

## The Parish Budget



The Parish Council budget for 2011/2012 has been kept at the same amount as it was in 2010/2011, the first year of the formation of Parish Council.

The Precept, the amount you pay over and above your normal Council Tax and given to the Parish Council to be spent for the benefit of the residents of Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet, is £12,850.

The amount each household pays is calculated on a Band D property and precept for this type of property is £16.69 for this financial year.

This is a slight increase of 21p over 2010/11.

For properties above Band D the amount will be marginally more.

The Parish Council in their second year of office will continue to put the budget to good use.



Polling Day  
May 5th 2011

There are no Parish Council elections as your Parish Council sit as Councillors for 4 years.

The are Basildon Borough Council Elections on May 5th and there is also a Referendum to consult with you about Alterative Voting ( AV)

Your Polling Station is  
The Benbow Club , Pound Lane

## Parish Council Calendar

Date	Day	Meeting at 7.30 pm
20.04.11	Wednesday	Full Council
18.05.11	Wednesday	Annual Parish Meeting *
25.05.11	Wednesday	Annual Council Meeting 2011/12
22.06.11	Wednesday	Full Council
27.07.11	Wednesday	Full Council
24.08.11	Wednesday	Full Council
21.09.11	Wednesday	Full Council
23.11.11	Wednesday	Full Council
14.12.11	Wednesday	Full Council
18.01.12	Wednesday	Full Council
22.02.12	Wednesday	Full Council
28.03.12	Wednesday	Full Council

Council meetings are held at The Benbow Club, Pound Lane. All meetings are open to residents to attend and the minutes and agendas of Council meetings are published on the Parish website and local noticeboards

[www.essexinfo.net/bgnb-parishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/bgnb-parishcouncil)

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Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Parish Council

# Bowers Bugle

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## Fun at the FETE on 29th April

Come and celebrate the Royal wedding on 29th April at the Parish Council Village Fete.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The Fete is from 1 - 5 pm with a children's party from 2 - 4 pm including a children's party entertainer.

The Parish Council working group has been working tirelessly since the

Royal announcement to make this a bumper community event.

Craft stalls , fun stalls, a Fun Dog Show , BBQ , Bouncy Castle, Classic cars, including a 'Doctor Who' car and Dalek, a bumper raffle with fantastic prizes. For your entertainment hip-hop dancers and majorettes.

Something for everyone to enjoy.



## A new Parish identity

**A New Crest and Parish identity.**

In February the Parish Council ran a competition to design of a logo for this newsletter ' The Bowers Bugle.

The task was given to St Margaret's School as a project and many different and colourful designs were created.

Judged by MP Stephen Metcalfe, Basildon Mayor, Mo Larkin and Ward Councillor , Ann Blake, after much deliberation the eventual competition winner was Nicholas Broad, 11 (Pictured above)

Nicholas drew a traditional shield shaped crest incorporating some of the landmarks within the Parish including, St Margaret's Church and St Margaret's School logo.

The next stage of the process involved the work of local graphic

designer Tim Shepherd (22) an ex-pupil of St Margaret's School.

Tim used his expertise and knowledge to bring the imagination and creativity of the original design to life.

Tim skilfully created a digital version of the crest that would be suitable for publishing and to further endorse the formation of the Parish Council and turn a schoolboy's drawing into reality.

Tim, who runs his own marketing & design business, Crisp Marketing, and donated his services free, said, "What a great opportunity it was to help a pupil from my old primary school by bringing his imaginative creation to life. It is one thing to develop a logo for a company, but another to develop an identity for a community, created by the community." (Contd. on page 4)



Nicholas & Tim discuss the design



The judges ( l-r) Cllr. Ann Blake , Cllr.

## Bowers has got talent

### League Champions

Canvey Island Girls under 15 team having gone 15 games unbeaten during the 2010/2011 season have now been crowned League Champions with games in hand.

jogging until the new

season started and their hard work has paid off.

The girls are looking forward to next season when they will be playing teams like West Ham & Tottenham.

They are looking to strengthen the side with new players.

For more information contact Paul Lowther, Manager, via email [Lowther11@aol.com](mailto:Lowther11@aol.com) or phone (M) 07759599121

The girls first started playing together in 2005 and progressed from being bottom of the league for the first couple of years to being a mid table side in 2009/2010 season.

During the summer of 2010 they put in many hours of hard work training and

Our picture shows local girl Georgia Ward, Pound Lane (5th from right) as part of the team.



### Born to dance

Millie Ferris ( 11 ), of Ilfracombe Avenue and Phoebe Hannaford (6) and Chloe Hannaford (16) both of Pound Lane recently took part in the Dagenham Dance Festival .

The girls , who attend Castle Point Academy of Dance based at Pitsea Leisure Centre ,came away with a basket full of medals in all categories ( solos, duets , trios, quartets and troupes).

The trio came away with numerous 1st , 2nd , 3rd and 4th placed medals and got the highest marks in many of the disciplines.

