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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

CATHY@ROOKVALE.ORG.UK

**Text 07807 552 669, LAST
DATE – 20TH JUNE**

Judging from 10th July

PRIZE GIVING TEA PARTY

Sunday 23rd July 3pm

All residents welcome!

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Brookvale In Bloom/cont

The classes are -
 * Small front garden:
 less than 15ft x 15ft
 or
 Standard front garden
 * Single container

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Family Fancy Dress Disco was enjoyed by all



the kids wearing their excellent outfits! Our lively DJ kept every one occupied with games and great prizes.



Car Boot Sale

Thanks to all who set up, cleared away and /or manned tables. A special thanks to Joe for manning the kitchen. Apologies & thanks to Pam, who was left with the unsold charity stuff and floor washing!

Takings were £110 including £44-50 to the BCA charity fund.

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

Possums Ponderings!

Rainbows & Guides

Our Rainbows activities this term included a mixture of emergency awareness with visits from the fire engine and Hampshire air ambulance, finding out about ourselves and what we like and don't like, our senses and how we use them, supporting the RNIB by having a dotty evening and finding out about braille and selling cakes, having fireworks fun with paint and glitter, finding out about the library and sharing our favourite author, meeting the animals at Pets at Home and a Christingle service. Our favourite activity was blindfold sandwich making. The Rainbows decided that they like all the messy activities best and everything is better with glitter!



Southsea's Royal Marines Museum

Our Guides have been even more energetic – we kicked off with 60 challenges in 60 minutes and I don't think we have stopped, with swimming, campfire cooking, fire safety evening, learning CPR, a recycled craft evening for Green week, a mindfulness session, learning how to balloon model, reflecting on the sacrifice made by local people during WW1, representing Guiding at the town centre Remembrance parade, 'taking over' Milestones for a few hours and putting the museum to bed and setting it up for the next day, rifle shooting and a murder mystery bring a pudding party. We have had a Winter activity weekend at PGL, completing a challenge 'I'm a survivor, Guide me out of here'.

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Like all Girlguiding leaders I volunteer my time, to provide opportunities to the girls, I could really do with some help, particularly with the Guides. If you feel you could volunteer for a few hours on a Friday evening – it doesn't need to be every week & training is available - please do call me on 01256 350758. Girlguiding will complete a DBS check for all volunteers.

For your daughter to join Girlguiding please register at:
<https://enquiry.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Greening



<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-week>

Brookvale Workshop:

Saturday 16th September:

2pm: Do the Math
 (Countdown to 2 degrees warming)
 3pm: Chasing Ice
 (Is warming really good for you?)

Climate Change: Ladybird Expert Book

Their Expert Book series launched with a book on climate change co-written by Prince Charles, Dr Tony Juniper, and Dr Emily Shuckburgh.

'Climate Change' explains the history, dangers and challenges of global warming and explores solutions for impact reduction. Available in your local high street bookshop, or you can buy an e-version online.

Original Ladybird book artworks are on display at the Reading Museum of English Rural Life RG1 5EX.



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Bygones

Jane Austen

An 18th-century author (in the days when men were usually published), created her best known works while living in this area, including her famous book *Pride & Prejudice* (expressed both in performance & film!).

She was born in Steventon in 1775, lived in Chawton and "retired" to Winchester 1817.

This year to celebrate **Jane Austen 200**, a new exhibition showcasing 80 of her historic artifacts will be held in the **Winchester Discovery Centre Gallery** from **13 May to 24 July**; followed by a talk by **Debbie Reavell** on **June 15th at 7.30 pm** in the **Basingstoke Willis Museum Archaeology Gallery**, book in advance, 01256 465902 (daytime); then finally, Jane's life in society exhibition at the **Willis Museum Basingstoke**, from **29th July to 7th October**.

Today, look out for one of the valuable 4 new plastic £5 notes onto which Artist and Engraver Graham Short added a tiny portrait of Jane, together with a short quote from her works.

Later this year, look out for her life-sized statue outside the Willis and the artists' trail of book benches around the town.

The 6th Basingstoke Festival (June to July), theme 'Born in the Borough', will celebrate 'local talent' including Jane Austen.

