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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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**WE ARE
MACMILLAN-
CANCER SUPPORT**



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Join us & donate to support Cancer sufferers!

Bring home made cake to share!

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street RG21 7RP

Thursday 5th September 10:30am-Midday (Free)



Brookvale Sustainability Day

Saturday 28th September 2019 Midday-4pm

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook St, RG21 7RP Free Workshops:

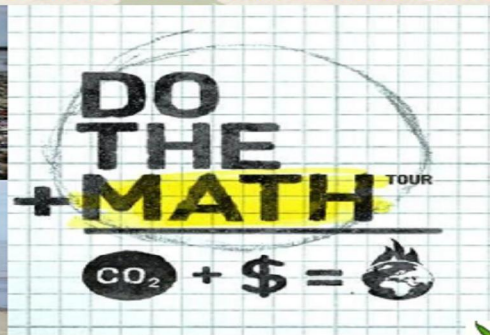
Open Midday: Tea & cake, swap your plastic for paper straws

1pm: South East Water: Water Sustainability

2pm: Air & Microplastics Pollution

3pm: Count Down 2030: Predicted 2° unsafe warming

More Info: 01256 364498 **More Events:** www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-week



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WinACC
Winchester Action on
Climate Change



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BAAG Community Event
hosted by BCA & supported
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For all the latest local news , events and information:

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Brookvale In Bloom

Garden Competition 2019 Results

We were very pleased to welcome new entrants for 2019, a good turnout for prize-giving by the Mayor at the Tea Party on 28th July.

All the gardens looked fantastic, A result of hard work!

SMALL FRONT GARDEN

1 Gold: Di Brown
 2 Gold: Norah Wright
 3 Gold: Kate Evans
 4 Gold: Stephen Pashley
 Silver: Esme Gainford
 Silver: Katrina Pettit
 Bronze: Mrs. Emma Hope & Miss. Jasmine Hope
 Christine Aymes
 Malcolm MacInnes,
 Barry Berryman

SINGLE CONTAINER

1 Gold: Mrs. T. D'Orsi
 2 Gold: David & Lilian Dennison
 3 Gold: Sarah Mahon
 Winston Poulter
 Brian Mockford
 Norah Wright
 Silver: Esme Gainford, Claire Kemp
 Kate Evans
 Bronze: Stephen Pashley
 Andy Ward, Barry Berryman

STANDARD FRONT GARDEN

1 Gold: Mr David & Mrs Lilian Dennison
 2 Gold: Mrs. T. D'Orsi
 Silver: Freya & Michael Bishop
 Brian Mockford
 Eric Baker

NEW! WELL GROWN CONTAINER-FUCHSIA

Not as easy as it sounds –

1 David & Lilian Dennison
 2 Mrs Emma Hope
 3 Miss Jasmine Hope
 4 T. D'Orsi
 5 Miss Luna Hope
 Erik Baker
 Andy Ward
 Cathy Mawer
 Malcolm MacInnes

Some scores were very close! Look out for the 2020 entry form in the Spring!



Holiday Activities

With our next BCA Thornycroft Day on 18th April 2020 (before the national 8th May 2020 VE Day), we feature museums which detail war and effect on families.

In this issue we look at the nearby Middle Wallop Army Flying Museum SO20 8FB which moved in 1984 from "behind the wire" to a new purpose-built hangar on the edge of an active airfield and extended to include two large aircraft halls (the Prince Michael of Kent Hall and the Hayward Hall) a learning centre, a 1940s house display, a play park, cafe and conference facilities.

Recently the Museum re-opened in April after a £2.59 million five month Heritage Lottery funded refurbishment.

The collection covers the five main branches of Army Aviation:

- * Royal Engineers (1878–1912),
- * The Royal Flying Corps (1912-1918),
- * Air Observation Post Squadrons (1941 – 1957),
- * Glider Pilot Regiment (1942 – 1957),
- * Army Air Corps (1957- to date).

Over 40 aircraft can be seen in the Museum. These range from a First World War biplane to a Huey Cobra attack helicopter plus an example of every Allied glider used operationally during WW2.



The Collection highlights include a Sopwith Pup a single-seat fighter introduced in 1916 and a Lynx

helicopter which broke the world speed record in 1972 by achieving an average speed



of 199.92 miles per hour (321.74 km per hour) in a 100km closed circuit and the first British helicopter ever to complete a barrel roll:



www.armyflying.com/events

BMAF Deadlines!



