



BAUGHURST PARISH COUNCIL newsletter



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Her Majesty's 90th birthday party

In June, we held a tea party at Heath End Hall to celebrate the day. We were treated to a display of Morris Dancing by Carousel; several recitations by 'Generations', a small choral group, and were lucky enough to have Emma Lawrence, a star of Basingstoke 'Live 2016', to come along and sing from her repertoire.

Tadley Lions helped with the donation of equipment, and their manpower on the day, and various organisations, including the Hall Committee, Heath End WI and many others, helped to make the event a complete success. Even the weather held good!

Having funded the event, we have recently had a complete surprise in the form of a small donation from AWE towards the event – very unexpected, and very much appreciated.



Rights of Way

We have continued to walk and monitor the paths and bridleways within the parish, carrying out a number of remedial repairs – installing new posts and waymarkers, trimming back of vegetation, etc. Grateful thanks to all our volunteers who give up their time so readily.



We have recently installed metal retractable posts at the entrance of Bridleway 5 with Brimpton Road. Thanks go to several parishioners who donated monies to enable this to happen, with a view to restricting road traffic on a right of way.

With the combined efforts of this Council, and a local landowner, a new plank footbridge, covered in weldnet to help avoid slippage, has been installed over a stream on a right of way leading from the Baughurst Road.

A group of our volunteers, together with a Hampshire Rights of Way officer, spent an afternoon recently installing fingerposts, marker posts and waymarkers in the Little Aldershot Lane area. Within 24 hours one fingerpost had been pulled up and removed, and all waymark signs had been taken off several newly installed posts, This is, at best, vandalism, and, at least, theft, and has been reported to the Police. If you know the culprits, please let us know. The paths are meant to be walked, and to be kept open, and we encourage you to do so. [www, http://localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/ROWOnline/](http://www.localviewmaps.hants.gov.uk/LocalViewmaps/Sites/ROWOnline/)

Remembrance Day Parade

A reminder that the annual parade takes place on Sunday 13 November 2016. The parade starts from the Scout Den at approximately 10.40 pm, with the service starting just before 11.00 am. A security team will be in situ again to keep an eye on proceedings, following last year's problems with a lone disruptive driver.

Planning

Two major planning applications - land at Bishopswood Lane 16/00035/OUT, (up to 145 houses) and 15/03090/FUL (land at Bishopswood Golf Course – Care Home facility)– continued to dominate our agenda for most of the year. The former application was withdrawn, and we are still awaiting the outcome of the latter. A recent application for change of use of paddock to 4 gypsy pitches and associated works in Violet Lane is being proposed for approval by Basingstoke and Deane,

Play Areas

We remedially pruned several overhanging trees in Long Grove, and this seems to have prevented the problem with bird droppings on the play equipment. We have also set up a contract with a company who have a brief to identify and repair issues before they become problems. Please do contact us if you see any vandalism of the site.

Basingstoke and Deane have invited us to take part in their 'smoke-free zone' campaign in play areas, and you will shortly see notices going up in the play areas.



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Open spaces and trees

We are in the throes of carrying out a full tree survey of trees on every piece of land which we own. So, if you see someone either painting a 'dot' on a tree, or inserting a small metal plaque with a number upon it, it's all part of the survey. Dead, dying and dangerous trees will be identified, and removed or remedially pruned, as necessary.

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.

Following the replanting of land at the rear of the Hurst School, further excavation is about to take place of those areas too difficult to dig by hand. Measures are to be put in place to hopefully control the bramble, nettle and bracken which make access difficult.

British Gas have caused havoc through the parish when re-laying new pipes. All areas should have been reinstated to their original state, as near as possible – do let us know if this has not happened.

Concerns have been raised about a new Forest School which has opened in Wolverton. The site is being investigated by Basingstoke and Deane.

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?

Waste facilities

West Berkshire have made a decision, following the withdrawal of funding by Hampshire County Council, to close use of their refuse facilities to all but their own residents with effect from 1 October 2016. Entry to the sites will be by a car permit which has been sent to all households in West Berkshire. Local parishioners will now have no option but to use Wade Road in Basingstoke, whose hours will shorten with effect from 1 January 2017 (Thursday closing). HCC and BDBC leaders are talking in an effort to find an alternative solution to the problem.

