

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

newsletter



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parish news...

Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday 14 April
 2011 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall

A G E N D A

- 1.Minutes of the meeting of 15 April 2010
- 2.Matters arising from the Minutes
- 3.Parish Council Chairman's report
- 4.County and Borough Council reports
- 5.Electors' Question Time
- 6.Parish Council accounts
- 7.Any other business

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HM Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee 2 June 2012

Her Majesty celebrates a reign of 60 years next year, and we are beginning to make plans to celebrate the event. A committee has been formed from representatives of various organisations within Baughurst, but we would welcome anyone who wants to become involved.

Our current plans revolve around Saturday 2 June 2012, the anniversary of her crowning. The day will start with the Jubilee Trail - a choice of three walks, of differing lengths, for cyclists, horse riders and walkers. The shortest trail will be suitable for parents with buggies, or for those who don't want to walk too far. The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will start proceedings, hopefully with a bang, and all participants will return to Heath End Hall and green where we plan to have a pig roast and barbecue.

During the afternoon we will hold a Party on The Green, with bar, side stalls, bouncy castle and ballpool, displays of memorabilia from the reign of Her Majesty, and all the usual attractions of a summer fair. And in the evening, continuing with the 1950s theme, we plan to have an evening of songs from the Rat Pack era by a celebrated local performer.

Sunday will be a day of rest, well deserved, but in the evening there will be a special Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty at St Stephen's Church, Baughurst, who will also be holding a Flower Festival during the course of the weekend.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! - please contact the Clerk for further details.

Roads

Speed Limit Reminder signs

These flashing signs are popping up all over the place intermittently, and serve as a good reminder to all to slow down. Most of the roads in Baughurst are now 30 mph zones, and speed checks by our local constabulary are not uncommon. Take care!

Yet again, the severe winter conditions caused problems with the surfacing on many of our highways. Hampshire County Council have been carrying out a remedial programme, but please report any potholes, etc., to the Clerk or online to

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/highwaysenquiries.htm?category=HDEF>

Hampshire have also been carrying out an improvement scheme on our rural roads in Wolverton, Wolverton Townsend and Baughurst, which have involved a number of traffic calming measures to encourage motorists to slow down.

We have a number of wheelie bin stickers which urge motorists to restrict their speed to 30mph to give away to residents living in Baughurst Road, Wolverton Road and Baughurst Road as far as 'The Wellington Arms' - please contact the Clerk for further information.

A new Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been set up in Wolverton, and we wish them good luck with the venture.

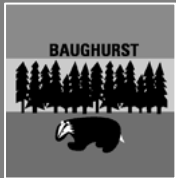
Salt bins

The snow and ice of last winter identified the need for further salt bins to be placed in strategic areas. These are now in place, but we would welcome your help in identifying when they are empty, so that we may ask Hampshire County Council to refill them. Again, please contact the Clerk if you notice that they are empty.

Footpaths

Thanks to those who have helped us trial the proposed walks for the new Parish footpaths booklet. Each walk leads from Baughurst into neighbouring parishes (no passport required!), and back into Baughurst again in a loop. A little fine tuning, and we should soon be ready to go to print. Our trusty volunteers came up with many useful comments and amendments, which were much appreciated.

We have just installed 8 new kissing gates on rights of way within the Parish, and hope to purchase 5 more in the near future.



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Open spaces

We have recently culled a number of dead and dying trees on Baughurst Common, and are planning to replant with native varieties.

We have also just been advised that our bid to purchase a large area of ex-MoD land to the rear of Long Grove has been accepted.

We are proud of our play areas, and try to keep them in good repair, clean and tidy. Just before Christmas, vandals emptied tins of paint (rescued from a nearby skip) over all the play equipment and safety surfacing at Long Grove play area. This cost time and money to cleanse, and is a waste of tax-payers' money. If you see vandalism, please report to the Police immediately. Please also do not leave materials which can be used for such a purpose in easily accessible places.

Local eyesores

Do you know of any local eyesores which you feel should be made beautiful? If so, please notify the Clerk.

Flytipping

Please DO NOT throw your rubbish into green areas, or leave in hedgerows, or down country lanes. It is an offence in law, and if spotted, you will be reported and fined. The build up of dying vegetation also encourages the spread of rats, which is an ongoing problem in the parish.

The main culprit areas are near Lakelands and Douro Close, and to the left of Forest Close hammerhead. To have flytipping removed, please call Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, 01256 844844.

Recycling

Sign up for this year's Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council garden waste collection service in order to recycle more and waste less. Residents signing up to the scheme after 1 March 2011 will be charged £10 for each additional sack. There is no limit to the number of sacks a resident can have. Last year nearly 4,000 people in the borough joined the scheme, sending an impressive 1,000 tonnes of garden waste for composting. For more information or to sign up visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/greenwaste or call 01256 844844.

Planning

The Parish Council receives and comments on all planning applications for the area. Plans for current applications can be viewed on application to the Clerk, or via www.basingstoke.gov.uk.

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Tadley CAB

Much has been written about the 'Big Society' and the CAB believes that we are the perfect example of this idea in action. It is important to recognise that good does not always mean new. For 25 years in Tadley there has been a small dedicated pool of local volunteers who give their time to help people with the problems they face. CAB is committed to offering this free impartial and confidential service to anyone who needs it.

