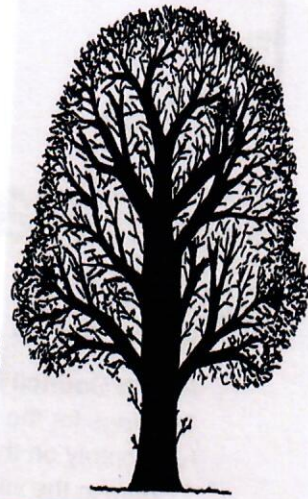


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VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

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LOOKING FORWARD

It won't be long before Easter arrives. There are newly planted daffodils and other spring bulbs planted throughout the village ready to burst into bloom so, things are looking good for our Easter celebrations.



Easter Egg Hunt

We plan to have our annual Easter Egg hunt, which will take place on Sunday 27th March 10-30am to 1pm. The walk will start opposite the Dukes Head pub passing through Laindon Common Woods, Easter eggs can be found with the aid of a quiz sheet.



We will return back to the village hall for a hot cup of tea and bacon sandwich along with activities for all the kids. We look forward to seeing you.

MORE PLANS FOR 2016

SORRY no Burstead in Bloom this year but, we will have another Music In the Meadow in June (dates to follow). WE provide the music, you provide the BBQ!

FAMILY FUN DAY - 3rd Sept

After last years success we plan to hold another FUN DAY for all the family- rounders cricket, bouncy castle- just sit back and enjoy a glass of wine, and a sandwich



SOMETHING NEW...

Cruising down the river..

Would you like to join us for a day out?

Hiring a coach and cruising on a barge with cake and a glass of wine. If you are interested contact Kim Barford 01277 652 057

Alternatively...

What about a night at the races? Join us for a trip to Chelmsford Race Course, where we will have dinner and time to back a few winners just for fun. Like to know more? Contact Roger Savage 01268 416 520



MIDDLE AGE IS WHEN YOU KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND, BUT DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING IT

ROLLER BALL



Although Rod Mansfield has taken a well earned rest from running our village Roller Ball and we thank him for all of his support, we still plan to carry on with this money raising scheme. We do need your continued support and more new members. Remember you could win ££ £'s and help keep our village hall maintained and provide to other good causes.

Ron and Tracy Whitt at 1 Cooper Cottages, Laindon Common Road (tel 01277 655 219) have kindly offered to take over responsibility so we can keep the fund raising going.

However, as the National Lottery have complicated matters by adding more balls, sadly which we have no takers for, we will be using the Health Lottery Bonus Ball results. These can be seen on Friday evenings televised on Channel at 9.55pm



PERHAPS THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH WOULD BE WIDER IF MORE PEOPLE USED IT

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Parish Council News

Meetings for the forthcoming year will be held bi-monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Dates are:
9th March, Annual Parish Meeting 24th March

Parish Council Matters – Please contact the clerk, Kim Barford. After 6 happy years I will be leaving 28th February but have enjoyed the role immensely, and leave with many new friends in the village.

So, from 1st March, please contact my successor, **Christine Barlow**, who we warmly welcome to Little Burstead. Her contact details:

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LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 5th MAY 2016

All the Councillors on Little Burstead Parish Council are elected every four years and on 5th May this year there will be an election to fill the 5 seats on the Council. The Notice of election will be published on 30th March and nominations have to be received by Electoral Services at Basildon Borough Council by 4pm on Thursday 7th April. To ask about the role of a local councillor and the qualification rules (also viewable on our website) please contact the Clerk on 01268 725236 or via email littlebursteadpc@gmail.com

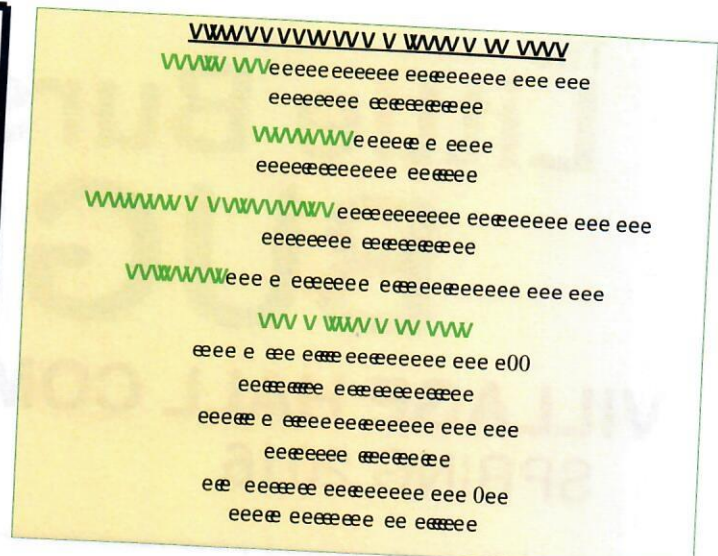
Casual Member Vacancy – To achieve even more we need to be at full complement.

Would you like to be involved in community matters and have a say in the future of Little Burstead? There is a casual vacancy now. If you'd like to apply or have any questions regarding the role of a parish councillor please contact the clerk. It's a great opportunity to see if the role of parish councillor is for you for an interim period with the Local Council Elections coming up soon, in May.

Basildon Draft Local Plan Consultation –An opportunity for you to Have Your Say!

The Basildon Council Draft Local Plan is now out for consultation, with the consultation running until Thursday, 24 March. The consultation documents including details of how to respond can be found following links on the Basildon Council website or, in Little Burstead, officers from the Strategic Planning, Housing and Regeneration Strategy Team will be attending on the **9th March Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm**

Please contact our Clerk, Christine Barlow regarding any Parish Council enquiries on: 01268 725236 Mobile 07758 255621
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to give a presentation and provide information. You are invited to come along. Alternatively there are local Public Exhibitions being held at
Monday 22nd February 2pm - 8pm
Saturday 12th March 10.30am - 4.30pm
Both at Billericay Day Centre, Chantry Way
All residents are encouraged to have their say and respond to the consultation which will, once a final document is adopted in 2018, guide all local development within the Borough until 2034

Little Burstead Circular Footpath You will hopefully have noticed all of the waymarker posts now installed. In the coming weeks signs indicating the direction of the route and improved signage for the existing public rights of way will be mounted. A village walk is to be planned for the Spring with a date to be announced at the 9th March meeting. Hope you can join us! Artwork for the lecterns and information leaflets is underway and will be available in the coming months.

Laindon Common Road - Speed/Traffic Calming, 20mph zone and Community Speedwatch. The parish council understands validation of the request, submitted Autumn last year to the Essex CC Local Highways Panels nearing completion. Let's hope for positive news, soon. A working party, which incorporates the steering group has been formed with Cllr David Clark as chair.

Re CSW, it's good news. 13 volunteers have come forward and are currently undergoing training by Essex Police. If you'd also like to take part or require further information please contact the clerk or Cllr David Clark.

7.5 tonne vehicle weight limit. In recent years a member of the ETS team gave a presentation on their work at the Annual Parish Meeting and will be invited to attend again this year to speak and give advice regarding this and other matters.

THE CRUNCH Will be at Laindon Common Car Park, **Saturday, 19th March and 30th April, 9am to 12 noon.**

Essex CC - REPORT IT We encourage those of you who are aware of any drainage, pot holes or any other highway problems at any time to get in touch via the REPORT IT page on the county council website www.essex.gov.uk or telephone number 0845 603 7631.