



# The Village Voice

Great Burstead & South Green Village Council



## NEW BOLLARDS SOUTH GREEN SHOPS

OVER THE last few years traffic has increased significantly outside the Tesco Express side of the shopping parade at South Green. Although there is a lay-by outside these shops drivers were mounting the pavement causing danger to pedestrians and blocking the pavement.

The Village Council worked with Essex County Council to resolve this dangerous parking. The bollards were installed this summer. They look attractive and have been effective in stopping the inconsiderate parking at that end of the parade of shops.

## NEW COMPACTIBLE BIN OUTSIDE TESCO EXPRESS

THE BIN outside Tesco Express was the most used at South Green. Although emptied regularly it was always overflowing. To tidy the area for residents the Village Council decided to install a solar powered bin which compacts waste. This enables the bin to collect five times the amount of waste before it needs emptying. Sensors automatically compact the waste when necessary and send an alert when the waste needs to be collected.

To ensure the bin would fit in with the surroundings the Village Council decided that it should carry images of the Village. As it is solar powered it is also economical to run. Residents have commented on the effectiveness of the bin as it has helped to stop the unsightly waste that accumulated.



## DEFIBRILLATOR AT SOUTH GREEN SHOPS

THE VILLAGE Council has been working for nearly 2 years to have a defibrillator installed at South Green Parade of shops. The Village Clerk applied for a 50% grant for its funding and we matched the grant.

Retailers have been very helpful in trying to identify a suitable position at the shops. Jeremy of Tyler Estate Agents very kindly offered the front of his premises but installation advisers recommended the defibrillator should be located in the site lines of the CCTV for security reasons.

We then approached Belchers Butchers and Jennings & Curtis Greengrocers. Both retailers were happy for the equipment to be positioned between their stores but the final position was chosen nearer Belchers Butchers. We thank David of the butchers and Andy and Ben of the greengrocers and Day Lewis Pharmacy for their efforts to help residents with this vital piece of equipment.

It is now installed and will be a great safety addition for our Village.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

ST MARY Magdalene Great Burstead hold a Remembrance Service each year. All are welcome to attend. This year the date is: Sunday 10th November. The service is usually held at 10am. For further information please view online: [greatburstead-church.co.uk](http://greatburstead-church.co.uk)

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Ferret in a Tube

## FUN DAY 6 JULY

COUNCILLORS WOKE to a wet day for the Fun Day but quickly swung into action to transfer many of the attractions to the hall which the Village Council had already booked.

Many of the stalls were able to display their goods. Barleylands representatives gave a fantastic display which really captivated the children. There were: ferrets, a rock python, a vulture, barn owl, falcon and last but not least a frog. The birds of prey were marvellous to see flying around the hall and the ferrets dashing through a long tube that the children held was amazing. The children also enjoyed face painting and balloon making. Tea and cakes were on hand from the WI. Lucky dips and a raffle raised money for Basildon Hospital.

Although the weather was a disappointment the day was a success and funds were raised for our local hospital.



Ferret

## THANK YOU TO VILLAGE RETAILERS FOR FUN DAY SUPPORT



David's Quality Meats – Butchers

Day Lewis – Chemists

Fresh & Tasty – Café & Bakers

JB's Florist

Jennings & Curtis – Greengrocers

South Grill

Tops Hair Fashions

Tyler Estate Agents



## BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL WASTE COLLECTION TEAM VISIT

AT THE September Village Council meeting Members were pleased to welcome two representatives from Basildon Borough Council Waste Collection team who shared information on the purpose of the public survey which was to be completed by 29 September and the possible changes that may be put in place.

We hope residents found the time to complete the survey on this important service. We thank the waste team representatives for attending our meeting and answering councillors' queries regarding the survey and waste collection in the district generally.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

THE VILLAGE Council has arranged for the same supplier to install the Christmas lights this year which looked so beautiful in Church Street in the trees around the Village sign and in the trees on the green opposite the shops last year. Although it is a bit early we wish all our residents a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



## NEW COUNCILLOR DAVID SARBUTT

THE VILLAGE Council is glad to welcome a new councillor. Cllr David Sarbutt has joined the Village Council as he wants to use his experience for the benefit of residents. He has lived in the Village many years and is looking forward to working for residents.





Roman artefacts

## KENNEL LANE SITE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION UNCOVERS ROMAN PAST

DESPITE THE Village Council and Basildon Borough Council strongly objecting to development on the Kennel Lane site outline planning has been granted to build 179 homes on land bounded by the A176 to the east and Kennel Lane to the north. The developers, Hill Partnership, were required to arrange a pre-construct Archaeological Investigation.