Speedwatch

Due to work commitments, our volunteer team has had little opportunity to make their presence felt. However, watch out – they will be coming your way shortly! Volunteers are always gratefully accepted.

Speeding traffic along our major roads continues to be a problem, despite 30 mph speed limits in many areas. Please make a note of the licence plate of any offenders and report to the Police (101), making sure you receive an incident number.

Rural high speed broadband

Most people living in the rural parts of the parish have slow broadband speeds. We are part of the 1.5 million homes in the "last 5%" for whom there are no plans, or funds, to provide improvement. The Parish Council are supporting a local group who are planning a community funded scheme to install fast broadband in Baughurst. The group are attracting investors from around the area to fund the scheme. Basingstoke council paid for a survey to use a fibre optic network. Fibre optics have been used for over 20 years and are the backbone of our national broadband. Fibre allows speeds of up to 1,000Mbps. Telephone type broadband allow less than a tenth of this speed. The cost of installing 25 kilometres of fibre was, sadly, too high to be viable.

An alternative hybrid scheme using a combination of wireless and fibre has been costed. The use of wireless for rural broadband has been very successful in many parts of the country. Wireless can deliver broadband at up to double the speed of existing telephone type systems. It is hoped that the hybrid system will be viable and that the first connections may be made this year. If you would like faster broadband register your interest at www.baughurstsociety.org.uk/rural-broadband

Flytipping

We anticipate an increase in flytipping locally, as residents cannot easily access a nearby waste facility. Please report all flytipping in the first instance to 01256 844844 Basingstoke and Deane, Environmental Services.



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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.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 13 November 2016, parade from Scout and Guide Den 10.40 am approx

Baughurst Scout and Guide Group Fireworks
 Saturday, 5 November, Adams field. Adults £7, Children/OAPs £4, Family (2 adults, up to 3 children) £15 in advance (£18 on gate). Opens at 6pm, Bonfire lit at 6.45, and Fireworks at 7.00 pm

Wolverton Quiz at the Hall - Friday 25 November 2016. Contact 01635 297125 for more details

Heath End Hall – 10 December – Carols at 6.30 pm; 18 December children's Christmas activities

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Citizens Advice Bureau (Tadley)

Are looking for volunteers to provide Receptionist/Administrative Support – 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. One morning per week.

The role would involve supporting office staff, typing, filing, answering the phone, staffing reception, taking messages and dealing with some of the enquiries. Good computer skills would be needed, but training will be given.

For more information please call into our offices at:
 Franklin Avenue
 Tadley
 RG26 4ET

Call: 0118 981 7567

Email: admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk

We value diversity, promote equality and welcome applications from all sections of the community

Council elections

Our May elections resulted in a new Councillor, Adrian Narracott of Stoney Heath, who brings experience and enthusiasm to the role. We welcome him as a Baughurst Ward Councillor.

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
Colin Grenville	2 Cannon Stables Cottages Wheathold	0118 327 9919
Adrian Narracott	Moyglare Farm, Stoney Heath	01256 851193
Roger Ward	Acorn Cottage, Haughurst Hill	0118 981 3524

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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 7567
Hampshire County Council	01962 841841
(Hampshire Highways)	01256 764444
(Street lights, roads)	0800 506060
Holmwood Health Centre	0118 981 4166
Morlands Health Centre	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:

Thursday 24 November 2016	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 12 January 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 16 February 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 16 March 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall
Thursday 6 April 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall (Annual Parish Meeting)
Thursday 20 April 2017	7.30 pm	Heath End Village Hall

(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

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 9.30 am – 11.30 am	Mothers and Toddlers	07787438316
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
Wednesday	Term time 9.00 am – 3.00 pm	Little Stars Nursery	0118 981 7732
Term time	4.00 pm – 8.30 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 – 8.00 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-1.10 pm	Bryett Dance School	01962 863 061