The rest of the Academy, trained by Carol Jones and her Team of instructors, also did extremely well. (Our picture shows Millie with one of her medals)

For more information about the Castle Point Academy of Dance contact: Carol Jones Tel: 01268 685869



### Census Team in the area

#### Did you fill your census form in?

Caroline Knight , Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator has advised the Parish council that “ People from the Census Team will be in the area from 6th April onwards calling on residents who have not completed their census forms and helping them to complete them.

The council has been advised that the officials will all wearing Photo ID badges and a purple strap with the census logo

on it and will be carrying business cards with their contact details , wearing fluorescent tabards and carrying census brief cases.

Any residents who has doubts or concerns regarding the authenticity of the caller can contact the police on 0300 333444 the police have a list and will be able to clarify their identity.

“ Did you forget to complete your census forms”

## Community diary

### Easter Service's

**POUND LANE MISSION**  
Pound Lane  
Next to Osborne Road

**Good Friday**  
22nd April 2011  
10.30 am

**Easter Sunday**  
24th April 2011  
10.30 am

All Welcome



**ST MARGARET'S PARISH CHURCH**  
BOWERS GIFFORD

**GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL**  
22ND APRIL 2011  
12.00noon - 3.00pm

**SERVICE OF FIRE AND LIGHT**  
23RD APRIL 2011  
7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
24TH APRIL 2011  
10.00am

join us in your Parish Church.

For contact details see notice in church porch or visit our web site

### The Annual Parish Meeting

**18th May 2011**  
Benbow Club , Pound Lane  
7.30 p.m.

This meeting is an opportunity for you, the electors, to ask questions of the Council and raise issues that are important to you.

### Girls Friendly Society GFS

Wednesday afternoon  
3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. after school  
( Term Time)  
St John's outside  
St Margaret's school.

The door is always open and younger children can be collected from school if parents wish!

Who? Girls age 6 years upwards  
What? FUN! FUN! FUN! Drama, Dance, Crafts, shows, Parachute games, Ball games and some interested games you may not have heard of.

**The Benbow Club**  
Pound Lane

### Chicken Auction

5th June & 4th  
September



Cowdray Hall, 560 London Road, West Thurrock RM20 3BJ.

Admission £1 per adult Refreshments available.

Sellers from 9am,  
Viewing from 10am,  
Auction starts 11am.

If you are a poultry keeper or are interested in starting check out the website [www.sepoultryauction.moonfruit.com](http://www.sepoultryauction.moonfruit.com) or contact [sepoultryauction@talktalk.net](mailto:sepoultryauction@talktalk.net).

**Craft Club**  
Pound Lane Mission

Alternate Mondays  
between 2 and 5 p.m.

No experience or special skills required.  
Just enthusiasm!

All welcome



**Pitsea South East & North West**

**COMMUNITY PANEL DATES**

**TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2011**

**TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2011**

**PITSEA LEISURE CENTRE, MAIN HALL**

**7 pm - 10pm**

For more information contact  
St Georges Community Housing  
Resident Involvement Team  
01268 465080



*Come along after the Fete and enjoy an evening of entertainment*

**Singer Gary Oliver**  
7.30 p.m.- Late

**Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Weekends**  
Monday—Ladies Darts Tuesday Pensioners Club

Friday 7.30- 11.00pm

Saturday 1.30—11.00 pm

Sunday 1.30 - 10.30 pm

Membership 15.00 per year Senior Residents £5.00

Can be hired for Wakes

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**The Disco Party**

Children's Party Entertainers

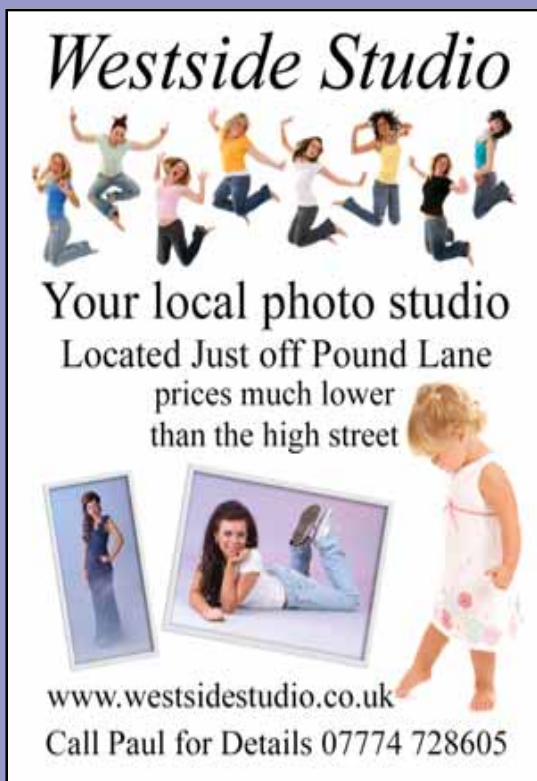
Disco, Magic, Balloon Modelling,  
Games and Prizes.

2hr Party Options Available.

Check Website For full Details.

[www.thediscoparty.co.uk](http://www.thediscoparty.co.uk)  
Contact 07749 810731

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[www.westsidestudio.co.uk](http://www.westsidestudio.co.uk)  
Call Paul for Details 07774 728605

**Volunteers wanted for Fete**

Would you like to help at the Fete on 29th April.

