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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Green Week

Sustainability Day Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RU

1pm Saturday 19th September 2015

Workshops- Your Future- Have Your Say- Make a Difference!

Open 1pm

3 1-7pm: Free Fresh cooked pizzas: Northdown Orchard

Workshops:

- 3 1pm: Do The Math: 15 Years to "unsafe warming"
- 3 3pm: Overconsumption: Super Rich: Problem/Solution?
- 3 5pm: Carbon Reduction: More footprints = more carbon

Close 7pm

AGM

With Guest Speaker Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RU

7pm Thursday 3rd September 2015

Meeting- Your Community- Have Your Say- Make a Difference!

Bob Clarke: A History of Pubs and Breweries in Basingstoke

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

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Sept 25th Alladin's Cave

Fashion Show & Bazaar

1st Show Doors open 6:45pm
 1st Fashion Show 7:00pm
 2nd Show Doors open 8:00pm
 2nd Fashion Show 8:15pm

Features local models, modelling good quality clothing donated to our shop.

All items will be for sale after the fashion show. As well as clothes we will have other good quality items for sale. Shoes, hand bags, jewellery, bric-a-brac, cosmetics, gifts and a specially selected range of Christmas items. Raffle and First Floor Shopping all evening (lift available).

Tickets £5.00 each include a complementary glass of wine or soft drink. Contact:

Aladdin's Cave
 Burnaby Close
 Basingstoke
 RG22 6UJ
 Tel: 07763 523206

During Shop opening hours:
 9:00 – 4:30 Monday to Friday
 10:00 – 2:00 Saturday

We are always looking for good quality items including furniture for the shop – We offer a free collection and delivery service on larger items.

Aladdin's Cave is a local charity shop for the Irene Cain Foundation, supporting Basingstoke and the local area raising funds by retailing donated goods.

BCA Matters

Volunteers make someone's day, make a difference, help the less able, gain confidence and friends, get better jobs!



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Brookvale In Bloom

COMPETITION RESULTS

We were very pleased to welcome new entrants for 2015, and there was a good turnout for our 25th July Tea Party prize-giving.

It was a very difficult year for gardeners – first too cold and wet, then too hot and dry!

SMALL FRONT GARDEN

- 1 Gold: Nora Wright
- 2 Silver-gilt: Mr & Mrs Brant
- 3 Silver: Esme Gainford
- 4 Bronze: P & Mrs C Murphy

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Highly commended:

- Mary Lawn , Mrs Shirley Payne,
- Mr Hugh Murphy, Anna Mannerstrale,
- Mr & Mrs Dennison, Margaret Duggan,
- Mrs Nora Shepherd, Mrs P R White,
- Mr Hugh Murphy, Mr & Mrs Dennison
- Jennifer Charlton, Libby Evans,
- Mrs White, Mrs Denise Kent
- Mrs S Taylor, Georgina Bignall,
- Mrs S Taylor, Mr V Langford,
- Mr & Mrs Butler, Miss Julie Pelploe.

SINGLE CONTAINER

- 1 Gold: Nora Wright
- 2 Silver-gilt: Mr W Poulter
- 3 Silver: Mrs T D'Orsi
- 4 Bronze: Mrs Nora Shepherd

Highly commended:

- Mr P & Mrs C Murphy,
- Esme Gainford
- Mrs P R White,
- Dr. Catherine Norman
- Mrs A Johns, Mrs Lena Coffin,
- Mrs Helen Lee. Pat and Pat Bartlett

STANDARD FRONT GARDEN

- 1 Gold: Mrs T D'Orsi
- 2 Silver-gilt: Mrs Lena Coffin
- 3 Silver: Mr W Poulter
- 4 Bronze: Pat and Pat Bartlett

Highly commended:

- George Johns, Mrs Raffell
- The Bishop Family, Mrs M Martino

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Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



The white chalky substance in the Brookvale Brook came from the balancing pond beside Wicks. When dug out the issue stopped.



