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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale  
Community Association

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## The Little Mermaid

Sun 23rd Jan 2:30pm

Entry by ticket only!

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP

"Far out at sea the water is as blue as the petals on the loveliest cornflower and as clear as the purest glass. But it is very deep, deeper than any anchor rope can reach. Down there live the mermen...."



**£4/£6 tickets from:**  
**Pam:01256-324313**  
**By 20th Jan 2010**  
(ansafone for messages)  
**2009 another sell out!**  
**Door Tickets maybe**  
**available at event**



This winter **proteus** bring you another classic tale, created and mixed with their unique blend of physical theatre, circus, music and film. Suitable for all the family, from 5 years +  
Written & Directed by Mary Swan, Designed by Sam Pine. Devised by The Company, Aerial Choreography by Lorraine Moneyhan, Multi-media by Chard House Media, with music by Paul Wild.



Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale is brought to life by **proteus** in their unique style fusing physical theatre, circus, music and film. Beautiful, poignant, funny and full of fishy fun, this production is a brand new version of this beloved classic, suitable for the whole family!

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**

At each 3C's meet Colin Puddephatt of Shaw Trust to learn about their South Ham garden project work and their over 60s external garden services.

**From Your Vulnerable Persons' Officer Disability Benefits Assessments**

The DWP are re-assessing Disability claimants using a one stretch movement limit without any repetitions. Wandering away from the Carer may not qualify for additional support. There is a fear some may lose out. Please report any instances of benefits refusal to myself for investigation.

**Disability Adjustments**

The Spring Café in Gosport recently banned a blind person. You remember the Basingstoke Rhu Bar refusing to make special adjustment for wheelchair users.

Please report any instances of discrimination to me.

<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>

**BCA Matters**

**Volunteers** please contact us for:  
 \* Health & Safety Assistants(Chris)  
 \* Greening Champion (Malcolm)  
 \* Village Plan (Malcolm)  
 \* Hall Booking Agent (Rebecca)  
 See rear page for contacts.

**Hall Gas Heaters** not ruggedised!. Can we ask our Hall Hirers to watch the Gas Heaters closely. If children are allowed to damage these heaters, the hall will not be warm enough. The heaters cost hundreds of pounds to repair. One of four is out of action awaiting repair/replacement.

Our thanks to **Councillor Hussey** for grant funding our new **grit bin** for the hall. Also thanks for grant funding the Toddler group new **play equipment** earlier this year.

**Snow** visited us again. Apparently there is still no priority to grit side roads and paths, thus continues to be an issue. The subway slopes are dangerous during snow and ice caused some falls:  
[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/N11/Newsroom/DG\\_191868](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/N11/Newsroom/DG_191868)

We are advised that **Refuse Bins** will be emptied on their regular days during Xmas/New Year.

Please join us in wishing **Joe, our Hall Warden** a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

The **Citizens' Advice Bureau** re-opened on 11th Nov and the **Discovery Centre** opened on the 30th

Recently we put up the **Xmas decorations and tree** in our hall and wish a Happy Xmas & New Year to all our readers.

<p><b>Do you need ... ??????????????</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 our how we can help you</p>
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**BCA Bygones**

**Prof. Morris Entertainer 1950-2010**  
**NORMAN DAVID MORRIS B.A.**  
**(Hons.) continued...**



**Cleggie My Mate Norm.**  
  
**A Eulogy By Tom Gilvear:**

Norman met his Wife Julie at a Church Youth Club in Salisbury, and were married on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1971. After leaving Boscombe Down Norman took on a sales role for Smith & Nephew, selling medical products to Chemists, so there was always a ready supply of Elastoplasts in the home.

Norman and Julie moved to Solby's Road in Basingstoke in 1974. Their son Paul was born in 1978, fortunately Norman still worked at S & N, as Paul had a habit of injuring himself frequently, and the stock in Norman's boot was a constant source of relief, if not, it was a run to the Hospital.

Wendy and I moved in 2 doors away in 1976 and got to know Norman well at our Street Parties, a frequent event in Solby's Road. In 1979, just before Debbie was born, the family moved to Budds Close where they lived ever since!

**To be continued...**

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

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## Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



### Planting News

Along the wall by Moose Hall in Glebe Gardens we planted the following:

Privet x5, Hawthorn x4, Cotoneaster x2, Dogwood, Blackthorn, Hazel, Gelder Rose x4, Ivy, Pomegranate, Hebe, Fern, Holly, Lilac, Clematis and a Dog Rose.

At the foot of the Loddon facing the substation, we planted a meadow, comprising:

Cowslip, Teasel, Greater & Common Knapweed, Field Scabious, Foxglove and Wild Basil.

You will notice a number of exposed square (30cmx30cm) patches of soil where the seed was sown. In order for the meadow to grow successfully, the turf and top soil was removed to prevent the new meadow plants from being overwhelmed by the growth of established grass and weeds.

We hope that the trees and wildflower seed planted will increase our local insect, bird and bat population. Also, we endeavoured to protect our local wildlife from the danger of discarded rubbish by undertaking a litter pick.

A big thank you to the Basingstoke Conservation Network, Shaw Trust and Cathy Williams for the provision of our plants and of course a big thank you to all our Friends of Loddon Vale Parks volunteers for working so hard on the day!



