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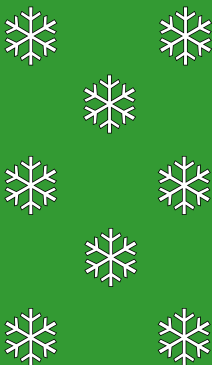
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YOUR COUNCILLORS :

Cllr. Rob Smillie (Chair)
Cllr. Graham Walker
Cllr. Barbara Williams
Cllr. Jamie Huntman
Cllr. Bernard Foster
Cllr. Debbie Ward
Cllr. Claire Coxhead

Parish Clerk:
Christine Barlow



Bowers Bugle

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Parish Council latest

Councillor Jamie Huntman



The Council would like to congratulate Jamie Huntman on his appointment . Jamie beat off strong competition for the post of Parish Councillor and was co-opted as a Member of the Council at the Council meeting on 27th October 2010.

Councillor Huntman is a local businessman who lives and works in Bowers Gifford and will make a valuable contribution to the running of the council. The Council now has 7 Councillors raising the profile of the community of the Parish of Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet.

Parish Clerk Appointed

The Parish Council now has a permanent Clerk, Christine Barlow. Chris lives in Highlands Road, and was appointed to the post in September. She is married with two grown up sons and has lived in the Parish for 15 years.

To contact Chris email: clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com
Tel: 01268 725236 (M) 07758255621



Have your say! Have your say!

Communicating with you!

The Council is looking to install some noticeboards to keep residents informed of what is happening in the Parish, as not everyone has access or use of the Internet.

Where do you think they should be located for the most impact?

Send your views on the best location to site them to the Parish Clerk.

Are your roads and paths in need of repair? Does your area flood when it rains heavily?

If the answer is Yes!

Send the details, in the first instance, to the Parish Clerk either by letter, text or email clearly giving the location and name of the road. Your Councillors will then discuss the issues with Essex County Council.

Send to : The Parish Clerk, 15 Highlands Road, Bowers Gifford, SS13 2HR
Email: clerkbgnbparishcouncil@gmail.com or text (M) 0775825562

Making headway



The Sadlers Farm redevelopment works are on target for their completion in 2012.

Christmas; the construction of crossovers in the central reservation and further road works activities to the north - west of the A130, will start in January 2011.



Church Road subway will re-open on 22nd December 2010 and the next planned closure will be in March 2011.

If you require any further information contact: Birse Civils Project Manager, Stephen Gray, at the Site Office Tel: 01268 881300

London Road temporary diversion

The London Road diversion, near to the construction site, will open on 20th December and works will continue to create two new lanes in the A13 central reservation.

The boundary post and rail fencing which can be seen running through the redevelopment will remain after work is finished.

Work on the A130 will commence prior to

Consulting with you

Following on from the last issue of the Bugle we asked you what amenities you would like to see in Westlake Park.

To get everyone's views the council needs to consult with all residents and included with this newsletter is a survey which we would ask you to complete and return.

return to the Parish Clerk. (Details on the survey)

Your comments are valued and are very important as they may help the Council to obtain funding to cover the cost of the project.

Please take a few minutes of your time to complete the form.

Some of you took the time to send us your views and said you would like a Play Area for younger children and facilities for older young people.

The survey will also be on the Parish Council website for you to download, complete and



St Margaret's School by Dean Moran

We are just starting our new build project and there is an air of excited anticipation! Along with the A13 road improvement scheme we now seem to be surrounded by contractors and heavy machinery! This term in school has been very busy and productive. At the beginning of October the school went through an OFSTED inspection. The inspection

team recognised the rapid improvements and the good progress that children make whilst at St. Margaret's. (www.ofsted.gov.uk) We are very proud of our Deputy Head teacher's promotion to Head teacher of another local school. Although this is a sad loss to the school we hope to be able to make an equally strong appointment to assist in leading the school forward in the future.

It is this time of year when parents of children due to start school in the new academic year begin to make choices about school places. If you or someone you know has a child due to start school please consider St. Margaret's. For further information please contact the school office on 01268 552176. We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas.

Dean Moran - Head teacher





Community Diary

St Margaret's School
London Road, Bowers Gifford

Bazaar



Friday 3rd December
3.30 - 6.00 p.m.



Pound Lane Mission

Carol Service

Adj. Osborne Road, Pound Lane

Friday 3rd December - 8pm

All Welcome



Art & Crafts Exhibition
Pound Lane Mission



Saturday 29th January 2011

11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Craft Club - Alternate Mondays
between 2 and 5 p.m.
No experience or special skills
required. Just enthusiasm!

