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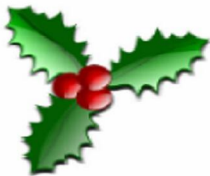
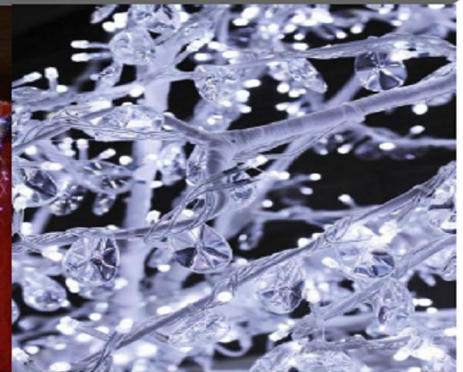
Brookvale  
Community Association

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Community Ward Residents' news: \* Town Centre \* Kings Furlong \* Brookvale Conservation Area

## Santa Grotto

Saturday 17th Dec 2:30pm Free Entry Tickets!  
Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP



Reserve free advance tickets:  
[www.wegotickets.com/event/562617/](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/562617/)  
Per family- 4 children limit, 7 years & under  
One free Party Bag per child



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

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## Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Camrose, Gillies, Hackwood & Beggarwood (CGHB)

### CGHB News:

24 FTE GPs (planned 25 GPs) with a list of just over 50,000 patients. [cqhppg@gmail.com](mailto:cqhppg@gmail.com)

Patient dissatisfaction continues around wait times, staff attitude, appointment errors & cancellations. Now Trialling phone options "1" for "Urgent".

In September our staff answered over 18,900 calls, appointments were: F2F 6,876, Telephone 4,422, over 800 patients did not attend but over 3,400 used Dr iQ. Formal complaints via CGHB website:

[cghpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints](http://cghpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints)

for action by the full-time Complaints Manager (40 day response), or:

[www.ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.ombudsman.org.uk),

phone: 03450 154033.

10,000 signed up to Dr.iQ., with mixed feedback due to some patient issues. CGHB Help website:

[cghpartnership.co.uk/online-services](http://cghpartnership.co.uk/online-services)

with two Dr.iQ videos on How to Register and Features.

You can also contact the PPG for assistance at:

[cqhppg.co.uk](http://cqhppg.co.uk)

Finally, for technical issues, the CGHB Dr.iQ team 01256 479747 or [support@dr.iq.com](mailto:support@dr.iq.com) 0203 743 3033.

CGHB hold surgery clinics for diabetes, respiratory disorders, mental health, and frailty.

The first clinic was the Lindsay Leg Ulcer Club, held in the Community Hall at St. Andrews Church which helps patients with caring for ulcers and changing dressings in a safe, social environment for those in a similar situation. To join, email: [nhccg.cghpartnership@nhs.net](mailto:nhccg.cghpartnership@nhs.net) ->

More information at:

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

Other clinics at:

[cghpartnership.co.uk](http://cghpartnership.co.uk)

### PPG News:

After the merger of CGH & Beggarwood PPGs (CGHB), operational proposals for the CGHB PPG were discussed with Operose - full details in the next newsletter, together with the issues arising from Dame Maria Miller's Community Health meeting last July: [www.cqhppg.co.uk](http://www.cqhppg.co.uk)

Your PPG Volunteer members are acting as marshalls and assisting CGHB with flu vaccine clinics. One Saturday, 834 people vaccinated, latest total 8325!

### Other News:

**West Hampshire Community Diabetes Service** are running online sessions for type 2 diabetes, giving up-to-date information and advice for managing their condition.

**Education videos** at :

[www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/wnhcnds](http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/wnhcnds)

which show twice monthly, a new 2T2 course and a refresher (WISER) course.

Contact your surgery for more details where the CGHB Practice Nurses can NHS e-refer you for these courses.

**Prescription issues** at Beggarwood Boots & Sainsbury Lloyds CGHB/PPG News, October/November 2022 extract.

## Celebrating 100 Years of Lajna Ima'iilah



Brookvale Village Hall hosted this unique 1st Oct 22 event recently. ->

-> It was a glorious occasion of celebration and myth busting about religion, hijab experience, henna and education.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was founded in 1889 and is now the largest Islamic community under one leader His Holiness, Mirza Masroor Ahmad. Lajna Ima'iilah, commonly known as Lajna, is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association, an auxiliary organisation which aims for women to come together to increase their knowledge and spread it.

