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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Report

Community Green Fair 17th September 11!

2011, for the 5th year running, a massive thankyou to all our volunteers, stallholders, donors, performers, councilors and attendees for holding our most lively event todate!

Our Town MP Maria Miller joined us for one of our Transition Workshops!

These workshops explore our journey from our agricultural past, through our industrial present into the future that we want, which is locally resilient, to cope with rising prices, shortages and disruptions, to keep the lights on, food in our mouths and freedom of the road.

Also Free Raffle prizes drawn by our Deputy Mayor Cllr Martin Biermann.

Free Entry:
Workshops
Entertainers
Activities
Stalls
Café
Free raffle
Prizes
Save Money
Information



2011 Participants!

Thanks to our Town Crier David Craner, Raffle Ticket Donors and North Down Orchard Veggie Box, and to all our providers including Serena's Community Café, The Land Trust Meadow Lawn Seed packs, Healthy Planet Books 4 Free, Drum Runners junk percussion workshops, Popley Spotlight urban solo and dance, Shinfield Shambles Morris Dancing, Overton Scarecrows display and participation, Marie Curie Cancer Care Plant Stall, Master Composter, Carousel Candys sweets, Hyde Hampers, Boost Survey & E-Coup Energy Assessors, Sun Smart Energy, PV Panels Battery Vehicle Society, Greenhouse Graphics, Octopus Centre, Girl Guides, Girls' Brigade, Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers, RSPB, BAAG, BCOT Student Open Building 193 May St, HCC Loddon Route consultation, B&DBC/Hart Recycling, Greening Campaign, Basingstoke Transition Network!

A BAAG Concept Community Event, hosted by BCA proceeds to Charity, supported by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

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

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 community and committee members and discuss issues that affect you.

From Your Vulnerable Person's Officer

The E&HRC have produced a report "Hidden In Plain Sight" which found that many disabled people have to come to accept harrassment which includes abuse theft fraud and bullying due to a lack of signposting to a suitable person who will believe the victim. All Authorities are recommended to improve recognition, prevention and justice:

<http://tinyurl.com/6akcfigs>

Digital Unite's Learning Zone provides a free on-line resource offering over 200 easy-to-use learner guides. These include getting started, how to email, using social networking sites, downloading music & film:

<http://learning.digitalunite.com/>

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

BCA Matters

Volunteers for:

- * Hall Booking Agent (Rebecca)
- * Greening (Martin)
- * Lottery Collectors (Pam)
- * Village Plan (Malcolm)

We are still looking to residents to design our hall improvements to be passed to our architects. Ideas so far include ~ Access improvements ~ Make the Hall carbon-neutral~ improve storage and facilities ~ fenced Community Garden. Please send your ideas now to info@brookvale.org.uk. Or bring your ideas to discuss any coffee morning. Let's make this our Hall for the Future!

Although the **Feed In Tariff** will be reduced, the prices of the **solar panels** have also reduced. This means we can still get an attractive return from **generating electricity** with the proposed solar panels.

At our **BCA AGM 20th September at 7.30**, Guest Sophie McLean introduced a 20 minute film called "**Basingstoke 2010**", made by The Edge, a Hampshire project to involve **young people in our museums & galleries**. The film compares how the town looked before the 1960s expansion with the fashions and facilities of today. There was feedback about including future ambitions into the film.

We are keen to have **new committee members**, so do please join us if you can spare any time for our general admin or special projects or events.

Wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas and Good New Year!

<p>Do you need ... ??????????????</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more time with your family? to supplement your pension? to pay school & university fees? to improve your health? to boost your income? personal development? <p>Phone 0844 453 1295 to find out how we can help you</p>

BCA Bygones

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



Cleggie My Mate Norm.

A Eulogy By Tom Gilvear:

Norm would however always put Judy in a Suitcase at the end of the day and go home to Julie. If the family went out in the car the back seats would always contain Mr & Mrs Punch, a baby, a Policeman, the Devil, to name but a few, plus of course there was always the frying pan, the sausages, and their pet Croc.