Time to Get Creative – BMAF 2020 Programme Deadlines Announced

It may be another six months to the festival weekends themselves, but the 58th running of the annual Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival (BMAF) is already well underway.

BMAF is Basingstoke's unique annual celebration of Music and the Arts.

Disciplines include Brass, Recorder, Strings, Woodwind and Singing plus the added ingredients of Drama plus the spoken and written word. It doesn't matter if you are nine or ninety, there's an opportunity for everyone to participate.



The first entry deadline, for Band, Choir, Ensemble, Orchestra, Strings and the Creative Writing Sections, are on **Monday 16th December 2019**. Entry deadlines for remaining disciplines are on **Thursday 16th January 2020**.

The three, themed, 'Festival Weekends' will take place on **7th/8th, 14th/15th and 21st/22nd March 2020**.

The **Gala Performance Concert**, featuring the overall winners of ALL the 2020 sections, is scheduled for **Sunday 26th April 2020**. All events will take place at **Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke**.

Full details are available in the BMAF 2020 syllabus available from September 2019 as a FREE printed booklet. If you prefer, you can download as a PDF, or view on-line at the BMAF website:

www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk

For details of the individual competition categories, click on the 'Sections' TAB.

To request a copy of the BMAF 2020 syllabus, please email:

jeanfilkin@hotmail.co.uk

the BMAF secretary.

Let the Festival begin!

Registered Charity Number 1037049
 Affiliated to the British and International Federation of Festivals for Music, Dance and Speech.

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There's A Coach a-coming in 19th C Horse Drawn Travel

As you wait in the traffic queue during the journey to work or school, your delay is no worse than in 19th century!

There were no traffic signals or police or emergency services. When an accident occurred "gridlock" resulted, described as "bedlam" (seem familiar?)



Before the motor car, Victorians had 60 different types of horse-

drawn vehicles causing chaos across Basingstoke.

The smallest carriage was a two wheeled one horse "gig" made locally in Joyce's Coach Yard,



and the largest was the four wheeled four horse "stagecoach", which passed through at

high speed from London to the coastal destinations making people complain about "mad drivers".



There were "mail" coaches too, also providing "express" transport for business people. It was said that London Street was very noisy at night with horses continually being rested/changed at the inn's (Angel, George, Maidenhead, Anchor, Feathers, Crown and Red Lion) stables, accessed through a front arch to the rear yard with utility buildings and



gardens which grew vegetables for the meals, now all covered by car parks.

(taken from an article by Robert Brown)

BCA Trustee News

Community Agent News:

Welcome to Paul who has come on-board to cover the small handyman jobs keeping the hall looking nice in spite of the battering it takes from unsupervised unruly children. He frees up Dave to carryout the big building regulations certificated jobs. Paul also covers minor grounds maintenance, leaving the big jobs to Mencap's Green Fingers.

Our thanks to Michaela who has offered to help Pam with the hall cleaning, which is challenging to carryout successfully in-between the lets activities.

Remember to report your Community Agent concerns to Michaela at the Thursday Café or mail us at:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Volunteers always needed for:

- * Management & Social Committees
- * Event Hosts/Health & Safety
- * Web Content/Outreach
- * Caretaker/Reception
- * Community Plan/Reporter
- * Consultation Responder
- * Community Gardener
- * Handyman/Coffee Morning Host



malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

Opportunities to increase your skills & CV!

DSC Report

Brookvale Consultation

Parking or park?

With big parks at each end of Lower Brook Street, there is a suggestion that the Pocket Park in the middle should be converted to vehicle parking. Keep the road side shrubs & turn the grass area to Grasscrete.

What do people think? Comments:

info@Brookvale.org.uk

&/or at each Thursday coffee morning.

Introducing a new Councillor

Ryan Hickling, takes over from Stuart Parker, whom we thank and wish well for his retirement!

Ryan looks after Stuart's "old patch", the area east of Essex Road and the whole of the town centre which is to be added into Brookvale & Kings Furlong ward after the 2020 election of 3 Councillors. Meanwhile, please continue to contact Mike & Jack for any built environment issues & public organisation liaison case work, their contact details are shown on Page 4 Column 3.

BCA Thorny Croft Day 2019

Tell us about your family members who were employees!

