



Bowers Bugle

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Village Fete Sunday 17th August

The Parish Council's Village Fete will be held on Sunday 17th August at Westlake Park, Pound Lane from 12.00 noon - 4.00 p.m.

This years theme is the years between 1914 - 1960 . You are invited to come along and show off your creativity by dressing up in costume.

ADMISSION IS FREE

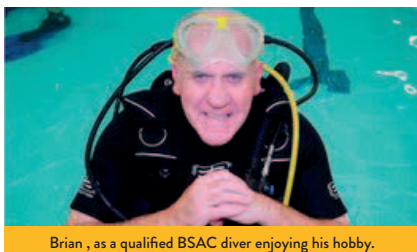
Entertainment will be from the Sutherland Pipes & Drums , Kayzar Dance, Santoy, newly returning from performing in the parade at Disneyland Paris, Majorettes, magic tricks and balloon modelling from John the Magician and there are several competitions for you to enter. There will also be a commemoration to World War One (1914 – 1918)

The Parish Council have been successful in obtaining a grant of £1000 from Basildon Council towards the cost of this years Fete and as part of the grant criteria have included a commemoration to the events of World War One 1914 - 1918 and those who gave their lives.

Poppy seeds have been collected and will be available in packets for you to take away and spread on the fields and in your gardens as a lasting memory of those who paid

SEE INSIDE PAGES FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE EVENT AND HOW YOU CAN ENTER THE COMPETITIONS BEING HELD AT THE FETE.

Councillor Brian Wall



Brian , as a qualified BSAC diver enjoying his hobby.

Following the elections this May sadly Councillor Brian Wall died suddenly whilst diving in Kent.

Brian became a Councilor after attending many meetings from the inception of the Parish Council and eagerly took on the job of dealing with many issues which included planning, flooding and bus transport.

discussions involving improvements to Westlake Park so that it could be used and enjoyed by all age groups.

He loved walking and could often be seen out with his dogs and on these occasions he would stop, talk and listen to anyone he met on the way.

Brian will be missed by many who knew him and for his reasoned outlook as a Parish Councillor.

As a mark of remembrance one of the new seats to be installed in Westlake Park, as part of the improvements, will bear a plaque dedicated to him, his passion for the work being undertaken in the Park and for the work he did as a Councillor.

Westlake Park update

Having laid a path around the park to enable ease of access for many of our residents especially those less mobile the next stage has been to install an Outdoor Gym for our older youngsters and adults of all ages to enjoy.

This work has been carried out by Wicksteed Playscapes . The base has been laid and the Gym tops will be put into place during the week commencing 11th August. There are six pieces of apparatus with one having a dual purpose.

The Parish Council was somewhat restricted where the path and Outdoor Gym could be located due to having to keep the two football pitches in the middle of the park .

The next final phase will be to resurface the area known as the car park with grass-crete to retain the rural look of the park , resurfacing of the access road leading to the park and adding new gates. All work should be completed by mid September.

Funding to complete this phase of the project in the sum of £80,500 has been obtained from Veolia North Thames Trust, Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund & Basildon Council.

During work to resurface the access road beside Wilton Pet Shop the roadway will be closed to parking and pedestrians. However, Park users will be able to gain entry to the Park via the gate at the rear of the Benbow Club in Pound Lane.

The Parish Council welcomes George Guenigault, our newest Parish Councillor, why not join him and our other elected Councillors?

The Parish Council has two Councillor vacancies.

If you think you would like to become a Parish Councillor and help raise issues on behalf of the community please turn to the inside pages of this newsletter.

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Lest we Forget - The young men of Bowers Gifford

Over 19th and 20th July, St Margaret's Church put on an Exhibition about the young men of the villages of Bowers Gifford and North Benfleet who died during the Great War of 1914 - 18. It focussed on 12 of the two dozen or more who died and had links with the area. Most were very young, often in their teens when they died. Several had signed up quite soon after the declaration of war on 4th August 2014, and joined the Essex Regiment, landing in Gallipoli in April 1915.

