awards were given to those who had helped make the village a special place with wonderful flower displays in their gardens.

The new School on Barley Field development may not be built for another ten years.

November

Weeley Parish Council organised the Act of Remembrance at Weeley War Memorial over eighty people attended with a large number of 1st Weeley Beaver, Cubs and Scouts with their leaders.

Names of the fallen from both World Wars were read some had families present, the service was taken by David Murry.

December

St Andrew's held a Christmas Cake Stall at Brook Farm Dairy the home of John and Sarah Hutchby.

St Andrew's School held their Carol Service in the Church they were joined by parents and friends.

There was a large attendance at St Andrew's Church for the annual Carols by Candle Light Service conducted by Father Richard Tillbrook of Sudbury.

All the organisations in the Village held various events to celebrate Christmas.

The committees of the many organisations in Weeley work hard to make Weeley a good place to live.

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