



THE VILLAGE VOICE

Great Burstead and South Green

Village Council



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Village Council Meetings (Open to the public)

South Green Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

2nd JANUARY, 6th FEBRUARY, 6th MARCH 2019

(see Website/Notice Boards for further details)

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL RESIDENTS

GREAT BURSTEAD VILLAGE SIGN



YEARS of preparation by the Village Council came to fruition on 13th May, 2018 when Village Councillors and residents attended the unveiling of Great Burstead's new village sign.

Set in the most historic part of the village, a few yards from the Grade 1 listed building of St Mary Magdalene, the sign displays the area's long farming tradition and the church. In the early 1600s Christopher Martin was Church Warden of St Mary Magdalene, after disagreeing with the church authorities he joined the pilgrims and set sail for America with his wife and stepson, as Passenger Governor of the Mayflower. These historic facts are depicted in the sign.

The Chairman, Cllr Marie Dear, was delighted to invite Mr Bert Cottle, who created drawings for the sign while he was a Village Councillor, to unveil the sign. The sign is designed to be a focal point in the community of Great Burstead and has been very well received by residents.

INDOOR FUN DAY

The Fun Day took place in South Green Memorial Hall instead of on The Green as the weather was inclement. Unfortunately this meant canceling some outdoor attractions but kindly the bouncy castle suppliers and the brass band waived their fees. Cllr Willingham arranged a quick move into

the hall that proved a great success. Punch & Judy, face painting, W.I. refreshments, hook a duck, ball in a bucket, Grenfell pre-school tombola, St Mary Magdalene bric-a-brac and craft stalls, Angela's dog toys and Rachel's wood engraving, entertained residents. Stanley Crowe ran a St Lukes Hospice stall raising £67.78 for them.

Elsa and Spiderman made an appearance and kept the children amused as did the roving magician with slight of hand card tricks and balloon making. The weather was bad outside but great fun was had inside the hall. Thanks to all who attended and helped on the day. **Make a date in your 2019 diaries**
Fun Day - Sunday 25th August.



New Village Councillor Suzy Crowe

has lived in our parish for 5 years with her family after previously living in Basildon. A keen mountain biker she can often be seen cycling the bridleways around Billericay or walking her 2 dogs in local country parks and nature reserves. As an enthusiastic mud runner she enjoys overcoming the challenging obstacles. Suzy is eager to support the Village Council in their desire to maintain and improve Great Burstead and South Green.

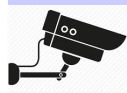


NEW VILLAGE CLERK - The Village Council is happy to announce the appointment of a Mrs Nicki Watkins, who joined the Village Council in April, replacing Mr Martin Ainscough following his retirement after seven years.

Nicki previously worked in the City as an employee relations adviser and is experienced in finance and administration. She is enthusiastic about her role and keen to provide a good service to the Village Council and its community. Nicki has lived in Billericay for 20 years and is a school governor at her local primary school.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES UPDATE

An application to volunteer as Special Constable for the village is progressing. The applicant has been successful at an assessment centre, which is the first stage of the recruitment process. The next stage requires full vetting, receipt of satisfactory references and a medical. Once these requirements have been met, the 15 days foundation training commences. After this initial training a longer training period will follow. It is a lengthy process but the first steps have been taken which is welcome news for our village. If you are interested in the second vacancy see www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary



CCTV AT SOUTH GREEN INSTALLATION

The project is moving along and it is anticipated that CCTV will be installed later this year or early in 2019. CCTV will provide extra security for residents and will cover the area of the shops and surroundings. The cameras will be blocked from viewing private residences. When the Special Constable is appointed they can have access to the system.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, GREAT BURSTEAD

Village Councillors attended this solemn service, which also commemorated the centenary of the end of WW1. Cllr Willingham laid a wreath for the fallen of the parish. The service was conducted by Rev Michael Hall.

Coxes Farm Road Traffic Survey. The Village Council has contacted Essex County Council who have agreed to carry out a traffic survey on Coxes Farm Road.

VILLAGE COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Would you like to become a Village Councillor and serve your local community? For further information please contact the Village Clerk.

LOCAL PLAN LATEST REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION

Following approval of the Revised Publication Local Plan at Basildon Borough Council on 18th October the Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation opened on 1st November and **closes on 17th December**.

Relevant documents can be viewed at www.basildon.gov.uk/planningconsultation.

Residents can send responses to Basildon Borough Council or email: planningpolicy@basildon.gov.uk

The Village Council formed a Working Party earlier in the year who have been working hard to produce a strong response. The Village Council response will be approved at the December meeting and will be published on our website and notice boards. Unlike previous consultation responses, which were reviewed by Basildon Borough Council, the Regulation 19 response will be sent by Basildon straight to the Planning Inspectorate who will make the final decision.

THE LITTER PICK on 22 September, led by Cllr Chapman, covered a wide area and was a success as 7 bags of litter were collected. Abigail Raft, who came with her parents, was given a Certificate of Participation in appreciation. **The next litter pick will be held on**



Saturday 1st June 2019.

REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS ON THE GREEN

The bollards on the Grange Road side of the green were damaged by vehicles and some were loose. The Village Council arranged and funded for some to be replaced and others reinstated. The bollards now protect the green again.

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