The young men were mostly from large, poor families who worked in agriculture. These families moved around the marshes area, moving every two or three years, following work, and were living just above the level of paupers. This must

have been very unsettling especially for the children.

An exception to this was Wilfred Harrison, who has a separate memorial in the Church and whose late Father had been Rector of Bowers Gifford. He died during the German Offensive of April 1918 aged 26. During his 22 months at the Front he distinguished himself in battle, winning the MC as a Company Commander.

It is hoped to display the Exhibition at Wat Tyler Country Park on 27 September. If anyone has any photos or mementoes of these young men please contact Chris Barlow, the Parish Clerk, and she will pass your details on to Helen Chapman, St Margaret's Church Warden. (See the back page for her contact details)

Free Smoke Alarms



Essex County Fire and Rescue carries out **FREE** home safety checks and fits **FREE** smoke alarms in homes across the county every year.

Smoke alarms are proven life savers; they give vital early warning at the first sign of fire giving everyone time to get out to safety before calling the fire service. The alarms are fitted by trained technicians who will also carry out a full home fire safety inspection.

There is no cost whatsoever to the people receiving the visit and they are left safer in their homes and secure in the knowledge that they are as safe as possible from the risks posed by fire.

If you would like a visit get in touch with Essex Fire Service on 01376 376226 or email andre.turner@essex-fire.gov.uk

Do you know anyone who may benefit from this safety check who may not get to read this article? Please pass on this information to them and ask them to contact the Fire Service on the above numbers.

National Grid delivers vital overhead line upgrade

Work is underway on phase two of a vital upgrade to overhead power lines between substations at Tilbury, Rayleigh and Coryton. The project will help to ensure the region continues to enjoy safe and reliable energy supplies.

The work began recently and continues a refurbishment scheme that started last summer and which is due to be completed in October 2014.

The replacement of the lines will not have an impact on the local power supply, as the flow of electricity will be re-routed through other National Grid lines.

To enable the work to be carried out scaffolding will be put up over the A13, A130 at Saddlers Farm, the B1464 London Road and the A130/A1245 slip road

and main North Bound and South Bound A130 carriageway. A number of off peak (10pm – 5am) lane and slip road closures will be needed to enable work and deliveries to take place.

You can find details of these at: www.southessexoverheadline.com.

For further information, members of the public can contact the community relations team on **0800 319 6165** or by email to nationalgrid@southessexoverheadline.com.

Graham Livings, Project Manager, National Grid said: *“This major investment by National Grid will provide modern high-capacity cables which will help ensure people continue to enjoy safe and reliable electricity supplies in the future.”*

nationalgrid

The Fun Walk Trust

CIO Charity no. 1151626



Councillors Rob Smillie & Bernard Foster with their Fun Walk certificate of completion



Councillor Smillie and Councillor Foster joined by Connie Foster and Anita Ralph

Once again Councillors Robert Smillie and Bernard Foster took part in the John Baron MP Fun Walk in May at Barleylands Farm.

This Annual walk not only benefits from sponsorship collected by the entrants but also benefits from a bonus pot which is a unique feature of the walk and donated by local business and then shared between the those organisations taking part. This year over 100 organisations took part.

The Councillors were joined on the walk by Councillor Foster's wife, Connie and her sister Anita.

Many residents and friends of the Councillors sponsored them for the event and it is hoped that our walkers have raised in excess of £600 and that this will further be increased by the additional sponsorship of the bonus pot which will be declared, at a presentation event, on 12th September.



Village Fete – Sunday 17th August

There will be something for everyone to enjoy at the Village Fete this year and Basildon Council has awarded a grant of £1000 to help support the event which will also commemorate World War One 1914 – 1918.

