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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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From A to B at Brookvale Village Hall Saturday 8th July 2017 2:30pm

Rewind to your child-hood first-love in this musical:



£5 per ticket
(free up to 3 yr old)

Paid In Advance
cash, cheque or
bank transfer

Tickets from Pam 01256
324313
pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

A love story like no other. Moving from a childhood friendship, to a teen curiosity and on to a relationship.

Thornycroft Day at Brookvale Village Hall Sunday 9th July 2017 Midday

Learn about the town's major employer

Donations to:

Thornycroft Clock Project

Call 01256 324313 or
01256 352862

thornycroft@brookvale.org.uk



Help us raise £25,000 for this replica Thornycroft vehicle factory "workers" clock (before Morrison's & B& M) to finish our hall makeover

For all the latest local news , events and information:

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Family Fun Day 2016

Our thanks to Cathy for holding our successful Family Fun Day in Glebe Gardens last year. It was a lot of work:



We got there eventually:



And made music:

Some slept:



One resident enjoyed it so much and asked about the 2017 date, which in these austere times, is awaiting grant funding approval.

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

Thornycroft Clock Project

The Thornycroft vehicle factory was at Worting Road, Brookvale, on the site of Morrison's and B&M. The factory made large industrial and military vehicles. Thornycroft were the town's major employer for 60 years who also complained to the Council about insufficient housing and poor water sanitation.

The original three faced external clock mounted on the main factory building for worker's timekeeping, was rescued when the old factory works were demolished in the 1990s. The clock was then preserved (with some funding from Safeway) by the County Museum who display the clock in Milestones, Basingstoke.

In 2011 The Brookvale Community Association (BCA) received Council development grant funding that enabled the Brookvale Village Hall to be extensively enlarged with the main work being completed in July 2014. The design and approved planning permission artist's impressions included the Thornycroft Clock Tower on the western end of the new roof. The internal lift shaft is built strong enough with a concrete top to support the clock tower, roof and cladding, with a power supply.

THE THORNYCROFT CLOCK PROJECT FUND launched at the 2017 Thornycroft Show, to pay for the design, manufacture, installation and commissioning of a four faced replica and clock tower. The materials will include a low maintenance, low running cost modern reliable clock mechanism that does not need a **volunteer resident** to daily wind and adjust it!

The Safeway pictures of the factory are being prepared for a hall display.

Please contact:

Thornycroft Society: 01256 352862
BCA: 01256 324313
to make heritage donations towards the estimated £25,000 fund.



Greening



16th to 23rd Sept 2017

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

Has many events based around sustainability and carbon reduction awareness which will save you money!

Our **free** local event is -

Saturday 16th September:

Sustainability Workshop:

2pm: Do the Math
(Countdown to 2 degrees warming)
3pm: Breathe
(Is air pollution good for you?)

Do the Math is a campaign to raise awareness of tracking the rise in the global temperature with increasing challenges this will bring:

math.350.org gofossilfree.org

Breathe is a campaign to reduce air pollutants, related deaths and asthma:

<http://winacc.org.uk/CleanAirMonth>

After the **National Clean Air Day on 15th June** Basingstoke Transition Network are looking at how we can reduce traffic congestion and pollution in Basingstoke, and develop a coherent, low carbon strategy for moving round our town.

Visit a wind-powered Hampshire farm where 90% of the energy is provided by three wind turbines. Also find out about all the other sustainable activities undertaken there.

Organised by the Sustainable Business Network on Thursday 20 July, 5.00-8.00pm
Kirtan Farm Nurseries Ltd, Crawley, nr Winchester, SO21 2PJ

Free but places limited to 25 so book now:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd>

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Bygones

Jane Austen

Many Basingstoke buildings that she knew are still here:

81, Church Street (now Office Angels, by Glebe Gardens):



This was John Ring's shop, where Jane's father bought her writing slope.

12-14 Cross Street, Windover Mews:



Dr John Lyford lived in this area and visited the Austens.

The Red Lion, London Street, the London Coach & Horse stop:



Goldings, in the War Memorial Park, now the Register Office:



This was the 1780's home of the Russell family (East India Company). The Russells, friends of the Austens, invited them to dances at Goldings.

