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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Family Panto Brookvale Hall Sunday 11th January 2:30pm

Roll up! Roll up! Come and see Rapunzel!

Ever had problem hair?
Can't do a thing with it?
Feel like it has a life of it's own? That's nothing compared to the problem that Rapunzel has. This is the story of a young girl with an overbearing mother, a prince of a boyfriend with vertigo, and very, very badly behaved hair.

Award-winning Proteus Theatre Company brings you a hair-raising, foot-tapping, high-flying 'wash and blow dry' of a show, with music, puppets, gravity defying actors and a guarantee of bad hair days.

Based on the classic Grimm fairy tale, Proteus presents the mother of bad hair days



All images courtesy of Proteus and Richard Davenport



Tickets from Pam :
01256 324313
Child £5, Family £6,
Concession £7, Adult £8
info@brookvale.org.uk

Rapunzel

Lottery= Coffee= Morning= Panto= Coach Trip= Brookvale In Bloom= Brookvale Festival= Halloween Disco= Toddler Group= Community Garden= Green Weekend= Development Subcommittee= Parking Consultation= Community Plan

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



The Friends and both our Ward Councillors have been urgently trying to trace where the white chalky substance in the Brookvale Brook arises.



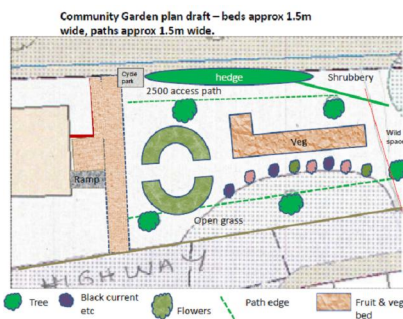
The Environment Agency and South East Water are aware, but no definite source found yet.

info@brookvale.co.uk

Our thanks to Tesco for their volunteers recent big litter pick and to Joe for planting poppies, pampas and more bulbs.

Also, our grateful thanks to Four Lanes Trust for a grant towards the new Community Garden. They can fund Basingstoke groups for Social and Community Action, Education, The Arts. Apply here:

<http://fourlanestrust.org.uk>



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BCA Matters

Almost finished the minor jobs at our hall, now awaiting your activities!

WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS



Every little helps when spread among many to support all the activities associated with events and hall management to keep the cost down.

Volunteers make someone's day, make a difference, help the less able, gain confidence and friends, get better jobs!

Write to us and see how you can help: info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCtte

Officer designation deemed Saunders Field now no longer "protected" in regards to parks and open spaces. BAS059 & BAS060 (allotments to Milestones corner) still in the SHLAA, even though located on a Water Catchment Special Protection Zone (SPZ1). The Environment Agency were asked for guidance about mitigating effects of development on water sources, catchment and flood plains.

The Planning Inspector noted his 22 concerns with the Town Local plan to be addressed at his Inquiry commencing 11th December 2014:
 Current population = 165,000
 More Homes = 56,700
 Infrastructure = £441M
 Timescale = 25 years
 Excludes Services!

Yes or No?

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

Greening

LIMITED OFFER – FREE HOME ENERGY SURVEY

Did you know that the average house in Brookvale will spend over £400 on heating this winter? Some of us will spend a lot more.

BCA have teamed up with Basingstoke Transition and the Basingstoke Energy Co-operative to offer free energy surveys of homes in Brookvale. We have been able to borrow a thermal camera which can detect the warmth leaking from your home. It can also find damp spots and drafts. The survey takes about 30 minutes; we take a couple of thermal images from inside and outside. After a brief chat we can then make recommendations on how your home can be made warmer. This saves money and makes your home an even better place to live.

This is a limited offer open to 5 homes only. So if you want to save money this winter then contact Malcolm on 01256 364498.

This may be the best 30 minutes you spend this winter. Surveys are on a first come first served basis. So please do contact BCA so we can book you in.

