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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale  
Community Association

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## Brookvale In Bloom Spring is on the way Enter your summer front garden now!

As **Spring arrives** we start to prepare our lovely Brookvale summer front gardens ready for the 2010 competition, photographs, and prizes!

**Before 30th June** please enter by sending your name and address to:

**E-MAIL: [info@Brookvale.org](mailto:info@Brookvale.org), POST: C/O THE ORCHARD, ANY BCA COMMITTEE MEMBER**



We are also available on Facebook, search for:  
Brookvale - Heart of Basingstoke



This year the Guides' & Brownies' Centenary includes 50 years at St Michael's in Basingstoke.



Pictures courtesy of [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

At St Michael's we have space for girls; Brownies aged 7-10 and Guides aged from 10-14.

We are also hoping to start a Rainbows unit for girls aged 5-7 and are seeking adult volunteers to help do this.

Our packs are organising a **March birthday party** and invite anyone with Guiding connections at St Michael's to come and join us, volunteer, make new friends, see the world and celebrate:

contact : Brown Owl, Sue Smith, Guider in Charge, St Michael's Brownies: [smsmith48@orange.net](mailto:smsmith48@orange.net)

For all the latest local news , events and information, visit our website:

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

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**Committee Meetings**

You are very welcome to join us to raise Community issues and help plan events, maybe become a Committee Member!

**3Cs Coffee Morning**

Shaw Trust run a garden project in South Ham, they also offer external garden services, including a special service for the over 60's. Come to the 3C's coffee mornings and meet Colin Puddephatt of Shaw Trust on the 6th March.

**From Your Vulnerable Persons' Officer**

I am progressing a reply from the County after I recently experienced a mobility vehicle tip incident on the Glebe Gardens to centre of Victory Roundabout, also the Brook House exit slope being too narrow & I cannot reverse downhill!

If anyone has been fined for overstaying their welcome in supermarket blue badge spaces please contact RADAR and copy me for the Disability Forum.

I can pass on your Community Safety issues to the monthly Brookvale Community Neighbourhood panel.

<p><i>Cocchiarella</i> <b>Professional Tailoring</b></p>
<p><i>Ladies and Gents garments</i> <i>Alterations &amp; Repairs</i> <i>30 years experience. 7 day service</i></p>
<p>7 Deep Lane, Basingstoke Telephone 01256 468727</p>

 <p><b>Dog Training Classes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults and puppies catered for</li> <li>• Fully qualified, insured instructor</li> <li>• Small classes - lots of individual attention</li> <li>• Evening classes at Brookvale Village Hall</li> <li>• 1-to-1 appointments also available</li> </ul> <p>Michelle Taylor V/N DipCABT Call (01256) 476024 for more details</p>
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**BCA Health & Safety**

Our thanks to our volunteers who carried out the removal of the flooded water and the collapsed ceiling from the Disabled Toilet.

Thanks also to Nigel of Shaw Trust for removing the mould from the Ladies toilet ceiling which we hope to redecorate soon.

During the snow we thank Joe, Chris and Shaw Trust for clearing the snow from the hall paths and the car park.

Another football was found behind the security gate during the snow which has been fed back to the college liaison group.

Can all hirers ensure they take their rubbish with them at the end of a hire.

Chris is looking forward to inducting a Health & Safety Assistant.

However, we always need more helpers and volunteers to contact us for holding events.

<p><b><u>Do you need ... ??????????????</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● more time with your family?</li> <li>● to supplement your pension?</li> <li>● to pay school &amp; university fees?</li> <li>● to improve your health?</li> <li>● to boost your income?</li> <li>● personal development?</li> </ul> <p>Phone 0844 453 1295 to find out how we can help you</p>
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**A fresh look at car use**  
for Blurb readers:



I work from home (George Street) and want to hear from anyone who will consider shared use of my car - for the price of the difference in insurance (as an additional named driver) and cheap at cost mileage (around 25p per mile), when I'm not using it - no profit to me, just covering fuel and costs including damage.

