



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

*Great Burstead and South Green*

*Village Council*



WINTER 2019 Edition 11

Village Council Meetings (Open to the public)

South Green Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

4th Dec 2019, 8th Jan 2020, 5th Feb 2020

(see Website/Notice Boards for further details)

Mrs Mel Linwood

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**THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WISHES ALL RESIDENTS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**CCTV UPDATE** The Village Council has been progressing this project and are pleased to let residents know it is anticipated that UKPowernetworks will be installing the first phase of the necessary electrical connections in January 2020. The project is a complex one with many agencies involved including the suppliers. This has involved liaising with them all to ensure that residents have CCTV at South Green. This step forward makes it likely that the CCTV will be operational at South Green later in 2020. Residents have expressed their support of the project.

## **PATHS ON THE GREEN**

The Village Council is investigating having the internal paths on the green refurbished. For health's sake the paths will be marked with distance e.g. how many metres/yards covered by walkers/joggers. The refurbishment will also mean the disabled and elderly can use the paths within the green with greater ease. The project is at an early stage and is at the request of residents.



### **New Councillor Lesley Cowles**

Lesley was born in Billericay, moving away when she got married to return 14 years ago. She is retired after previously working in the print and pharmaceutical industry. Lesley enjoys writing,

pottery, gardening, and history, including compiling her family tree, and looks forward to becoming more involved in village life. Lesley has suggested two new initiatives to the Village Council: appointing Youth Village Councillors and visiting organisations to share what the Village Council does for the village. If you would like Lesley to attend an organisation please email her: [lesley.cowles@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk](mailto:lesley.cowles@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk)

**ANOTHER FUN DAY SUCCESS** - It was the hottest Bank Holiday Sunday ever recorded. Essex Reptiles, Punch & Judy, bouncy castles, hook a duck, and Grays Brass band proved very popular. The appearance of Elsa and Spider Man and a roaming magician made the day for the children. Tea and light refreshments were provided by the WI in the hall where there was also face painting. All the entertainment was provided free for residents by the Village Council. Thanks to everyone who gave invaluable assistance on the day in setting up and dismantling. Cllr Willingham will be organising the Fun Day again next year on **Sunday 30th August**. For further details please email her: [linda.willingham@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk](mailto:linda.willingham@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk)

**COMMUNITY SPECIAL CONSTABLES** - Are you interested in serving your community as a Community Special Constable? Then why not apply for one of the two voluntary vacancies in our Village. The Village Council will cover allowances and expenses. For more information please see:

[www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary](http://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary)



### **New Councillor Linda Thomas**

Linda was born in Billericay and has lived in South Green most of her life as have her family. Linda has seen many changes in the area over the years; however she believes it still retains its

community character. Linda is the Village Council's Footpath Representative, enjoys walking and has walked many of the local footpaths. She also enjoys Pilates, Yoga, writing and painting. Linda is a Trustee of one of the courts of The Foresters Friendly Society. Linda hopes her membership of the Village Council will ensure that the area continues to be a great place to live and work both now and in the future.



**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LITTER PICK** - Meet Willow: at 4 months old, she is the youngest ever resident to take part in one of our litter picks. She even got a certificate for participating! She was one of 8 members of the public who came along on 1st June and collected 8 bags of rubbish. Thank you all!

**YOUTH VILLAGE COUNCILLORS** The Village Council is calling on young people of secondary school age to become Youth Village Councillors. Although Youth Village Councillors would not have voting rights their views could be influential in our decision making process. If you are interested in your community and would like to be a Youth Village Councillor please contact the Village Clerk.

#### **SOUTH GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL'S GENEROUS FOODBANK SUPPORT**

South Green Junior School has kindly agreed a foodbank collection bin being in the reception area of the school. This will enable pupils, staff and parents to donate non-perishable food items for the foodbank. At July's Annual Parish meeting Village Councillors made personal foodbank donations and intend to donate again at the December meeting of the Village Council. The foodbank is based at St John's Church, Outwood Common. For more information about the foodbank or if you need its services please call: 07707 466 262 for an informal chat.

**NEW BENCH ON THE GREEN** - Three groups of residents approached the Village Council about a new bench on the Green to commemorate their relatives. Previously other residents had asked for an extra bench on the Southend Road side of the green. A location was selected with the help of Basildon Borough Council. The Village Council approved the siting of the bench. The residents who wished to commemorate their relatives fully funded the bench which was installed by Basildon Borough Council.

Not only is the bench a useful addition to the green for all residents it also provides those who funded the bench a place to sit and contemplate happy memories of their relatives who were local residents.

#### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Village Council arranged for the Christmas lights at South Green to be lit from 22nd November and as in previous years they provide a sparkling reminder of the festive season.

#### **NEW VILLAGE CLERK**

The Village Council is happy to announce the appointment of a Mrs Mel Linwood, who joined the Village Council in September. She has worked in the City of London and has an administrative background. She also has experience working as a local council planning clerk.



Mrs Linwood is enthusiastic about being Clerk to the Village Council and is eager to assist the Village Council and residents.

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

##### **ST MARY MAGDALENE GREAT BURSTEAD**

Village Councillors attended the solemn church service on 10th November lead by Fr Graham Laut. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Village Council at the plaque to the fallen in the Church porch.

**COXES FARM ROAD** - We raised speeding concerns regarding with Essex County Council requesting a reduction to the 40mph speed limit. A speed survey was carried out between 21st/27th November 2018 with monitoring magnetic strips at either end of the road. We felt these sites would not fully reflect the high speeds vehicles regularly achieve. When the speed survey was taken it was set against a speed limit of 60mph at the north end of Coxes Farm Road. The Village Council pointed out that the speed limit there was in fact 40mph and were informed that it made little difference. All avenues have now been exhausted. Should residents wish to pursue this issue please contact your local Essex County Councillors.

#### **Your Village Councillors are:**

##### **Councillor Alan Boyce**

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##### **Councillor Linda Thomas**

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##### **Councillor Linda Willingham (Vice Chairman)**

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