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The regular newsletter of



**Brookvale**  
Community Association

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## Green Week 14th Sept!

### Themed daily activities

What can you do? Brookvale Hall Midday

How can you afford it? Castle Sq 10am

2012, for the 6th year running, again a massive thankyou to all our volunteers, stallholders, donors, performers, councillors & attendees for holding our best event yet!

Our Town MP Maria Miller joined us to visit our stalls!

Transition takes us on our journey from our agricultural past, through our industrial present into the future that we want, which is locally resilient, to cope with rising prices, shortages & disruptions, to keep the lights on, food in our mouths & freedom of the road.

Free Raffle prizes were drawn by our Mayor Cllr Martin Biermann.



## BCA AGM Thursday 5th Sept 7:30pm, Brookvale Village Hall



Reminder: August 2013 Bank Holiday Monday

**August 26th 08:30am departs from Brookvale Village Hall** Community Transport Day Trip to Haying Island Beach  
£13 per seat, for non-drivers, mobility impaired and wheelchair users. Bookings to Pam: 01256 324313

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

[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

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**Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks**



Since 2009 the Friends have been working on gardening, litter picking and pruning. The bulbs are over, but the corn cockle, other plants in Victory are in full bloom and the Orchard is growing. We will take out "weeds" and encourage flowers that are attractive to bees and passers-by!

With help from residents we tied in the willow in the play area during July – Anyone can have a go at trimming or weaving in with your children helping too!

A bat watch is planned in August – look out for the date on the Brookvale Facebook page, and posters at the Hall.

Saunders Field is an the area the Friends care about. We will be watching to see what developers propose.

Anyone interested in gardening, but has no garden, just join in! No skills needed.

Litter-picking meetings are at 8.30am each first Sunday. Just come to Solby's Road to pick up kit and join the group!

**Phone: 07780600758**

Follow us:

[Facebook - Brookvale - Litterpickers](#)



**Weaving the Willow**

**Pyramid Orchid Illegally removed**



<p><i>Cocchiarella</i> <b>Professional Tailoring</b></p>
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<p><b>7 Deep Lane, Basingstoke</b> <b>Telephone 01256 468727</b></p>

**BCA Matters**

Hall makeover work will start this week - only 16 months after our first plans!

It is a condition of the contract that hall use will not be interrupted by the work.

The plan is that the shell will be finished and the new roof watertight by Christmas.

There will, of course, be changes to furniture storage etc during the changeover, but we will let you know as plans progress.

**Trading Standards**

**Rogue Traders Warning:**

These are cold calling without paperwork to power wash drives and put down insulation.

Please obtain **at least 3 written quotes** via the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme or a recognised trade association.

Members of the **Buy With Confidence** scheme are fully audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. Work should not commence without a 7 day cooling off period Notice of Right to Cancel.

**Phone: 01962 833620**, email:

[buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk](mailto:buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk)

website:

[www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

Report rogue traders to:

**Quick Response Team:**

**01962 833666**

(Mon – Fri 0900hrs to 1700hrs) outside of these hours:

**Hampshire Police on:**

**non-urgent number 101** or if threatened or intimidated **999**

**Email:**

[doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk](mailto:doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk)

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- | 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 out how we can help you

**Greening**

**Loft Insulation**

The Insulate Hampshire scheme managed by YES Projects under the Government's Green Deal & Energy Company Obligation can provide funding for low carbon & energy saving home improvements.

Residents over 70 or on a qualifying benefit, can apply for fully funded Loft Clearance with insulation laid and a small platform for limited storage for some items returned to the loft. Call 0800 052 7496 or visit:

[www.yesprojects.co.uk](http://www.yesprojects.co.uk)

**Renewable Heat Premium Payment**

This Government scheme helps people afford renewable technology such as biomass boilers, ground or water source heat pumps or solar thermal panels.

Phase 2 of this scheme has been extended from April 2013 to end of March 2014 subject to available funds, loft insulation and a Green Deal Assessment on your owned property.

Vouchers for the following amounts:

Ground/Water Heat Pump: £2300

Air/Water Heat Pump: £2000

BioMass Boiler: £2000.

**With a gas feed you only get:**

Solar Thermal Hot Water: £600

Claim 80% and the remainder when the install is "Meter Ready".

Call: 0300 123 1234.