For a number of years Norman, Julie, Paul and Debbie would attend the Great Dorset Steam Fair, with of course the Punch Family, all staying under Canvas, that was until Norman came up with new idea. This was his Roadshow, which involved buying a Bedford Van, an awful lot of timber, and some scaffolding poles. All this was in the hope of pacifying Julie, in providing somewhere warm & dry to sleep, on tour.

However Norman was unsure whether the heavy scaffolding poles would be safe, and without Julie's knowledge, asked Paul to stay in the back of the Luton Van, whilst they travelled along to see whether there was any movement, this caused quite a shock to those travelling in the Car behind, when the Roller Shutter raised, only to find Paul staring at them. Not to say the comments made by Julie when she found out!

<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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Greening News

During the hottest October on record, the bad news is that Government has reduced the Feed In Tariff sooner than expected, but the good news is that the price of the solar panels has fallen and still allows you get a return on investment out-performing bank deposit interest, if installed before end March 2012.

The Green Deal consultation is expected soon. This is to replace the Feed In Tariff income with a loan to get your PV panels which is then paid back from the electric you generate.

Most you would have heard that the three largest energy supplies have raised their prices by up to 20% over the last week. SSE are the latest with gas prices increasing by 18% and electricity by 11%. But here's some good news...

"The Government unveiled a £15 million [initiative](#) to help fund renewable heating systems like biomass boilers, air and ground source heat pumps and solar thermal panels. The 'Renewable Heat Premium Payment' scheme, will open on August 1 for eight months, will give householders grants of up to £1250 to put towards the cost of renewable heating systems". The scheme opens on 1st August but is on a first come first served basis. **But only the first 25,000 homes will qualify.**

Pre-register **asap** DECC website:

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy/Sell-your-own-energy/Renewable-Heat-Premium-Payment>

Please pass this on to friends and neighbours and contact us (Basingstoke Transition Network) at:

info@basingstoketransition.org
or see our Facebook page.

We are still looking for Greening Brookvale launch event volunteers.

Contact Martin: 07771 805000

Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



Update:

Brookvale's local conservation group Friends of Loddon Parks have been busy planting spring flowering bulbs and a mini wildflower meadow, Pruning back oversized shrubs for regeneration and soon to plant a new hedgerow for wildlife in early autumn. More pruning of shrubs & trees to follow into early winter.



Development SubCtte

We are looking forward to **Principal Urban Design Officer John Dawson** joining us at our 15th Nov DSC meeting to give a talk on an Urban Design Statement for Brookvale which is hoped to afford additional protection from haphazard development. Your ideas please for "Community Led Planning", "place shaping" and "Urban Design Statement"

BDB75174 Thornycroft workshop furniture stre. resubmitted 10th Oct. Tree cover to be retained or will increase neighbour noise.



Loddon Green Route

Environmental Improvements for Brookvale.

Hampshire County Council is pleased to announce work will be starting shortly on the Brookvale Loddon Project- a 'green route' for walkers and cyclists. This will enhance the existing route from the town centre to the Leisure Park at West Ham. This is a scheme produced through partnership with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, as well as working with local organisations including Brookvale Community Association, Basingstoke College of Technology and Sovereign Kingfisher Housing Association.

Building on the successful public consultation held at the Green Fair in 2009 and at the Brookvale Village Hall in January last year, there will now be a package of improvements to the route. This runs through Glebe Gardens, Victory Park, Lower Brook St, George V Playing Fields, Thornycroft Lane and up to Euschirchen Way in the Leisure Park. There will be improved access for pedestrians and cyclists, with enhanced safety and security for all users. There will also be local landscape improvements along the route including work at Brookvale Village Hall, the western entrance of Victory Park and tree planting all along the route.