At our event, there was a mixture of static displays & family activities, ranging from Thornycroft Society memorabilia showing the people who worked there, motor racing, Thornycroft truck (Hampshire Museum Service). 1940s period displays included



war time music & a baby in a gas mask, model railways in "n" gauge from

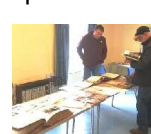
Basingstoke Bodgers (wearing Brunel "StovePipe" hats) Royal Albert Bridge ("Bridge Too Far" over the Tamar tribute to Brunel) as seen on ch5 TV. "O" Gauge clockwork Hornby



layout causing heated debate!, Also Scalextric (automatically throttled) model car racing challenged up those who thought they could drive! With free face-painting and henna tattoos, our Tuck Shop quickly sold out of breakfast rolls to concentrate on home made cakes and soft drinks, whilst "everyone was a winner on the tombola! Our Mayor Cllr Sean Keating tried out the model car racing whilst a model tank from the



Veterans discouraged the enemy & Hampshire Home Front patrolled to catch spies. The Heritage Society talked us through Thornycroft vehicles, factory & people pictures. BCOT had their stand showing us course brochures including mechanical engineering & motor trade qualifications. One of our Victoria



County History historians was sighted researching the Thornycroft memorabilia whilst a

local resident located in a ledger the names of the apprentices who were previously "billeted" in the house she now lives in.



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Activities

Priority Services Register (PSR)

South East Water's (PSR) caters to a wide range of customers' needs. From delivering bottled water directly to customers' homes in the event of an interruption, to customising bills into audio descriptive or braille formats, as well as large print font. To find out if you qualify for the PSR call the dedicated Customer Care Team on **0333 000 2468**:

www.southeastwater.co.uk/get-help/help-for-priority-customers

Viking Badminton Club

From early Sept to end April, our Friendly and competitive club at Everest Community Academy, uses feathered shuttlecocks each Tuesday eve. Free 1st night for each regular & returning player.

www.vikingbadmintonclub.org.uk

Watch out for a very special new member offer!

3Cs Lottery:

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

See column 3 to enquire & help.



Neighbourhood Watch

Queens Road:

Phil & Val 01256-421621

Harvest Chapel International

Divine Elevation

Pastor Rev. Chris. weekly Services
Brookvale Village Hall

Monthly Last Fridays 7pm-12pm

Sundays 11am-1pm

07958 757173

BCA Community Coffee Morning

Meet neighbours & volunteers.



Each weekly Thursday 10:30am

& Each 2nd Saturday 10:30am

Brookvale Village Hall

Issues, ideas, events & support

Upcoming Meetings

Held in Brookvale Village Hall:

Committee Meetings

Management Committee:

Monthly 4th Wednesday at 7:30pm

info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:

Tues 26th Nov 19 & 31st Mar 20 7:30pm

Malcolm 01256-364498

Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group

Term time

Mondays: 10am – 11.30am

£2 per session, per family

Catherine 07957109970

info@brookvale.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust

Coffee 'n Chat

Drop in each Friday:

10am – Midday.

£2 per session, per family

0844 243 6041

coordinator.basingstoke@nct.org.uk

Yoga for Pregnancy

Mum's relaxation session

Tuesdays at: 5:30pm & 7:30pm.

yfp@basingstokenct.org.uk

Basingstoke Sling Library

Babyware Sling Hire

Alternate Fridays: 10am – Midday.

basingstokeslinglibrary@gmail.com

Wu Shu Kwan

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

Sundays: 5pm – 7pm

07449 673036

Taoist Tai Chi

Wednesdays: 2pm-3:30pm

01256-882534

Muddy Fingers Gardening Club 2-5yr

Tuesdays 10am—11am

Adult accompanied for: songs, rhymes, stories, craft & planting

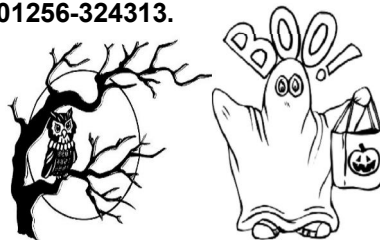
info@muddyfingersgardeningclub.co.uk

Halloween Disco

Saturday 26th October 7pm £4 each

Strut your stuff and win prizes!

01256-324313.



BCA Information

Brookvale Website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Hall Booking Agent:

booking@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Lottery:

Catherine Mawer,

Lottery Agent

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Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

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malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

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Councillor Michael Westbrook

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Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP

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maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:

SGT Trevor Taylor:

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

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/>

[internet/my-neighbourhood/](http://internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/)

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[basingstoke-centre/](http://internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/)

Your new CSPO is:

Paula James-Bailey

01256 845383

cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk

BCA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5th September 7:30pm

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973.

info@Brookvale.org.uk

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