**Warm Home Discount 2013/2014**

You will be contacted about the Pensioner/Low Income electric bill rebate of £135.

Call: Citizens Advice Line: 0844 245 1283.

**MARK SMITH**  
**PLUMBING AND HEATING**

All aspects of Plumbing & Heating work undertaken.

Greg Smith: 07766 111302  
Email: [greg.smith76@btinternet.com](mailto:greg.smith76@btinternet.com)

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## Parability News

On 2 July 2013 Chris attended a ULO (User Led Organisation) workshop organised by Spectrum (previously known as SCIL Southampton Centre for Independent Living). The workshops were set up as a contract that Spectrum are running on behalf of HCC. The money set aside for this project is purely to help new and existing ULOs to get further established. This funding is part of central government's aim to get users to run and be in control of their own services.

After the workshop Ian Loynes (Spectrum's Chief Executive and overall head), had been looking at the Parability sites and information and they really like what we are doing in meeting many of the county's aims for this project and will work with us as our mentor.

Please sign up for our newsletter:

[http://www.parability.org/index.php?p=1\\_10\\_Sign-Up-For-Our-Newsletter](http://www.parability.org/index.php?p=1_10_Sign-Up-For-Our-Newsletter)

Call: 07982 925709

The Camrose Centre is in Glebe Hall behind St Michael's Church, open on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am – 2pm.

They support people who are homeless or vulnerable in Basingstoke and Deane.

The Camrose Centre provides breakfast and lunch and advice on benefits, housing and the welfare reform, clothing and food packs.

With the welfare reform looming their role has never been more important. Please help at:

<http://www.localgiving.com/charity/bvscamrose>

## Development SubCtte

Our hall makeover has deferred our next DSC meeting from 23<sup>rd</sup> July 13 to 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 14 the new deadline for contributor's updates and documents for incorporation into the minutes for 31<sup>st</sup> May 14 followed by our round table meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul 14 at which we hope B&DBC Joanne Brombley will describe Neighbourhood Plans.

## Saunders Field

There is a lovely walk from Wickes to the Fire Station that is part of the Loddon Green Route/Flood Plain and the cycle-route to town. It passes a field over grazed by horses, and Saunders Field, a neglected site packed full of over 150 identified plant species that provide food for butterflies, bees and more. These water-meadows are national priority habitats but have been included in the project to lease out the Leisure Park to get bigger and better restaurants and amusements. It would be a shame if these water-meadows are lost to car-parking or worse, when there could be such a great opportunity to retain wildlife and for residents to have access to natural green space.

Our communities were not consulted about the Leisure Park Regeneration. The Borough started this process in November 2012 to incorporate Saunders Field into the Leisure Park Regeneration. Montagu Evans were chosen to increase units within the Leisure Park by moving car parking, black water collection and sewerage digestion into Saunders Field (to increase the density of the units in the Leisure Park). This action threatens to remove our last opportunity to retain natural green space and its wildlife in our communities (as recommended by Natural England), and a place where schools and all ages could experience and learn about nature and where Brookvale and South Ham residents get access to a green lung for recreation with biodiversity:

[http://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/local/9906114.Ski\\_slope\\_could\\_be\\_included\\_in\\_Leisure\\_Park\\_regeneration/](http://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/local/9906114.Ski_slope_could_be_included_in_Leisure_Park_regeneration/)

Call Malcolm 01256 364498



## Brookvale In Bloom Garden Competition

We were very pleased to welcome new entrants for 2013, and there was a good turnout for the coffee and chat prize-giving on 27<sup>th</sup> July with The Mayor Councillor Putty

It was a very difficult year for gardeners – first too cold and wet, then too hot and dry!