A little bit of History
Can you help?

Do you know of Little Charlton Hall ?

It was a property in Bowers Gifford in
the 19th century .
Stephen Harvey lived there with his wife
Martha and their family .

If you can provide any information
contact the Parish Clerk.

Bowers Gifford Women's Institute

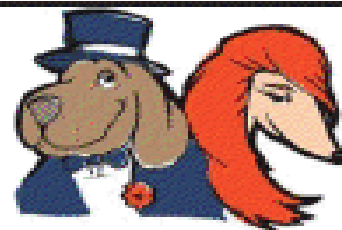
2nd Monday in the month
Benbow Club , Pound Lane at 2 p.m.

All new members welcome.

Contact:

Secretary: Anne Rothon, 01268 551408
President, Ann Horton 01268 473191.

See Parish Council website
[www.essexinfo.net/
bgnb-parishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/bgnb-parishcouncil)
for forthcoming events.



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Haven't visited recently ?

THE BENBOW CLUB, POUND LANE

Lots of events are planned for the coming
months for you to enjoy

Watch the notice board outside
the club for details



To place an advert on this page.
Tel: 07758255621 (M)



a million
voices for
nature

RSPB Veolia Bowers Marsh is a new 2.8 square kilometre nature reserve built and managed by the RSPB, owned by Veolia ES Ltd and funded by Parklands and Veolia Pitsea Marshes Trust.

Work began in August and the nature reserve is now well on the way to completion. Contractors have been working hard to create the new wetland pools and ditches which will be a great place for birds such as terns, avocets and little ringed plovers to breed and birds like the black tailed godwit which winter in the Thames estuary will have a new place to rest at high tide.

Around the edges of the nature reserve work has been going on to create new ditches for water voles, restore ponds for



Black-tailed godwits by Darren Chaplin

great crested newts and create wild flower field margins. These field margins will provide new habitat for plants but also insects and farmland birds. A 6.5km bridleway, 3km of extra footpaths, picnic areas and car parks will help visitors to enjoy their visit to the marshes and there are regular guided walks. The next

Bowers Marsh walk is the 18th December. If you would like to come along please book by ringing 01268 498627.

Work should be completed by next spring and you can follow the six month challenge to build the nature reserve by logging on to :

www.rspbowersmarsh.co.uk

Here you can see videos, read blogs and see pictures and find out more about the RSPB in south Essex. (Picture by Terry Whittaker)



Green Bin Collections to continue over Christmas



food waste

Basildon Council's new weekly food and garden waste collection scheme which was introduced in October will continue over the Christmas period so all of your extra peelings and left-overs (not that there will be many) can be put in your 'Green bin' and taken to be composted. Glass recycling collections will also be continuing over the Christmas period. Because of the

bank holidays, there will be some service changes but you will receive a leaflet from Basildon Council through your door in December which explains the changes. **DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE**

You can also recycle your Christmas tree.

If you need more information call: Streetcare on 01268 294949 or email recycling@basildon.gov.uk



The Wheelie Wash Company

With changes to waste collections, now might be the time to consider the use of our professional service

Your wheelie bin cleaned, sanitised and scented

Simply leave your bin out on collection day

No mess, No fuss, leave the rest to us!

Using our self-contained cleaning system

We do all this for as little as £2.75 per clean.

Tel: 01268 282097 Mob: 07889 100311

Email: thewheeliewashcompany@virginmedia.com



Basildon Council Christmas opening times

The Basildon Centre

Friday 24th December 9 am - 5 pm.

29th, 30th, 31st December 9am- 5pm

It will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2011.

Barleylands Recycling Centre

Friday 24th December - close at 2.30 pm

Monday 27th -Thursday 30th December open 9am - 4pm

Friday 31 December open 9am-2.30pm

Sunday 2nd - Tuesday 4th January open 9am - 4pm

The Council's emergency out-of-hours team will be on call throughout the Christmas period as usual.

The Council switchboard and Streetcare call answering service will also be open on the above dates and times.

Council Meetings Calendar

Date	Day	Meeting at 7.30 pm
15.12.10	Wednesday	Full Council
26.01.11	Wednesday	Full Council
23.02.11	Wednesday	Full Council
23.03.11	Wednesday	Full Council
20.04.11	Wednesday	Full Council
18.05.11	Wednesday	Annual Parish Meeting
25.05.11	Wednesday	Annual Council Meeting 2011/12

Council meetings are held at 'The Benbow Club'

All meetings are open to residents to attend and the minutes and agendas of Council meetings are published on the Parish website

www.essexinfo.net/bgnb-parishcouncil/

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