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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale  
Community Association

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## BCA Thornycroft Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Free!

Midday- 4pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP



Thornycroft clock, Basingstoke



Find family photos, see model railways, trucks & help raise clock money, learn about made in Basingstoke, works canteen tuckshop, retro displays, women at war, spy patrol

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## Remembering May Street:



Tigwell Memorial Hall  
Women's Voluntary Service  
Waverley Cottages.

1 Blazey Mrs  
2 MacLennan Mrs  
3 Hulme Mrs  
4 Doman Hy. Jas

**MAY STREET.**  
From 5 Brook terrace, Brook street,  
to Lower Brook street.  
North side.

1 Dykes Wm  
3 Hopgood Alfd. Chas  
5 Leadbetter Mrs  
7 Ponting Ernest  
9 White Albt. Edwd  
11 Shorney Hy. Wm  
13 Sims Philip Donald  
15 Walker Fredk  
15 Dancer Arth. Chas. boot repr  
17 Walker Herbert Arth  
19 Hillier Rt  
21 Richardson Wltr. Geo  
23 Smith Chas. Edwin  
23A, Purdue Mrs. M. E  
25 Baulch David Saml  
25A, White Rd. Hy. David  
27 Swan Ernest Stephen  
29 Rumbold Fredk

79 Clark Jn  
81 Goulden R  
83 Simmonds  
85 White Wm  
87 White Mr  
89 Tarrant P  
91 Eccott W  
93 Scarrott  
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For all the latest local news, events and information:

[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

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**School Governors:**

The Costello School welcomes enquiries from members of the local community about the role of a local governor at our School. The average time commitment is about 3-4 hours per month. A Disclosure and Barring Service with section 128 check is required for this role. For further information, contact: [g.clerk@costello.hants.sch.uk](mailto:g.clerk@costello.hants.sch.uk)

**New Off-License**

21/00062/PREMN  
21/00509/FUL  
6 Mortimer Lane, Basingstoke, RG21 8SG

Mat the Proprietor has written to Residents advising that he will specialise in craft beers and ciders from independent small scale breweries. As there is no parking, on-line deliveries only?



Where was this?

**Buckskin Flood Scheme**

In Winter 2013 to 2014 Buckskin area was badly flooded. A Buckskin multi-agency group of Hampshire County Council, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Environment Agency, Thames Water Utilities Limited, Sovereign Housing Association, & South East Water Ltd & residents developed a flood alleviation scheme:

Phase 1 Complete:  
Saunders Field ditch and Churchill Way West and Worting road culverts to improve floodwater drainage between Buckskin & River Loddon.

Phase 2 Delayed : (COVID-19):  
Buckskin area houses new lateral pipes to collect rising groundwater and direct floodwater to a new drainage pipe between the Ridgeway Centre to Worting Road roundabout north ditches (2021).

We hope the western water flow increases into Brookvale won't flood! If you have the Loddon stream at the end of your garden you are responsible for keeping it clear. The Rivers Authority does not maintain streams. HCC maintain culverts under adopted roads, BCOT maintain their north car park stream. B&DBC maintain parks streams.

**BCA Trustee News**

We are continuing to work on our Village Hall during this latest lockdown, including building painting & guttering repairs, carpeting & skirting.

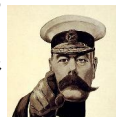
Projects include a makeover for the loos, a janitor sink, Studio sound proofing, toddler garden, community garden flowers/fruit.

Coffee mornings Alexa? News channel wall mounted TV? Suggestions welcome!

Our website now includes Council Notices & important multilingual Covid Support.

UK Govt out of lockdown "Road Map", suggests our hirers & residents) can return to our hall on Monday 17th May. Depends on reducing virus Infections/hospitalisations/deaths.

**Volunteers** always needed: Cake baking, hall care-taking, & research into social issues:



[www.brookvale.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.brookvale.org.uk/volunteering)  
[malcolm@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:malcolm@brookvale.org.uk)

Increasing skills & CV Opportunities

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**You are invited to enter Brookvale In Bloom**

Best single Hanging Basket / Container

and

Best Small Front Garden

or

Best Medium / Large Front Garden

First Name		Surname	
Address			
Postcode			
Telephone		Email	

Please drop your garden form into 20 Southend Road or 25 Highfield Chase or any Committee member by **11th July**

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## DSC

### Looking Back

Jun. 06, 1966

Mr Alfie (Albert Alfred) Cole 32-year-old stable owner entering Downing Street after a two-day 60-mile pony and trap drive from Basingstoke to hand in a petition to Prime Minister Harold Wilson against the compulsory purchase of his ten-acre stables and



caravan park at £10,000. Alfie also blocked the main street at Basingstoke with lorry loads of soil, which caused a considerable commotion.

RIP: Sunday 24th January 2021, aged 88 years.

### New Developments

Our thanks to Bradley for sharing a formula for calculating how many cars new homes will generate on the existing road network:

= homes x 1.3 -> 5000 cars for Manydown North!

[malcolm@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:malcolm@brookvale.org.uk)

## Greening

### Greening Group activities

BDBC Climate Change Emergency declaration is about mitigating increasing severe weather disruption approaching 2 degrees warming by becoming Zero Carbon before it's too late.

Possible Brookvale September 2021 Sustainability Day return!

Overton devised a Parish specific Greening toolkit. Oakley are advanced with their Greening activities.

[www.sustainableverton.org.uk](http://www.sustainableverton.org.uk)



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## May Street Memories

Born in 1949, I lived in May Street until I was about 18. We lived at 125, near the middle.

The house had an unexploded bomb go under it in the Second World War, and beneath the front-room window was a semicircle of newer bricks.