On 18 July councillors and interested residents were invited to visit the excavation and take part in an interactive archaeological experience. This proved to be an enlightening insight into the Roman history of the village. The Billericay School site, the Billericay School Farm site, (now Bell Hill Close) and the Kennel Lane site once formed part of a Roman settlement.

Professional archaeologists from the Cratus Group were on site explaining the process for excavating and determining the origins of the artefacts found. There were examples of: Roman pottery, coins, buttons, lead shot, part of a badge, a thimble, parts of amphora and Roman roof tiles. Other artefacts included animal bones, evidence of pottery kilns and ancient Roman drainage systems. If human remains were found the teeth would be forensically examined as strontium isotopes in teeth help determine the country of origin.

During Roman times wheat was grown in the area which was transported to Europe. Most recently the Kennel Lane site was farmed by a tenant farmer and the last crop was hay.

The site has been mapped using GPS and metal detectors have been run over the site. The investigation will not affect the planning process as the finds are not of historic significance but the site has been mapped for posterity.

The official Archaeological Report will take up to six months to complete as all the artefacts have to be analysed and recorded. It will then be published in the Essex Journal.



Bob Chapman and John Dear

## KING CHARLES III PORTRAIT & THANK YOU TO COUNCILLORS

THIS YEAR councils and other organisations were offered a free portrait of King Charles III to display. The Village Council were happy to accept the portrait and arrange for it to be installed and displayed at South Green Memorial Hall.

At the same time it was an opportunity to show our gratitude to two Village Councillors who have given long service to the council and worked on residents' behalf before stepping down. Bob Chapman and John Dear were thanked by all members for their many years of service.



## PLANTING AROUND THE VILLAGE

THE VILLAGE Council has continued organising planting around the Village. At the bell bollards South Green, the notice board South Green and the Village Sign in Church Street, Great Burstead. Residents have commented how pleased they are with the displays. This year has seen a very wet spring and an exceptionally dry summer yet the displays have looked splendid.

## WHERE TO REPORT CONCERNS

THE VILLAGE Council is responsible for: Planning Consultee – responding to all planning applications including the Local Plan, Christmas Lights, Litter Picks, Village Fun Day and projects like the defibrillator, CCTV and compactible bin. If residents have concerns covered by Essex County

Council or Basildon Borough Council please log these on the responsible authority's website. This will ensure concerns are raised as quickly as possible. After logging a concern a reference number is given enabling residents to follow progress.

### Relevant contact details are below:



#### Essex County Council

Highways (including potholes and bus stops),  
Education, Social Services, Fire Services, Street Lighting  
[www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)  
Tel: 345 743 0430



#### Basildon Borough Council

Street Cleaning, Leisure & Recreation, Planning,  
Licensing, Social Housing, Refuse Collection  
[www.basildon.gov.uk](http://www.basildon.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01268 533333

### YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

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### YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

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**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER: 101**

## VILLAGE COUNCILLOR VACANCY

APPLICATIONS ARE invited from Members of the Public to become a Great Burstead and South Green Village Councillor. Why not apply? It's a great opportunity for you to have some input into the future of Great Burstead and South Green. Should you require any further information or to obtain an application form with full details of qualifying status, please visit our website [www.greatbursteadsouthgreenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.greatbursteadsouthgreenparishcouncil.gov.uk) or contact the Village Clerk, Mrs M Linwood: [clerk@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk)

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

VILLAGE COUNCIL meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at South Green Memorial Hall Committee Room starting at 7pm. Please note there is no meeting in August. The public and press are welcome to attend.



## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

THE VILLAGE Council has created a Facebook page to keep residents updated on our activities and events. Today communication has become easier for those who have access to the internet and we took this into account when making this decision. We hope residents will visit our Facebook page

and post a "like" there.

However, we know that many of our residents do not have access to the internet and with that in mind we will continue to produce the Village Voice in paper format to be delivered to all households in our parish.

### Residents can find us on:

Village Council Website: [www.greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk/](http://www.greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk/)

Facebook – Great Burstead and South Green Village Council

Twitter Account: [Twitter.com/GBSGVC](https://twitter.com/GBSGVC)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/gbsgvc/](https://www.instagram.com/gbsgvc/)

## VILLAGE COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

Councillor Alan Boyce  
Councillor Lesley Cowles (Planning Rep)  
Councillor Suzy Crowe (Media Rep)  
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Councillor David Sarbutt  
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