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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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'We'll meet again' – the Musical!

Saturday 26th January 2013 3pm & 6pm
Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, RG21 7RU



Limelight is the youthful off-shoot of the hugely successful Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society (BAOS). For the BCA Panto season, they will be performing a selection of favourites set in the thirties to the sixties, including guaranteed audience pleasers from shows like Hairspray, Oklahoma, Annie Get Your Gun and South Pacific, plus a rousing sing-along of wartime songs.

£4 per person – including a cuppa!

Book your seat with Pam, 01256 324313

info@brookvale.org.uk

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

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



Ash Die-back is going to be difficult to spot now. Details here: www.forestry.gov.uk/symptoms_guide [Chalara dieback of ash 2012.pdf](#)

Basically, ash twigs are smooth grey/green with black leaf buds at the tips. Rough splits or lumps are an indicator.

We planted some 50 pear, crab-apple, Hazel, blackthorn, damson, blackthorn, elder and dog rose in Victory Park and planted some 175 spring bulbs near King George V path.

Don't forget **Brookvale Litter Pickers** on the **first Sunday of every month to litter pick**. Brookvale Village Hall 8.30am, all kit provided. Phone:07780600758 Follow us on [Facebook - Brookvale - Litterpickers](#)

Community Safety

There are still instances being reported to the police about the activities of **Rogue Traders & Cold Callers**. Please make sure that you always use a recommended trader and not someone who appears on your doorstep. If in any doubt about any Cold Calling trader, contact Hampshire Trading Standards Quick Response Team on 01962 833666. Also the police would appreciate the details, especially descriptions of persons and vehicles, being reported straight away via 101. Unwanted callers are required to leave your premises once told to go away. Their failure to do so is against the law. You do not always have to be polite.

<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

Welcome to new Volunteers:

- * Yewande Adeliyi (BVS): Health & Safety Assistant: Helping Chris with H&S Inspections & support
- * Des Kelling (Approached Direct): Caretaker: Checks Hall Condition
- * Stuart Otway-Smith (BVS): Webmaster: Making repairs to the existing BCA Website
- * Paul Kent (Network): Vulnerable Person Transport: Brings Margaret Hitchcock to the Hall Coffee Mornings
- * Silvia Bungaro (BVS): Event Host: Training to support and hold events

New committee members, always welcome! : info@brookvale.org.uk

Happy Xmas and New Year! **Further funds are available** under S 106 Developer's Contributions for open space and play areas:

- in Victory Park installing electricity and water supplies for community gardening.
- a gazebo,
- widening the access to seats for wheelchairs and pushchairs;
- improving the 'Pocket Park' on Lower Brook Street;
- improving the area next to the Village Hall.
- Moving the Ball Wall in King George V Park, for better access
- Out-door multi-gym in King George V Park

Please vote on these – or send your own ideas! Tell any Ctte member or send to info@Brookvale.org.uk.

Happy Xmas & New Year!

Do you need ... ??????????????

- | more time with your family?
- | to supplement your pension?
- | to pay school & university fees?
- | to improve your health?
- | to boost your income?
- | personal development?

Phone 0844 453 1295

to find out how we can help you

BCA Bygones

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



Cleggie My Mate Norm.

A Eulogy By Tom Gilvear:

His love of wild animals was evident, being a very early member of the Marwell Zoological Society, he enjoyed visiting as many Zoos as he could.

Often when friends returned from their Holiday, you could here Norman ask. Did you visit the Zoo there? Unfortunately not everyone's enthusiasm was as high as Norman's.

He devised a Board Game, with Animal Conservation being the theme, Norman and I invested several hundred pounds each in the development, unfortunately Waddington's, and Gibson Games did not share our enthusiasm, and that went no further...

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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Greening Brookvale

Energy & our community

Some great news – we've just received a cheque from Southern Electric for £1,400 for the electricity our solar panels have generated over the last 6 months. It's such a good feeling to get an energy company paying us rather than the other way around!

There is a growing group of enthusiasts working with Maria Miller MP on a plan to take us towards a more resilient community in Brookvale. The **Sustainable Basingstoke Forum** themes; are:

School engagement; finding ways for young people to become more aware of our environment and creating projects with a sustainability theme that they might help us learn from.

Basingstoke unwrapped; reducing the packaging and waste we generate and throw away each day. Cleaning the River Loddon; finding ways to reduce pollution in the Loddon.

Natural Basingstoke; helping us to engage with the wild side of our district and protecting bio-diversity

Low Carbon Basingstoke; finding affordable ways to heat our homes, provide transport and power our economy from renewable and low carbon energy sources

Parched Basingstoke; paying attention to the drinking quality water that we take for granted and finding ways to reduce how much is wasted.

I would be delighted to hear from any of you that would like to engage with any of these themes in the early part of 2013. Together we may be able to make a difference and do something amazing for the future of our community. Please let me know what you think!

You are welcome to join our regular meeting each second Tuesday at 7pm in the Red Lion Inn, front bar. <http://basingstoketransition.org/>

"like" us on facebook:

[http://www.facebook.com/#!/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/martin.heath@basingstoketransition.org)

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Follow: [@EcoBasingstoke](https://twitter.com/EcoBasingstoke)

for information and news.