There will be: Bouncy Castles, Fun games, a face painter, a variety of stalls for everyone to enjoy, from sweets to jewellery to plants and jams and chutneys. Classic cars and arena entertainment by local children, a BBQ, supplied by the Benbow Club, and a magician to entertain during the afternoon.

A Tea Tent will be available for refreshments and a Fun Dog show to show off your pooch. (see panel opposite for details).

Basildon Heritage will on hand to give you a history of those from the Parish who served as a soldiers in World War One and the Parish Council will be also be commemorating WW1 with information and recipes of the era. Local organisations will also be supporting the event.

The Fete will be opened by the Sutherland Pipes and Drums.

A number of competitions will be held at the Fete and these will be open to everyone to join in.

The competitions are **FREE** to enter but all entries must be registered by 12.30pm on the day of the Fete ready for judging at 1.30 p.m. The competitions are: **Hybrid Rose and Floribunda Rose Trophy – sponsored by Alton Garden Centre** who will provide a trophy to the winning entrant and it is hoped to award this trophy on an annual/bi-annual basis. Just cut 3 stems of your hybrid roses or 3 stems of cluster sprays from you floribunda roses and place in a vase for judging.

Flower Arranging Competition Show off your flower arranging skills. Devise and arrangement and place in a container – vase, basket or whatever you choose and bring along and register.

Handicraft Competition

An opportunity for anyone who enjoys making things to show what they can do... Any type of home-made entry accepted. This could be crochet, knitting, painting, modelling or embroidery. Hedgehog Crafts will be sponsoring this event and will be donating a free place at one of their craft workshops to the winner.

We would like to advise that there will only be limited parking in the Park on the day, and visitors are therefore asked to park sensitively in the streets around the Park.

Avoiding Scams—Smart ways to protect.

SALES SCAMS

A common feature of scams and sharp selling practices is the pressure on you to commit your self very quickly. You may be told that an offer is only available for a limited period or that signing immediately you'll get a discount on the usual price. A genuine offer is unlikely to require you to make an instant decision, take your time and don't let yourself be rushed.

Be cautious if you are asked for payment before you receive any products or service. Don't make cash payments to traders until the work has been carried out to your satisfaction.

Ref: Age UK Advice.

EMAIL SCAMS

Email offers a cheap way of reaching large numbers of people at very little cost, so it's popular for both honest and dishonest purposes. Unsolicited emails, known as 'spam' can usually be spotted because you have not registered or agreed to the contact.

Scam emails are likely to contain spelling or grammatical errors in the subject box to get around spam filters that email providers set up to block them.

Don't open email attachments from people you don't know or click on links within the email, as they will often carry a virus and can infect your computer. Never reply to 'spam' emails even to say "No" as it will let the sender know that your email address is active.

Ref: Age UK Advice.

FUN DOG SHOW

ORGANISED BY PHOENIX
DOG TRAINING CLUB

Join us at the Village Fete on
17th August

OPEN TO ALL
ENTRIES TAKEN FROM
12.00 Noon ON THE DAY
Judging from 1.00 p.m.

£1.00 PER CLASS

CLASSES FOR - CUTEST PUPPY,
PRETTY GIRL OR BOY,
HANDSOME BOY, BEST RESCUE,
WAGGIEST TAIL, YOUNG HANDLER
5-14 & BEST IN SHOW

Certificates awarded for Places 1st,
2nd & 3rd

Trophy awarded for Best in Show

The steeplechase will be on-going
during the afternoon

Any cakes for the event please deliver to
Daphne Payne, 134 Pound Lane on Friday
afternoon 15th August or anytime on
Saturday 16th August.

Please clearly mark any with nut or any other
ingredients which might be harmful to health.

Your Parish Council has two Parish Councillor vacancies.

*Could you help to make a difference in this
role? YES!*

Are you registered on the electoral role?

Have lived in the village for 12 months or more?

Are you over 18 years of age?