## Development SubCtte

Further consultation on Street lamps 30th November. PFI contract to replace all with "similar". A minority are "old-style". To make the remaining match, costs over £600 per lamp post.

Please write to our Ward councillor to request funding for this.

46 Lower Brook Street Ref: BDB/72036 replacing front property front plastic windows. No grants.

Responded DEFRA Water White Paper affects infrastructure/pricing:

<http://tinyurl.com/3aksro9>

Prescott's re-write of the English Planning System revisited (round 2) by the Barker Report, again revisited (round 3) by Pickles in the Green Paper Open Source Planning:

[www.conservatives.com/News/](http://www.conservatives.com/News/)

[News stories/2010/02/](http://www.conservatives.com/News/stories/2010/02/)

[New homes and jobs through Open Source Planning.aspx](http://www.conservatives.com/News/stories/2010/02/New_homes_and_jobs_through_Open_Source_Planning.aspx)

The TCPA critique is:

<http://www.tcpa.org.uk/resources.php?action=resource&id=759>

Localism Bill introduced in previous Blurb. RTPI provided critique:

<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=3741&d=23&h=243&f=3>

They advise this is all about "streamlining" =less say in outcomes.

Civic Voice wants feedback to:

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

The controversial issues to respond are PPS3 Garden Grabbing and de-regulation of HMOs.

Add in removal of the LDF, Change Of Use ignoring zoning, 3rd Party Right of Appeal, S106 may become "Local Tariff" =usual recipe for chaos!

**Contact Malcolm** to write to our MP



No improvement in the CWW development situation:

List of issues getting longer:

- Allotments built on
- Water catchment built on
- Flood Plain built on
- No emergency vehicle access from Victory Roundabout.
- No footpath link to Victory Hill.
- Sinclair Drive said to have the highest number of ASBOs in the ward.
- Bricks fell off the scaffolding onto the footway.
- 3 mature Norway Maple trees removed to get a Cherry Picker onto the site.
- Uncapped standpipe gushing water onto the footway for approx 1 month.

## Registering Our Parks

The recent Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment looked at building housing on playing fields at Pack Lane, Part of Vyne School Site, Oakridge Burnham Copse Infant School and the Golf Driving Range, West Ham and Down Grange.

We would like to make sure that the possibility **never** arises for **Victory Park and King George V Playing Field**.

This can be achieved by registering the land as Village Greens. We need as many people as possible to complete the registration form to state that we have enjoyed unrestricted use of the parks for over 20 years.

So **please** fill one in if you used it 20 years ago – or 20 days ago! Please return your completed forms to us by means of a scanned signed form attached to an email, or by post to:

**Park Users,**  
Brookvale Village Hall, RG21 7RP,

or to any Committee member!

**Cathy 01256-462688**

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**Lottery Winners****3Cs Lottery Winners:****August 2010**

1st £50 Lottery number 333  
2nd £30 Lottery number 186  
3rd £20 Lottery number 796

**September 2010**

1st £50 Lottery number 498  
2nd £30 Lottery number 180  
3rd £20 Lottery number 29

**October 2010**

1st £50 Lottery number 823  
2nd £30 Lottery number 266  
3rd £20 Lottery number 707

The purpose of the lottery is to help maintain the Brookvale Village Hall, it's main back up was after the arson attack in 1999. While the insurance helped with the rebuilding, the proceeds of the lottery helped with little extras, especially the store cupboard for the tables and chairs. Today it is paying for the security fencing to the north side of the Hall. To this end, it is important to constantly ask residents to consider joining.

For £1 per month, and an annual membership fee of 10p, there is a chance of winning each month either, £50, £30 or £20. Our other request is to ask for help with the collection of the subscriptions. If you would like to become a lottery member or help please contact:

Pam 01256-324313

**Friday 7th January 2011 @8pm**  
Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks Ctte:  
Plate Party bring food and a bottle  
BCA Hall: Christine: 07780600758

**Friday 22nd January 2011**  
Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks :  
Bird Survey cancelled:  
BCA Hall: Christine: 07780600758

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm

**Development SubCommittee:**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</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 8th Jan/Sat 5th Feb:**

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

**Stephany Cox 07974 935353**

[coffee-chat@basingsstoke.org.uk](mailto:coffee-chat@basingsstoke.org.uk)

**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 23rd Jan 2011 2:30pm**

Family Panto

**The Little Mermaid:**

Tickets: £6/£4

Pam: 01256 324313 **by 20th Jan**

<http://www.proteustheatre.com/?page=thelittlemermaid>

**BCA Information**

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

<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>

**Hall Booking Agent:**

(01256) 462688

**(between 9am and 7pm 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:**

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

(01256) 364498

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

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Councillor John Shaw

(01256) 461776

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Councillor Doris Jones

(01256) 415062

[cllr.doris.jones@basingsstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.doris.jones@basingsstoke.gov.uk)

**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>

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

**Your Borough CSPO is:**

Martin Lee (077)

01256 845700

[martin.lee@basingsstoke.gov.uk](mailto:martin.lee@basingsstoke.gov.uk)

**Your Area PCSO is:**

PCSO Stephanie Bradley

0845 045 45 45

[stephanie.bradley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stephanie.bradley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Your Beat Officer is:**

PC Ian Wonnacott:

0845 045 45 45

[ian.wonnacott@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.wonnacott@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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