Development SubCtte

Following the new heritage style lamps it is clear that our area needs further improvements.

We are working on Community Plan which captures what we all want in our area and includes elements from Village Design Statements (to protect our Conservation Area, and get improvement grants) and Neighbourhood Plans (to manage change and plan any new development).

- q Safety
- q Street Management
- q Conservation.
- q Local Services
- q Community Liaison
- q Planning Liaison

Part of this Council Plan process includes obtaining your views. Without Residents' responses there will be no improvements!

There will be no plan unless you identify what you want, e.g., Doctors' Surgery and Pharmacy, Outdoor Gym in King George V and a Community Orchard between the Allotments and the Pumping Station!

We and your Ward Councillors responded to applications concerning Queen's Parade New Street (Brookvale Interconnect route with antisocial behaviour issues.

The trading hours have been contained for now but an Indian food outlet will takeover the 828 Hair Dressers, again all without local parking. encouraging delivery and customer vehicles to park on double yellow lines.

We await a major incident which cannot be attended by the Emergency Services.



Four Lanes Trust

Has Your Group Applied?

Since 1974 The Four Lanes Trust have given £1.1million to over 750 local groups to help them in their work. Including youth and education; from mother and toddler groups, play and pre-school groups through all stages of formal education to include uniformed and other youth work and in supporting our own local music, drama and arts groups.

Basically if you are a voluntary, charitable or not-for-profit organisation working to improve the lives of local residents then you can apply for awards are in the £500 - £1500 range, though we can give more.

Groups should contact Bob Carr (01256) 477990 or e-mail:

bobcarr@fourlt.fsnet.co.uk
www.fourlanestrust.org.uk

Please Don't Buy An Electric Car

Mon 28th Jan 2013 at 7.30pm

When you buy a drink in the Central Studio Lobby Bar at Queen Mary's College:

Professor Averil Macdonald from Reading University and Professor Alun Vaughan from Southampton University lead a discussion on "the problems no one tells you about if everyone changed to an electric car". The talk lasts around 30 to 40 minutes, then we have a short break followed by discussions and aim to finish about 9.00pm. Future Cafe Scientifique talks and social events near Basingstoke are at:

www.cafesci-basingstoke.org.uk

You can also sign up for email reminders on our Meetup Group:

www.meetup.com/cafesci-basingstoke

Hosted by Bob Clifford Software Developer and general science enthusiast:

bob_clifford@email.com 07811 289586

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Lottery**3Cs Lottery Winners:****May 2012**

£50 840 Solbys Road
 £30 60 Lower Brook Street
 £20 577 George Street

June 2012

£50 10 Lower Brook Street
 £30 799 Solbys Road
 £20 309 Queens Road

July 2012

£50 460 Lower Brook Street
 £30 43 Lower Brook Street
 £20 975 Essex Road

August 2012

£50 44 Lower Brook Street
 £30 121 George Street
 £20 20 Lower Brook Street

September 2012

£50 292 Titheridge Court
 £30 805 Solbys Road
 £20 684 Essex Road

October 2012

£50 799 Solbys Road
 £30 975 Downsland Road
 £20 8 Lower Brook Street

Costs **£1 per month**, with **10p**
 annual membership fee:
Pam 01256-324313

Highfield House

Many people may remember this building on Worting Road, where Wilton Place is now. But does anyone remember a big old oak tree in the grounds?

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

Thurs 3rd Jan
 Tues 5th Feb at 7.30pm

Development SubCommittee:

Tuesday 26th March, 7:30pm

info@brookvale.org.uk

3Cs Coffee Morning

Normally held each First Monthly
 Saturday without a Bank Holiday:
 Sat 2nd Jun & 7th Jul:
 10am - 12 midday

Pam on (01256) 324313

Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

Term time, Tuesdays:
 10 – 11.30am
 Brookvale Village Hall
 £1 per session, per family

Meg on 07887 570323

National Childbirth Trust

Each Friday:
 10 – Midday.
 Brookvale Village Hall
 £1 per session, per family

Helen Vickers 07585 808533

info@basingsstokenct.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
 Cil: 07731980824

Friends of Loddon Vale Parks
Shrub pruning in Victory Park:
Sun 3rd February 2013 2pm
 do come – no skill necessary!

Family Halloween Party
Come in Costume:
Sat 26th October 2013 7:30pm
 kids dancing and prizes!

BCA Information

info@brookvale.org.uk
<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>
<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.mansfield@brookvale.org.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@basingsstoke.gov.uk
 Councillor Jack Cousins
 07912 012746
Cllr.Jack.Cousens@basingsstoke.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
millem@parliament.uk

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

Your Borough CSPO is:

Caroline Fortune
 01256 845700
Caroline.Fortune@hants.gov.uk

Your Area PCSO is:

PCSO Stephanie Bradley
 101
stephanie.bradley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Your Beat Officer is:

PC Jennifer Mercer:
 101
jennifer.mercer@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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