Getting involved in your local community and helping with local issues is a worthwhile way of making a contribution to improving the area we all live in. No experience is needed just a 'Can Do' attitude of wanting to make a difference.

For more information on being a Councillor and how to apply contact:

The Parish Clerk, Chris Barlow,
Tel: 01268 725236 (M) 07758 255621

Parish Council Meeting dates — 2014

27th August, 24th September,
29th October, 26th November,
10th December



All Parish Council Meetings are held at the Benbow Club, Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford and commence at 7.30 p.m.

All members of the public are welcome to come along.

Your Parish Councillors are:

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Arts & Crafts Club

We are a group of seven ladies who meet once a fortnight, in the Mission, Pound Lane, at the bottom of Os-borne Road, to create cards and other crafts.

We make lots of different styles of cards which include T bag folding, Iris folding, Decoupage, layering and matting to name but a few.

We have tea and coffee and have two hours of fun, chatting and laughing, and come away with either one or two creations.

Our next meeting is 18th August.

If you think this may be for you come along to see what we do, you will be warmly welcomed.

RSPB South Essex has a busy summer events programme and we hope you can join us!



Find out more about the wildlife that's on your doorstep across the fantastic reserves in South Essex.

For families there are creepy crawlies days on West Canvey Marsh nature reserve, every Tuesday and Sunday in August, and an outdoor cinema showing of Rio 2 on Saturday 30 August. We're also out in the Wildlife Garden in Wat Tyler Country Park on sunny days in August. In September join us for a guided walk on Vange Marsh on the 3 or Wallasea Island on the 27.

For more details please visit the RSPB Visitor Centre in Wat Tyler Country Park or www.rspb.org.uk/southessex or contact the team on 01268 498620 or southessex@rspb.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you!

Parish in Bloom

The 1st Parish Council "Parish in Bloom" took place this month. Closing date was 26th July and judging took place on 5th August. There were 14 entries across all categories and the standard was very high.

Councillor Mo Larkin, Mayor of Basildon and Councillor Bernard Foster judged the entries. The results will be announced in the next issue of the Bugle.

Public Rights of Way

Did you know that there are over six thousand kilometres of Public Rights of Way in Essex?

These are made up of footpaths, bridleways and byways.

Whilst it's the responsibility of Essex County Council to maintain these routes, some may be falling into neglect as they have not been brought to the attention of the appropriate department.

Public Rights of Way not only benefit walkers, cyclists and horse riders, they are also a haven for wildlife.

If you know (or suspect) that any of these routes around the Parish are in need of a bit of TLC, please let your Councillors know.

DOGGY DOO DOO!



Did your dog do a 'poo' when you were out walking?
Did you clear it up?
Someone out there didn't.
Was that someone you?

BIN IT! BAG IT! TAKE IT HOME!

www.essexinfo.net/bgnb-parishcouncil
or google: Bowers Gifford & North

Mobile Library Service



EssexWorks
For a better quality of life

Clifton Stores has been cut from the mobile library route.

The new schedule will include only Clare House on alternate Wednesdays for 3rd September.

Not enough residents use this Service and therefore the route has been subjected to the cut.

Quick Quiz-Just for Fun NO PRIZES, IT'S JUST A BIT OF FUN.

Who are these celebrities better known as?

1. Maurice Micklewhite?
2. Pricilla White?
3. Marion Morrison?
4. Harry Webb?
5. Archibald Leach?

Answers at the bottom of the page

Parking Perils

ARE YOU ONE OF MANY THAT PARK ON THE PAVEMENTS?

OK! we know there is not too much room on the roads to park, but please be aware that taking up too much space on the footpath is not only illegal, it's also very dangerous for those members of the public who have to use the pavements and have to go around your vehicle.

Leave enough room for a person with a pram, buggy or motorised disabled scooter to pass.

Park sensibly.

Answers to the Quick Quiz
1. Michael Caine 2. Cilla Black 3. John Wayne
4. Cliff Richard 5. Cary Grant