### SMALL FRONT GARDEN

- 1 Gold Esme Gainford
- 2 Silver-gilt Nora Wright
- 3 Silver Mrs Shirley Payne
- 4 Bronze Mary Lawn

### Highly commended

Libby Evans, Mrs Georgina Bignall Helen Lee., Chris Charvill, Anna Mannerstrale, Michelle Hewitt, Sharon Harris, Margaret Duggan, Mr Murphy, Mrs Nora Shepherd, Guy Herbert, Georgina Bignall, Scott Macklin, Mrs Joyce Knight

### CONTAINER

- 1 Gold: Nora Wright
- 2 Silver-gilt: Helen Lee.
- 3 Silver: Mr Poulter
- 4 Bronze: Mr Murphy

### Highly commended

Sharon Harris, Mr & Mrs Taylor Mrs Nora Shepherd, Chris Charvill, Mrs White, Mrs A Johns, Mrs Henshaw, Scott Macklin, Jo Richards

### STANDARD FRONT GARDEN

- 1 Gold: Mr Poulter
- 2 Silver-gilt: George Johns
- 3 Silver: Mrs Raffell
- 4 Bronze: The Bishop Family

### Highly commended

Pat and Pat Bartlett, Mrs Henshaw, Mrs M Martino, Mr & Mrs Taylor

Prizes presented by our Mayor, Councillor Putty.

We thank the volunteer judges for giving their time so generously, and we thank all our entrants.

Bigger and better in 2014???

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**Lottery****3Cs Lottery Winners:****Drawn at 3cs Coffee Mornings:****Apr 2013**

£50 440 Alexandra Road  
 £30 829 Solbys Road  
 £20 992 Downsland Road

**May 2013**

£50 488 Highfield Chase  
 £30 897 Southend Road  
 £20 821 Solbys Road

**Jun 2013**

£50 840 Solbys Road  
 £30 18 College Road  
 £20 712 Essex Road

**Jul 2013**

£50 841 Southend Road  
 £30 486 Highfield Chase  
 £20 338 Queens Road

Costs **£1 per month**, plus **10p**  
 annual membership fee:  
**Pam 01256-324313**

**Café Scientific****Mon 30th September**

Jerry Stone FBIS, FRAS

"Let's go To Mars!"

**Mon 28th October**

Chris Warwick, Culham Centre

"Fusion Power – Within Our Grasp?"

At The Tea Bar 9-13 London  
 Street from **7.00pm** to buy  
 drinks and cakes before the  
 talk starts at **7.30pm**

[info@cafesci-basingstoke.org.uk](mailto:info@cafesci-basingstoke.org.uk)**Green Week 2013**

Includes our Green Fair activities.

**Saturday 14th September:**

Castle Square 10am:

How can you afford it?

Brookvale Hall Midday:

What can you do?

Discovery Centre 2pm (Free Films):

**Tuesday 17th:** Chasing Ice**Thursday 19th:** Vanishing Bees**Friday 20th:** Trashed**Our proteus Panto 2014!**

Alice In Wonderland

**Sunday 12th January 2:30pm:**

Brookvale Village Hall:

Tickets **£5 to £8** Book via:**Pam: 01256 324313****Upcoming Events****Committee Meetings****Management Committee:**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7.30pmTues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7.30pm**Development SubCommittee:**

Papers &amp; Updates submission:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2014 at 7:30pm

Round Table Meeting:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul 2014 at 7:30pm[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)**3Cs Coffee Morning**

Normally held each First Monthly

Saturday without a Bank Holiday:

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sep & Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct:

10am - 12 midday

**Pam on (01256) 324313****Brookvale Baby  
& Toddler Group**

Term time, Tuesdays:

10 – 11.30am

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

**Meg on 07887 570323****National Childbirth Trust**

Each Friday:

10 – Midday.

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

**Helen Vickers 07585 808533**[info@basingstokenct.org.uk](mailto:info@basingstokenct.org.uk)**The Vale Youth Club**

Term time, Wednesdays:

7pm – 8.30pm

Minimum "Year 7" upwards

Entry £1 on the Door

**Andy or Sarah on 07890 708696****All New "Toddler Time"**

Term time Tuesdays:

10.30-12noon

Essex Hall on Essex Road

Free of charge

Cil: 07731980824

**Family Halloween Party****Come in Costume:****Sat 26th October 2013 7:30pm**

kids dancing and prizes!

**Neighbourhood Watch****Queens Road: Phil & Val:****01256 421621****BCA Information**[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>[http://www.facebook.com/pages/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)[Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)**Hall Booking Agent:**

Bookings are full.

Email for waiting list!

[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)**Brookvale Lottery:**

Pam Mansfield,

Lottery Agent

(01256) 324313

[pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk)**Disability/Mobility issues:**

Chris Hall,

Vulnerable Person's Officer

(01256) 351074

[chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk)**Local Development issues:**

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

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