

Burgh Heath Village Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with your Neighbourhood

Autumn 2023



Photograph: Eileen Clark Burgh Heath

Please Support these Events

Quiz Night and Supper

Saturday October 21st at the Memorial Hall

Price: £10 to include Pie/Sausage/Veggie Option and Chips (fish and chips available for £15, £3 for non-eaters)

Bring your own drink

6:30 for a prompt 7:00 start

Teams of up to 8 people

Smaller groups and individuals can be formed into teams on the night

For full details and to buy tickets:

Chris Haslett cjhaslett@aol.com

07825 874215 01737 362380

Table Top Sale

Saturday 4th November at The War Memorial Hall

Brighton Road (A217), Burgh Heath
12 Noon until 4pm

Entrance: £1 per adult, children free

Sellers: £6 per table

Fabulous refreshments for sale in our teashop area.

To book a table please contact

Patricia 01737 379347 or

Sheila on 01737 359472

Escorted Countryside Walk

Saturday 26th November leaving from the

Memorial Hall at 2:00

(returning at around 3:30 for refreshments)

Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome

Please register in advance by contacting the walk leader:

Chris Haslett cjhaslett@aol.com

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Chairman's Report

Well, that is another summer over. A lovely June and early July but then the weather seemed to know that the school holidays had started. Then, what happened when the children returned to school? A heatwave! We didn't go away this summer but stayed in Burgh Heath. The countryside looked lovely, and I felt fortunate that it is so easy to go for a lengthy stroll or a wander around the pond from our doorstep. Around the farm, blackberries were in abundance, and I enjoyed watching harvesting in progress. See photographs in this issue.

As far as events are concerned, the big one took place on the weekend of the Coronation. We held a celebration "bluebell walk" and indoor picnic which members of the residents' association agreed was a great success with over 40 people taking part. I would like to thank all those residents who helped beforehand and on the day. Two events coming soon are the regular Supper and Quiz Night on 21 October and a Tabletop sale on the 4 November – both in the Memorial Hall. Details in this newsletter.

My wife and I visited a number of parks with the grandchildren in the summer. In fact, I visited all three of Reigate and Banstead's "flagship" parks – Lady Neville in Banstead, Priory in Reigate, and the Memorial Park in Redhill. All used to boast excellent cafes and toilet facilities. This set us apart from, for example, Epsom and Ewell borough. When taking children for a day out in a park, the value of a café with a clean toilet cannot be overstated. Sadly, all three cafes closed in February. At the time, it was stressed that the closure was temporary and that the "offering" would be improved. Six months on there was no progress to report; no predicted date for any of the three cafes to reopen.

However, I have just had news of the café situation. We really do enjoy excellent lines of communication with our councillors: Rebecca Paul for Surrey, and Jed Dwight, Caroline Neame and Simon Parnall for Reigate and Banstead. There is light at the end of the tunnel it seems. Caroline Neame has confirmed that discussions are ongoing which will, with any luck, result in the cafés opening in all three parks in the not-too-distant future.

I hope you enjoy reading the articles in this edition of our newsletter. Don't miss the story of the "Burgh Heath Cairns" written by Judy Condie of Canons Lane. It left me stunned and emotional in equal measure.

Chris Haslett

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Subscriptions to the Burgh Heath Residents Association (BHRA)

Burgh Heath is fortunate in lying on the beautiful North Downs, over 160 metres above sea level. It is a small, vibrant community of around 1,500 people bounded on all sides by farmland, woodland, and important heathland. We also benefit from having a beautiful wildlife pond on our doorstep. We are well served by local shops offering everything from bathrooms and electrical equipment to newspapers and takeaway food. There is even a small gym. We have a local hotel and restaurant at the Heathside. Further, we have a thriving Comrades and Social Club and a venue for social activities and clubs in the form of the War Memorial Hall.

The Residents' Association is dedicated to providing a focal point for any news affecting the community. We are easily contacted by residents and enjoy excellent communications with our borough and county councillors. We organise, support, and fund a variety of activities for the benefit of the community. We endeavour to ensure that residents' interests are represented in dealings with statutory and community bodies such as the council and Banstead Commons Conservators.