Green Week 19th to 26th Sept

Green Events during the 2015 Green Week, at Castle Square and your hall, on Saturday 19th, include free green workshops with family fun including performance, food, swop-shop, up-cycling and film shows.

MARK SMITH
PLUMBING AND HEATING

All aspects of Plumbing & Heating work undertaken.

Greg Smith: 07766 111302
Email: greg.smith76@btinternet.com

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Halloween Fund Raising 2014!

Once again the Queens Road family put on a display bigger and better than ever! Visitors donated a record sum of £225, which went to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

A big Thank You to everyone!

Season of Goodwill!

When buying on-line, the sellers donate 1% to BCA - at no cost to you!

Boots, Amazon, Argos - all your favourites are there:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brookvaleca>

Further offer - **Design your own cards on-line**, they print them and post them. Every card you send will help your Brookvale Community Association!

<https://www.giving.cards/?AC=BRO11>

However, if you would like to donate direct to us, however small an amount, for our new **Community Garden**, you can do so via this link:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/brookvalecommunityassociation>

All these links get tax back from the Government via Giftaid and that is a good reason for Giving! Merry Christmas!

BCoT Shopper News

From Saturday 29th November - BCoT will be opening their car parks over the Christmas holiday weekends, **providing extra Christmas parking for shoppers** (at a very good price!)



<http://www.brookvale.org.uk/local-contacts/local-businesses>

Vulnerable Persons

The County, struggling with cuts affecting both Adult and Children's services, has cut their grant to the Shaw Trust **Supported Over 60's Gardening Service**, which will now cost £25 per hour.

Neighbourhood Watch

Download your free **National Neighbourhood Watch Guide to Crime Prevention & Safety** from:

<http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource-centre/our-guide-to-crime-prevention-safety-advice/>

Brookvale Gardener's Club

We are considering a monthly weekend get-together for an hour in the Hall from January to April. Are you new to gardening? Do you have a garden problem? Or are you a good gardener - cool with cucumbers? Hot on peppers? Then come and tell people what when and how you grow them! Let us know your best day & time to meet and we will put a group together.

Contact: info@brookvale.org.uk or call 07809 552 669

Worting Road Safety Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the BCA survey, on line and on paper. The main issue was vehicles speeding, ignoring red lights and cutting through the Downsland Parade forecourt. We sent details to the Senior Road Safety Engineer at HCC, and we will let you know when they decide on action.



Who is this?

I've been making tea all my life!

Milk and sugar
Ma'am?

BCA Bygones

Flaxfield Road

This picture is from about 1907 and shows the retaining wall towards the top, which now needs further repairs.



The road was a path beside the river. The New Inn used to bottle spring water, and Spring House opposite is built over - a spring. The route can be traced further west to a spring in Penrith Road.

Flaxfield Road developed over the years as a less steep route to the market than Sarum Hill.

The Flaxfield name comes from Flaxpoole, noted in 1668. Numbers 8,10,12,14 Flaxfield Road were once almshouses, dated 1690.

A claim to fame - the town's first gas street lighting was a column in Flaxfield Road in 1834. In 1847 there was a chapel at the east end, where the newest flats stand today.

Terraces of homes were built from 1876 - 1896 and onwards, with 5 air-raid shelters being built between Flaxfield Road and Mortimer Lane in 1941.

Sadly, 7 fathers and sons of Flaxfield Road died in the Great War.

Despite the terraces of homes forming an attractive street-scene, the road is not in a Conservation Area.

The terrace of villas up at the south east end is particularly handsome, with some lovely original windows.

