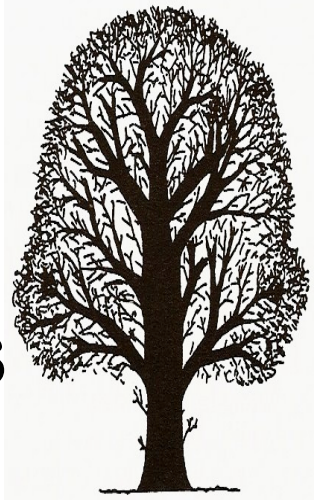


# The Little Burstead BUGLE

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS SPRING 2014



### LOOKING FORWARD



Lots of village events have been planned for 2014 and we are sure there is something to please everyone within the years programme. If you could make a note of diary dates we know that fun,

friendship with good neighbours will make for another enjoyable year in Little Burstead.

The year has already started with a 'quiz night' held at the end of January. Bill Wright organised the event which proved to be a very successful evening - raising over **£200** towards the running costs of our village hall.

Many thanks Bill

### What's planned for 2014?

#### Pancake Day Races

Sunday 9th March 11am to be held in village field - Fun for all the family, beating batter, tossing pancakes and smashing plates



#### Easter Egg Hunt



Good Friday 18th April please start at 10.30am at the village hall to collect map. The hunt will start in the wood opposite the Dukes Head. The quiz will take you through the woods,

spotting animals on the way, as well as the little ones collecting their Easter eggs. Mums and dads can then come back to the village hall for bacon butties, a cuppa and more fun for the kids! For more information contact Carol & Roger Savage

#### Burstead In Bloom

Sunday 22nd June, Rod and Val Mansfield will be organising our Burstead in Bloom. It's a great chance to meet neighbours and friends along the way and to enjoy beautiful gardens. If you would like to participate please contact Rod or Val Mansfield. More info to follow later...



#### Village Cricket Match

Sunday 31st August, Ellis Field. A great day is planned for our ever popular cricket day match. There will be our normal beer tent with food available, provided by our ever-caring ladies of the village. Bill Wright & John Ellis will be organising this so please contact them for further details.

### SPECIAL EVENT



On July 20th, members of the Laindon Common Conservators will be organising a **special event** to celebrate the

renovation of our local heath and woodland. The celebration will be held opposite the Dukes Head, where we will have a tented area providing refreshments together with a brass band for your entertainment. There will be lots of interesting exhibits for nature lovers and all who take interest in conservation in our environment, with things to do for all the family. Please contact John Ellis for more information.



#### BONFIRE Night Friday 7 November

We have already booked last year's amazing pyrotechnics and we know a great time will be had by all, with a display that will amaze (let's just hope for a dry night!) contact any committee member for more info.

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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:

12 MARCH, 14 MAY, 9 JULY, 10 SEPT, 12 NOV

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR DAVID CLARK

It looks like being a busy year again in our Parish!

### Basildon 2031 - Local Plan Core Strategy - Consultation January 2014.

Lots of discussion taking place at present regarding the above consultation.

The Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options Report is a draft planning blueprint for next 20 years and sets out a framework for the Borough's future development and growth up to 2031. It includes how many new homes and how much land for economic development will be needed if the borough is to grow and prosper. The 8 week consultation period which runs until 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014, is now open and Basildon Forward Planning team would like your views on the proposals. Various roadshows and exhibitions are taking place across the Borough.

In our village, the Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall and an officer from the Forward Plans Team at Basildon Council will attend to give a short presentation and be available to answer any questions at the meeting. Hope you can come along, particularly as there are a couple of proposed local developments around Little Burstead.

### Laindon Common footpath

On a positive note, work has commenced on the new Laindon Common path from The Dukes Head to Noak Hill Road which will be a tremendous improvement. Many thanks to Laindon Common Conservators for taking the project forward.

Please contact our Clerk, Kim Barford  
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### Planting around the village

On a lighter note, we are all looking forward to Spring. Fresh spring bulbs have been planted around the village. We have also just heard some more good news, the Parish council's bid for a tree pack from The Woodland Trust has been successful. 30 saplings are being delivered early March. Do come along to join the planting party and contact our Clerk Kim for the planned date and further information. We look forward to seeing you!



### Essex CC 40mph Speed Limit Strategy Review

The Essex CC 40mph Speed Limit Strategy review has been completed for Lower Dunton Road and Clockhouse/Tye Common Road but they are sadly not quite as extensive as those suggested following consultation by the parish council. However, speed limit reduction is welcomed, and the schemes will be in place by the end of March.



Rectory Road was omitted from the first round but we understand, following completion of the later consultation, that it is hoped to also implement the Rectory Road scheme at the same time. The team at Essex CC Highways would like to thank all who submitted comment.

### Village Decor

The phone box is looking great with its new coat of paint (and is in full working order), as has the bench on the village green. Next to be given a lick of paint will be the black and white finger post signs, once spring arrives and it stops raining!

**Pot holes** - contact [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

*Finally, it is with sad news that we report the loss of Councillor Mike Smith who served our community so well over so many years. A plaque will be mounted on the village beacon to commemorate his many years of service.*