

Weeley History Recorders Report 2025

January

Unveiling of the wooden statue to the Highland who were at Weeley in 1805 this is on the green overlooking the Barrack Field soon to be the site of 280 new homes built by the firm of Rose on farmland formerly owned by Mr Brian Lumber and Mr David Weeley.

Licencing of the Rev'd Sharon Guest the Priest in charge of the Parishes of Weeley and Lt Clacton and Vicar of St Osyth and Gt Bentley to be known as the Priory Parishes.

The car sales near Weeley Memorial have closed and the site now empty.

The Weeley convenience store closed for refurbishment.

No contract has been signed for the sale of the former Weeley Council Offices built in 1936 an imposing building on Thorpe Road next to Ash Farm.

February

Planning applications by Neil Napier for bungalow at Victoria Road.

Detached Bungalow at the rear of the Gables on Clacton Road Weeley Heath.

Outline permission for new Bungalow at 17 the Street former home of Beth Blower.

Tendring District need to build One Thousand New homes in the area.

Concern at empty Council Offices costing over Sixty Thousand pounds a year to maintain.

March

New Flagpole erected at Reed Pond, Weeley in Bloom continue to maintain to high standard.

Parish Council to hold Covid Reflection afternoon in St Andrew's Church.

Builders Rose request names for new road names on Barrack fields development.

Plance for change of use from Weeley Tyres to new convivence store at 7 Colchester Road.

The yearly show of Spring Daffodils continues to welcome people to Weeley, the new garden at Queens corner is also very colourful welcoming to the village.

A Church yard tidy was well supported by members of Weeley in Bloom.

Parish Council to organise VE Day celebrations in May.

April

The CCTV equipment around the Village Hall is to be upgraded.

Replacement of Poplar trees along Weeley Bypass with Acers Councillor Green to organise

A bench in memory of Councillor Brown to be installed near Pétanque rink.

Planning from Kent Constructions for development of land adjoining Connaught Road.

May

Plans for detached garage with annex above Bryn-tyr on Clacton Road,

Many people attended VE day celebrations held on the playing field the Village History displayed in the Village Hall was much appreciated.

The popular Weeley Hall wood was open to visitors to experience the wonderful display of Blue Bells, St Andrew's Church was also open to welcome visitors.

New flower planters near Weeley roundabout giving a colour full display of flowers.

St Andrew's Church resume their monthly cake stall at the Old Dairy in Thorpe Road.

A wooden fence has been erected between the main Clacton Road and the Spinney to prevent unwanted development.

Enforcement order on the fifteen lodgers on Agricultural land in Gutteridge Hall lane this is an ongoing concern for the Parish Council.

June

Weeley in Bloom again organised an open gardens day this year only for Weeley Heath, seven gardens were open for viewing to the public who came from Weeley and surrounding area, the public voted for the best garden, John and Lesley groom from Mill Lane received most votes and were presented with a rose bowl.

Weeley Women's Institute hold their annual garden Party at the home of Robim and Maureen Stock Planning for installation mast to improve radio equipment near St Andrew's Church.

Planning for single story extension for St Andrew's Church Lane.

July

Weeley in Bloom members had spent many months preparing for Anglia in Bloom judging day in July after judging had taken place members provided lunch in the Church for the judges and committee.

Weeley residents enjoyed their first trip of the season to Hunstanton, monthly coffee mornings are held at Weeley garden Centre for members.

Outline planning for land adjacent Oak Dene Wenlock Road.

Plans for replacement Agricultural building at Ash Farm for Mr Brian Lunber.

August

The new development of Houses at Amber Way opposite Victoria Road are now occupied.

The Parish Council are still concerned with the illegal development in Gutteridge Hall lane.

Proposed Development for sixteen dwellings at the Oaks Clacton Road.

Weeley phone Box book exchange is very popular with the residents, books are continually relaced.

September

Due to high winds the much-planned Fest for All organised by Weeley Scouts and Weeley in Bloom had to be cancelled for safety reasons.

Weeley in Bloom organise a Mac Millian Coffee morning in the church which was very well supported.

St Andrew's Primary School began the new term under the leadership of Lee Carol

Weeley in Bloom Achieved a Gold award from Anglia in Bloom a well-deserved award for all the dedication to watering the plants during the very dry season.

October

Councillors Hamilton and Harris meet with the Environment Agency to discuss the problem of raw sewage standing in the ditches along Gutteridge Hall Lane also the vermin around the area, Tendring District Council are housing families on this site.

Weeley Speed Watch continue to log drivers exceeding the mile limit some at fifty-eight miles an hour.

Local resident Sam Vidler deep cleans Weeley War memorial with Weeley in Bloom replacing the flower display in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

November

The Remembrance Day Service at Weeley memorial was led by David Murry a large number came to pay their respects. Poppy wreaths were laid on behalf of the many organisations in Weeley, several relatives of the fallen came to lay a named cross in remembrance of a loved one.

November was the tenth anniversary of the Bataclan shooting in France when Weeley man Nick Alexander lost his life. Special Music events were held in Colchester over the weekend Nicks passion was music

The Parish Council awarded Weeley Parish Church £750 towards the upkeep of the Church yard.

Tendring History Recorders also received a grant of £50 for the local group

Approval was given for change of use from Weeley Tyres to a convenience store in Colchester Road.

December

The month began with the lighting of the Christmas Tree on Loop Green.

The Many Weeley groups held Christmas events in the Village Hall for their members.

St Andrew's Church held their Annual Carols by candlelight Service conducted by Priest in Charge Rev'd Sharon Guest this was attended by a congregation of all ages.

The new local plan is now available which has many new houses to be built on our local farmland.

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