



THE VILLAGE VOICE

Bringing you all the news from

Great Burstead and South Green Village Council

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THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WISHES RESIDENTS A VERY HAPPY EASTER

Village Council Meetings

(Open to the public)

South Green Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

12th APRIL 2017

3rd MAY 2017

7th JUNE 2017

(see Website/Notice Boards for further details)

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Notice Board on South Green

Notice Board at St Mary Magdalene Church Street

MAKE A DATE FOR FUN DAY FUN ON SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

The Village Council are pleased to announce that we are once again hosting a Fun Day on The Green, Southend Road, Billericay on Sunday 27th August from 12.30 to 4.30 (free entrance).

In addition to the usual attractions, the dog show, bouncy castles, etc., Eden Falconry will be giving a bird display which will be entertaining, interactive and

educational. They will have a static stand and will also, weather permitting, be flying some of their birds. Make a note of the date in your diary. If you would like to participate then please contact Councillor Linda Willingham via email:

keithandlinda.willingham@yahoo.co.uk

See the Village Council website for further information.

VILLAGE COUNCIL'S GRANT MAINTAINS HALL FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Trustees of the hall thanked Great Burstead and South Green Village Council for the funding grant to assist with the costs of replacing the roof of South Green Memorial Hall.



A leak revealed that the entire roof needed replacing and an initial quote was obtained. An application was made to the Village Council for a grant of £1,830 and this was approved. The work began and it was then found that the insulation was insufficient and that some beams needed replacing. This resulted in a substantial further sum being required to complete the works. Once again a grant application was made to the Village Council - this time for £5,000.

After consideration the Village Council decided that as the hall formed such an integral part of the village the grant should be approved.

The works have now been completed with limited disruption to the regular and casual hirers. The Village Council also made a grant towards the installation of the new central heating which took place in 2013.

Hall Trustees stated that without these grants, and other contributions towards vital hall repairs, maintaining the hall would be a difficult task. Trustees were grateful for the Village Council's continued support.

PRECEPT HELD

7th YEAR

RUNNING

For the seventh year running the Village Council has set the precept at the same cost. The precept is the portion of your Council Tax which goes to the Village Council to fund the services and activities it provides to residents.

At £11.43 for a Band D property it is the lowest precept of all the local Basildon councils. The precept will be higher or lower on different bands.

While maintaining prudent finances the Village Council still manages to provide services such as hanging baskets, Christmas lights, Fun Day and grants to local worthy causes.

VILLAGE COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Would you like to become a Village Councillor and serve your local community. Why not apply? It's a great opportunity for you to have some input into the future of the village. Should you require any further information or to obtain an application form with full details of qualifying status, please contact the Village Clerk.

NEW VILLAGE SIGN GREAT BURSTEAD

Plans for the sign are now moving forward. Essex County Council and Basildon Borough Council have approved its siting. The design has been approved by the Village Council and Essex County Council have also approved planting of low flowering plants around the base of the sign.

The Village Council is delighted the sign will be erected this year. A ceremony will be arranged later this year at which residents will be welcome. Please watch our notice boards and website for information nearer the time.

BENCH ON THE GREEN DEDICATED TO LEN TURNER

The Village Council have installed a bench on the green with a plaque acknowledging the work of Len Turner in the community. He was Chairman of the Thursday Club at South Green Memorial Hall and a stalwart member of many other societies both in our village and in Billericay town. Len took pride in the village often going out with a black sack to collect rubbish and he came on all the Village Council Litter Picks.

The bench and plaque provide a lasting memory of Len.

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE

Have you ever wondered how roads in the village were named? Some village roads date back hundreds of years. Grange Road is named after Burstead Grange as there were very large barns in the area to store corn. This was a granary which is also known as a grange. Look out for more history facts in the next issue of the Village Voice.

LOCAL PLAN LATEST CONSULTATION UPDATE

In December the Village Council submitted a formal response to Basildon Borough Council's consultation on New and Alternative Sites related to the Local Plan.

The Village Council objected to each site. The major objections were: damage to the green belt, the detrimental effect on the local environment and the pressure which would be created on local infrastructure such as roads, schools, and GP surgeries which cannot accommodate more housing.

The full response can be viewed on our website.

CHANGE TO WASTE RECYCLING CONSULTATION

The Village Council responded to the consultation as a consultee in December 2016. The response raised concerns relating to the proposed changes. The full response can be viewed on our website.

MOBILE LIBRARY

April – 7, 21 May – 5, 19 June – 2, 16, 30
Carvers Wood - 10.00 Allington Court- 10.50

THE CRUNCH REFUSE COLLECTION

1st April - Billericay Carvers Wood 9-12am
8th April - Billericay David's Walk 9-12am
29th April - Billericay Hannikins Farm 9-12am

YOUR VILLAGE COUNCILLORS

Councillor Bob Chapman
Councillor Burt Cottle
Councillor John Dear
Councillor Marie Dear (Chairman)
Councillor Linda Willingham (Vice Chairman)

Please contact through Village Clerk