The old Town Hall was the social centre of the area, where Jane certainly danced. This building was replaced with a grand new Town Hall, now the Willis Museum, but there is a black plaque on the wall on Lloyds Bank, now built on the site.



BCA Trustee News

BCA Committee Constitution to be updated from an un-incorporated community association to a CIO, to manage the risk to Trustees.

Volunteer Trustees needed:

- * Treasurer
- * Line Manager
- * Event Hosts



Volunteers needed:

- * Hall Maintenance
- * Gardener
- * Community Plan

The Hall has been re-rated after the makeover increased the floor space. Additional sound proofing has been added to reduce adjacent room noise and reduce the echo from the walls. Upstairs painting and flooring have been completed with additional chair storage. The kitchen has been improved with a new cooker for cookery classes. Toilet improvements are being considered. The Hall Manager's office in the Foyer is also still under consideration as it needs many compromises for spatial constraints, impact on the existing space and has to look attractive yet functional.

Bouncy castles often end up bigger than the hall and it is recommended to hire these from Bounce who can provide suitably sized castles to fit our hall low ceiling:

<http://www.bounce-4-fun.co.uk/>

DSC News

Community Plan awaits a volunteer and funding. Note that King George V park is not protected from development.

May Street Garages development will go ahead as the need for housing outweighs the aggravation of more vehicles being displaced onto Lower Brook Street. We will also lose mature trees and our Fire Assembly Area.

Ted recently met with Maria Miller to obtain a commitment on **upgraded infrastructure** to cope with the additional housing imposed on the town.

Wessex Close improvements completed but no improvements known yet for the Conservation Area.

Hair by *Nicola* Mobile Hair Stylist

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Find me on Facebook @hairbynicolax

Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



Our thanks to Diana who recently moved in and donated plants for our Community Garden. Thanks also to Serena for more plant donations.



Also, thanks to Joe for providing our bird table in the Community Garden. Good hygiene is vital at any bird table, or feeding may do more harm than good.

We held a spring pruning in Victory Park and both Mayors attended a Tesco Community litter pick in Glebe Gardens.



Loddon Lillies

During the spring or summer months, you can give the birds high protein foods like black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mild grated cheese, mealworms, Never put out loose peanuts, dry hard foods, large chunks of bread.



Above, who is this member of a famous pop group?

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Lottery

3Cs Lottery Winners:

Drawn at Coffee Mornings:

Sep 2016

£50 319 Queen's Road
 £30 805 Solby's Road
 £20 667 Longcroft Road

Oct 2016

£50 68 Lower Brook St
 £30 18 College Road
 £20 719 Longcroft Road

Nov 2016

£50 684 Essex Road
 £30 180 George St
 £20 865 Southend Road

Dec 2016

£50 769 Rochford Road
 £30 272 Queen's Road
 £20 907 Southend Road

Jan 2017

£50 844 Southend Road
 £30 700 Flaxfield Road
 £20 266 Queen's Road

Feb 2017

£50 491 Deep Lane
 £30 802 Solby's Road
 £20 509 Highfield Chase

Mar 2017

£50 607 Rayleigh Road
 £30 703 Essex Road
 £20 992 Downsland Road

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

Enquiries & help to:

Pam 01256-324313

Upcoming Events

Committee Coffee Morning Meet Committee & Volunteers

Each 2nd Saturday 10:30am:
 Discuss events, issues and ideas



Free first hot drink!
info@brookvale.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

Management Committee:

Tues 18th Jul at 7.30pm (regular)
 Tues 15th Aug at 7.30pm (regular)
 Thurs 7th Sep at 7.30pm **AGM**
info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:

Tues 25th Jul 2017 at 7:30pm
 Tues 21st Nov 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 – Middy.
 Brookvale Village Hall
 £2 per session, per family
0844 243 6041
info@basingsstokenct.org.uk

Toddler Time

Tuesdays: Term time:
 10.30 – 12noon
 Essex Hall on Essex Road
 Free of charge
Call 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



Brookvale Community Association logo and Basingstoke and Deane logo.

BCA Information

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