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Lottery**3Cs Lottery Winners:**

Drawn at 3cs Coffee Mornings:

May 2014

£50 612 Rayleigh Road
 £30 360 Alexandra Road
 £20 841 Southend Road

Jun 2014

£50 360 Alexandra Road
 £30 58 Lower Brook St
 £20 917 Brookvale Close

Jul 2014

£50 899 Southend Road
 £30 344 Queens Road
 £20 712 Essex Road

Aug 2014

£50 1086 Sinclair Drive
 £30 840 Solbys Road
 £20 26 Lower Brook St

Sept 2014

£50 498 Deep Lane
 £30 684 Essex Road
 £20 805 Solbys Road

Oct 2014

£50 58 Lower Brook St
 £30 222 George Street
 £20 68 Lower Brook St

Costs **£12-10p per year**, including annual membership fee. Enquiries & help to: **Pam 01256-324313**

Upcoming Events**Brookvale Village Hall:
3Cs Coffee Morning**

Includes Councillor Surgery
 First Monthly Saturday without a Bank Holiday:

Sat 3rd Jan & Sat 7th Feb:

10am - 12 midday

Pam 01256-324313**Our Proteus Panto 2015!**Rapunzel**Sunday 11th January 2:30pm:**Tickets **£5 to £8****Pam 01256-324313****Green Week 2015!****Sat 19th Sept 2015**

Workshops performances films

Malcolm 01256-364498**Upcoming Events****Committee Meetings****Management Committee:**Tues 13th Jan at 7.30pmThurs 10th Feb at 7.30pminfo@brookvale.org.uk**Development SubCommittee:**Tuesday 24th Mar 2015 at 7:30pm**Malcolm 01256-364498****Neighbourhood Watch**

Queens Road:

Phil & Val 01256-421621**Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group**

(Term time, Mondays:

10 – 11.30am)

£2 per session, per family

Need a "mum at home" helper:**Catherine 07957109970**info@brookvale.org.uk**National Childbirth Trust**

Drop in each Friday:

10 – Midday.

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

0844 243 6041info@basingstokenct.org.uk**Toddler Time****Tuesdays:** Term time:

10.30 – 12noon

Essex Hall on Essex Road

Free of charge

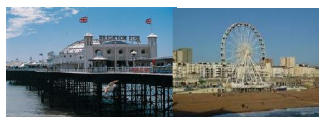
Cil 07731-980824**Taoist Tai Chi****Tuesdays:**

1.30-3pm

Brookvale Village Hall

Helen 01256-576167**Community Coach Trip****Sunday 3rd May 2015:**

Brookvale Village Hall

Depart Basingstoke 9am**Leave Brighton 5pm**

Includes:

- * Preston Park Rock garden
 - * Pier, Wheel, Pavilion, Sealife Centre
 - * Toy and Model Museum
 - * Churchill Sq & Lane Shopping
- Tickets: £16-50 each (incl tip)**
Joe 0741-207-4477

BCA Informationinfo@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-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)[Basingstoke/135744975619](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)**Hall Booking Agent:**

Cathy Williams

info@brookvale.org.uk**Brookvale Lottery:**

Pam Mansfield,

Lottery Agent

(01256) 324313

pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk**Disability/Mobility issues:**

Chris Hall (Parability Founder)

Vulnerable Person's Officer

07982 925709

enablement@parability.orgwww.parability.org[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/Parability.Basingstoke)[Parability.Basingstoke](http://www.facebook.com/Parability.Basingstoke)**Local Development issues:**

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub

Committee

(01256) 364498

calmacinnes@ntlworld.com**Your Ward Councillors are:**

Councillor Michael Westbrook

07900 502995

clr.michael.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Jack Cousens

07912 012746

[Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basingstoke.gov.u](mailto:Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk)[k](mailto:Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk)**Your County Councillor is:**

Councillor Criss Connor

(01256) 475629

criss.connor@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/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm)[Internet/localpolicing/northeast/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm)[basingstoke/town/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm)[Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm)**Your Borough CSPO is:**

Caroline Fortune

01256 845700

Caroline.Fortune@hants.gov.uk**Your Beat Officer is:**

PC Aaron Webb:

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Aaron.webb@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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