We publish our own Burgh Heath Newsletter twice a year – in Spring and Autumn. It is delivered free to households in the area – a total of approximately 400. More information about activities can be found on our website: burghheath.com.

Everything we do is the result of time and effort from volunteers. The committee is elected annually at the AGM, but we welcome new volunteers, in any capacity at any time. If you have some spare time and think you could help us, please get in touch. It is a great way to make new friends and build relationships in the community.

In the next few weeks, volunteer road stewards will be calling on residents requesting a "Neighbourhood Subscription". We suggest £3 per household or £2 for a single occupant. This helps to fund things such as the twice-yearly newsletter, representation at the annual Banstead Remembrance Ceremony and within the Banstead Federation of Residents' Associations. The contribution is voluntary, and the newsletter will be distributed to all households regardless, but please try to help fund the Residents' Association to continue this service. Thank you.

Wanted - Committee Members

- **Approximately 6 meetings a year**
- **Support of events – 2-3 per year**
- **Liaise with local residents**
- **Liaise with local council regarding residents' concerns**
- **Bring ideas for new ways that the BHRA can support local residents and our area**

Please contact Chris Haslett – 07825 874215
email: cjhaslett@aol.com

News from the Pond



Photograph: Chris Haslett, Burgh Heath

At the pond, the lonely Canada Goose has been left behind for a second winter. It was joined for the summer by what appeared to be two breeding pairs (no chicks resulted, apparently) and for a while they paraded up and down the pond in a group of five. Then, one day, the other four had flown. A resident has suggested that the one left behind cannot fly and that could well be the case. It seemed quite content to mingle with the ducks last winter and I guess Burgh Heath Pond is now its permanent home. At least one brood of chicks was seen happily swimming with their mother this year. Feeding the ducks is always quite good fun. It is generally understood that bread is not an ideal food to give them. If you want to feed the ducks and keep them happy, “Brambles Swan and Duck Food” is a healthier option. As the photograph shows, the ducks love it.

Earlier this year, a terrapin was spotted sitting on a fallen tree at Burgh Heath Pond. Doing some research, it seems that this could be a red-eared terrapin.

These terrapins often use the banks of water bodies to bask. They are wary and will enter the water quickly if disturbed, so they are best observed using binoculars. Red-eared terrapins are popular pets, and many have been deliberately released into the wild. This was particularly the case during the 1980s. Red-eared terrapins are opportunistic omnivores, and due to their size, it is possible that they could prey on native amphibians, fish, water birds and invertebrates. While it is not known whether this species is breeding in Britain, it is considered to be unlikely.

Terrapins are not on the GB alert species list.

Information taken from www.nonnativespecies.org



Photograph: Richard Buxton, Reigate

The Mystery of the Burgh Heath Stone Piles

A few years ago, my husband Richard, was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

He had read about 'cairns' (piles of stones) being used in years gone by for navigation and often as memorials. So, he began to collect stones from the ground where he walked our dog, Jet, daily and gathered them into piles in the corner of various fields.

The first, and biggest, is at the end of the diagonal path that goes right across the biggest field off to the left of Reads Rest Lane. If you walk to the end of Canons Lane, follow the farm road to just before Canons Farmhouse, turning left at the field gate and follow the path through the hedges, the view opens up to reveal a long, clear diagonal path and you will see the cairn at the end, just before the bluebell woods.

The family rule was that, whenever we walked passed this, we had to place one stone on it. As this grew, Richard created four more smaller cairns in the same area, adding to them slowly as he spent many long contemplative walks until Jet died last year and we took on our son's dogs, Ollie and Wilson. I found out only recently that he actually put a stone for each grandchild on the main cairn.

As Richard's cancer progressed, he taught our grandchildren about the meaning of these cairns and they used to paint the stones and put flowers on them on family walks, he told them to keep building them hoping they would remember the walks and, in time, associate them with their Grandad.

