



BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL newsletter



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parish news...

Welcome to the 25th anniversary year of the Parish Newsletter!

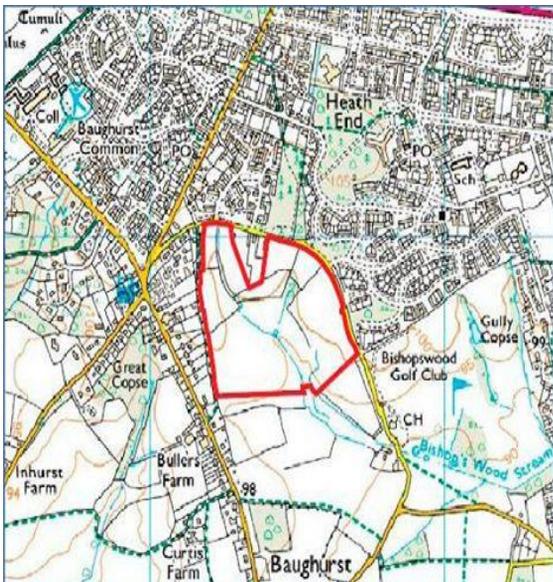
Proposed housing development of 290 houses at land at Bishopswood Lane

Developers have recently applied to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to see whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be needed should they apply for 290 houses in countryside as per the map below.

The Parish Council will be making comment on any such application when it arrives, and would welcome any views you feel able to give, especially with a view to the environment and the ability of the surrounding infrastructure to cope.

If a planning application is received, we will be holding a public meeting in Heath End Hall, so please do watch our Facebook page and website for the date and time. We may link a survey to our website, so please do comment.

A petition is circulating, linked to our Facebook page, and comments can be made under reference <https://www.change.org/p/jo-budd-against-290-new-homes-between-bishopswood-lane-and-baughurst>



Land at the cul de sac, Woodlands Road, opposite Hurst Leisure Centre

A tree survey has recently been carried out on the above area, and, as a result, all the poplar trees on the site are to be felled. Although not deemed to be dangerous, they have grown tall and spindly towards the light, forced upwards by other, larger, hardwood varieties.

Rights of Way and bridleways

Clearance and upkeep of these are the responsibility of Hampshire County Council, but we try to help where we can. Due to the warm and wet weather this year, many are overgrown, and we are seeking volunteers to help cut back vegetation, and tame overhanging trees and bushes. If you feel you would like to help, please contact the Clerk.

We have recently agreed with Hampshire County Council that retractable bollards should be provided at the entrance to Bridleway 5 on Brimpton Road. This is because wheeled vehicles have been entering the path, which is only to be used by horses and pedestrians. A new kissing gate has been installed on Footpath 9 at Axmansford.

Highways

During the last few months there have been permanent Issues around the shops on Heath End Road. The first has been the ongoing flooding near the layby on the highway, and the second has been the increased amount of flytipping to the rear and side of the shops.

The shopping area sits on privately owned land, and it is the responsibility of the landowners to repair broken water pipes. They may ask the County Council to repair the pipes on their behalf, but this would come at a significant cost. We always notify the County Council when any such leaks occur.

It is also the responsibility of the landowners to collect and remove all litter and flytipping from their property. Again, we notify Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council of the problem, who will then contact the landowners concerned.

Open spaces

A replacement postbox has been installed at Pound Green triangle, following the theft or damage to the original Victorian box. We have asked for it to be repositioned, as we think its current situation is dangerous for the public, as well as the postie!

British Telecom have also indicated that they will remove (and not replace) the damaged phone box at Shaw Lane and Baughurst Road junction.



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Baughurst 'Walking for Health' walks

Start from Baughurst Scout & Guide Den at 10.30 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, and walk for around 75 minutes. The walks are intended to introduce people to walking or get them fit again after health problems – boots or stout shoes are advisable for the woods! Further information from Elinor Gold, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, 01256 845284 or look up www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/healthwalks

Remembrance Sunday

Since last November, we have paid for the restoration and the redefinition of the inscribed wording on the War Memorial, at a cost of £3000. The Memorial looks in much better condition, and has been helped by a small grant towards the costs by the War Memorials Trust.

A reminder that the Remembrance Service at the Memorial will take place on Sunday 8 November, from about 10.55 am.

The Parish Council helps to organise the event, but at significant cost. In addition to the £3000 which we have spent on the restoration of the Memorial, there are further costs involved in providing signage for the closure of the roads; the setting up of risk assessments and traffic management documentation, and, lastly, the provision of manpower to close the roads as necessary. For many years the Police were able to do this, but changes in legislation have now made this difficult.

Last year we asked friends and family to help out, but this is obviously not an ideal scenario. The alternative is to employ a security company for the work, at an approximate cost of £330. What do you think of this expenditure? May we have your views, please?



New Councillors

We are delighted to welcome Roger Ward as our new Councillor for Baughurst Ward, following the resignation of Liz Page.

A new regime of training is to be undertaken by all Councillors in the near future.

