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**Lottery**

**3Cs Lottery Winners:**

Drawn at 3cs Coffee Mornings:

**Nov 2014**  
 £50 667 Longcroft Road  
 £30 44 Lower Brook St  
 £20 166 George Street

**Dec 2014**  
 £50 648 Rayleigh Road  
 £30 707 Longcroft Road  
 £20 91 Lower Brook St

**Jan 2015**  
 £50 1086 Forfield Drive  
 £30 498 Deep Lane  
 £20 241 Queens Road

**Feb 2015**  
 £50 252 Queens Road  
 £30 9 Lower Brook St  
 £20 362 Alexandra Rd

**Mar 2015**  
 £50 860 Southend Road  
 £30 48 Lower Brook St  
 £20 18 College Road

**Apr 2015**  
 £50 909 Brookvale Close  
 £30 186 George Street  
 £20 883 Southend Road

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

**3Cs Coffee Morning**

Normally held each First Monthly Saturday without a Bank Holiday:

**Sat 9th May, Sat 6th Jun & Sat 4th Jul:**  
 10am - 12 midday  
**Pam 01256-324313**

**Our Proteus Panto 2016!**  
 Little Red & The Wolves

**Sunday 3rd January 2:30pm:**  
 Brookvale Village Hall:  
 Tickets **£5 & £8** Pay via:  
**Pam 01256-324313**

Be sure of your seats-  
 Pay by bank transfer to:  
 Name: BCA  
 Sort Code: 77-49-06  
 Account Number: 77455068

**Upcoming Events**

**Committee Meetings**

**Management Committee:**  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jun at 7.30pm  
[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

**Development SubCommittee:**  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jul 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](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

**National Childbirth Trust**  
 Drop in each Friday:  
 10 – Midday.  
 Brookvale Village Hall  
 £1 per session, per family  
**0844 243 6041**  
[info@basingstokenct.org.uk](http://info@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**

**Green Week 2015!**  
**Sat 19 Sept 15**  
 Sustainability Day  
 Workshops including filmshows  
**Malcolm 01256-364498**

**BCA Information**

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<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619>

**Hall Booking Agent:**  
 Cathy Williams  
[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 (Parability Founder)  
 Vulnerable Person's Officer  
 07982 925709  
[enablement@parability.org](mailto:enablement@parability.org)  
[www.parability.org](http://www.parability.org)  
[www.facebook.com/Parability.Basingstoke](http://www.facebook.com/Parability.Basingstoke)

**Local Development issues:**  
 Malcolm MacInnes,  
 Chair, Development-Sub Committee  
 (01256) 364498  
[calmacinnes@ntlworld.com](mailto:calmacinnes@ntlworld.com)  
**Your Ward Councillors are:**  
 Councillor Michael Westbrook  
 07900 502995  
[cilr.michael.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cilr.michael.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk)

Councillor Jack Cousens  
 07912 012746  
[Cilr.Jack.Cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:Cilr.Jack.Cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk)  
**Your County Councillor is:**  
 Councillor Criss Connor  
 (01256) 475629  
[criss.connor@hants.gov.uk](mailto:criss.connor@hants.gov.uk)

**Your Town MP is:**  
 TBA during election period  
**Police—Kings Furlong/Brookvale/Grove:**  
<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](mailto:Caroline.Fortune@hants.gov.uk)  
**Your Beat Officer is:**  
 PC John Nelson:  
 101  
[John.Nelson@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:John.Nelson@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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## BROOKVALE IN BLOOM!

**TUB, HANGING BASKET ,  
 FRONT GARDEN,  
 ENTER TODAY!**

AT

**[INFO@BROOKVALE.ORG.UK](mailto:INFO@BROOKVALE.ORG.UK)**

**Text 07807 552 669**

**LAST DATE – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Judging from 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**PRIZE GIVING TEA PARTY**

**Saturday 25th July 3pm**

**All welcome!**

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**Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks**



**Glebe Gardens 2015 - 2017 Management Plan**

**Survey:**

The bulbs and features were surveyed on 5th March, with the flora reviewed on the 10th March 2015.

**Works needed:**

Clearing around the stream to enable free flow during flood conditions.

Clearing and replanting the substation screening.

More planting west of Chute House.

Timberlake Road bank crocusses to be supplemented with cowslips & primroses.



Volunteering offers and your suggestions please to any BCA committee member, contacts on the rear page.

**Community Safety**

All the scams the police found are described in here:

<http://www.met.police.uk/docs/>

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

**BCA Matters**

**Remember to vote!**

The hall will be open for Polling Day on 7th May 2015. There are 82 candidates standing in 19 Hampshire constituencies. 4 candidates are standing for Basingstoke Town.

**Remember to "like" us online:**

Our website is undergoing more changes, find us at:

[Facebook - Brookvale Heart of Basingstoke](#)

**BCA Achievements:**

Rebuilt a fire damaged Village Hall. Stopped the underpasses being filled in.

Achieved street art in the underpasses.

Moderated the impact of Sinclair drive.

Overseen the development of the old school into quality homes.

Developed the green spaces, improved signage.

Encouraged sympathetic improvements to properties.

Installed 10KvA power generation on the village hall.

Retained street character, street lamps, granite kerbs.

Ensured clear access and good street lighting.

Extended & improved Village Hall.

**Do Your Bit Day**

**6th June at Brookvale Village Hall**

Come and see what volunteers do in Brookvale & Kings Furlong for all ages from toddlers to retirees.

