



BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

newsletter



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Community Speedwatch

Several local Councils, including Baughurst, are considering the use of Community Speedwatch in an effort to restrain traffic speeds in their localities. Despite the introduction of our new 30mph speed limits on rural roads, we still have offenders who continue to use the roads as race tracks.

PCSOs will be trained and will then cascade the training to volunteers, who will be covered by Police insurance. Local Councils will advise Police of locations which are the subject of local concern; the Police will carry out a risk assessment and then approve the sites.

The Police are currently in discussions with BDBC regarding the use of existing equipment. Community Speedwatch requires a Speed Indicating Device (SID) which is light enough to transport and mount on a temporary roadside tripod.

Three volunteers will collect and confirm: a) location b) time vehicle registration and c) speed. All information collected will have to tally up when entered on the Police computer by a lead volunteer. The information will go through the Police National Computer and a suitable letter will be produced. If there are any discrepancies, the information will be disregarded. Different letters will be sent to repeat offenders. The Police will deploy their speed cameras to sites with confirmed speed problems.

We already have several volunteers, but more will be needed. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on 0118 981 2944 or clerk@baughurst-pc.gov.uk.

Facebook

Did you know that the Parish Council is now on Facebook? Why not add us as a 'friend'?

Parish Council

Just an early reminder that Parish Council elections will take place in May 2012, when all seats on Baughurst Parish Council will fall vacant.

Roads

We are hoping that this year we do not suffer the severe winter conditions which we are promised! However, HCC have now in a place a considerable number of new salt bins, 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.

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.

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 continue to install new kissing gates around the Parish, replacing old, rotten or inaccessible stiles. If you notice any which you consider needing replacement, when you are out and about, please let the Clerk know.





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Open spaces

We have finally enclosed Long Grove play area with new fencing, which is far more attractive than the old ARMCO fencing which used to border the site. However, within recent weeks sections of the safety surfacing used to protect children should they fall from the equipment has been ripped up, and we plan to replace this as soon as possible.

Seeding and restoration of the worn pitches at the Pineapple field has also taken place. The field has suffered as a result of a succession of dry summers and subsequent drought conditions.

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. To have flytipping removed, please call Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, 01256 844844.

Recycling

Are you looking for a bargain, vintage or quirky piece of furniture? Have you been bitten by the up-cycling bug? Would you like to de-clutter your home? Are you moving home or in need of a house clearance? Do you have some spare time you wish to give to a worthwhile cause? Have you considered a community furniture project?

These aim to provide affordable furniture to their local communities, collecting or accepting reusable furniture, electrical goods, bikes and bric-a-brac which they will sell back to the community. These are sold on a two price system - slightly higher for the general public, and a lower price for people who qualify for a range of discounts. All items are affordable and safety checked. The projects support a wide range of meaningful volunteering and training opportunities for people in the community and individual with a range of special needs, aimed at helping people enter or retain employment.

The Community Furniture projects diverted almost 600 tons of waste from landfill last year, the equivalent of saving 2000 tonnes of CO2.

Some projects support people in exceptional need who have been identified by Social Services as requiring furniture and electrical goods urgently.

If you wish to donate items, wish to buy quality goods or have some spare time to give to a worthwhile cause, why not consider one of the local projects listed below:

Community Furniture Project (Basingstoke) 01256 320700, www.cfpnewbury.org/basingstoke.php, or Community Furniture Project (Newbury) 01635 43933 www.cfpnewbury.org/newbury.php

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

A recent volunteer wrote 'As retirement was approaching, I decided to reflect on how I could occupy my time doing something which I felt was worthwhile and would help my local community. Having had family members who had used the Citizens Advice Bureau, my thoughts turned towards volunteering to be an adviser. Training took place in the Bureau at Tadley one afternoon a week, and I found everyone supportive, extremely friendly and helpful. I have now completed my initial 6 weeks training, which included observing trained advisers and role play. Having started to do interviews myself, I now feel I am 'doing my bit'.

Tadley and District Citizens Advice Bureau are recruiting trainee advisers working at the local offices. Could you offer just one or two mornings per week for this interesting, challenging and varied role, which will make a direct difference to people's lives. Full training and support is offered, along with travel expenses to the Bureau.

If you would like to visit the offices for an informal chat and to find out more about the work, please telephone 0118 981 7567 or email admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk to arrange a convenient time.



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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

Friday 25 November 2011. Contact Frances Langley on 01635 297125 for further information.

Heath End Hall:

<http://www.heathendvillagehall.co.uk>

4 November 2011, 7.30 pm - The Atlantics, a tribute band. Contact Pauline on 0118 981 3450

27 November 2011, 3.00 pm - Children's theatre followed by tea. Contact Pauline on 0118 981 3450 or Ann 0118 981 6731

Baughurst Scout and Guide Group - Fireworks

Saturday 7 November 2011 from 6.00 pm at Adams Field. Contact 0118 981 6731 for further details.

Heath End WI

The WI are holding a Top Table Sale on Saturday 29 October 2011 at Heath End Hall. Doors open 2 - 4 pm.

Hampshire Constabulary

Firstly, a word of thanks to all those who have called in with reports regarding suspicious persons or vehicles over the course of this year. We rely upon the public to act as eyes and ears. Your good work is much appreciated and is of great assistance in reducing the risk of crime in the area. About 20% of all the occurrences investigated are down to you bringing forward this information forward so thanks to all involved.

The clocks will be going back on 30 October, signifying the onset of the dark season. If you have outbuildings, housing, forestry equipment, motor mowers etc., please ensure you have taken all sensible precautions to make them secure. There are many inexpensive devices on the market that you can buy that will help protect your property. If you are in Neighbourhood Watch you might consider buying Smartwater at a reduced price via your local coordinator.

We recently found a device attached to a cash dispensing machine in Tadley which could read and transmit your keystrokes on the machine when withdrawing cash. Please bear in mind that cash dispensing machines situated in such locations are targets for criminals and check the machine before you use it to see if there is anything attached to the outside which is unusual or strange.

The price of scrap metal is high; copper is about £6000 per tonne, and lead, aluminium and steel are all fetching good prices. If you have scrap materials around your property consider taking them to your local merchant and selling them off. It is better for you to have the money than some criminal, and it will reduce the likelihood of receiving unwelcome visitors.

contacts...

Wolverton Ward

Frances Langley	1 Rectory Lane, Wolverton	01635 297125
Philip Postance	11 Heathrow Copse	981 3450
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

Clerk:

Penny Waterfield	51 Sheridan Crescent	981 2944
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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 84524
(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 27 October 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 1 December 2011	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 12 January 2012	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 23 February 2012	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 22 March 2012	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 12 April 2012	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
	(Annual Parish Meeting)	
Thursday 26 April 2012	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
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	Pilates	07884001176
Wednesday	Term time 9.15 - 1.00 pm	Butterflies Pre-School	07711909533
	Term time 4.00 - 7.30	Bryett School of Dance	01962 863061
	8.15 pm - 11.00 pm	Jive Club	0118 981 3763
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