



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the second edition of the Burstow Parish Council Newsletter!

This is to report on the progress of the work the council has done for the last year, what is coming and to consult you on the villages youth policy.

### News in Brief .....

**Smallfield's 5th Village Summer Party** was another outstanding success and, yet again, we were lucky with the weather. Our group of helpers has grown and ideas are already being gathered for next years party. Although the Queens Diamond Jubilee is to be held the week before, it has been decided to hold it, as usual, on the second Saturday - 9th June 2012. The format will be slightly altered, as over the last five years, all who have worked on the project have learnt a lot!

Burstow PC's **website** has been updated! Not only do we have **Grapevine** (please see below), but there is now a consultation page and a ticker-tape which we will use to advertise our next film!

**The Village Gateways** were surrounded by daffodils this spring - as was the pond in Broadbridge Lane, courtesy of Haskins Garden Centre and we hope to plant more this autumn. GVS As-

'We' are the eleven members of Burstow Parish Council, your representatives on the first layer of Government and are a Statutory Body. We meet at the Centenary Hall, Smallfield on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and all meetings are open to residents and parishioners of Burstow. All details found on the Village Website.

sist have provided more shrubs for Chris's Garden. Lenny Mills, our caretaker, has taken the gardens and grass cutting in hand and the area around the Hall looks brilliant!



**Communications** are being improved by the launch of **Grapevine** this Spring. This is a free, on-line 'notice board' The subscriber list is growing weekly, and we hope, after the issue of this newsletter, more people will register and it will make the advertising of events, or the communication of important news much more efficient.

Over the past year, **3 new Councillors** have joined BPC, and along with another member, they will be undertaking training next month. As the localism bill is about to be debated in parliament, it is important that all of us know how we can best serve you as a group. Our skills are diverse, but we work well as a group and are full of ideas which will expand on and ask for your comments further on in this newsletter. We are always looking for Parishioners to become involved by helping us with working groups or just giving us feedback and letting us know which direction you would like us to take! Any volunteers please contact Jeannie at the office.

## GRAPEVINE

### *Are You On It?*

Burstow Grapevine is an e-mail list for news and information of interest to the village of Smallfield and surrounding areas

If you want to be 'in the know' about social events, village meetings, craft fairs and all the other interesting things that take place in the village, sign up now

please go to our website

[www.burstowpc.co.uk](http://www.burstowpc.co.uk)

and follow the directions on the grapevine page.

No spam and you can unsubscribe at any time

## PROGRESS OF PROJECTS IN HAND

### Local Housing

In the past year we have held the exhibition and consultation, details are still available on the website. We have asked the Secretary of State for de-regulation of approximately a third of the Hunters Moon Allotments and have cleared, rotated, harrowed and seeded with grass those areas which were not being used, leaving space for the 11 plot holders who do not wish to move to Keepers Corner Allotments plus a further 550 sqm available on the South Side alone. When we hear about de-regulation, which should be any day now, we will then start the Planning Application. It is hoped to have 10 dwellings - from flats to 3 bedroomed houses available for those who are Parishioners of Burstow or who have strong links. These dwellings will be available for rent for those on the list at a subsidised rate. In the process of moving this project forward it has become obvious that the Hunters Moon Allotments need regeneration, and those at Keepers Corner need to be reinstated. Work has been done on the site and it are ready for being made into plots. Our other Allotment Site, Plough Road, is run very well, but the issue of water has been brought up - so it is our intention to invite a representative of the Allotment Regeneration Initiative to come and talk to all who are tenants of Burstow Parishes Allotments so he may explain the way forward.



**Plough Road Allotment**

### Lingfield "Hub"

The seven Parishes in the Lingfield Division of Tandridge have been working together with Surrey County Council to have the funding for the grass cutting in the area to be devolved to the 'Hub' as we call it. The Hub will then run the project choosing the contractors, maintaining direct contact with those selected. This can only improve the service as we are on the ground, we know what needs to be cut, what has been and what has been missed. If parishioners would like to have more cuts, then we can have those, which

we would pay for ourselves. It is hoped that this will be extended in the future to having services like ditches, hedging, signage and weed control devolved to us. This is obviously taking time as we learn to work together and with SCC. This is a trial so it is important that we make it work!



## STOP PRESS

We have just found out that as soon as the legalities have been completed, **Broadbridge Lane Open Space** will become a **Queen Elizabeth 2 Field**. This is a project being fronted by Prince William, who is hoping for 2012 playing fields to be made Fields In Trust in 2012 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will ensure that the Open Space will be protected in perpetuity and will be known as **Smallfield's QE2 Field**. This has opened avenues of funding for equipment for the site and it is hoped to apply for funding for a zip wire and other exciting attractions for teenagers.

### Plough Road Playground

After the setback of not raising enough money for the Plough Road Play Area at the beginning of this financial year, I am very pleased to tell you that the total refurbishment of this facility, much needed for the eastern section of Smallfield, will go ahead next April. we are in the process of fund raising to make this an exciting playground for mixed ages of children. Tandridge District Council Amenities Department have been extremely helpful with this project and we are very grateful for their help. It is important that children are encouraged to exercise and participate in sports and, as this site is next to the football/cricket club, the youngsters will see the teams competing and learn that participating in clubs can be fun as well as healthy!



