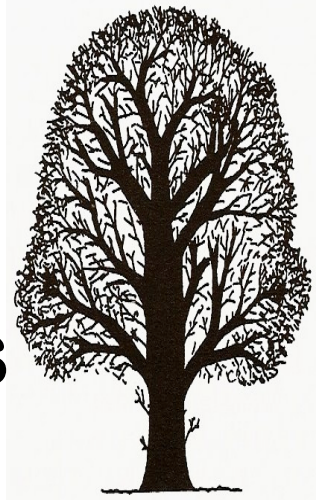


The Little Burstead BUGLE

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS SUMMER 2015

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IT'S ALMOST SUMMER!

Over the past weeks our village has given us lots of colour with daffodils, bluebells and many displays of brightly coloured tulips. The trees are in blossom and bright green new leaves have given us all a backdrop with a taste of what's to come... it's almost summer.



BURSTEAD IN BLOOM

It is just around the corner on **Saturday 13th June** starting at 11am until 4.00 pm. All villagers and friends are welcome to join a walk around the village visiting the gardens, meeting neighbours and friends a great way to enjoy beautiful gardens. The WI will be providing tea and cakes from the village hall when you need that well earned rest. Maps of those taking part and tickets (£6 per person), will be available from all committee members. Call Carol and Roger Savage 01268 416520 or John and Jan Ellis 01277 657100



MUSIC IN THE MEADOW Saturday 27th June.

By popular demand we have invited the fantastic D'ukes band to provide us with music to suite all tastes. Come along and joins us with your BBQ or picnic, wine and gazebo and we will provide the music. The gates will be open from 6pm and the entertainment will start at 7pm, entrance fee will be £10 per person. (Children under 15 free and adults over 90 will be also free!.) We will be making a donation to St.Lukes Hospice from monies raised from this event. This is always a great evening and will generate some cash for a great charity. Tickets will be available from all committee members



A FAMILY FUN DAY IN THE FIELD

Sunday 6th September

Why not bring the family along for a game of rounders and cricket and let the children spend time on our bouncy castle? Sit back and enjoy the afternoon with a glass of wine or a cup of tea and a sandwich We plan to start at 2pm and finish early evening.



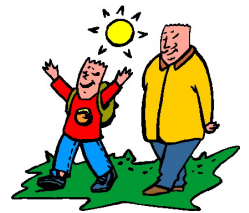
"As men get older their toys get more expensive"

More great things planned for later this year, dates to put in your diary:

Bonfire Night: Saturday 7th November 2015. Gates open 6pm, fireworks to start 7.30pm

Village Walk

Later this year, to commemorate our new circular village walk, you are invited to join us for a jaunt across our countryside. Starting from the Dukes Head Pub the walk will takes us across the fields behind Broomhills, up to St Marys Church across the field towards Botney Hill Wood, eventually



reaching Hatches Farm Road, with a visit to the Wilderness, across the golf course towards Laindon Common to finish at the Pub for a well earned rest. We hope to have a number of experts joining us on the walk, pointing out various plants and wildlife. Children, dogs, walking sticks and hip flasks will be more than welcome! Exact time and date will be provided later.



"Give a man a fish and he has food for today. Teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend"

New Members & Volunteers

You are always welcome to join us at any Village Hall Committee meeting and NEW members would be most welcome plus, we urgently need help in the preparation with some of our events, so volunteers are always welcomed with open arms.

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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:

8th July 2015 & 9th Sept 2015

Little Burstead Circular Footpath In recent months, members with Cllr David Clark as footpath rep have been out and about assessing the condition and route of the path much which includes the public rights of way within the Parish. Over the years signs and posts have fallen into disrepair and it was noted quite a large stretch required roadside walking which, with increasing traffic levels is rather hazardous. The Parish Council has been liaising with landowners and this has been solved in the most part by revising and extending the route slightly to incorporate footpaths in the west of the village. So, the project got underway. Funding was applied for and has been awarded by Essex Community Initiatives Fund to meet the costs of replacing and installing posts, directional signs, some information lecterns and a leaflet detailing the new route. It's going to take some time but within the coming months, as any additional posts and signs are installed it will become more apparent and it is hoped will be enjoyed by all. The latter stages of the scheme will involve research, artwork and production of the leaflets which will be provided to all residents. When completed a village walk will be planned, we'll keep you posted (scuse the pun!)



Rectory Road

1. The 40 mph speed restriction to a stretch of the road has now been installed by Essex CC Highways. However, as flagged up by the Parish Council when initially consulted it does not extend sufficiently at the southern end to the parish boundary and this has resulted in hazardous conditions for those who live in the immediate vicinity with some drivers accelerating and making it difficult to join the road. At the time the parish council was told the lower did not meet the criteria of the Essex Speed Strategy.

An application was therefore submitted to the Local Highways Panel, again managed by Essex CC, to see if the scheme can be extended to the parish boundary. We've been advised it is currently being assessed by their validating engineer and network management team who are making an initial assessment re the validity of the existing limit and the possibility of changing it.

2. Drainage – Sadly, the problem persists. Having been advised on numerous occasions that work will be completed, as you can see, no more has happened. The highways and management of them is the responsibility of Essex County Council. The parish council is trying, with the whole hearted support of our Essex County Councillor to address this long running problem. 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. Together hopefully this can be solved.

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Speeding

Speeding throughout the village is of great concern, particularly with the ever increasing volumes of traffic. Speed surveys at Laindon Common Road, Rectory Road and Tye Common Road by Essex Police are complete and have documented the excessive speeds by some careless drivers. With the information to hand the Parish Council will be discussing the matter fully at the 8th July meeting. Improvement to traffic calmed area of Laindon Common Road is needed. Community Speedwatch was requested but the police have said the road is unsuitable. Members will persist in the hope of the introduction of improved measures before a serious accident occurs.



Please contact our Clerk, Kim Barford regarding any Parish Council enquiries tel: 01277 652 057

Little Burstead Conservation Area

Some information for you regarding the conservation area which is defined as 'an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance' (Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990).



When a Conservation Area has been designated it increases the planning controls, with planning applications judged by their impact on the character and appearance of the area.

Greater controls over the demolition of buildings and structures are imposed whilst the rights that owners have to do works to their properties without the need to obtain planning permission (known as 'permitted development rights') are reduced or can be taken away.

Stricter controls are also exercised over the design of new buildings, and owners must give the Council six weeks' notice of their intention to carry out works to trees. Planning applications affecting a Conservation Area must be advertised on site and in the local press to give people the opportunity to comment.

VACANCY FOR LAINDON COMMON CONSERVATOR

If you are interested in becoming a Laindon Common Conservator, please contact the Chairman, John Ellis, on 01277 657100 or jfellis@btinternet.com in the first instance.