This is different from sharing regular lifts to work, it's more flexible (specifics are up for negotiation), especially if you need a car for shopping, school run, errands, family visits or part-time job use.

You don't need your own car and you will have the satisfaction that you are part of a local greener shared car usage initiative, minimising Brookvale's crowded parking: [joanna.ridout1@ntlworld.com](mailto:joanna.ridout1@ntlworld.com).



PS: After 2 years sharing with a friend who moved away and no local authority "StreetCar" scheme, I really want my new car to be used more often than for only my journeys!

<p><b>marco polo</b> <b>Hair and Beauty</b></p>	<p>★★★★★ 5-star rated salon Open weekends (including Sundays) and until late during the week</p>
<p>47a Queens Road (01256) 812635 <a href="http://www.marcopolo-hair.co.uk">www.marcopolo-hair.co.uk</a></p>	

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## Big Garden Bird Watch



nature's  
voice



## Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



30<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
recorded within Glebe  
Gardens c.12:00 & c.15:00

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* – a bird moved overhead.

**Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* – at least two winter-plumaged birds seen over the Gardens on several occasions.

**Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia* – at least 11 birds were seen moving over the area, to and from the Town Centre.

**Woodpigeon** *Columba palumbus* – upwards of a dozen were seen, all in the trees, which included a single bird in song.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* – a single bird moved to trees on the southern side of the Gardens with this, or another, then seen to go into the conifers by the car park.

**Magpie** *Pica pica* – a pair.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula* – a single bird flew east from the Gardens.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone* – a pair.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus* – three birds included a singing bird; all seen in the conifers about the car park and Chute House.

**Blue Tit** *Cyanistes caeruleus* – at least six birds with three being seen together at one stage.

**Great Tit** *Parus major* – at least two birds, often with other tits.

**Coal Tit** *Periparus ater* – one vocal bird with other tits.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus* – a pair.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla* – a male and female in the corner adjacent to the Glebe Hall.

**Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* – a bird was both seen and heard in song.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes* – a singing bird.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula* – at least eight were seen, just two being females.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos* – a single bird under trees in the southern part of the Gardens.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula* – at least four birds included three in song.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis* – one singing bird.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* – at least one was on the buildings etc. about Church Cottage.

**Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* – a total of five birds moved over.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs* – a flock of five birds moved about the eastern and northern parts of the Gardens, feeding in the more open areas.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis* – a minimum of three, single, birds.

## Development SubCtte

**New: BDB/71913 Lemon Land:** End Date 5th Mar, doesn't address cramming, open space, transport, footpaths and occupiers.

No Ward Plan nor Infrastructure Study Report nor ECO mentioned.

### Snow Clearance & Gritting:

We responded there was no major incident recovery procedure.

Unlikely to achieve issue closure.

### HCC Green Route Consultation at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/environment/consultation-brookvale-jan-2010.pdf>



## BCA Bygones

The **Thornycroft** empire started in 1862 with the design of a steam road vehicle. In 1864 the Steam Carriage & Wagon Company of Chiswick had been formed. Unfortunately due to over zealous road vehicle legislation this was brought to a halt.

For the next 31 years John Thornycroft concentrated on ship building and marine engineering. In 1895 while keeping the marine business, he turned back to road vehicles. With the high demand for lorries and vans he opened a new factory in Basingstoke

The heavy vehicles produced at Thornycroft are often spoken of but how many know of the car production from 1903 to 1912? These ranged from a 20hp 4 cylinder in 1903 to a 45hp 6 cylinder in 1908.

The 7819cc 45hp had some similarities in specification to the renowned Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. Among the 1908 ranges were 18hp & 30hp 4 cylinder cars. In 1912 these were retained but the 45hp was discontinued.

Various vehicles were entered into several events. In 1904 a 20hp won a gold medal in the Scottish Automobile Club Reliability Trials. In 1905 a 24hp made the fastest time of any car entered in the Aston Hill Climb, and each year between 1905 & 1908 cars were entered in the Isle of Man TT Races.