Using volunteers is a fantastic way to maximise efficiency and link services into the local community. Yet volunteers providing services in a structured manner, such as the CAB, need support and this costs money. In these lean times we are looking at a reduction in funding as the number of enquiries continues to increase. We continue to see the largest increase in enquiries about debt and unemployment.

We have extended our partnership with the local Mental Health Centre, thanks to funding from Lloyds TSB. Research has shown that among relatively well balanced people, increasing debt outside their control creates mental disorder. For those previously predisposed to mental disorders, problem debt often causes their disorders to surface. We help to support those most vulnerable.

Funding continues to be a challenge. We are setting up a fundraising page to help collect donations and would like to get this off to a strong start. If anyone would like to help by committing themselves to a sponsored challenge, please call on 0118 981 7567.



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Wolverton Hall: A market is held here on the first Saturday of every month at 9.30 am.

Wolverton Quiz at the Hall
 Fridays 20 May, 19 August and 25 November 2011

Heath End Hall:
<http://www.heathendvillagehall.co.uk>

Baughurst Scout and Guide Group Spring Fair
 Saturday 7 May 2011 from 1.30 pm

Rural Library Link 5
Chineham
Route 11 Jan 14 28 , Feb 11 25, Mar 11 25
 Apr 8 PH, May 6 20, Jun 3 17

Heath End Village Hall
 10am to 10.20am
 Baughurst, Heath Court
 10.25am to 10.40am
 Baughurst Portway (nr 59)
 10.45am to 11.05am
 Baughurst Hurst School Miss Polly's Nursery
 11.10am to 11.35am

Hampshire Constabulary

We continue to make your community safer but need your help in knowing what is affecting you the most. Are you fed up with the kids or drunks hanging around, or worried about being burgled, or drugs? We have enclosed a leaflet for you to decide on next year's Police priorities. Please take time to complete the leaflet and return it to one of the places listed on the back. All returned forms will be entered into a prize draw to win one of the prizes generously donated by local businesses.

A new speeding scheme , 'Community Speedwatch', is being introduced across Hampshire, where the community and local Police work together to combat speeding. This will involve both the education of speeding drivers and enforcement where necessary. Baughurst Parish Council is keen to implement this scheme and address the dangers of speeding. If you want to be part of the solution, get in touch with your Council Clerk.

Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with you, which has been both active and productive, I am moving on to pastures new. Pc Miriam Edwards will be returning back to the beat to continue the good.

Pc Graeme Calver

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Martin Slatford	Tibbles, Wolverton Common	01635298524

Baughurst Common Ward

Jane Ayre	68 Portway	981 3700
Ged Adams	The Beeches, Baughurst Rd	981 3173
Janette Hewitt	Oak Cottage, Baughurst Rd	981 4858
Stan Terrett	8 Pinewood Close	981 4056

Baughurst Ward

Margaret Adams	The Beeches, Baughurst Rd	981 3173
Pat Garrett	Kylmore, Wolverton Rd	981 3287
Liz Page	Dunketts, Church Lane	981 3946
Graham Round	21 The Hawthorns	07771 518253

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Useful Numbers:

Clerk to Parish Council	0118 981 2944
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	01256 844844
(Parking on pavements)	01256 845334
(Antisocial behaviour)	01256 845245
(Abandoned cars)	01256 845474
(Flytipping)	01256 845474
Citizens Advice Bureau	0118 981 7660
Hampshire County Council	01962 841841
(Hampshire Highways)	01256 764444
(Street lights, roads)	0800 506060
Holmwood Health Centre	0118 981 4166
Hurst Leisure Centre	0118 981 1611
Tadley Library	0118 981 4595
Tadley Swimming Pool	0118 981 7818



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calendar...

baughurst parish council meetings:

Thursday 14 April 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall (Annual Parish Meeting - all welcome)
Thursday 28 April 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 19 May 2011	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall (Annual Meeting)
Thursday 23 June 2011	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 28 July 2011	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 22 September 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 27 October 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 1 December 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall

(subject to change with one week's notice given)

heath end hall events: contact Mrs K Vyse 0118 981 4199

Monday	Term time 9.15 - 2.45pm	Butterflies Preschool School	07711909533
	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Square Dancers	0118 981 6184
Tuesday	Term time 9.30- 12 noon	Mothers and Toddlers	0118 980903 & 9820227
1 st in the month	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Trefoil Guild	0118 9813512
3 rd in the month	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Tuesday Club	0118 9812787
4 th in the month	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Heath End Women's Institute	0119 981 2452
Alternate weeks	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Craftwork (small hall)	0118 981 1766
1 st of the month	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Gardening Club	0118 981 4759
Some Tuesdays	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Lady Freemasons	0118 981 4698
Every Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Line Dancing	01256 321972
Wednesday	Term time 9.15 - 1.00 pm	Butterflies Pre-School	07711909533
	Term time 4.00 - 7.30	Bryett School of Dance	01962 863061
Thursday	9.15 - 3.00 pm	Butterflies Pre-school	07711909533
3 rd in the month	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Flower Arranging	0118 981 3600
	3.45 - 7.45 pm	Bryett School of Dance	01962 863061
4 th in the month	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Parish Council (not May/June/July)	0118 981 2944
Friday	9.15 - 1.00 pm	Butterflies Pre-School	07711909533
	1.00 - 2.00 pm	Tadley Muslim Society	0118 981 6799
Saturday	10.00 - 1.00 pm	Bryett Dance School	01062 863061