The association provides all manner of support to women & children across the world. Here in Basingstoke we learnt about the support being provided to attendees at the Dove House School which specialises in special needs.

Sana Hanif, outreach coordinator, hosted the event and was overjoyed with the great turnout and positive feedback from the event which saw women from all paths of life coming together.

Sana said:

"The event went very well and everyone was really keen to learn. It was really nice to see and has motivated us to hold further events, which a lot of people have signed up to attend. People have a concept of how Muslim women are, when in fact we are the exact same as any other woman; educated and professionals. The only difference is that we wear a hijab, so it was really nice to provide people with an insight into this."

BDBC Borough Councillor Andrea Bowes, wrote:

"My first thoughts were  
a) I didn't really know who or what the Ahmadiyya Muslim Auxiliary were and that  
b) this was a good opportunity to find out, ->

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especially given how often we say we need more diversity within the local party and continue to ask ourselves how to achieve this. Their motto is "Love for all, hatred for none". There is a wealth of information on them online for any who is curious. Not entirely sure what to expect and a little nervous on being asked to 'say a few words' I was delighted to discover Fran was there in her capacity as a trustee for Brookvale Community Association.

I found the members of the Ahmadiyya women's auxiliary to be really welcoming and friendly. While there I answered quiz questions, and didn't do too badly, I had my name written out in Arabic, had a beautiful henna motif painted onto my hand, had some truly delicious food and came away armed with booklets about the Ahmadiyya and Islam, plus a small thank you gift (given to everyone) for attending.

I would encourage everyone to attend any such events if invited, it is a great way to get to know the various communities that make up our towns, villages and borough. I hope I did us proud and at least I don't think I let us down. It was not the sort of thing I really expected to be invited to as a councillor, but I certainly enjoyed it and it was, I think, time well spent.



Above: Fran (a BCA Trustee) having her henna motif. Contact: [SADR.reading@LAJNAUK.org](mailto:SADR.reading@LAJNAUK.org)

**Crystal Foot Care**

Nail Cut and File Nail Thickness Reduction Verruca Treatment  
Fungal Treatment Corn and Callus Removal Skin Thickness Reduction  
Ingrown Toenail Treatment Diabetic Assessment



**Mobile Foot Health Practitioner**

07415 118638

[stroudcrystal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stroudcrystal@yahoo.co.uk)

**Councillor's News**  
**Ward**

**Cost of Living Assistance Fund**

This £1M fund was announced by the local council to help households struggling to pay bills, with grants available to help pay for food and energy and will remain open until these funds are used up. (This is in addition to the national support scheme announced HM government). This scheme provides one-off grants for up to the following amounts:

Up to £1,000 for those on a household income between £0 & £15,000

Up to £500 for those on a household income between £15,001 & £20,000

Up to £200 for those on a household income between £20,001 & £25,000.

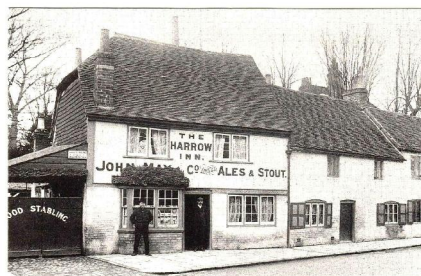
[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/costofliving)

**Brookvale Parking**

This is becoming an issue again with out of area parking in the resident's permit free spaces. Awaiting survey results: [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Parking-Strategy-Consultation](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Parking-Strategy-Consultation)

**Flashback on Past Pubs**

**The Harrow Inn was connected with May Street!**



The Harrow was in Church Street, beside the river, pulled down in the 1950s but 193 May Street is still here!

The Harrow was first mentioned in 1792, and John May brewers owned it from 1811- and that is the connection.

From 1898 John May wanted to open an ale house in May Street, to be called The Harrow in exchange for the Church Street licence, the area already having over 1,000 residents in the new estate!

However, May Street has restrictive covenants preventing the erection of a public house! ->

-> Although 193 was just outside the edge, there was strong teetotal opposition, and the licence was refused. John May gave up in 1901, on refusal of the third application.

Merton Farm was across the road in this period, which may account for the number of licence breaches that led to its closing in 1903.

The farmstead appears to be Merton Farm in an 1865 Basingstoke directory naming Henry Portsmouth as the farmer at Merton Farm (Harrod & Co.'s Directory of Hampshire & Isle of Wight, 1865, accessed from Historical Directories online).

