

blurb!

The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Brookvale blooming again!



2014 sees the fifth year of our local competition!

Hoping for kinder weather this year!

We have more entries every year with a great get-together, when all gardeners, family & friends meet at prize giving:

Closing date for entries – 20th June.
Judges will visit in the week from 14th July.
Prize Giving – 26th July at 2:30pm.

Categories:

1. Small front garden
2. Medium/large front garden
3. Container (front) garden
4. Environmental Wildlife garden
5. And/Or Single Hanging Basket/Container

To Enter:

Email name, address, postcode, phone number to:
info@brookvale.org.uk,

or post to: Brookvale Community Association, C/o BVS,
The Orchard, White Hart Lane, Basingstoke RG21 4AF,

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

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



In March, after such a wet winter, we found small tortoise shell, peacock and comma butterflies basking on mahonia. Lots of pussy willow out too with queen bumbles feeding in the crocus in Victory, and some frogspawn in the ponds.

Come along and help in Victory Park, pruning willow tunnel: 2pm, Sun 8th June & Light lilac trim: 11.00am, Sun 3rd Aug.



ww1(1914-1918) poppy remembrance border (2014-2018) supporting wildlife and remembering all the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives so long ago for us all to live in freedom.

Gym equipment now in both King George V and Victory Parks.



Spencer Drive Pocket Park hard landscaping & tree planting due. Alencon Link footway/bank to Pocket Park new wildlife corridor planned autumn planting:

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

BCA Matters

In true Grand Designs fashion, the hall was not completed for an opening in March 14, now anticipated in July 14. Watch this space...

Parability

Parability is a user led organisation set up by Chris Hall a person with a disability himself and a person with a vision that if we accept that disabled people just do things differently, there is no need for a disability label.

PARABILITY'S ACTIVITY AND SOCIAL GROUP:

SAINT ANDREWS CHURCH,
WESTERN WAY, RG22 6ER:
10 AM – 12 NOON: 2014 DATES:
19 APRIL, 17 MAY, 28 JUNE,
19 JULY, 23 AUGUST,
27 SEPTEMBER, 25 OCTOBER,
15 NOVEMBER, 13 DECEMBER.

SEASONAL CRAFT MAKING FROM CARD MAKING, POT ART WORK, WREATHS AND MORE, LIGHT SEATED EXERCISE FOR ALL ABILITIES WITH COACH REFRESHMENTS & AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

parability@drumrunners.org
Phone: 07982 925709

Disability Sign Posting

The Basingstoke Disability Forum provide a free Sign Posting Service for users to find the right place to go for information.

Come to the Discovery Centre each first Tuesday between 10am and midday.

<p>Do you need ... ??????????????</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more time with your family? to supplement your pension? to pay school & university fees? to improve your health? to boost your income? personal development? <p>Phone 0844 453 1295 to find out how we can help you</p>

Greening

Community Energy Strategy

Climate Change Minister Greg Barker pledged a “decentralised energy revolution”.

The strategy describes how Communities can come together to meet the UK energy and climate challenges by increasing energy security, reducing emissions and lowering energy bills.

To achieve this, government has broadened the support across the energy spectrum to help local communities generate their own renewable energy to take on the “big 6” energy giants.

Clean energy such as solar panels, wind turbines and hydro-electric generators have the potential to cut hundreds of pounds off annual bills as follows:

- Urban Community Energy Fund (£10) to kick-start community energy projects.
- Big Energy Saving Network (£1M) to support volunteers helping vulnerable consumers reduce their energy consumption.
- Community Energy Competition (£100K) to develop new approaches to save energy and money.
- One-Stop Shop providing the information resource to develop community energy projects.

<http://www.communityenergystrategy@decc.gsi.gov.uk>

Watch out for our Green Weekend at the hall on Sat 20th/Sun 21st Sept, part of the 2014 Green Week.

<p>MARK SMITH PLUMBING AND HEATING</p> <p>All aspects of Plumbing & Heating work undertaken.</p> <p>Greg Smith: 07766 111302 Email: greg.smith76@btinternet.com</p>

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Be in the Panto!

It's Panto time! (Oh yes it is!)

Budding Actors Wanted!

Brookvale Hall is on the hunt for some enthusiastic volunteers to take part in their very own brand new Pantomime production during December 2014. This will be an excellent opportunity to try out your talents whether they are writing, acting, singing, backstage, front of house or costumes & make up. No previous experience necessary – just the willingness to have fun! The show in December will have Rehearsals taking place in the hall before the performance. To be involved with this exciting community project in any way, please contact Josh:

joshpdixon@gmail.com
07540079897

Development SubCtte

Papers & Updates submission deadline (was):

Tuesday 25th Mar 2014 7:30pm
(now 8th April 2014)

To produce updated agenda.

Then our **Round Table Meeting:**
Tuesday 22nd Jul 2014 7:30pm

(with Neighbourhood Plans talk)
The Area Local Plan process consults again from 25th April:

<http://>

[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/
browse/environment-and-
planning/planning/emerging-
local-plan](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/environment-and-planning/planning/emerging-local-plan)

Finally, work started on both the old Queens Road Post Office with a nice conservatory taking up most of the garden, and also the corner plot at 89 Worting Road taking up most of that garden too!

Saunders Field submerged, still to be developed, but water still pouring out of Davy's Roundabout subway walls, and still seeping upwards at Mortimer Lane, that pump now being too small of bore & discharge.

