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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

ISSUE 52
Jan 2011

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The Little Mermaid

Sun 23rd Jan 2:30pm

Entry by ticket only!

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP

"Far out at sea the water is as blue as the petals on the loveliest cornflower and as clear as the purest glass. But it is very deep, deeper than any anchor rope can reach. Down there live the mermen ..."



£4/£6 tickets from:
Pam:01256-324313

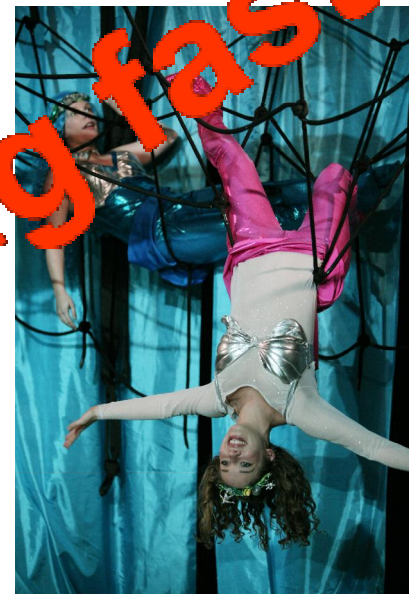
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2009 another set of

Door Tickets may be

available at event



This winter **proteus** bring you another classic tale created and mixed with their unique blend of physical theatre, circus, music and film. Suitable for all the family, from 5 years +.
Written & Directed by Mary Swanwick. Designed by Sam Pine. Devised by The Company, Aerial Choreography by Lorraine Moneyhan, Multi-media by Chard House Media with music by Paul Wild.

Tickets selling fast
The little
Mermaid[®]
Touring 25th November 2010 - 30th January 2011

Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale is brought to life by **proteus** in their unique style fusing physical theatre, circus, music and film. Beautiful, poignant, funny and full of fishy fun, this production is a brand new version of this beloved classic, suitable for the whole family!

For all the latest local news, events and information, visit our website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Committee Meetings

You are very welcome to join us to raise Community issues and help plan events, maybe become a Committee Member!

3Cs Coffee Morning

At each 3C's meet Colin Puddephatt of Shaw Trust to learn about their South Ham garden project work and their over 60s external garden services.

From Your Vulnerable Persons' Officer

Disability & Employment
 RADAR support Equal Approach a specialist diversity recruitment provider with a strong focus on attracting candidates from diverse backgrounds. Each week they provide a list of their latest vacancies. Those interested in these roles should follow the link to their website or call the vacancy consultant 0845 600 2229:

<http://www.equalapproach.com>

Council Minicom to end

As this service appears to be unused, please can you feedback to me asap if you are unable to use their proposed replacement **BT Text Relay Voice Assisted Service.**

<p><i>Cocchiarella</i> Professional Tailoring</p>
<p><i>Ladies and Gents garments</i> Alterations & Repairs 30 years experience. 7 day service</p>
<p>7 Deep Lane, Basingstoke Telephone 01256 468727</p>

BCA Matters

Volunteers please contact us for:
 * Health & Safety Assistants(Chris)
 * Greening Champion (Malcolm)
 * Village Plan (Malcolm)
 * Hall Booking Agent (Rebecca)
 See rear page for contacts.

Hall Gas Heaters now have guards and we ask our Hall Hirers to ensure these are not damaged .

Our **Christmas tree and decorations** have now been taken down. We are now looking forward to pruning and tidying the grounds ready for the summer.

Thanks to **Joe our Hall Warden** for re-painting the **external wooden noticeboard** and the **car park gate.**

We now have a new **grit bin** which will help us deal with surface ice and get the car park clear during the next snow-fall.

The new **Discovery Centre** wants to encourage excluded groups including the seriously disabled, to attend to use the self service facilities, greater choice of books, music, DVDs, computers, wi-fi, Community Room, Learning and Business Suite, events and activities program, refreshments and accessible changing facilities.

Registering Our Parks

To prevent **Victory Park and King George V Playing Field** being built on they should be registered as Village Greens. **Please complete the enclosed form**, then hand to any committee member or post to:
Park Users,
 Brookvale Village Hall, RG21 7RP,
Cathy 01256-462688

Do you need ... ??????????????