Merton Farm, with a farmhouse located on Church Street, was named in memory of Walter de Merton, a benefactor of Basingstoke in the 13th century. In the 1880s Merton Farm was relocated to land in Aldermaston Road, just outside the town (Robert Brown, "Remembering Walter de Merton", Basingstoke Gazette 4/5/06).

**Trustee News**

**Welcome** to new volunteers Alison (Admin), Oleg (Garden), Sean (handyperson) and Clint (iT).



**More Volunteers** still needed: Opening and closing for the family kids parties, caretaking, hosting coffee mornings and events, social/compliance researchers, newshounds, marketing and social media, Committee and Trustees, Assistant Treasurer, Community Agent/Street Rep outreach.

**Increasing skills & CV Opportunities**  
[malcolm@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:malcolm@brookvale.org.uk)

**School Reader Volunteers Needed in Basingstoke**

You can make a difference!  
1 in 4 children leave primary school unable to read properly.

**Apply now** to listen to children read once a week during school term time. Start January 2023:  
<https://www.schoolreaders.org>

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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**

### 3Cs Lottery Winners:

**Subscription: £12-10 pa**

Includes annual membership fee.

See column 3 to enquire & help.

#### May 2022

£50 712 Essex Road  
£20 498 Deep Lane  
£10 802 Solby's Road

#### Jun 2022

£50 902 Southend Road  
£20 705 Essex Road  
£10 490 Deep Lane

#### Jul 2022

£50 141 George Street  
£20 25 Lower Brook Street  
£10 43 Lower Brook Street

#### Aug 2022

£50 666 Essex Road  
£20 1234 Longcroft Close  
£10 237 George Street

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

### National Neighbourhood Watch Guide

**Crime Prevention & Safety:**

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-prevention/crime-prevention-advice>

**Crime Statistics** by area at:

[www.police.uk/pu/your-area/hampshire-constatabulary/](http://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/hampshire-constatabulary/)

**Hands-Face-Space-Ventilate**

## Meetings & Events

### Committee Meetings:

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

**Development Sub-Committee:**  
**Meetings TBA**  
**Malcolm 01256-364498**

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

#### Brookvale Toddler Group

Play & support

**Mondays: 10am (term time)**

[brookvaletoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:brookvaletoddlers@gmail.com)

#### Basingstoke CSRF

Civil Servants, relatives & friends

**1st Wednesdays: 10am**

[csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com)

#### Caterpillar Music

Music & sensory sessions: 0-4yrs

**Thurs: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35 am**

[jasminemcarthy@caterpillarmusic.com](mailto:jasminemcarthy@caterpillarmusic.com)

#### NCT Bumps & Babies

PreSchool Support & Friendship

**Fri: 10:30 to noon** Cerys

[Coordinator.Basingstoke@nct.org.uk](mailto:Coordinator.Basingstoke@nct.org.uk)

#### Wu Shu Kwan

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

**Sundays: 5pm to 7pm**

**07449 673036**

### BCA Free Events:

#### Christmas 2022 Activities

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**10am Free Mince Pies**

and decorate the Xmas tree

**2:30pm Free Santa Grotto!**

#### BCA Thomycroft Day 2023 (Free)

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2023 Midday to 4pm**

\* works & family memorabilia

\* model railway displays,

\* help raise clock money!

#### Brookvale In Bloom 2023 (Free)

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023** last entry

**Mon/Tue 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023** Judging

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023 3pm** Prize Giving

Garden Horticulture & Bio-Diversity

#### Clr Surgery Coffee Morning

Meet, update, support, complain

**2nd Sat: 10:30-12:30 am**

#### Community Coffee Morning

**Every Thur: 10:30-12:30 am**

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

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

## Information

**Brookvale Website:**

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

**Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:**

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

**Hall Booking Agent:**

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

**Brookvale Lottery:**

Cathy Mawer,

*Lottery Promoter*

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**Local Development issues:**

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Councillor Michael Howard Sorrell

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Councillor Kim Taylor

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**Your Town MP is:**

Maria Miller MP

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[maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk)

**Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:**

101 or

[Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Your CSPO:**

Kayleigh Shead

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**Your PCSOs:**

18513 Wilson

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18564 Port

[jess.port.18564@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:jess.port.18564@hampshire.police.uk)

[e.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk)

**Police Website for online reporting:**

<https://www.hampshirepolice.uk/>

**Crime Stoppers:**

0800 555 111

### BCA:

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973:

[info@Brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@Brookvale.org.uk) (E&OE)

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