

BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

From the
Chair**Mark
Charlton:**This year
has been

a whirlwind of transformation.

In May, I took on the baton as the new chairman and I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to Martin Slafford, our outgoing chairman. His phenomenal commitment over his 13-year tenure is nothing short of outstanding.

Martin graciously continued to offer his guidance as Vice Chairman, providing me with invaluable support in this transition. However, due to his numerous other obligations, he has chosen to step down.

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that we welcomed Russ Clark as our new Vice Chairman during our council meeting in September. Russ, an ardent dog lover and walker, is deeply involved in various community endeavours. He supports Sustainable Baughurst and the initiation of the Repair Cafe in our parish. Please keep an eye out for this exciting new initiative.

Simultaneously, we bid farewell to Penny Waterfield, our dedicated Clerk for the past 36 years. Her hard work and unwavering support have been instrumental to our council's success. We're fortunate to have Karen Ross, an experienced Clerk, stepping in temporarily. I look forward to absorbing her insights from her experience with other councils to ensure we maintain best practices. The response for the permanent Clerk position has been overwhelming, and we've already begun the interview process.

We were also delighted to welcome a new councillor to

our team - Zul Mamon. His fresh perspectives and innovative ideas will add real value to the council.

Over the past few months we have been very busy in the community. We met with a number of our residents at the Hurst PTA Summer Fair, initiated the replacement of infant swings at Long Grove and Wolverton parks, added new safety surfacing at Wolverton park, established the Sustainable Baughurst group, and supported the Baughurst Repair Café. The first event of the Baughurst Repair Café is scheduled for November 19th at Heath End Hall.

We have also undertaken some major tree work following our survey of last year and cleared some storm-damaged trees. Additionally, we have reinvigorated our walks information. You can take a look at these on our website.

In the coming months, we'll be seeking volunteers to help with our Neighbourhood Planning

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

Day: Thursday - 2nd and 4th of the month

Time: 10.30am

Meet: Baughurst Scout and Guide Hut, Ash Lane, Baughurst
Description: at a medium pace in the countryside, between 60-90 minutes, including some short hills and muddy paths
Contact: Sara Hanson 0118 981 3098 for further information

process and work on enhancements to our council land. We will be seeking ways to better serve our community and significantly enhancing our community engagement.

Please join us by the War Memorial on Sunday 12th November for our Remembrance Service.

As we look into the future, our key focus is to strengthen the connection with the resident community and fund a variety of new projects. We eagerly anticipate your suggestions and warmly invite enthusiasts and volunteers to join us in bringing these projects to life.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and that it inspires you to "take part" in community actions.

Remembrance Sunday**Sunday 12th November 2023 from 10:45am.**

The parade starts from the Scout Den at about 10.45 am, arriving at the Memorial about 10.55 am, in time for the Peace at 11.00 am.

Repair Café**Sunday 19th November 2023 from 10:00am Heath End Hall**

Please join the team at the Baughurst Repair Café's first event.

Baughurst Fireworks**Saturday 4th November from 6:00pm Adam's Field****Baughurst Road**

Baughurst Walks

The walks section on our web site is growing

with much more detail about the 17 current walks around the



parish. Each walk will include a walking time, a description of the walk, a myriad of detail along

the way and images and videos to help and interest you.

In this edition we highlight Walk 10: Middle Baughurst that takes you on a circular tour of the centre of the parish. The route starts at Chapel Lane, crosses fields to Violet Lane, around Great Haughurst Copse then



along the bridle way back to Violet Lane and then across different fields back to Chapel Lane. The walk will take about 1.5 hours – stout footwear is recommended.

Our aim is to create a “living” walks section on the parish website that will enable residents of the parish to submit useful information and images to help others and show the changing shape of our landscape. Use the QR Code to see our walks in detail and Walk 10 in particular.



Baughurst ..a history

Canal Mania

In the Newsletter we wanted to continue to pay tribute to Stan Terrett's “Baughurst...a history” by extracting stories about places and people of Baughurst for you. Here is one such story about the canal that was proposed through Baughurst in 1824.

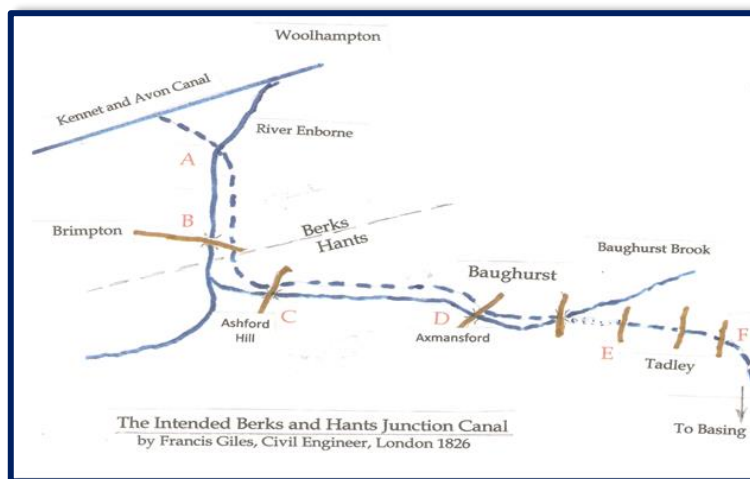
In the eighteenth century, trade between towns and villages increased due to improvements in transportation. Canal building gripped the country in the second half of the eighteenth century when many were constructed as a means of carrying goods in bulk at a cheap price in order to maintain the impetus of the Industrial Revolution. Canals were needed locally to export agricultural products to the large towns, such as London and Bristol, and import coal and finished goods.