High speed Rural Broadband

Notification has been received that Baughurst may be in the last 5% of premises in the UK, and 4% of premises in Hampshire, for which there is no affordable solution at present. Our MP, Kit Malthouse, held a Broadband Summit locally in July, and it was agreed that this Council would investigate the situation more fully in the coming months.

Affordable rural low cost housing

We continue to strive to find an acceptable site for affordable rural housing, currently without much success. The sites need to meet the criteria demanded by the local authorities and housing associations.

Speedwatch

Our Speed Indicator Device is now in constant use, not just in Baughurst but in neighbouring parishes too, where we are renting it out. You may see groups of individuals manning the machine – they will be wearing high visibility jackets with 'Community Speedwatch' lettering on the back. Slow down!

Many motorists have received warnings from the Police as a result of excessive speeding along roads in Baughurst and Wolverton, having been notified by the Speedwatch team. We hope they will not re-offend, particularly those who have received penalties, fines and participation in speed awareness courses hosted by the constabulary. We are still seeking volunteers to help – please let the Clerk know.

Trees

Trees continue to be an emotive issue, and, despite regular inspections by approved tree consultants, can and do fall without being dead, dying or dangerous. We own a number of woodland sites around the parish, and carry out inspections on a regular basis to try and lessen the risk of damage.



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

Wolverton Harvest Supper – 31 October, 7.00 pm. £8 per head 01635 297125 for more details.

Wolverton Quiz at the Hall – Friday 27 November 2015. Contact 01635 297125 for more details.

Heath End Hall – Children's show 'A Kitten with Dreams' 13 December 2015. Tickets £5 including tea. Contact 0118 981 3450 for tickets

Baughurst Scout and Guide Group Fireworks Display - 7 November, Adams Field. Gates open 6.00 pm. Child/OAP £4, Adults £7, family ticket £15 (on gate £18). Contact 0118 981 6731 for more details.

War Memorial - Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2015. Parade at 10.45, service at 11.00 am

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Tadley Citizens Advice Bureau Evening Advice Service

Tadley & District Citizens Advice Bureau 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 call into the bureau or 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

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

Baughurst Common Ward

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|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Chris Curtis | Malthouse Farm Pound Green | 01189816070 |
| Janette Hewitt | Oak Cottage, Baughurst Rd | 01189814858 |
| George Porter | The Old Coach House, Brimpton Road | 01189819059 |
| Stan Terrett | 8 Pinewood Close | 01189814056 |

Baughurst Ward

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|-----------------|---|--------------|
| Pat Garrett | Kylmore, Wolverton Rd | 01189813287 |
| Colin Grenville | 2 Cannon Stables Cottages | 0118 3279919 |
| Jo Peatman | Well Cottage Broadhalfpenny Lane, Tadley | 0118981 6037 |
| Roger Ward | Acorn Cottage Haughurst Hill | 01189813524 |

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 Penny Waterfield 51 Sheridan Crescent 0118 981 2944

Useful Numbers:

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| 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 |
| Morlands Surgery | 0118 981 6661 |
| 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:

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| Thursday 26 November 2015 | 7.30 pm | Heath End Village Hall |
| Thursday 14 January 2016 | 7.30 pm | Heath End Village Hall |
| Thursday 18 February 2016 | 7.30 pm | Heath End Village Hall |
| Thursday 7 April 2016 | 7.30 pm | Heath End Village Hall (Annual Meeting) |

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

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

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| Monday | Term time 9.00 am 3.00pm | Little Stars Nursery | 07717 076 647 |
| 2 nd and 4 th | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm | U3A Computer group | 0118 981 1187 |
| Every week | 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm | U3A Ukelele group | 0118 981 1187 |
| Every 3 rd Monday | 7.30 pm – 9.30 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 | 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 month | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm | U3A Art and Craft Group | 0118 981 1187 |
| 2 nd in the month | 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm | U3A Aviation Group | 0118 981 1187 |
| 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 | 2.30 pm – 5.00 pm | U3A Country and Western Group | 0118 981 1187 |
| Every Tuesday | 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm | Pilates | 07734 108 733 |
| 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th | 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm | Line Dancing | 01256 321 972 |
| 2 nd and 4 th in month | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm | Craft Group | 0118 981 1766 |
| As needed | 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm | Lady Masons | 01256 882 772 |
| Wednesday | Term time 9.00 am – 3.00 | Little Stars Nursery | 07717 076 647 |
| Term time | 4.00 pm – 8.15 pm | Bryett School of Dance | 01962 863 061 |
| Thursday | Term time 9.00 am – 1.00 | Little Stars Nursery | 07717 076 647 |
| 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 (September – April) | 0118 981 2944 |
| 2 nd and 4 th in month | 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm | U3A Art Group | 0118 981 1187 |
| Friday | Term time 9.00 am – 1.00 | Little Stars Nursery | 07717 076 647 |
| 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 1187 |
| Saturday | Term time 10.00 am-1.15 | Bryett School of Dance | 01962 863 061 |
| Saturday | 10.00 am – 1.00 pm | Bryett Dance School | 01062 863061 |
| Tuesdays (occasionally) | 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm | Lady Masons | 01256 882772 |