

The Little Burstead BUGLE

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS AUTUMN 2013



WHAT A SUMMER!

Well it's almost over and the nights are starting to get a little cooler, time to think of our village events for Autumn.

Before moving on, we would like to thank everyone who helped make our Summer events so successful, starting with Burstead in Bloom in June, Music in the Meadow in July (albeit a little damp!) and the Cricket match at the beginning of September. These were very well supported and monies raised for various charities.

COMING SOON

Our firework night will be on the 1st November and tickets will be soon available from any committee member. Ticket prices Adults £7.00 and children £3.00. If these are purchased before the night this will save time at the entrance.



Time of opening will be 6.00 pm and the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm., fireworks to start by 7.30pm.

Why not get the children to make a guy for our annual competition, these will be judged before we light the bonfire and there are prizes to be won. We are always grateful of any offers of help for this evening so if your are interested **please contact Rod or Val Mansfield, on 01277 622053.** Here's to a great night!

**"An un-named man from Little Burstead
Found that his bonfire needed more fuel
So he threw in Uncle James
To heighten the flames
A measure effective - Though cruel ! "**



Christmas is coming...

Sorry to mention the C word, but Christmas is really coming! After last years successful Christmas dinner in the village hall we are already making plans for this years extravaganza . If you would like to join us for this years Christmas

dinner please contact any committee member and they will be able to give you all the details, please reserve a place soon as there is only a limited number available.

"I don't want to retire I am not good at cross word puzzles!"

LITTLE BURSTEAD ROLLERBALL LOTTERY

Little Burstead has had its own lottery for several years. It is a fun and simple way to support our events and the villager hall. It costs £50 per year (£1 per week) and pays out £24.50 a week in prize money. A sponsor is allocated a number between 1 and 49 and whatever number comes upon the bonus ball of Saturdays National Lottery is the winner!. We have just six numbers left available to purchase, so if you are interested please contact Rod Mansfield on 01277 628 053. **You are over 300,000 more times likely to win than the National Lottery.. It's got to be worth a go!!!!**



WI NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Women's Institute (WI) was formed in 1915 since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. The WI will celebrate its centenary in 2015 Little Burstead WI needs more members with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. The ladies of the Parish need your to help keep this superb organisation running. As you are aware the WI helps in so many ways and provides a wonderful meeting places for all ladies of all ages— why not join in and keep the good old British tradition going!!

For more info call ROS DEAN 01277 631 227



STOP PRESS.... SALT HAS BE DELIVERED TO THE FARM SHOP AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR PARISH RESIDENTS TO USE ON THOSE ICY DAYS. - PERHAPS YOU COULD BUY HALF A DOZEN EGGS AS A THANK YOU FOR LETTING THE PARISH USE THEIR FORECOURT!



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Parish Council News

Meetings for the forthcoming year will be held bi-monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each at 7.30pm in the village hall. Dates are are:

13 November 2013
8 January 2014
12 March 2014

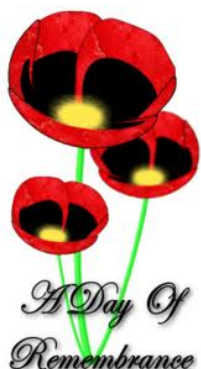
Resident are always welcome to attend and to take part at the meetings., which, on occasions ,is also attend by Ward County, Borough Councillors and representative of the neighbourhood police team.

The agenda can be seen five days prior to the meeting on the new Parish Council website www.Essexinfo.net/littlebursteadpc.



The PC is still pursuing the 40 PMH restriction, plus the problem of potholes around the village and the water problems in Rectory Road. The telephone

box will be renovated with new coat of paint, this incidentally is a working phone box, should any one need it. The finger posts will be smartened up with fresh paint and it is hoped that you will have noticed improvements in the cutting of the verges, also the signage for the village has all been replaced. With the organising by John Ellis and his team of Conservators the PC are still hoping for the construction of a footpath from the Dukes Head towards Noak Hill Road. There is a newly proposed timed street lighting programme through out Essex, this will affect Little Burstead Parish. It has been suggested that lighting will be off from midnight until 5am. However, for safety, all road junctions and other darker spots will remain lit. It is hoped that this will save your money and also make a contribution with environment in mind.



Finally please join us for the Annual Remembrance Sunday at the village war memorial starting from the Old School House at 10am the date will be Sunday 10th November.

ROGER SAVAGE

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
VILLAGE HALL AGM
22 OCTOBER 8PM**

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NEWS FROM THE COMMON MAN

October will see a burst of activity on the Common as contractors are due to start work on some of the projects for which we have received a grant from the Veolia North Thames Trust.

These include the provision of two paths ,a small bridge, the digging of two wildlife ponds, restoration of the ancient well,the reintroduction of the sheep and a new seating area.



The summer has proved a good one for butterflies and the list of those now recorded on the Common has reached 24 different species.

Several Rowan trees were donated. by Waitrose and have been planted close to the council car park.It is hoped that the berries will attract wintering thrushes and perhaps waxwings in the future.Waxwings were seen this year in the Wiggins lane area feeding on berries so we are hopeful. Excavation of the well, which is around 200 years continues and the local blacksmith is currently making the safety grid.It is planned that water from the well will supply the two ponds .

Work on the ponds has been delayed whilst gas,water and electricity authorities discover where the power,gas and water services are located . Following the soil scraping and tree felling the new growth of gorse and plants from the original seed bank are beginning to show. However, the real enemy are the brambles which we hope to eliminate by volunteer labour!

The Conservators have applied for an additional grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and if successful will be used in part to provide a natural footpath from the Dukes Head to Noak Hill Road.They have been working in unison with the Parish Council to achieve this goal. **John Ellis**

For any information or offers to volunteer please ring The Laindon Common Conservators on 01277 657100

**I always eat peas with honey
I've done it all my life
Often they do taste funny
But it keeps then on the knife!**