The survey for a Berks and Hants Junction Canal was carried out in 1824 by Francis Giles. He proposed a canal nearly 13 miles long from Midgham to Basing with 12 or 13 locks. The summit level was to be fed by an engine raising water 50 ft from the River Enborne via a one mile long pipe.

The route of the proposed canal started near Woolhampton, over an aqueduct over the River Kennet, then Brimpton, another aqueduct over the River Enborne (A), across the road from Brimpton to Brimpton Common (B), then the Ashford Hill road near the Ship Inn (C). It continued north of the Water Meadow, by Great Haughurst Copse, across Wolverton Road above Axmansford (D), across the stream on Violet Lane then into a ½ mile long tunnel under the Baughurst Road near Oak House (E). Past Church Brook in Tadley and over the Basingstoke Road (F) where it turned south passing Pamber End, the Vyne, Chineham and Basing, joining the Basingstoke Canal near Basing House.

A Bill dated 1825 was submitted to deliver a direct inland communication between South Wales, Bristol, Bath and London but was rejected because of the strong opposition, inaccurate costing and low dividends paid by the proposed canal.

To read more about the canals and railways that were almost built in Baughurst go to our Baughurst...a history page on the web site. Please scan the QR Code.



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Baughurst Diary

Key Parish Council meeting dates for your diary in 2023/24.

Council Meeting	Thursday 26 October, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
General Purposes Committee	Thursday 9 November, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 30 November, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 11 January, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 22 February, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Open Spaces Committee	Thursday 14 March, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 21 March, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 11 April, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Council Meeting	Thursday 25 April, 7:30 pm	Heath End Village Hall

Penny Waterfield

Penny Waterfield served as Clerk to the Parish Council

from 1987 until 2023, her 36 years' service being the longest in the council's 130 years existence. She has always been deeply involved in village and council affairs. She has also organised many community activities on behalf of the Parish Council such as:

- The Village Appraisal in 1987 and coordinating the removals and inspections of trees following the 1987 great storm.
- The 1994 celebration of the centenary of the Parish Council.
- The new millennium celebrations.
- In 2002, Penny organised several Jubilee events and similar events were organised in 2012 and 2022 for the Diamond and Platinum Jubilees.



- In September 2003, the trial of pinch points on Heath End Road resulted in the largest number of people ever



attending the Parish Council meeting!

- Penny co-ordinated the Village Design Statement in 2005 and was instrumental in producing the footpaths booklets in 2007 and 2012.
- Penny has also organised the Remembrance Day Service and Parade for many years.

Penny's enthusiasm and commitment to the Parish over the last 36 years has been huge and she will be sorely missed. The Parish Council would like to thank Penny for all she has done for us and wish her all the best.

A reception was held on 25th September to celebrate Penny's remarkable achievements. The full article is available on the web site and can be accessed via the QR code.



Community Scene

In this section of the Newsletter, we focus on a local charity or community organisation that the Parish Council is associated with. In this edition we celebrate Tadley and District U3A with this piece written by them.



Tadley and District u3a is for anyone at the stage in their life when full time work / family commitments no longer occupy every waking moment, allowing them to take up old hobbies, learn new skills and have fun meeting people. Starting with 100 members way back in 2012

T&D u3a has since grown to over 700 members.

T&D u3a has over 40 groups covering a variety of interests and social pastimes from Aviation to Country and Western Music to Reading group to Scrabble to Scottish Dancing to walking ... go to our website using the QR Code for a full list of groups and contacts.



We hold regular monthly meetings with a guest speaker covering a wide range of subjects. Recent talks have covered escape routes in Europe during WW II, the National Gardens scheme, Henry the VIII and his wives, the development of DNA in crime fighting...it's a long list, after all we've been going for 12 years! Monthly meetings are held 3rd Thursday in the month from 10:45-1pm at Tadley Community Centre.

Group Leaders are in attendance so making it easier for everyone to see what groups are on offer.

u3a learn, laugh, live

Membership provides access to all groups and the monthly meeting plus a regular U3A magazine. A nominal charge is made for attendance at all groups as a contribution to hall hire and other running costs etc...

Go to our membership page using the QR Code for more information on membership.



Baughurst Repair Cafe

Inaugurated on 9th August 2023, the Baughurst

Repair Café set out to deliver services to the residents of Baughurst and the surrounding towns and villages, targeting 35,000 people in total.

A Repair Café is a volunteered community event where people with repair skills help mend items that no longer work. We try to prolong the life of items and prevent them from being thrown away unnecessarily. Repair Cafés

are also free meeting places where you can find help to make any repairs you need. You can bring in clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, appliances, toys, tool sharpening and more.



(on the 3rd Sunday) throughout 2024.

So, give the Repair Café a try. Dig out your non-working appliance, or your torn shirt, or your treasured toy and we will see if we can fix them with you.

Follow the QR code for more information about Sustainable Baughurst and the Baughurst Repair Café.