- | more time with your family?
- | to supplement your pension?
- | to pay school & university fees?
- | to improve your health?
- | to boost your income?
- | personal development?

Phone 0844 453 1295

to find our how we can help you

BCA Bygones

Prof. Morris Entertainer 1950-2010
NORMAN DAVID MORRIS B.A.
(Hons.) continued...



Cleggie My Mate Norm.

A Eulogy By Tom Gilvear:

Whilst living in Solbys Road his entertaining skills came to the fore, dressing up as part of a Ladies Football Team, and providing hours of fun for the Brookvale Community Association. Norman always had a Pyrotechnic streak –In 1977 became founder of the Brookvale Bonfire Society, with myself, Ted Blackmore-Squires, Alf Williams, and John Banks being part of the 'Gang. The Mayor's Firework Fiesta, still takes place today to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity, started with Norman's skill of picturing an exploding firework. Often the phone would ring, normally about 8.30 in the morning, when a voice would say ' *Mr Gilvear*' I would say **Yessss**, and then he would say **'picture if you will'** then go on to describe an exploding Shell or Roman Candle. On occasions one of the Team would try an quell his enthusiasm, but we would usually end up experimenting with a firework or talking with Pains Fireworks to come up with a special show. In a good year the Brookvale Bonfire Boys would purchase £20-30,000 of fireworks, often stored at our Homes, in sheds, or Garages.

To be continued...

<p>marco polo Hair and Beauty</p>	<p>★★★★★ 5-star rated salon Open weekends (including Sundays) and until late during the week</p>
<p>47a Queens Road (01256) 812635 www.marcopolo-hair.co.uk</p>	

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Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



**Events:
Jan-April 2011:**

**Jan 22nd Bird Survey,
Bird/Bat Box Installation
CANCELLED**

February 5th Pruning
1pm-3pm Victory Park
meet outside Brookvale
Village Hall.

**Feb 12th Bird Survey,
Bird/Bat Box Installation**
1pm-3pm King GV Park
meet outside Brookvale
Village Hall

**March 20th Meadow
Planting**
1pm-3pm Glebe Gardens,
meet at Chute House.

FLVP meet on the first
Friday of every month at
8pm at the Brookvale
Village hall, Lower Brook
Street, Brookvale,
Basingstoke.

To join our conservation
group or get further
information, please contact:

Christine Aymes
07780600758
or christineames@hotmail.co.uk
or <http://www.flvp.co.uk>
Assisted by Basingstoke and
Deane Borough Council



Development SubCtte

Recent Consultation on BCOT
upgrade providing energy saving
21st century teaching & learning
environment:

Phase 1: Jan - Sep 2011
Recladding main South building, new
windows and stairwells works.

Renewal and re-alignment of
External steps to link to the north
building.

Pruning Weeping Willows to stop
root penetration of steps & drains.

Phase 2: Apr - Dec 2011

The Engineering block Structural
repairs and extended 2 storeys high
to cover existing road and grassed
area to the southwest boundary
including vehicle lift and customer
reception.

Phase 3: 2012 onwards

The Construction block decanted
during phased rebuild.

"Off-site" facilities integrated within
the Main Campus.

Bookshop to be a fitness centre
having window pictures of students
at work.

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33 Deep Lane

Ref: BDB/73520 replacing front
windows. No grants..

No More Travel Tokens

**disabled and frail elderly in
Brookvale left high and dry:**

From 1 April 2011 Hampshire
County Council (HCC) takes over
the administration of all the
money for all concessionary fare
schemes from local councils like
Basingstoke and Deane (BDBC).
HCC have decided that all tokens
are to be abolished. Instead it is
either the bus pass, or for the
very few who are registered
disabled, or live in a rural
community without access to a
bus, or travel vouchers of £32 per
year (instead of £75 in tokens).

For some in Brookvale this loss
of a 'nice to have' perk may not
be the end of the world, when
only using the bus for an
occasional Basingstoke journey.

For others, this loss of tokens
cuts their life-line.

