



BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL newsletter



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parish news...

**Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday 9 April
2015 7.30 pm, Heath End Hall**

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2014
2. Matters arising from the Minutes
3. Parish Council Chairman's report
4. County, Borough and Police reports
5. Electors' Question Time
6. Charities' report
7. Parish Council accounts
8. Any other business

**PLEASE DO COME ALONG – ALL ARE
WELCOME**

Play Areas

Vandalism, particularly in Long Grove, remains an ongoing problem, especially with graffiti and broken bottles. We asked for 'friends of Long Grove', who would keep a watchful eye on things, to come forward, and we now have a volunteer. More are needed!

We have also recently refurbished play equipment in Wolverton field, and cleaned and repaired the equipment in Long Grove.

Rights of Way

We are lucky to have 44 paths in the parish, and we try to walk them all. Anyone is welcome to come along, although the aim is to identify problem areas, like broken finger-posts, rather than bracing 10 mile hikes.



We are making moves to place 3 retractable steel posts at the entrance to Bridleway 5 (on Brimpton Road, leading to Inhurst Lane) to prevent its illegal use by vehicles. If anyone knows of any existing 'rights' over the right of way (ie written into their Deeds), please let us know.

Remembrance Events

The Service of Remembrance, held at St Stephen's on Sunday 7 November, was particularly moving. It was led by the Reverend Neville Biden, and honoured guests included the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Basingstoke and Deane. A muffled half peal of bells preceded the service. On the anniversary of the death of each Baughurst man who died in the 1st World War, a bell will toll. It has been agreed to replicate the Church service yearly during each November of the years 2014-2018.

War Memorial

Age has also taken its toll of the War Memorial, which is in need of remedial cleaning and small repair. We have been fortunate to gain a small grant from the War Memorials Trust which will enable us to carry out the works.

Remembrance Day parade

Recent changes in legislation have placed certain restrictions on the ability of the Police to oversee the required road closures necessary for the parade to take place. In addition, Hampshire County Council have also withdrawn their loan, for the day, of the 26 directional signs needed to safely conduct traffic away from the site. Thanks to our County Councillor, Warwick Lovegrove, a grant has now been obtained for the purchase of the signs, securing the safety of the parade for perpetuity.





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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, especially on land which has recently come into our possession. We are proud of our play areas, and try to keep them in good repair, clean and tidy. Do let us know if you witness vandalism or wilful damage.

Three trees on Council land (behind the shops in Heath End Road) have recently been felled illegally, by persons unknown. If you have any knowledge of those who may have been responsible, contact the Clerk. Confidentiality will be maintained.

Litter is an ongoing problem. Please report it to Basingstoke and Deane, or to the Clerk, and we will endeavour to have it cleared. Meanwhile, please take your litter home with you.

Traffic courtesy

Is there anyone else out there who wishes that we had a local 'code' for the navigation of our various 'pinch points' in the parish? Too often a driver can let one person go through, only to be followed by two or three more who whizz through without waiting to be beckoned on. Could we not try and follow a 'one on one' code?

Parish Councillor vacancy

We have very sadly said goodbye to Liz Page, who has represented Baughurst Ward for many years, especially in the Browning Hill area. We are now seeking a replacement Councillor – if you are interested, please contact the Clerk to find out a little more about the role.

Being a Councillor is a rewarding experience – varied and interesting, and as much involvement as you could wish. We meet 10 times per year, have three committees (which it is hoped you would join), and cover such topics as highways, rights of way, planning, churchyards, open spaces and playing fields. Your role would be a busy one, but you could make a significant difference to the parish by becoming a Councillor.

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.

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!

We have recently lost a postbox (at the junction of Baughurst Road with 'Snakey Lane' into Pound Green, through a traffic accident. It was a Victorian postbox, and reasonably rare. We have asked Royal Mail to preserve and replace it, and are awaiting their response.

Very recently the telephone kiosk at the junction of Baughurst Road and Shaw Lane was demolished. Again, we await BT's decision about its future.

Speedwatch

We have experienced a renaissance of our Speedwatch scheme, with a change of coordinator and 10 trained volunteers to help maintain a roadside vigil to identify and report speeding traffic. We rent out our machine to other parishes, so it pays to keep your speeds low on roads where a speed restriction is in place.

Baughurst Community Speedwatch are out regularly, and, in February and March, spotted over 60 speeding vehicles in 30mph areas along Wolverton Common, Brimpton Road, Baughurst Road and in Heath End Road. The Speedwatch volunteers on that occasion identified 40 excessive speeders, of which two were travelling at 40 or above. All will now be contacted by the Police.

Concessionary bus travel

From 1 April 2015 the Hampshire older persons bus pass (blue stripe) will give free travel from **9.30am to 11pm**, Monday to Friday from 1 April 2015. Weekend and public holiday travel is free all day for passholders. Disabled persons passes (orange stripe) are not affected.

