



THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Great Burstead and South Green Village Council

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WISHING RESIDENTS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Village Council Meetings

(Open to the public)

South Green Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

6th DECEMBER 2017

3rd JANUARY 2018

7th FEBRUARY 2018

(see Website/Notice Boards for further details)

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Notice Board on South Green

Notice Board at St Mary Magdalene Church Street

FANTASTIC FUN DAY SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

The annual Fun Day on the Green on the 27th August hosted a dog show, bouncy castles, brass band, face painting and stalls. Eden Falconry attended for the first time and their birds gave a dazzling flying display. Punch & Judy shows by Professor Joe entertained parents and children alike. A walk about magician provided extra fun. There were craft and information stalls in the Memorial Hall where refreshments were

provided by South Green Women's Institute. The event was very well supported by residents who have given very positive feedback. The Village Council thanks all those who manned pitches and assisted getting the site ready. Next year's event is on Sunday 26th August 2018. For further information if you would like to attend please contact: Cllr Linda Willingham Email: keithandlinda.willingham@yahoo.co.uk

2020 – Four Hundred Years Since the Mayflower Sailed



Great Burstead is the ancient village where in the 1600s the Puritan, Christopher Martin, was Church Warden of St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead.

Christopher Martin was in dispute with the church authorities, refusing to kneel to receive communion. This led him to sell the land he owned in Great Burstead, join the Pilgrim Fathers and seek a new life in America. In 1620 the Mayflower set sail for Plymouth Harbour, Massachusetts, USA.

Since we are approaching the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower sailing to America and Christopher Martin played such an important role, as Passenger Governor of the Mayflower, the Village Council is considering an event to mark the occasion.

If residents feel they would like to be involved or have suggestions regarding an event would they please contact the Village Clerk.

NEW VILLAGE SIGN GREAT BURSTEAD

The village sign is now being manufactured by a specialist company. Permission has been granted for low planting around the base of the sign which will be perfect for a spring 2018 installation event.

Keep an eye on our website and notice boards for the installation event date and timing.

CLLR ALAN BOYCE - NEW VILLAGE COUNCILLOR

Alan has lived in Great Burstead and South Green for two years, having lived in Havering for the previous forty-two years. He retired eight years ago and is married with two grown up children who now have their own families including his three grand-children. Alan is slowly getting to know and understand the area he now calls home. Alan wishes to assist the Village Council in maintaining its high standards for Great Burstead and South Green.



VILLAGE COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Would you like to become a Village Councillor and serve your local community? It's a great opportunity for you to have some input into the future of the village. For further information please contact the Village Clerk.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, GREAT BURSTEAD

Village Councillors attended this solemn service and laid a wreath for the fallen of the parish.

The dignified and fitting Service was conducted by Rev Graham Laut.



SPRING CLEAN LITTER PICK

The Village Council is planning a litter pick in Spring 2018. If you are interested in taking part please contact Councillor Bob Chapman via his email address: robert.chapman5854@gmail.com

VIRGIN MEDIA FIBRE OPTIC INSTALLATION

The Village Council has been contacted by residents with concerns about damage and upheaval to infrastructure such as roads, grass verges and pavements resulting from this installation.

The Village Council, whilst not against technological improvements to broadband connectivity, has raised the concerns of residents directly with Virgin Media, Mr John Baron MP and Essex County Council who are overseeing the works.

A fibre optic connection box was erected on the green at South Green by Virgin Media contractors. The

Village Council followed this up with Basildon Borough Council, the registered owners of the green. Basildon Council enforcement officers investigated the issue and informed the Village Council that as the government had passed legislation allowing the installation there was little they could do as Virgin Media were acting in accordance with the legislation.

As the Village Council can only report concerns to the appropriate authorities, residents are advised to write to Virgin Media, their MP and Essex County Council with any issues regarding the installation.

FUNDING WITHDRAWN FOR MUCH NEEDED PARKING AT SOUTH GREEN SHOPS

In September 2017 the Regeneration and Environment Committee of Basildon Borough Council withdrew the £78,000 of funding for removal of the recycling point at South Green and extension of the area for much needed extra parking. The Chairman of the Village Council, Cllr Marie Dear, attended the Committee to express the Village Council's views. A shortened version follows:

"There are two strong reasons to remove the recycling point at South Green: Firstly, hard working, retailers, many independent, are struggling due to insufficient parking at South Green Parade of shops. Residents drive around trying to find a parking spot and then go elsewhere to shop. Retailers and the post office provide vital services to local residents.

Secondly, the Southwood Court apartments are in close proximity to the recycling point. In 2014 elderly

Southwood Court residents raised a petition for the removal of the recycling point. In 2015 the Village Council raised a petition, signed by 175 residents, for its removal. The noise of bottles smashing at all hours of the day and night are a blight on residents. We have an efficient kerbside refuse collection service calling at all residences which collects all rubbish from homes.

For years the Village Council has been approached by retailers and residents calling for the recycling point's removal. The Village Council strongly recommends that the recycling point is removed and the land is used for extra parking which will also stop the noise nuisance from the recycling point."

Despite this the £78,000 was withdrawn from South Green. The Village Council have not been informed how the withdrawn funds will be administered.

MOBILE LIBRARY 2018

January 12th & 16th, February 9th & 23rd
Carvers Wood - 10.00 Allington Court- 10.50

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON WITHDRAWAL OF MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Village Council has responded objecting to the withdrawal of this important service.

YOUR VILLAGE COUNCILLORS

Councillor Alan Boyce
Councillor Bob Chapman
Councillor John Dear
Councillor Marie Dear (Chairman)
Councillor Linda Willingham (Vice Chairman)
Please contact through Village Clerk