Richard died [in the spring] and so his memory will live on every time we see the various cairns. I hope they continue to grow as others add to them and my family will keep them tidy as often animals or maybe children climb on them, which is fine but if you see them on your own walks, maybe put on a stone, tidy them a bit or put a small flower on the top and remember everyone affected by cancer.

He insisted on helping The Royal Marsden in Sutton with new drug trials over the last few years, knowing this would not help him at that stage, but would go a long way to helping many others survive the disease.

Now you know the mystery behind the Burgh Heath cairns!

Judy Condie



Photograph: Judy Condie, Burgh Heath

Local News & Events

Staying Safe and Well

On 14 June, the Residents' Association was pleased to welcome guest speaker Station Commander Colin Lynott and Catherine Hayman Fire Prevention and Partnership Officer from Surrey Fire & Rescue Service. Those present were told of the reasons for fires in the home, how to prevent them, and in the event of a fire, what we can do to protect ourselves once the emergency services have been called. In the past, the major causes were from coal fires and chip pans. But now, top of the list of fire-starters, we were surprised to hear, are mobile phones. We learned that using cheap phone charger leads, and charging a phone while we sleep, are dangerous practices.

The Fire Service offers free Safe and Well visits to homes where they provide personalised fire safety advice and, if necessary, will supply and install safety equipment free of charge. How good is that? You can book a Safe & Well Visit for yourself, or refer someone you're worried about, by doing the following:

- Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeandwell
- Call free on 0800 085 0767

Send a text message to 07971 691898 with: your name, a contact number, your postcode, your primary concern – such as smoke alarms, a disability, or safety concern

Photographs Wanted

If you have a photograph that you think would be of interest to Burgh Heath residents and would like to have it published in our next edition, please send it to Eileen Clark – eileenclark4@btinternet.com. We look forward to receiving photographs but please be aware we cannot guarantee to publish them.

Burgh Heath Dirt Jumps have Re-opened

After being closed for a couple of years, the jumps have been re-opened, much to the joy of many local children. They are a woodland BMX track and can be easily found if you exit the ASDA car park into the woods via a footpath around the far side of the supermarket building. Turn left when you get to the path in the woods and the jumps will emerge on the right after about 100 metres. They are well worth a visit – if you haven't seen them before, you will be amazed. You can see more photographs on the Burgh Heath Dirt Jumps Facebook page

Our nearest recreation ground is on Tattenham Way where the Lodge Café continues to thrive. They have an accessible toilet as well as baby-changing facilities. And not too far away of course is Preston Children's Park. This well-equipped park is only a short walk through the woods from Burgh Heath, adjacent to Tadworth Leisure centre with all its facilities. It has an excellent play area together with a newly refurbished skateboarding and scooting area.



Photograph: Chris Haslett, Burgh Heath

Spotlight on Local Businesses and Organisations

Burgh Heath Comrades and Social Club

You will, no doubt, all be aware of the small building almost hidden away behind a large hedge next door to the Heathside Pub. This is Burgh Heath Comrades and Social Club. Our residents' association holds its meetings there; this year, for the first time, it hosted our AGM. The BHRA committee is very impressed with both the club and the staff. A little gem on the A217.

Julie Blunden is the 'What's on' administrator for the Comrades Club and she has kindly provided us with some bite size information.

"Burgh Heath Comrades and Social Club is a members-only club run by the members for members, and we have been running this way since we were founded in 1919. The club moved into our current premises in 1922 when the members bought the property. Before the club moved in, it's believed that the place was used as a blacksmiths. We have a team of friendly staff, including our Stewards, Lesley, and Gary, who look after everyone. We also have a team of members that form our current committee.

The club has 2 snooker tables, 1 pool table, and 2 dart boards that all get used regularly by our members. We currently have over 300 members, and we encourage them to bring friends along to join the club.

To join, call in at the club for an application form and they will give you more information."

Banstead Veterans' Hub

On 21st June, a new Veteran's Hub was launched in Banstead. The hub, which is held every Wednesday, is open to all who are serving, or have served, in the Armed Forces. A programme of events is on offer, along with lunch, refreshments, and socialising.

