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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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BROOKVALE IN BLOOM!

TUB, HANGING BASKET, FRONT GARDEN,

ENTER TODAY! AT INFO@BROOKVALE.ORG.UK

Text 07807 552 669 LAST DATE – 20TH JUNE

Judging from 4th July

PRIZE GIVING TEA PARTY

Saturday 23rd July 3pm All residents welcome!

Brookvale Family Fun Day & Fair

Glebe Gardens RG21 7QT

Saturday June 18th 10am to 4pm!

FREE

**Punch and Judy, Facepainting,
Bouncy Castle, Bug Hunt, Spotlight dancers
Drumrunners, Millers Ark Petting Zoo,
Thornycroft Society display.**

Look out for the detailed programme

= Lottery= Coffee= Morning= Panto= Coach Trip= Brookvale In Bloom= Brookvale Festival= Halloween Disco= Toddler Group
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For all the latest local news , events and information:

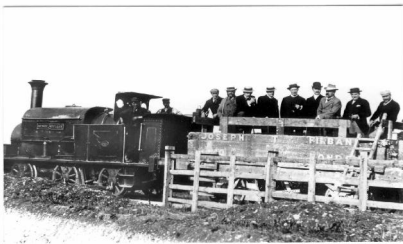
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.Bygones

The Basingstoke & Alton Light Railway ran from the main railway, across what is now King George V playing field, past the Thornycroft factory, to Alton. It had a short life but is in many ways one of the most famous railways in Britain, since it was the line in both films [The Wreckers](#) (1928) and [Oh! Mr. Porter](#) (1937) and was the first line to be built under the Light Railways Act of 1896, and was opened on 1 June 1901. Here is their 1st Journey:



Initially, there were three passenger trains each way daily, this being increased to six in 1909. Nevertheless the line was far from profitable, so it was closed and the lines taken up for the war effort in 1917, to be re-laid in France. In 1924 the track was re-laid here and the line reopened, but it finally closed for passengers in 1932, and for goods in 1936, after which most of the track was once more taken up. A last piece of track is inside the Viables Roundabout.

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

BCA News

Grants are being sought for funding accommodating our Community Development Centre Manager for which we are currently interviewing.

Governance is being reviewed with increasing spend and complexity meaning your committee will be looking to convert from an Unincorporated Association to a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to minimise the personal risk to unpaid volunteer Trustees.

Volunteers get the opportunity to try out new activities, develop new skills and make a difference helping in the community as services are cut and closed!



Enjoy being involved in all the above activities by contacting us at:
info@brookvale.org.uk

Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks are investigating funding for an Ability Swing similar to this for King George V Park:



An additional grant will be needed to install this on the special shock absorbent playground safety surface. Offers of help & funding & suggestions to:
info@brookvale.org.uk

Art & Culture

Art is a positive contribution to mental health and wellbeing. With disappearing public services in this prolonged Age of Austerity. Performance Art delivers new concepts stimulating the mind. Our Annual Proteus family Panto (rear page) blends traditional with new entertainment concepts. During this summer, Proteus are touring their “must see” challenging and thought provoking performance “Becoming Hattie”, about a young girl fan of Hattie Jacques who wants to be an actress like Hattie was. The trials, tribulations, ignorance and discrimination to endured and overcome about “body image” and ability and opportunity, are delivered in an extremely skilled and “forceful” way!

“Ride this emotional roller coaster” by requesting a local performance at our hall - Write to us at:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Dog Owner’s Notice

From the 6th of April 2016, all dogs must be microchipped and registered to an approved database by the time they are eight weeks old.



The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014 will be enforced by local authorities, police constables, community support

officers and any other person which the Secretary of State may authorise to act as an enforcer of the regulations.

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

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Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



As the temperatures rise, snowdrops were followed by crocuses and daffodils, until now when we have bluebells and anemones.

Anemone Blanda is a compact rhizomatous perennial to 15cm, with dark green leaves composed of three lobed and toothed segments.



These were planted last year by the Friends in the Autumn/Spring bulb plantings per the Council agreed plan.

This low growing plant reduces evaporation, increases biodiversity & provides bee pollen.

The Friends planted a Lavender hedge. Our bee and butterfly border is starting to get established.

The Cardoons should produce nice flower heads this year which the bees will adore!



Please can people look out and report to 101 and us anyone seen removing plants from our public areas.

Volunteer at: info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCtte

Alexander Road yard development 16/00441/FUL (consultation ended 24th March 2016). Again, this application overlooks the residents, and due to the number of objections, will go to B&DBC DCC. meeting Please forward any last minute objections to us.

Mike Westbrook and the residents are escalating the Worting Road dangerous surface on to the county road team for urgent repair.