Tel: 0300 555 1376 hants.gov.uk/concessionary-travel



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Wolverton Hall: A market is held here on the first Saturday of every month at 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

Wolverton Quiz at the Hall – Friday 6 March, Friday 29 May, Friday 21 August and Friday 27 November 2015. Contact 01635 297125 for more details.

Heath End Hall – Friday 17 April 2015, Abba Tribute evening. Tickets £15 from 0118 981 3450 or 0118 981 4858, light supper included (bring own drink)

Baughurst Scout and Guide Group – Summer Fayre, Saturday 13 June 2015 from midday

Heath End Gardening Club Plant Sale – Hurst Community College - Saturday 9 May 2015, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Wolverton fete – 28 June 2015, Hazeldene, Wolverton Common, from about 1.30 pm

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Tadley CAB

Evening Advice Service

Tadley & District Citizens Advice Bureau are pleased to announce they are now able to offer evening advice appointments from our office in Franklin Avenue Tadley every Thursday at 6pm. If you have a problem or issue that you need advice on and would like an evening appointment please phone our advice line on 03444 111 306 for an initial assessment.

Email advice

If you are looking for advice but don't have the time to phone us or come into the office why not try sending us an email instead?

We are now able to offer an email advice service via our new website. Please take a look at www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk and follow the link to Get Advice - Email Service from Tadley.

Energy Issues – Are you paying too much for your energy?

If you would like assistance with switching your energy supplier to a cheaper tariff please contact our administration line on 0118 9817567 where we can book an appointment to guide you through this process.

contacts...

Wolverton Ward

Frances Langley	1 Rectory Lane, Wolverton	01635 297125
Philip Postance	11 Heathrow Copse	0118981 3450
Martin Slatford	Tibbles, Wolverton Common	01635298524

Baughurst Common Ward

Chris Curtis	Malthouse Farm, Baughurst	0118 9816070
Janette Hewitt	Oak Cottage, Baughurst Rd	01189814858
George Porter	The Old Coach House, Brimpton Road	01189819059
Stan Terrett	8 Pinewood Close	01189814056

Baughurst Ward

Pat Garrett	Kylmore, Wolverton Rd	0118981 3287
Vacancy		
Jo Peatman	Well Cottage, Broadhalfpenny Lane, Tadley	0118981 6037
Colin Grenville	2 Cannon Stables Cottages Wheathold	0118 327 9919

Clerk:
 Penny Waterfield 51 Sheridan Crescent 0118 981 2944

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 9 April 2015	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall (Annual Parish Meeting – all welcome)
Thursday 16 April 2015	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 28 May 2015	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall (Annual Meeting)
Thursday 25 June 2015	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 23 July 2015	7.30 pm	Wolverton Hall
Thursday 24 September 2015	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 22 October 2015	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 26 November 2015	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall

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

heath end hall events: contact Mrs S Filseel 07756 980850 email: bookings.heathendhall@hotmail.co.uk

Monday	Term time 9.00 am – 3.00pm	Little Stars Nursery	0118 981 7732
2 nd and 4 th of the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	U3A Computer group	0118 981 5201
Every week	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	U3A Ukelele group	0118 981 5201
Every 3 rd Monday of the month	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Heath End WI	0118 981 5535
Every week	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Morris dancers	0118 981 3869
Tuesday	Term time 10.00 am - 12 noon	Mothers and Toddlers	0118 981 4924
1 st in the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Trefoil Guild	0118 981 3512
1 st and 3 rd in the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	U3A Art and Craft Group	0118 981 5201
2 nd in the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	U3A Aviation Group	0118 981 5201
3 rd in the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Tuesday Club	0118 981 9067
1 st of the month	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm	Gardening Club	0118 981 4759
4 th in the month	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	U3A Country and Western Group	0118 981 5201
Every Tuesday in month	5.30 pm – 7.00 pm	Pilates	0118 981 1176
2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th in the month	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Line Dancing	01256 321 972
2 nd and 4 th in the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Craft Group	0118 981 1766
As needed	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Lady Masons	01256 882772
Wednesday	Term time 9.00 am – 3.00 pm	Little Stars Nursery	0118 981 7732
Term time	4.00 pm – 8.15 pm	Bryett School of Dance	01962 863 061
Thursday	Term time 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Little Stars Nursery	0118 981 7732
4 th in the month	1.30 pm– 3.30 pm	Flower Arranging	0118 981 9067
Term time	4.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Bryett School of Dance	01962 863 061
4 th in the month	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm	Parish Council (not May/June/July/August)	0118 981 2944
Friday	Term time 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Little Stars Nursery	0118 981 7732
Every Friday	1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Tadley Muslim Service Society	0118 981 6799
Term time	4.00 pm – 6.15 pm	Dance to the Beat Group	01256 321 160
2 nd in the month	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	U3A Committee	0118 981 5201
Saturday	Term time 10.00 am-1.15 pm	Bryett Dance School	01962 863 061