

# Newsletter



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## New Beginnings

This Newsletter is the first of the Parish Council's regular Newsletters to keep you in the picture with what's happening in the parish. It replaces the Villager's Life magazine and we hope will better reflect St Mary's.

Allhallows Parish Council took the decision they wanted to edit and control the magazine and your parish councillors' view was that it was an opportune

moment for each parish to go its own separate way.

The Parish Council itself also has a new look to it, since Maureen Stanney did not seek re-election at the local council elections last May.

Cllr Bill Budd was elected Chairman at the Parish Council's first meeting and Cllr Bob Beckey became the Vice-chairman.

Only four people (all existing councillors) put themselves up for election, thereby

creating a vacancy. However, Paul Hassell contacted the Clerk when he heard about the vacancy and was duly co-opted on 1st October. Welcome to him.

A list of Councillors with their details and details of the Clerk can be found opposite.

The website has also been re-vamped. Do check it out—you will find it at [www.stmaryhoo-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmaryhoo-pc.gov.uk).

## Eric Woodards

It is with great sadness we report the death of former Clerk to the Council, Eric Woodards. Eric had been Clerk for 51 years and only retired in July 2006. He had been an accountant and had worked for Strood Rural and then Rochester City Councils. He had also

worked on polling days for Gravesham Borough Council. Eric's health had not been all that good, especially after the death of his wife Irene, but there didn't appear to be anything seriously wrong. However, when he went into hospital at the beginning of August lung cancer

was diagnosed and he died on 18th August. His funeral was attended by family and many friends and former colleagues, including members of the Parish Council. He was a real gentleman and will be much missed.

Our condolences go to his family.

Biffa have set up a Liaison Group and the Parish Council is represented by Cllr Bill Khatkar and the Clerk. Representations have been made about uncovered lorries and as far as possible this and other complaints have been addressed. Works are on schedule and the site should be finished and capped by July 2009.