<http://>

www.basingstokefestival.co.uk/

or contact Ross Harvie on:

festival@basingstoke.gov.uk or:

01256 845676 before April 21.

Next Time: the buildings she knew



Theft

Burglary Prevention Tips

Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary. Here are a few tips:

- * Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're out in the garden, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors (lift handle and turn key)
- * Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)
- * Install good outside lighting
- * Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- * Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- * Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition
- * Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- * Keep ladders and tools stored away; locked if possible - don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home
- * Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
- * Ensure rear fencing is in good repair
- * Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property, i.e. trim high hedges
- * Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property free with Immobilise
- * Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- * Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows
- * Much vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. The best way to protect your belongings is to lock your car whenever you leave it – and check it is locked. Other things include:
 - * Removing everything from the car; don't even leave a jacket where it can be seen
 - * Closing the sunroof along with the windows when you leave
 - * Not storing things in the boot; take them with you
 - * Storing car ownership information in your home, not your car
 - * Having a routine to ensure you always take the keys out of the ignition
 - * Taking removable stereos and sat nav equipment with you
 - * In addition, using secure (theft resistant) number plates can make your plates less attractive to thieves

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Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



The Friends continue weekly litter picks with thanks to Peter Davies.

The Bee border was recently mulched to reduce weeding and moisture loss in the summer, a Rosa Rugosa hedge was planted to the back of the Bee border providing nectar for Bees and insects.

The willow structure was mulched to tidy and keep weeds down.

A spring litter clean in Glebe Gardens is planned in March.



Joe's & Ted's Birdboxes

Had a new resident within 10mins!

The Friends improved the community garden with special thanks to Incredible Edible who donated 4 Apple Maidens for our new border. Also thanks to Cathy Williams and Peter Davies for their help with the apple step over, weed membrane and chippings to reduce weeding and moisture loss. Finally, thanks to Serena for her plant donations.



More volunteers please to help with this garden!



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Lottery

3Cs Lottery Winners:

Drawn at **Coffee Mornings:**

May 2016

£50 907 Southend Road
 £30 309 Queen's Road
 £20 707 Longcroft Road

Jun 2016

£50 521 Deep Lane
 £30 899 Southend Road
 £20 186 George Street

Jul 2016

£50 337 Queen's Road
 £30 9 Lower Brook St
 £20 338 Queen's Road

Aug 2016

£50 222 George St
 £30 746 Rochford Road
 £20 48 Lower Brook St

Costs £12-10 per year, includes annual membership fee.

Enquiries & help to:

Pam 01256-324313

Upcoming Events

Our Summer Performance

Daily About the Bush presents:

From A to B

A kids first-love story...

Saturday 8th July 2017: 2:30pm

£5 per ticket (free up to 3 yr old)

Paid In Advance by cash, cheque,

bank transfer before **31st May**

Tickets from Pam 01256 324313

pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

Community Coach Trip

Saturday 1st July 2017:

From Brookvale Village Hall via Red Funnel Ferry crossing

Depart Brookvale 7:45am

Depart Shanklin 3:45pm

* Sandy Beach * Gardens * Old Village

* Chair Lift * Shopping * Rail Trip

* Chine Heritage Centre * Theatre



Tickets: £23-00 ea (incl tip)

£10 deposit 5TH MAY 17

£10 balance 1ST JUNE 17

Joe 0741-207-4477

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

Management Committee:

Tues 14th Mar at 7.30pm (regular)

Tues 11th Apr at 7.30pm (regular)

info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:

Tues 25th Apr 2017 at 7:30pm

Tues 25th Jul 2017 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 – Middyay.

Brookvale Village Hall

£2 per session, per family

0844 243 6041

info@basinstokenct.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

01256-882534

Brookvale Community Association invites you to its

Coffee Morning

Meet new people and relax over a freshly brewed cup of tea or coffee

10am to 12noon every Thursday at

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street,

Basingstoke, RG21 7RP

www.brookvale.org.uk



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BCA Information

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Brookvale Lottery:

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Lottery Agent

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Local Development issues:

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Chair, Development-Sub Committee

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malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

Your Ward Councillors are:

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07900 502995

clr.michael.westbrook@basinstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Jack Cousens

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Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basinstoke.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 Safer Neighbourhood Team:

PC Trevor Taylor:

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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:

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