As predicted, the Local Plan was passed with the original headline of 850 housing per year but this time around included focus on infrastructure requirements and a direction to engage and work with the community groups to hopefully develop meaningful targets and vision for infrastructure.

However, this higher number of units (responses requested lower units) is not sustainable and does not suggest any land on the outskirts of town, suitable for a new football club stadium. The Old Common appears safe for the meantime and volunteers are asked to apply to their ward councillor become one of the Friends of the Common and one of the Friends of Saunders Field.

The Leisure Park regeneration partner New River Retail was approved in spite of objections that funding this development with new retail on the park (not via a partner consortium), will cause more shop closures in the Town Centre. The Thornycroft Roundabout work will await the outcome of 3000 more parking spaces increasing congestion and queuing emissions.

In line with the Planning Inspector's requirement that the Council should work with the Community, Natural Basingstoke developed and provided a Vision document for Saunder's Field to the Council's Lead Officer.



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"We have to be better at living with the natural world without irretrievably damaging it." (Paul Beevers).

This project should bring together all the partners who have an interest in flood management, all waste reduction and recycling, minimising energy usage and generation; water collection, cleansing & recycling; biodiversity, species conservation, open green space, outdoor education (we will forward reader's comments).

Greening

FREE HOME ENERGY SURVEY

BCA, Basingstoke Transition and Basingstoke Energy Co-operative carried out free energy surveys of homes in Brookvale and elsewhere this winter. We could not get to everyone as we were hampered by continual changing weather temperatures (how do you plan for a prolonged cold spell to carryout the surveys?) and by volunteer availability. Our thanks to the Council for the loan of their special camera for this work.

We visited one really challenging property, an ex 1960's Council House where the proud owner (with a young family) was doing his best to double glaze without anyone informing him that there was actually a hole from the inside wall to the outside wall where one could plainly see daylight and this was where all his heat was escaping! This together with the upstairs of these housing estate properties having only a single skinned wall, makes them difficult & expensive to heat, especially if still using the originally fitted electric blower system.



Where was this?

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Lottery

3Cs Lottery Winners:

Drawn at 3cs Coffee Mornings:

Jan 2016

£50 840 Solby's Road
 £30 70 Lower Brook Street
 £20 180 George Street

Feb 2016

£50 26 Lower Brook Street
 £30 498 Deep Lane
 £20 577 George Street

Mar 2016

£50 513 Deep Lane
 £30 975 Downsland Road
 £20 700 Flaxfield Road

Apr 2016

£50 746 Rochford Road
 £30 342 Queen's Road
 £20 344 Queen's Road

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

Upcoming Events

North Hants Mum Blog

<http://northhants-mum.wordpress.com/about/>

3Cs Coffee Morning

At Brookvale Village Hall

Includes Councillor Surgery

First Monthly Saturday without a Bank Holiday:

Sat 4th Jun: Fun Day Planning:

10am - 12 midday

Pam 01256-324313

*******No July and August Coffee Mornings*******

Our Proteus Panto 2016!

Sunday 4th December 2:30pm:

Brrrr

The magical story of Steve the Penguin who doesn't like the cold and who wants to visit his cousins in Sunny South Africa...

Tickets **£5 to £8** from

Pam 01256-324313

Bank transfer also accepted

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

Management Committee:

Tues 14th Jun at 7.30pm

Tues 12th Jul at 7.30pm

info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:

Tues 26th Jul 2015 at 7:30pm

Tues 22nd Nov 2016 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

Catherine 07957109970

info@brookvale.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust

Drop in each Friday:

10 – Midday.

Brookvale Village Hall

£2 per session, per family

0844 243 6041

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

Wednesdays:

2.00-3.30pm

Brookvale Village Hall

Helen 01256-576167

Community Coach Trip

Sunday 26th June 2016:

Brookvale Village Hall

Depart Basingstoke 7:30am

Leave Swanage 5pm



- * Sandy Beach
- * Amusement Arcade
- * Shopping Arcade
- * Historic & Sculpture Trails
- * Durlston Country Park

Tickets: £20-00 each (incl tip)

Joe 0741-207-4477

BCA Information

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

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Hall Booking Agent:

Cathy Williams

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Brookvale Lottery:

Pam Mansfield,

Lottery Agent

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pam@brookvale.org.uk

Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

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Your Ward Councillors are:

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Councillor Jack Cousens

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Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:

Councillor Criss Connor

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Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP

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millerm@parliament.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:

PC Trevor Taylor:

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Email:

Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/>

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Your Borough CSPO is:

Raymond Fraser

01256 845383

Raymond.Fraser@basingstoke.gov.uk

BCA Annual General Meeting

Saturday 3rd September 2016 10am

info@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Community Association

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