Where: The Horseshoe, Banstead, SM7 2BQ

When: every Wednesday between 10:30 am – 2pm

For more information, contact Tim Snuggs: 07956405063
timsnuggs1@gmail.com

The Lodge Café

A family-owned cafe serving tea, coffee, homemade cakes, soups, sandwiches, breakfast baps/ciabattas. The café is open from 9:30 from Wednesday to Saturday and from 10:00 on a Sunday – Monday and Tuesday are the days when Karin prepares delicious homemade soups and cakes. In addition, they are able to serve alcohol from 11:00 am.

Email: karinlodgecafe@gmail.com

Phone: 01737 363445



Tea and Coffee Morning
Every Wednesday from 4th October
9.30am till 11.30am at
Burgh Heath Comrades and Social Club
Everyone is welcome including children

£5 Per Adult includes
unlimited tea and coffee
and a slice of cake

Children are welcome
to free water
or squash
and free fruit

The poster features a cup of white coffee on a saucer placed on a wooden table. The background is a scenic view of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water with trees in the distance.



Banstead
Veterans' Hub

A warm welcome to all
who have served

join us!

A new Veteran's Hub is opening
in Banstead.

The poster includes the Royal British Legion logo and the text 'THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST'. It also features a silhouette of a soldier saluting against a circular background with the Union Jack flag.

Berry BMW

It is very pleasing to see that the old BMW/Mini garage at the corner of Oatlands Road is now occupied by Berry BMW. They have refurbished the building much to the relief of local residents, as the area had become very run down. Seeing the sparkling white building on turning into the road is much more pleasant than what was there before.

Berry has kindly provided us with some information on their renewed presence in Burgh Heath.



“In a remarkable revitalization effort, Berry BMW has breathed new life into a once-deserted MINI dealership, with a transformation that showcases their unwavering commitment to providing exceptional services to their customers. After acquiring the abandoned site in January, the past six months have seen Berry BMW diligently refurbishing the dealership to create a hub of automotive excellence. The newly reimagined dealership will serve as a one-stop destination for BMW and MINI after-sales services, as well as a showcase for Berry Select, where customers can explore an exclusive collection of premium used cars.

This ambitious project reflects Berry BMW's dedication to not only preserving the legacy of BMW and MINI in the community but also to elevating the overall automotive experience for their valued customers. With the dealership's soft reopening, customers can expect state-of-the-art facilities, cutting-edge technology, and a team of seasoned professionals ready to provide top-notch service. Whether you're in need of maintenance, looking to purchase BMW or MINI parts and accessories, or interested in exploring the world of premium used vehicles, Berry BMW's revamped dealership is poised to offer an unparalleled automotive journey right in the heart of our community. Berry BMW extends its reach even further, with additional sites in Chiswick, Cobham, Croydon, Heathrow, and Thames Ditton, ensuring convenience and quality service across the region.”

Are you 'Arty' or 'Crafty'?

Would you be interested in selling your handiwork at
a

Christmas Mini Craft Fair

to be held at the
Burgh Heath War Memorial Hall
On Sunday 3rd December
in time for the Christmas market?

If so, please contact
Brenda for more information,
on 01737-352883

or by e-mail: bobharrison5010@btinternet.com

Burgh Heath War Memorial Hall

Brighton Road (A217) Burgh Heath, Tadworth,
Surrey, KT20 6BU
Opened 1921 Registered Charity no: 200272

Notice of Annual General Meeting

to be held at the Memorial Hall on
Wednesday, 25th October 2023
At 7.30pm

Items for the agenda to Secretary
Mrs Brenda Harrison on 01737-352883
or by e-mail: bobharrison5010@btinternet.com
by Wednesday 18th October 2023

Please support your village hall by attending the
Annual General Meeting
and saying hello to the Committee