Buckskin flood water now no longer piped from the Spruce Goose manhole to the Wicke's Balancing Pond.

Bus Services

**MORE CUTS!
HAVE YOUR SAY!**

March 2014—31 May 2014

Hampshire County Council needs to save £1.25 to £1.5 million from public and community transport spending by 2015/16 and this consultation aims to collect the views and preferences of organisations and individual users to aid us in the decision-making process.

The contribution from the Passenger Transport Services support could be achieved by a mixture of the following options:

Reducing or ceasing support for Sunday services

Reducing or ceasing support for evening services after 7pm

Ceasing the 9am early start for the older persons bus pass

Reducing the frequency and/or days of service

Replacing bus services with Taxi-shares or community transport services

Reducing the amount of printed publicity with a greater use of electronic information

Reducing:

- Taxi-shares and car-shares
- Community Transport services
- School Services

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/
transportconsultation2014](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transportconsultation2014)

More Runners Please!

No need to run on your own...

Over the past few months when out walking the dog and taking my daughter to the Brookvale park, I noticed an increase in people out running. I'm a keen runner myself and wondering would you be interested in meeting up outside Brookvale Hall for evening runs, sharing favourite routes and tips? Distance and ability no problem?

Call Roy on 07733-366173

BCA Bygones

Most of the houses in Alexandra Road were built between 1899 and 1903, by H. Wall,



Architect: Cooper and Howell.

The land was bought in 1899 by John Mares of Basingstoke, wholesale clothier. The title begins with will of George Lamb of Worting, gentleman, proved in 1875; it includes a plan of plots (totalling almost 14 acres, extending northwards from Worting Road to the River Loddon (with a small plot extending to Lower Brook Street opposite May Street), and westwards to Deep Lane (but excluding 'Highfield' and grounds).

Generations of families lived here, but some were unlucky. Two sons were killed in action, the sons of George and Emma Gosling, of 2, Alexandra Rd:

GOSLING, Private, ERNEST JAMES PERCIVAL, 2073, 1st/4th Bn., Hampshire Regiment. 21 October 1916. Age 20.

GOSLING, Private, G, G/88069, 4th Bn., London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). 8 August 1918. Age 18.



Where is this?

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Gloucester Quays Day Trip

Depart 24th August 8:30am Ticket Entry Only!
 Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RR



Explore Gloucester Quays Shops, Old Town, Canal Museum, Cathedral, & take a Boat Trip!



Tickets:
 £16-50 Per Seat
 Phone:
0741-2074477

All welcome to join us for our
**Brookvale Community
 Association Annual
 Day Out**

TICKET DEADLINE JULY 31ST

For all the latest local news, events and information, visit our website: www.brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Festival Sunday 13th July 11am!

Loads of family fun to celebrate Brookvale and the completed Hall!
 Fundraising for Finishing the garden and furnishing the new rooms!
 Check our website & Facebook for programme timings. Some attractions:
 * Art exhibition * Refreshments * Inflatable pillow bash * Hand henna tat-
 too * Fruit carving * Brookvale photo competition * History trail walk *
 Brookvale in Bloom Gardens * Plant sales * Brian the Busker *
 Thornycroft display * Face-painting * Tombola



Upcoming Events

3Cs Coffee Morning

Normally held each First
 Monthly Saturday without a
 Bank Holiday:
Sat 10th May & Sat 7th Jun:
 10am - 12 midday
Pam 01256-324313

Our Proteus Panto 2015!

Alice In Wonderland
Sunday 12th January 2:30pm:
 Brookvale Village Hall:
 Tickets £5, £6, £7, £8 Pay via:
Pam 01256-324313

Green Weekend 2014!

Sat/Sun 21/22 Sept 14
 Part of Green Week
Malcolm 01256-364498

Upcoming Events

Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group Cancelled awaiting volunteers!

Call Catherine ASAP:
 Brookvale Village Hall
 (Term time, Mondays:
 10 – 11.30am)
 £1 per session, per family
Catherine: 07951-09970
info@brookvale.org.uk

Committee Meetings

Management Committee:
 Thurs 5th Jun at 7.30pm
 Thurs 3rd Jul at 7.30pm

Development Sub-Committee:
 Round Table Meeting:
 Tuesday 22nd Jul 2014 at 7:30pm
Malcolm 01256-364498

BCA Information

info@brookvale.org.uk
<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>
[http://www.facebook.com/pages/
 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

Brookvale Lottery:

Pam Mansfield,
 Lottery Agent
 (01256) 324313
pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

Disability/Mobility issues:

Chris Hall,
 Vulnerable Person's Officer
 07982 925709

chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk

Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,
 Chair, Development-Sub Committee
 (01256) 364498

calmacinnes@ntlworld.com

Your Ward Councillors are:

Councillor John Shaw
 (01256) 461776

cllr.john.shaw@basingsstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Jack Cousens

07912 012746

Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basingsstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:

Councillor Chris Connor
 (01256) 475629

criss.connor@hants.gov.uk

Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP
 (020) 7219 5749

millerm@parliament.uk

Police—Kings Furling/Brookvale/Grove:

[http://www.hampshire.police.uk/
 Internet/localpolicing/northeast/
 basingsstoke/town/
 Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm)

Your Borough CSPO is:

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 01256 845700
Caroline.Fortune@hants.gov.uk

Your Area PCSO is:

PCSO Stephanie Bradley
 0845 045 45 45
stephanie.bradley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Your Beat Officer is:

PC Aaron Webb:
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Aaron.webb@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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