Allium Purple Sensation are delicious & compact lollipops of pure purple from a bulbous herbaceous perennial up to 90cm. A strong onion or garlic scent, with linear strap-shaped/cylindrical basal leaves having star-shaped or bell-shaped flowers in an umbel on a leafless stem. Easy to grow in full sun/sheltered position/chalk/clay/sand/loam with no pruning. **The Friends met the Council's Operations Team** who drew up a management plan for Victory Park shown below. The Operations Team have the heavy tools and plant to tackle the big jobs of mowing designated areas, clearing the brook and preventing trees and bushes from crowding out other plants. The Friends look after the willow weaving and plantings to increase character and biodiversity. Ideas & Volunteers to :

info@brookvale.co.uk

Development SubCtte

Met recently to progress local issues and review several papers regarding population and resources.

The affordable housing in Brook House was traded off elsewhere. Building on the May St Garages should provide 100% social housing in return for putting another estimated 28 cars onto Lower Brook Street.

Evidence papers are being submitted to the Planning Inspector regarding the local plan housing numbers and need.

With the customary higher number of units being demanded, this will aggravate the pressure on the existing infrastructure in urgent need of upgrading. Tinkering with the roundabouts is unlikely to make the big difference needed.

Your town MP requested more money for roads, but Water, Sewerage, Electric, Gas and Broadband will also need to be expanded. This is unlikely to be paid for by the Developers and so will continue to degrade Air, Water, Soil, Biodiversity with increasing pollution.

We submitted another request to the Planning Inspector to assess the Environmental Impact of the Council's Development appraisals which only address development fundability/siting.

No movement yet on the Pumping Station and Saunders Field.

BCA Bygones

Alexandra Road Shops

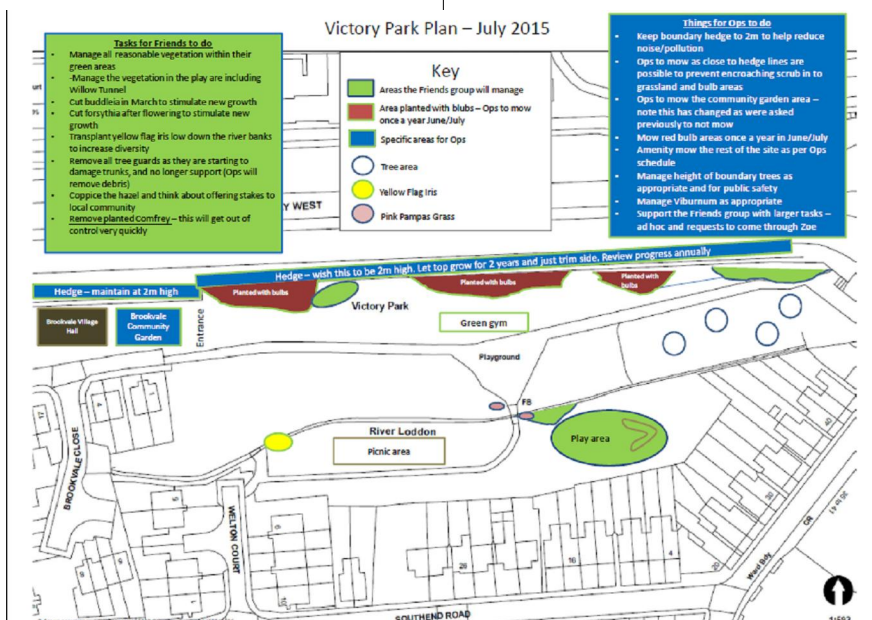
This old shopfront has been revealed during building works in Alexandra Road...



But who were Littlejohns and Q Neville? We did a bit of research and discovered that the cottages and shop were built in 1903 by Mussellwhite and by 1907 Mrs Gertrude Gwinnell had a stationery shop here. But by 1911, Agnes Mary Sparkes was the shopkeeper. The Sparkes family appear to have come to Basingstoke because Henry Sparkes had a railway job - he was a railway guard living in Phoenix Park Terrace in the 1891 census but he had been a grocer when they married in 1875. The shop then passed to their daughter Sarah who married a Fred Neville who was a post office worker, Sarah's sister, Ellen married Oliver Littlejohns in 1900 but she and her daughter were living with the Nevilles by 1911. In turn, Fred and Sarah had a daughter Queenie Neville, born 1912 and the shop was theirs until the mid 1930s.