Find out what YOU could do, how YOU would benefit!

10.30 to 12.30 - all welcome!

**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.

**Regular coffee mornings and exercise classes.**

[parability@drumrunners.org](mailto:parability@drumrunners.org)

**Greening**

**Polytunnel Tips**

"A dull and chilly 8 degrees outside, a snug 18 degrees Inside!

I put up the 12 x 15 foot frame 99% on my own which took days and was much harder than expected, especially the setting out and levelling on my sloping site. As a novice polytunnel builder (but experienced DIYer) it must have taken me 4 or 5 days to erect the frame and doors. I had a big crew for the covering, including someone who'd done it before, but it took us most of a day. A couple of tips:

1) Don't expect the self-drilling screws to self-drill into the steel tubes. I found it necessary to pre-drill a small hole first, and even that was difficult as the drill bit kept skating off the round tube. In the end I found that a masonry drill bit was best for making a dent in the tube, followed by a sharp HSS (metal drilling) bit to make the pilot hole, followed by the 'self-drilling' screw!

2) No mention in the 50 page instruction manual that the hoops are not quite symmetrical when assembled. So you have to get them all the same way round (socket joints facing the same way) or the hoops won't line up.

Loads of tomatoes and melons and cucumbers last summer, and salads this winter. I'm also raising tomato/courgette/squash/cucumber plants to sell, so I'm pretty sure the tunnel will pay for itself in 2 or 3 years."

<http://www.lowimpact.org/>  
(Peter Richardson's blog)

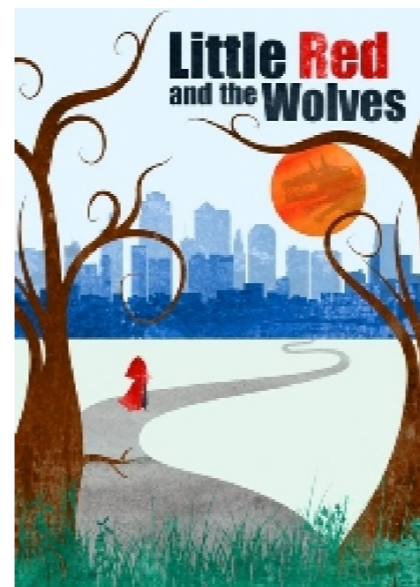
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**Our next Panto!**

Once there was a girl... and a wolf.



Scarlett leaves her tiny village behind and heads for the bright lights of the big city, but something follows her, something big and hungry. Could there be wolves in the city? She sees them everywhere but no-one else seems to notice; perhaps because they wear three-piece suits and smoke cigars. Oh no, these are not the wolves you find in the forest, these are very, very different & very, very dangerous..

James doesn't understand why he's so tired. He goes to bed early every night, but each morning he wakes up feeling as if he has spent the night-time running through the streets. James grew up in the big city, but now longs to be in the forest. He doesn't know why, but when the moon is full he feels different..

Then, one day, Scarlett and James meet, and the wheels of fate are set in motion..



Book now, see back page

**Development SubCtte**

**Basingstoke Local Plan**

The Basingstoke Local Plan is being reviewed by the Planning Inspector with an anticipated increase in units to be built together with a lack of incorporated suggestions against an infrastructure funding gap: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planningpolicy>

It was concluded that there is a lack of vision, ambition, plan road-map, good leadership and skills which the Cabinet should address.

**Brookvale Plan**

The Brookvale Local Plan is still in progress and awaiting your pre-consultation suggestions via any committee member.

**Saunders Field**

Still being monitored to find out what NEW RIVER LEISURE will come up with. Please write to your elected representative to make your views known.

**Assess your "Cold Spots"**

**Thermal Imaging Day Sat 28th Feb 2015**

Following the success in Overton and a training session, our "Transitioners" (including Dr Adam) visited Brookvale Residents to assess their home "Cold Spots", using the heat camera kindly lent by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

A variety of properties and households were surveyed and although most have dealt with the basics, there is always more to-do to save money on one's energy costs!

Draughts and cold bridging were discovered, then insulation and energy saving devices suggested. An enjoyable and educational visit for all concerned.

We hope to follow-up and identify ongoing trends...

Call Malcolm 01256 364498

**BCA Bygones**

Looking back through past copies of the BLURB, I was reminded of the A4 two sided newsletter that used to go out on a quarterly basis; with mail shots inbetween as reminders for any organised events.

At the EGM in September 2000 Simon Byrne presented us with a sample of a newsletter, calling it the BLURB. The name and sample were adopted, and this is the format we use today. Another medium for communication set up by Simon is our Web site. Recently we saw the addition of Face Book.

A little bit of nostalgia set in reading of the Race Nights - prizes for the best waist coats and hats. Quiz nights, on one occasion the answer being given instead of the question. Call my Bluff wine evening, Skittles. Casino evening, Murder Mystery evenings - the hall being transformed into a Circus Tent and a (very) French Restaurant.

There was also the Ladies Club, examples of activities - visits to the Theatre/Owl Conservancy/ Ghost Walks. Demonstration of head massage, cosmetics, reflexology, icing cake art, belly dancing.

The Development Subcommittee was involved with Safeways (Morrisons), redevelopment of BCOT, alterations to Victory Roundabout, Victory Heights and the allotment development.

All this revolved around our Village Hall, the fun, laughter, tears, discussions on developments all infused into it's structure, the building erected where homes once stood...



Where is this?

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