There are many Brookvale elderly
unable to use the bus because
they don't feel confident enough
or they are unable to walk to the
bus stop and stand and wait in
the open air in all weathers for
long periods.

Without tokens many cannot use
use NeighborCare to take them
to the village surgery, the hospital
or other medical facilities, Dial-A-
Ride for shopping, or the
occasional taxi.

For these users the tokens were
no luxury, but an essential benefit
for independent living, avoiding
social isolation.

Basingstoke charities organised a
petition to ask HCC to restore to
BDBC, at least partially, your
travel tokens.

BCA support this initiative and we
ask you to sign this petition at:
www.voluntaryservices.com.

Petitions do work so please get
involved. **Continued on Page 4 >**

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Lottery Winners

3Cs Lottery Winners:

October 2010

1st £50 Lottery number 823
2nd £30 Lottery number 266
3rd £20 Lottery number 707

November 2010

1st £50 Lottery number 897
2nd £30 Lottery number 58
3rd £20 Lottery number 44

December 2010

1st £50 Lottery number 491
2nd £30 Lottery number 975
3rd £20 Lottery number 15

The purpose of the lottery is to help maintain the Brookvale Village Hall, it's main back up was after the arson attack in 1999. While the insurance helped with the rebuilding, the proceeds of the lottery helped with little extras, especially the store cupboard for the tables and chairs. Today it is paying for the security fencing to the north side of the Hall. To this end, it is important to constantly ask residents to consider joining.

For £1 per month, and an annual membership fee of 10p, there is a chance of winning each month either, £50, £30 or £20. Our other request is to ask for help with the collection of the subscriptions. If you would like to become a lottery member or help please contact:

Pam 01256-324313

Saturday 5th February 2011 1-3pm

Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks:
Pruning in Victory Park
Meet outside BCA Hall:
Christine: 07780600758

End July 2011

Brookvale In Bloom:

Start planting in February

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

Management Committee:

Tuesday 11th January, 7.30pm

Development SubCommittee:

Tuesday 22nd March, 7:30pm

committee@brookvale.org.uk

3Cs Coffee Morning

Normally held each First Monthly Saturday without a Bank Holiday:
Sat 5th Feb:

10am - 12 midday

Pam on (01256) 324313

Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

Term time, Mondays:

10 – 11.30am

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

Alison on (01256) 814377

National Childbirth Trust

Each Friday:

10 – Midday.

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

Stephany Cox 07974 935353

coffee-chat@basinstoke.org.uk

The Vale Youth Club

Term time, Wednesdays:

7pm – 8.30pm

Minimum "Year 7" upwards

Entry £1 on the Door

All New "Toddler Time"

Term time Tuesdays:

10.30-12noon

Essex Hall on Essex Road

Free of charge

Contact-Cil: 07731980824

Sunday 23rd Jan 2011 2:30pm

Family Panto

The Little Mermaid:

Tickets: £6/£4

Pam: 01256 324313 by 20th Jan

<http://www.proteustheatre.com/?page=thelittlemermaid>

BCA Information

info@brookvale.org.uk

<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>

Hall Booking Agent:

(01256) 462688

(between 9am and 7pm only)

info@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Lottery:

Pam Mansfield,

Lottery Agent

(01256) 324313

pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

Disability/Mobility issues:

Chris Hall,

Vulnerable Person's Officer

(01256) 351074

chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk

Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

(01256) 364498

malcolm.macinnnes@brookvale.org.uk

Your Ward Councillors are:

Councillor John Shaw

(01256) 461776

cllr.john.shaw@basinstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Doris Jones

(01256) 415062

cllr.doris.jones@basinstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:

County Councillor Ron Hussey

(01256) 415840

ron.hussey@hants.gov.uk

Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP

(020) 7219 5749

millerm@parliament.uk

Police—Kings Furlong/Brookvale/Grove:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm>

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Your Borough CSPO is:

Martin Lee (077)

01256 845700

martin.lee@basinstoke.gov.uk

Your Area PCSO is:

PCSO Stephanie Bradley

0845 045 45 45

stephanie.bradley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Your Beat Officer is:

PC Ian Wonnacott:

0845 045 45 45

ian.wonnacott@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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