Have any plants you don't want.

Can make a donation.

Make cakes

Want to buy raffle tickets at £2.50 per book.

Would like to donate a prize.

Contact the Parish Clerk. Details on back page.

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## News in Brief

### New Bus shelters for the Parish

Since the last Bugle newsletter 4 new Bus Shelters have been installed along Pound Lane.

Following lobbying by the Parish Council the old dilapidated shelters have been replaced at Kelly Road, Canvey Road, Clifton Road and Clare House.

The Parish Council will continue to lobby Essex County Council to replace the old bus shelters along the London Road. (Our picture shows the shelters before and after.)



### Flooding

The Parish Council are continuing to talk with Essex County Council Flood Prevention Officers to find ways to prevent further flooding along our unmade roads during bad weather.

A great deal of information obtained from residents in Osborne Road has been passed to Essex County Officers and is currently being considered. If your road is subject to flooding during extreme weather email The Parish Clerk, [clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com)

### Vehicle Activation Sign Pound Lane

This sign is due to be repaired and a date of the work to be carried out by Essex county council contractors.

### Pathways

Many pathways within the Parish, which are in poor condition, have been reported to Essex County Council Localism Team by the Parish Council.

Report Highways issues (lighting, footpaths and roads) to Essex County Council Localism Team Tel: 0845 603

## Pound Lane Junction Closure

The Parish Council are pleased to advise residents that Essex County Council have informed that under S14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 between the period 22nd April 2011 & 31st March 2012

Pound Lane at its junction with the A127 south through to the junction of Burnt Mills Road will be closed to carry out highway maintenance works. The A127 slip road will also be closed. Residents will be notified 2 weeks before work is due to

start.

Following notification to Essex County Council that Bowers Gifford had been omitted from their road map for repairs Essex County Council have listened to the Parish lobby.

Hopefully this is just a start of badly needed repair works to our pathways and roads.

Residents will be kept informed via the Parish Council website and at Council meetings.

## Sadlers Farm Junction Improvement works

Junction Improvement works at Sadlers Farm are currently programmed to be completed in Spring 2012. Stephen Gray, Birse Civils Project Manager, has informed the Parish Council that "The A13 central reservation works are progressing and traffic is expected to switch lanes at the end of April. A130 earthworks have commenced for the road widening and traffic will move onto the new section in early August. The centre pier for the Church Road Bridge has been concreted and the London Road Bridge, is being erected and the new bridge should be open to traffic in September 2011. Piling has been completed for the Sadlers Farm and Sadlers Hall Bridges and bridge beams will be installed from July. Church Road subway is due to close soon for more works and Rushbottom Subway, currently closed, will re-open at the end of June"





# FUN DOG SHOW

Organised by Phoenix Dog Training Club

Join us at the Village Fete on 29th April

**OPEN TO ALL ENTRIES TAKEN FROM 1.00 p.m. ON THE DAY £1.00 PER CLASS**

Classes for -  
**Cutest Puppy, Pretty Girl, Handsome Boy, Best Rescue, Waggiest Tail, Young Handler & BEST IN SHOW**

Certificates awarded for Places 1-3  
 Trophy awarded for Best in Show  
**JUDGING COMMENCES AT 2.30 P.M.**

# The Fun Walk

Fun Walk 2011 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Barleylands Farm

Help raise funds to regenerate Westlake Park for the benefit of the Community

Your Council are intending to participate in the above fun walk.

Last year the organisation running the event for every £1,000 raised by participants in sponsorship, £850 was awarded from the bonus pot.

Sponsorship forms will be at the Fete for residents who would like to sponsor or you can email the Parish Council at: [clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com)

(Cont. from front page.) The LOGO Exhibition to find a new identity a great Success - Nicholas Broad (11) of Alpha Close, was the winner of our completion. Here is his design and , the design digitally enhanced by Graphic Designer, Tim Shepherd. Runners up were: 2nd John Victory, 3rd Conner Mayie, Highly recommended Eloise Doyle and Teddy Power. Here are some photos taken on the day and show some of the other entries and the judges.



The winning entry



Cllr Smillie shows the winning design



Some competition entries



The judges with Chair of the Council ( Rob Smillie) & Deputy Head St Margarets School Catherine Webster. Below: Some visitors with the judges and Deputy Head.



The final version



Judging the entries



## Village Fete

Friday 29th April 2011  
Westlake Park, Pound Lane  
(Beside Wiltons Pet Shop)

**To celebrate the Royal wedding**  
1pm - 5 pm

**Children's Tea Party 2- 4 pm**  
With entertainer

Arena events including *Kazaar Street dancers, Starlight Twirlers , Vicky Santoy Dancers*  
 BBQ - Cream Teas - Refreshments  
 Essex Fire Service , Classic Cars  
 Doctor Who Car and a Dalek  
 Bouncy Castle & Bouncy slide  
 Craft stalls & Fun stalls

**Fun Dog Show (See advert on facing page)**

**Bring this newsletter with you for free entry into a prize draw**