In 1908 the Thornycroft car came 5<sup>th</sup> at 44.1mph, a very creditable speed for those days!



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**Lottery Winners****3Cs Lottery Winners:****November 2009**

1st £50 Lottery number 125  
2nd £30 Lottery number 490  
3rd £20 Lottery number 58

**December 2009**

1st £50 Lottery number 8  
2nd £30 Lottery number 802  
3rd £20 Lottery number 909

**January 2010**

1st £50 Lottery number 8  
2nd £30 Lottery number 823  
3rd £20 Lottery number 43

These three prizes are drawn at each monthly 3Cs Coffee Morning between 10am and midday. The next lottery draw for the May 09-April 10 period will be at the 3Cs Coffee Morning, on **Saturday 6th March 2010**.

**Pam 01256-324313**

**Friday 12th Mar 10am-4pm****Thornecroft Vehicles at:**

The Willis Museum (Free)  
Enquiries: 0845 603 5635

**Saturday 13th Mar 1:30pm****Litter Pick:**

Meet KGV Play Area  
Christine: 07780600758

**Monday 15th Mar 1-4:30pm****International Womens' Day:**

Popley Fields Community Centre,  
Carpenter's Down  
Cheryl: 01256 423816

**Saturday 20th Mar 1:30pm****Glebe Gardens: Meadow Planting**

Meet Chute House  
Christine: 07780600758

**Friday 9th April 8pm****Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks Ctte:**

BCA Hall: Christine: 07780600758

**Saturday 15th May 10am - 1:30pm****Shaw Trust Plant Sale/Open Day**

Elizabeth Road Allotments

**Friday 28th May 2010 8:30pm****Glebe Gardens: Bat Survey**

Meet Chute House  
Christine: 07780600758

**Upcoming Events****Committee Meetings****Management Committee:**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

**Development SubCommittee:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7:30pm

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

**3Cs Coffee Morning**

Normally held each First Monthly Saturday without a Bank Holiday:

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March:

10am - 12 midday

**Pam on (01256) 324313**

**Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group**

Term time, Mondays:

10 – 11.30am

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

**Alison on (01256) 814377**

**National Childbirth Trust**

Each Friday:

10 – Midday.

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

**Libby Ruth on (0870) 4214830**

**The Vale Youth Club**

Term time, Wednesdays:

7pm – 8.30pm

Minimum "Year 7" upwards

Entry £1 on the Door.

**All New "Toddler Time"**

Term time Tuesdays:

10.30-12noon

Essex Hall on Essex Road

Free of charge

Contact-Cil: 07731980824

**Sunday 25th July 2010 Daytime****Punch Festival:**

Prof Morris: 01256 352869

**Sat 11th Sept 2010 Midday -4pm****Community Green Fair:**

Malcolm: 01256 364498

(ansafone message)

**BCA Information**

[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)  
<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>

**Hall Booking Agent:**

(01256) 462688  
(between 9am and 9pm only)  
[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

**Brookvale Lottery:**

Pam Mansfield,  
Lottery Agent  
(01256) 324313  
[pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk)

**Disability/Mobility issues:**

Chris Hall,  
Vulnerable Person's Officer  
(01256) 351074  
[chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk)

**Local Development issues:**

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Councillor Doris Jones  
(01256) 415062  
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**Your County Councillor is:**

County Councillor Ron Hussey  
01256 415840  
[ron.hussey@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ron.hussey@hants.gov.uk)

**Your Town MP is:**

Maria Miller MP  
(020) 7219 5749  
[millerm@parliament.uk](mailto:millerm@parliament.uk)

**Police—Kings Furlong/Brookvale/Grove:**

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm>

**Your Area PCSO is:**

PCSO 14469 Bradley:  
0845 045 45 45

**Your Beat Officer is:**

PC Ian Wonnacott:  
0845 045 45 45  
[ian.wonnacott@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.wonnacott@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Your County ACSO is:**

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