Where was this?



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Lottery**3Cs Lottery Winners:****Drawn at 3cs Coffee Mornings:****Jan 2015**

£50 1086 Forfield Drive
 £30 498 Deep Lane
 £20 241 Queens Road

Feb 2015

£50 252 Queens Road
 £30 9 Lower Brook St
 £20 362 Alexandra Rd

Mar 2015

£50 860 Southend Road
 £30 48 Lower Brook St
 £20 18 College Road

Apr 2015

£50 909 Brookvale Close
 £30 186 George Street
 £20 883 Southend Road

Costs **£12-10p per year**, including annual membership fee. Enquiries & help to: **Pam 01256-324313**

Upcoming Events**Limelighters Musical:**

"Into The Woods" at QMC
Sat/Sun 25th/26th Oct
2:30 & 7:30pm/2 & 7pm
baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk
£10/£13 from 01256 763127

Halloween Disco

Sat 31st October 7:00pm:
 At Brookvale Village Hall
 Dancing & activities all ages
 Tuck Shop. Bring your own drink
 3 years & under free! Tickets
£3-50 from **Pam 01256-324313**

3Cs Coffee Morning

At Brookvale Village Hall

Includes Councillor Surgery
 First Monthly Saturday without
 a Bank Holiday:

Sat 5th Sep & Sat 3rd Oct:
 10am - 12 midday
Pam 01256-324313

Our Proteus Panto 2016!

Sunday 3rd January 2:30pm:
Little Red and the Wolves
 Tickets **£5 to £8** from
Pam 01256-324313
 Bank transfer also accepted

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

Tues 13th Oct at 7.30pm
 Tues 10th Nov at 7.30pm
info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:

Tuesday 24th Nov 2015 at 7:30pm
Malcolm 01256-364498

Neighbourhood Watch

Queens Road:
Phil & Val 01256-421621

Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group

(Term time, Mondays:
 10 – 11.30am)
 £2 per session, per family

Summer break until September

Catherine 07957109970
info@brookvale.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust

Drop in each Friday:
 10 – Midday.
 Brookvale Village Hall
 £2 per session, per family
0844 243 6041

info@basingstokenct.org.uk

Toddler Time

Tuesdays: Term time:
 10.30 – 12noon
 Essex Hall on Essex Road
 Free of charge
Cil 07731-980824

Taoist Tai Chi

Tuesdays:
 1.30-3pm
 Brookvale Village Hall
Helen 01256-576167

Community Coach Trip

Sunday 27th Sep 2015:
 Brookvale Village Hall
Depart Basingstoke 9am
Leave Clarence Pier 5pm



Includes:

- * Clarence Pier, Beach Front Gardens
- * Fun Fair, Governor's Green,
- * Pompey Old Town, Spinnaker
- * Gunwharf Quays Shopping
- * Historic Dockyard Ships

Tickets: £13-00 each (incl tip)
Joe 0741-207-4477

BCA Information

info@brookvale.org.uk
<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619>

Hall Booking Agent:

Cathy Williams
info@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Lottery:

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

Disability/Mobility issues:

Chris Hall (Parability Founder)
 Vulnerable Person's Officer
 07982 925709

enablement@parability.org

www.parability.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390515707764879/?fref=ts>

Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,
 Chair, Development-Sub Committee
 (01256) 364498

calmacinnes@ntlworld.com

Your Ward Councillors are:

Councillor Michael Westbrook
 07900 502995

cilr.michael.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Jack Cousens
 07912 012746

Cllr.JackCousens@basingstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:

Councillor Criss Connor
 (01256) 475629

criss.connor@hants.gov.uk

Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP
 (020) 7219 5749

millerm@parliament.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:

PC Trevor Taylor:
 101

Email:

Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Web: [http://](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/)

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Your Borough CSPO is:

Raymond Fraser
 01256 845383

Raymond.Fraser@basingstoke.gov.uk

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