Tea, coffee, and cake will be served

What's Happening in Burgh Heath?			
What?	When?	Where?	Who to Contact?
Family-friendly Coffee Morning Adults £5, Children Free: Refreshments Included	Every Wednesday 9:30 til 11:30	Comrades and Social Club	Facebook: Burgh Heath Comrades & Social Club What's On
Refresh @10 Coffee Morning	Saturday 10 th October 10:00 to 12:00	St Mary's Church	Alex vicar@norkwithburghheath.com
Tabletop Sale	November 4th, noon until 4:00 pm	Memorial Hall	Patricia 01737 379347 Sheila 01737 359472
Messy Church	Sunday 15 th October at 11:00	St Mary's Church	Alex vicar@norkwithburghheath.com
Parish Songs of Praise	Sunday 15 th October at 6:30 pm	St Mary's Church	Alex vicar@norkwithburghheath.com
Quiz and Supper Evening	October 21 st at 6:30 pm	Memorial Hall	Chris Haslett: cjhaslett@aol.com 07825 874215
Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting	October 25 th at 7:30 pm	Memorial Hall	Mrs B Harrison bobharrison5010@btinternet.com 01737 352883
Winter Walk	Sunday 26 th November departing at 2:00 pm	Memorial Hall	Chris Haslett: cjhaslett@aol.com 07825 874215
Christmas Fair	Sunday 3 rd December	Memorial Hall	Mrs B Harrison bobharrison5010@btinternet.com 01737 352883

Recreational Classes & Clubs at The Burgh Heath War Memorial Hall		
What?	When?	Who to Contact?
Yoga Classes	Tuesday Morning	Diane Dore-Boize 07944 177738 theoldyogaclub@gmail.com
Burgh Heath Ringcraft Specialist dog training for the show ring	Tuesday Evening	Brenda Harrison 01737 352883 burghheathringcraft@btinternet.com
Wednesday Social Art and Craft Group	Wednesday a.m. and p.m.	Jenny Power 01372 740285 jennypower687@btinternet.com
Core Values Pilates	Wednesday Evening	Paul Andrews 07852 914879 paul@corevaluepilates.co.uk
Muttleys Dog Training Socialisation and Kennel Club Obedience Course	Thursday Evening	Alison Wilde 07718 042821 alison@champwilde.f9.co.uk
Zumba Classes	Saturday 09:30 – 10:30	Claire Kingsley 07462 183684 clarofitness@gmail.com
Ballroom Dance Private Lessons	Saturday Morning	Jill and Colin Smith csfoottapper1@aol.com

Enquiries welcome (including single bookings – no adult parties) for all vacant periods please contact the Lettings Secretary on 01737-352883 (between 9am and 6pm weekdays only please)
or e-mail:- bobharrison5010@btinternet.com

Recipes for Autumn

Pumpkin Risotto

(From www.bbcgoodfood.com)

1 small pumpkin – after peeling and scraping out the seeds you need approx. 400g/14oz
1tbsp Olive Oil plus a drizzle for the pumpkin
2 garlic cloves
8 spring onions
25g Butter
200g risotto rice
2tsp ground cumin
1 litre hot vegetable stock
50g grated parmesan (or vegetarian alternative)
Small handful coriander, roughly chopped

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Chop up the pumpkin into 1.5cm cubes. Put it on a baking tray, drizzle over some oil, then roast for 30 mins
2. While the pumpkin is roasting, make the risotto. Put the garlic in a sandwich bag, then bash lightly with a rolling pin until crushed
3. Cut up the spring onions
4. Heat 1tbsp oil with the butter in a pan over a medium heat. Add the spring onion and garlic. Once the onions and garlic are soft but not getting brown, add the rice and cumin. Stir well to coat with the butter.
5. Add half a cup of the stock and stir until it has been absorbed in the rice. Carrying on adding and stirring in a large splash of stock at a time until the stock is all used up – about 20 mins
6. Check the rice is cooked- if not add a splash more stock and carry on cooking for a while. When the rice is soft enough to eat, gently stir in the grated cheese, chopped coriander and roasted pumpkin – and enjoy!



Wordsearch



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