The loo was at the bottom of the garden, next to the coal bunker. Our bath hung on the side of the outside wall of the kitchen, along with our seaweed weather predictor.

At one point there was my granny bed-ridden in the front-room, my Mum and Dad sleeping in the front-bedroom, me and my brother sleeping in the back-bedroom, and my sister sleeping in the bedroom above the kitchen. Then gran died and we had a front-room.

Next door at 123 were the Deweys, Bob, Joyce and their sons David and Robin. At 127 were the Baileys, 121 the Towers, 129 the Stainers, 131 the Mudges.

Let's give a story to each. Dave Dewey, a year older than me and a good friend; I couldn't say Dave looked for trouble, but if it came his way he could deal with it. I've seen Dave lay-out endless lads with one punch, he was fast to react. Somebody threw a punch at him once out of the blue, he lent his head forward and the punch landed on the top of his head. The other chap reeled in pain, he'd probably broken a finger, two punches later and the attacker is out cold on his back. Dave says feel the top of my head, there was a lump as big as a chicken's egg there.

The Baileys, I think father and son were both called Bert, anyway Mr. Bailey, the older one, was a foreman at Thornycrofts. That was a good regular job. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey went to the London Palladium to see the Crazy Gang that was a big deal, beyond our wildest dreams.

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The Towers, Roy, his wife (a tall, fit, good looking woman), and their son and daughter Lynn. Roy's Mum and Dad ran the fish and chip shop at the end of Essex Road, and Roy and his wife worked there. It was a good number, they had loads of dosh and were always eating Mivies. They had a car, a telly, and a cocktail cabinet which as you opened it sort of rose up glittering and armed with cocktail sticks & red knobs on.

The Stainers, well the daughters were lively, Their Dad drilled for water in Africa, they all went with him once for a year or more, and the oldest girl came back with a black baby. The younger girl, well that's a story for another day.

The Mudges, Tony and Philip, Joyce and their Dad. Apparently their Mum had run away with a man and the front-bedroom was never used, Dad slept on a couch. One day Philip showed me the unused bedroom, it was just as it was when their Mum had left, and there were loads of cobwebs.

That's all for now.

**Brian Simmonds.**

## Transition

### Basingstoke Transition (BTN) are Lobbying for zero carbon homes

BDBC Climate Change Emergency declaration needs to go further to reduce carbon, especially in home building (+10,000 homes in the next 10 years with +13,000 cars).

Basingstoke Transition Network aims to work together to build a sustainable, resilient and flourishing local community. To protect the environment and promote nature conservation:

<http://basingstoketransition.org/>

## Carnival Hall

**Kitchen** are again providing hot food but this time to vaccination staff at the fire station, see Page 4 column 1

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**Activities**

**Victoria Pre-School Sarum Hill**

Mon to Thur 9am - 3pm & Fri 9am - 1pm (term time only).

Warm and friendly multicultural learning environment for children 2-5years old. Teachers qualified to Early Years degree level 3 with Makaton comms skills.

OFSTED "Good" rating twice in last 3 years.

Committed and hard working staff prepare children's next learning stages with fun activities in construction, mark making, creativity, reading and "small world". Secure outside area & visits



to market, library and park. Keeping healthy and major calendar cultural events learnings. **Open as normal.**

**Victoria Preschool Facebook**  
Michelle: 07939190589

**Neighbourhood Watch** Queens Road:  
Phil & Val 01256-421621



**BAME Lives Matter!**  
In these difficult times, I will help get your job:  
**Arun Mummalaneni:**  
Arun@brookvale.org.uk  
See you soon!

**Welcome**

**Lucy's Homemade Cookies & Cakes & Pastries**



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1a George Street  
RG21 17RN 10am—7pm  
(closed if sold out!)

**3Cs Lottery Winners: £12-10 pa**  
Includes annual membership fee.  
**Restrictions postponed draws**  
See column 3 to enquire & help.



**Stay Alert-Control Virus-Save Lives**

**Meetings**

**Committee Meetings**

**Management Committee (Zoom):**  
Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm  
info@brookvale.org.uk

**Development Sub-Committee:**  
Not sitting until restrictions lifted  
Malcolm 01256-364498

**Brookvale Village Hall activities:**  
(confirm restrictions with provider)

**Caterpillar Music**

Music & sensory sessions: 0-4yrs  
Thursdays: 9:30am to 1:45pm  
jasminemcarthy@caterpillarmusic.com

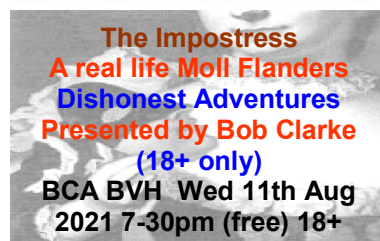
**Wu Shu Kwan**

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:  
Sundays: 5pm to 7pm  
07449 673036

**Pilates**

Getting people moving again  
Tues/Weds: 6pm to 7/7:15pm  
return2movement@gmail.com

**Brookvale Village Hall events:**  
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**Before Lockdown**

I pointed to two old drunks across the bar from us and told my mate, "That will be us in ten years time". "I hate to tell you" he replied, "but that's a mirror".

**Wash Hands-Cover Face-Make Space**

**Information**

**Brookvale Website:**  
www.brookvale.org.uk

**Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:**  
info@brookvale.org.uk

**Hall Booking Agent:**  
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**Brookvale Lottery:**  
Cathy Mawer,  
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**Local Development issues:**  
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Maria Miller MP  
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**Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:**  
SGT Trevor Taylor: 101 or  
Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk  
http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/

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