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Village Council Meetings

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4th April, 9th May (AGM), 13th

June, 4th July

7.30pm @ South Green

Memorial Hall



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Announcement of Local Elections -Thursday May 3rd 2012 Arrangements & Timetable

Local and Parish elections are due to be held on Thursday 3rd May 2012 after which a new Village Council will hold office for a period of 4 years. There is a set timetable for such events laid down by central Government which all local councils have to follow. The Elections in this area will be overseen and administered by Basildon Borough Council. The main dates for the timetable for the elections are listed below together with the information for anybody thinking of standing for election to the Village Council. At full complement the Village Council has 8 Councillors. All Village Councillors give their time freely and receive no financial rewards for the time devoted to the Council.

Councillors are elected for a four year term. If the vacancies are not filled by election, then Members may be co-opted. If a casual vacancy occurs, then a by-election may be called. Failing this, the replacement may be by co-option. The Election process commences with the publication of the Notice of Election which Basildon Council is required to publish by Tuesday 27 March 2012. Nomination Papers can be delivered by candidates on any day after the publication of the Notice of Election; the deadline for receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer (at The Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, SS14 1DL) will be noon on Wednesday 4 April 2012. We will then be advised of the candidates standing for election for the Gt. Burstead & South Green Village Council as soon as possible thereafter through the '**Publication of Statement of Persons Nominated**'.

Anyone interested in standing for election will need to complete and submit a Nomination Paper which should be available early March onwards from Basildon Council's website at www.basildon.gov.uk Alternatively, people can request a copy from the Electoral Services Office and a copy will be sent to them in the post.



Karen Hawkes— A Thank You The Village Council thanks Karen, who resigned last year, for her excellent contribution. While Village Clerk, Karen oversaw the installation of the timber bus shelters in Church Street, the upgrading of the area around the shops at Grange Parade and the replacement of litter bins at South Green Memorial bus stop, Grange Parade bus stop and adjacent to the green. We wish her every success in the future.

LANGHAM HALL REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Langham Hall will be open again later this year following the hard work of a group of local people to raise funds and manage the refurbishment. There was good support from local residents at a public meeting on Saturday January 21st at the Memorial Hall, where they heard about the plans to re-open the hall and were able to meet the 'Save Langham Hall' Project Team.

The new Chairman, John Bird, reported that progress is really making headway with both the plans and funding for the refurbishment work going well. Langham Hall Charitable Trust has now become a registered charity with a total of 8 Trustees and 2 Holding Trustees who will sign the lease, which is close to being signed with Basildon Borough Council.

Most of the funding has already been promised and the final funds should be achieved in February so the go ahead can be given and refurbishment work can start in late February or March. Ideas are needed from local residents, including young people and older residents about groups and activities they would like to see established at the hall when it is reopened to the local community.

For more information please contact 'Save Langham Hall' Project Team on: 07847 484 896

Introducing the Council's New Clerk

Martin Ainscough was appointed Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer to the Council at the beginning of October of last year following the departure of Karen Hawkes to pursue other opportunities and a degree qualification. Martin joins the Council with a wealth of Local Government knowledge and experience following 34+ years in Local Government working for Essex County Council and Chelmsford Borough Council. He has extensive experience as a Committee Clerk having clerked the planning committee at Chelmsford for 10 years and of Policy Development and Research having been a member of the dedicated Policy Unit working for and directly to the CEO of the Council.

In his spare time he enjoys most sports being a supporter of both Colchester United and Essex County Cricket Club. He also has a passion for history and in particular the Napoleonic Wars, The American Civil War, The British Empire and not forgetting the Crimean campaign. He is an avid toy soldier collector a hobby and interest which has allowed him to write about his favourite periods of history for a leading national toy soldier collecting publication on a regular basis.

Martin is married with two grown up children and lives in Great Baddow, Nr Chelmsford and although he does not live in the Village he is very much dedicated and committed to working with the Council for the benefit of the local Community that it serves and has already made an impact in a relatively short period of time in the role.

Street Party Fund to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Village Council are pleased to announce that they have made arrangements to create a Street Party Fund for those residents within the Village that wish to mark the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June by holding such an event.

The Village Council will donate £100.00 to a maximum of 20 street parties to be held within the Village subject to the necessary permission/authority and licences if required having first been approved and obtained from Basildon Council.

Any residents that are interested in holding a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee are advised to contact Basildon Borough Council as soon as possible to ensure that the correct procedures can be followed and that arrangements can be made for the closures in conjunction with the appropriate authorities, for example, the Police. It should be noted that the closure of any street or road is a legal process and as such notices of closure have to be published well in advance in the local press and is therefore a procedure which needs a good amount of time for the due process to be followed. To avoid disappointment it should also be noted that it might not be possible to close all roads within the Village and this matter should be checked with the appropriate officer at Basildon Council when making any initial enquiries as to what permission/authority is needed.

Applications should be in the form of a letter enclosing the documentation mentioned above addressed to the Clerk of the Council and will be dealt with on a first come first served basis

Crunch times (free mobile tip)

31 March
Carvers Wood 09.00-12.00

Mobile library -

Friday visits fortnightly: on:-

30th March, 13th & 27th April, 11th & 25th May, 8th & 22nd June @

Carvers Wood 9.30.-10.00 a.m.

Greens Farm Lane ~10.20.-10.40 a.m.

Allington Court~10.45.-11.15 a.m.

Essex Police, non emergency-101 or 0300
333 444 (in an emergency always dial 999)

We were ready for the SNOW !!

Essex County Council does its best to grit major roads when conditions are icy, but it is impossible for it to cover all our roads and footways. This autumn, it made available, via the village council, 50 bags of salt and grit for residents to use themselves to treat priority areas that would otherwise remain untreated – areas considered to be priority were roads and pavements with steep slopes, bus stops, areas leading to bus stops, school entrances and footways around our shopping area. The village council would like to thank all residents who collected a bag and are prepared to treat a section of highway local to themselves. Thanks are also due to David Belcher, our local butcher, for helping to publicise the event, and to the staff of Barleylands Recycling Centre for their help in storing and facilitating the distribution of the bags.

Next year – it is hoped that more bags of salt will become available, so watch the council notice board at South Green for details. In the event of more residents applying than bags available, the Village Council will allocate according to priority.



50 GOLDEN YEARS BEN CURTIS – GREENGROCERS SOUTH GREEN

This year we celebrate 50 years of serving our customers since we opened our doors in 1962. We were the first shop in the new shopping parade to open at South Green and have seen many changes.

We used to serve customers individually and in the 90's went over to self service. We have changed our products to match the needs of customers over the years. At first we sold mostly fresh vegetables and fruit but now we cover a wide range including vegetables, fruits, plants, flowers and birdseed to name but a few. Customers used to walk to our shop back in 1962 but now most customers come by car. Customers want to do quite a bit of shopping in one shop so we have tried to accommodate them with a wide variety of products.

It's a good shopping parade here and we're lucky to be have some other good shops in the parade to attract customers. We have many loyal customers who have been shopping with us, some of them for those 50 years - so we say - thank you to our all our customers and we look forward to the next 50 years.

The Council thanks Ben for his support that he always gives to the local community and charities.



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Neighbourhood Policing

Non-urgent local issues 07969
365610

Report non-emergency crime and
incidents 0300 333 4444 ext 45827

Barley Land Activities planned over
the Easter period:-