Plans are available to view at Brookvale Village Hall or can be viewed online by following the links at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-transport/transport-schemes-index.htm>

Please send comments to:
Tom Robison 01256 776138
or:

Tom.Robison@hants.gov.uk

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Brookvale In Bloom**3Cs Lottery Winners:****May 2011**

1st £50 Lottery number 648
2nd £30 Lottery number 802
3rd £20 Lottery number 186

June 2011

1st £50 Lottery number 883
2nd £30 Lottery number 818
3rd £20 Lottery number 684

July 2011

1st £50 Lottery number 26
2nd £30 Lottery number 807
3rd £20 Lottery number 677

August 2010

1st £50 Lottery number 533
2nd £30 Lottery number 601
3rd £20 Lottery number 180

September 2011

1st £50 Lottery number 123
2nd £30 Lottery number 8
3rd £20 Lottery number 525

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**

Friends of Willis Museum**Thur Nov 17th 7:30pm**

Portals of the past
By Dave Stone

Fri Dec 16th 7:30pm

Christmas Party &
"Christmas Remembered"

By Barbara Aplin

Phone: Museum: 01256-465902**Dept of Health****Consultation Ends 2nd Dec:**

Caring for our Future:
Carers, Providers, Volunteers
& Council responses to:

[http://
caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk](http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk)

Upcoming Events**Committee Meetings****Management Committee:**Tues 6th Dec/3rd Jan at 7.30pm**Development SubCommittee:**Tuesday 15th November, 7:30pmcommittee@brookvale.org.uk**3Cs Coffee Morning**

Normally held each First Monthly
Saturday without a Bank Holiday:
Sat 3rd Dec and Sat 4th Jan:
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 935353coffee-chat@basingstoke.org.uk**The Vale Youth Club**

Term time, Wednesdays:

7pm – 8.30pm

Minimum "Year 7" upwards

Entry £1 on the Door

Andy or Sarah on 07890 708696**All New "Toddler Time"**

Term time Tuesdays:

10.30-12noon

Essex Hall on Essex Road

Free of charge

Contact-Cil: 07731980824

Sunday 22nd Jan 2011 2:30pm

Family Panto

Arabian Nights:

Tickets: £8/£5

Pam: 01256 324313

[http://
www.proteustheatre.com/?
page=arabian](http://www.proteustheatre.com/?page=arabian)

BCA Informationinfo@brookvale.org.uk<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>[http://www.facebook.com/pages/
Brookvale-heart-of-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)[Basingstoke/135744975619](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)[Basingstoke/135744975619](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)**Hall Booking Agent:**

Bookings are full.

Email for waiting list!

info@brookvale.org.uk**Brookvale Lottery:**

Pam Mansfield,

Lottery Agent

(01256) 324313

pam@boostsurvey.co.uk**Disability/Mobility issues:**

Chris Hall,

Vulnerable Person's Officer

(01256) 351074

chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk**Local Development issues:**

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

(01256) 364498

calmacinnes@ntlworld.com**Your Ward Councillors are:**

Councillor John Shaw

(01256) 461776

cllr.john.shaw@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Doris Jones

(01256) 415062

cllr.doris.jones@basingstoke.gov.uk**Your County Councillor is:**

County Councillor Ron Hussey

(01256) 415840

ron.hussey@hants.gov.uk**Your Town MP is:**

Maria Miller MP

(020) 7219 5749

millerm@parliament.uk**Police—Kings Furlong/Brookvale/Grove:**[http://www.hampshire.police.uk/
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basingstoke/town/
Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Brookvale+and+Kings+Furlong.htm)[basingstoke/town/
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Martin Lee (077)

01256 845700

martin.lee@basingstoke.gov.uk**Your Area PCSO is:**

PCSO Stephanie Bradley

0845 045 45 45

stephanie.bradley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk**Your Beat Officer is:**

PC TBA:

0845 045 45 45

@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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