

THE NEWSLETTER OF
GREAT BURSTEAD
AND SOUTH GREEN
PARISH COUNCIL

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SPRING 2009

Parish Council
Meetings

7.30 pm start

The next meeting
on 1st April 2009
will take place at
South Green Junior
School,
Hickstars Lane,
Billericay.

DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY

CRUNCH TIMES:

LITTLE
BURSTEAD

11TH APRIL

6TH JUNE

BILLERICAY

RADFORD CRES-
CENT CAR PARK

2ND MAY

26TH JUNE

9:00AM UNTIL
12:00 NOON

BUDGET 2009/2010

The Parish Council has now set its budget for the forthcoming financial year 2009/2010 and members voted and resolved on the 3rd December 2008 to maintain the Precept at the same level as 2008/2009. The good news, especially during the current economic climate, is that this actually equates to a band 'D' figure of £11.88, an 18p reduction, as there are now more properties within the Parish.

How To Contact Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month except August each year usually at South Green Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always most welcome to attend the meetings and a period of time is defined, shortly after the start of each meeting for them to make comment to the members of the Parish Council. A visitor's book is available at each meeting for members of the public to sign and also make comment on local issues. Contact details for Parish Councillors and the clerk are displayed on the notice board at South Green and on the website at www.greatbursteadsouthgreenparishcouncil.gov.uk, should a member of the public need to make contact or raise a local issue, outside of the meetings. In addition to the monthly meetings, an Annual Parish Meeting is held each year in April or May. The date of the meeting with details of the time and actual venue is publicised also on the website, notice board and usually in the local press, a month before. The Annual Parish meeting is a great opportunity for Parishioners or those who have an interest in the Parish to make a public presentation and each year the meeting is usually well attended. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

South Green Sign refurbishment

The village sign that was erected in 2004 was recently taken down, cleaned and repainted by Alpha Signs Ltd. The sign depicts two archers and a target. This design was inspired by the green being used for archery practice on Sundays during the Middle Ages. Playing other Sunday sports on village greens was banned by King Edward I, who reigned from 1272 to 1307. When the creation of the village sign was being discussed by the Parish Council, it was decided that wrought iron was an appropriate material. The council also thought that it would be a good idea to employ local labour. The sign was therefore designed and made by Marin Hayday of the Kingswood Forge, which is located in the craft market at Barleylands Farm.

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