**Attention All Prospective Scouts**  
1st Meeting of **Burstow Scout Group** is  
**Friday 16th September - 7pm - 8.30pm**  
when we will be recruiting 10- 14 year olds.  
Do come along and join!  
Contact **Derek Stephens, Group Scout Leader** on  
07721 689063 or after 7pm 01293 782558

## Ideas and Consultations

As was touched on at the beginning of this newsletter, we are a group of residents who are full of good ideas and we need to have feedback from you, fellow residents and Parishioners of Burstow so we may know how to proceed. Your comments may be made by going to our website - address above - where we have a consultation page (you may access it by clicking the Parish Council tab on the Home page and clicking on Consultations on the drop-down menu)



**The first item** we are asking for comments on is a plan to build an extension on the Centenary Hall to provide a meeting room which could be used for a **Community Cafe** and also provide space for our **Community Police Officers** to have a small base here. This has many advantages - the Community Cafe, we know, is a popular idea. Should a room be linked to the main kitchen at the hall it could be used for a Cafe or a meeting room for all members of our Parish, young and old. Providing a space for the Police, who, except for a room at Lingfield, have moved to Caterham, we would keep that much needed presence, and give the opportunity for a good relationship to build up between residents and our local officers. Over the last couple of years, PC Paul Baker has let it be known that he would be in the office at certain times during the week should anyone wish to contact him and this has worked very well.

These are very early days, there are costs, fundraising, grants and general consensus, but we cannot start any of this without all of you behind the project.



**The second** use of the consultation page has been requested by Alice Price, Tandridge Youth Development Officer, who wishes to ask the Parish as a whole, what we, Burstow - Smallfield, would be

prepared, would like to do, for our Youth. This always provoke mixed emotions, but the need to provide something for our young people has never been more important than now, when Youth services are retracting - but, with luck, we should be able to keep the Youth Bus. In fact, Alice's job is to provide the bridge between services and the closure. The important fact is that our young people have no confidence in the community ever doing anything but talking about it, so we do not need to start with trials but with real schemes. Already, just talking about things has provided a core of people who are really prepared to help with providing a means to help the young people belong. We need to get over the perception that youngsters are just 'trouble'. We have all been that age ourselves and, although the world has totally changed, the need for young people to interact with themselves, and the rest of us, has not changed at all. Any ideas, help, positive input into this perennial problem will be greatly appreciated. If we do not give them a chance to interact with us - how can we complain?



## 2012 is the Queens Diamond Jubilee

This will be held over the weekend of the 2nd to 5th June. We will be holding our Village Summer Party the following weekend - Saturday 9th June - but we would like to have your ideas as to how we celebrate/commemorate this event. We will have a QE2 field but what other ideas do you have? Perhaps we could set up a Jubilee Group who improve the Village by making flowerbeds, arranging for hanging baskets and maintaining them. We could add a bench, put up a plaque or do something completely different and establish a trust fund to help those amongst us who might need help! See we are open to any thoughts! - So - it is up to you - our contact details are on the front of this Newsletter and Jeannie Crosby, our Clerk is in the office at Centenary Hall from 9 - 1 five days a week

**We look forward to hearing from you**

**THE 1ST BURSTOW'S FLIX IN THE STIX  
IS COMING TO THE CENTENARY HALL ON SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER SHOWING  
MADE IN DAGENHAM**

Films will be shown every third Saturday in the month at Centenary Hall ( in the Burstow Hall). Doors will open at 18.30 pm and tickets will be Adult - £5 , OAPs and Students £4. Seating will be Cafe Style with tables. We will have a licensed bar and refreshments including ice-cream and pop-corn will be available

Make a note in your diary for

**October 15th**

**The Kings Speech**



and

**November 19th**

**Watch this space - we have a Blockbuster coming!**



We will be advertising the films on boards around the Parish and on the website.

Burstow's Flix in the Stix has been created to bring films to our parishioners who find transport difficult Come and have a really great evening of Local Entertainment

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF  
**CALENDAR GIRLS**

SALLY HAWKINS  
BOB HOSKINS  
MIRANDA RICHARDSON  
GERALDINE JAMES  
ROSAMUND PIKE  
ANDREA RISEBOROUGH  
JAMIE WINSTONE  
DANIEL MAIS

**MADE IN DAGENHAM**

THIS IS A MAN'S WORLD... BUT NOT FOR LONG...



**CENTENARY HALL**

We have a fantastic asset in owning the Hall as a Parish. We have three rooms- **The Margaret Paveley Room** which has a small kitchenette attached, **The Burstow Hall** with a hatch to the main kitchen and our business meeting room and **The Outwood Room** with **internet access**. These are all available for hire and details may be found on the website. For rates please contact Jeannie by e-mail, telephone or by letter to the Office.

The Hall has a life of it's own and is used for many of the clubs in the village. The range is truly alphabetical, from Aviation, and Short Mat Bowls to Yoga and Zumba Fitness - two exercise classes that are at!at the opposite end of the spectrum! We have parties, weddings Christenings and even Planning Appeals! You can find details of these clubs from the Hall and the website and most will be delighted for you to join. Why don't you visit us and find out a small part of what your Parish has to offer you!

**COME  
ALONG  
AND BRING  
A SMILE**



Friday 30th September  
10.30am - 12.00pm

Insider Cafe Located in GVS House, Plough Rd  
A Grand Raffle - Great Prizes  
All proceeds to Macmillan

Open to all, so please come and join us!