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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Basingstoke Green Week

Brookvale Sustainability Day

Saturday 29th September 2018 Midday-4pm

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook St, RG21 7RP Free Workshops:

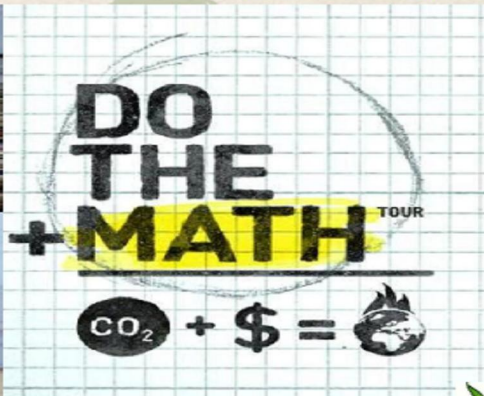
Open Midday: Tea & cake, swap your plastic for paper straws

1pm: Count Down 2030: Predicted 2° unsafe warming

2pm: Microplastics Pollution: Alice Horton  Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

3pm: Air pollution in Basingstoke

More Info: 01256 364498 More Events: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-week



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BAAG Community Event
hosted by BCA & supported
by BTN & BDBC (V3)

For all the latest local news , events and information:

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Bygones

West Ham Estate Story

The country estate journey to present day starts in medieval times with the feudal system then later evolving with country house remodeling, acquisitions and disposals. Relatively few estates survive today after plague, wars, speculators ("Buy Green Acres—Villa Farms" C.F.Dowsett 1904) & inheritance tax, all took their toll.

In this West Ham estate there was a significant Saxon burial site, but you wouldn't know it today!

The Land was originally used for "strip farms", much of it belonging to churches, universities and the nobility.

Various auctions listed estate assets: "Cold Harbor" (9.75a), leasehold land called "Deep Lane Piece" (16.25a), a leasehold water meadow (5.75a), Salisbury Farm, "Honey Piece" and other arable land and water meadow (474a) on high Western Road, arable land (14a) at West Ham, "Nicholas Croft" and arable land (9a) at Cliddesden.

Properties included 2 dwellings in Church Lane, 2 dwellings and the 'Green Dragon' Public (brew) House in Flaxpool Street (Flaxfield Rd), more dwellings in Church St., Wote St., Winchester Rd., and Chapel St.

The West Ham mansion was built by William, Earl of Dartmouth (1731 to 1801) in (200a) and was bounded on the East by the Queen's Grammar school in Worting Road, and on the West by West Ham House across Thornycroft Lane at the rear of the present day Davy's Garage, opposite Milestones Museum.

"Back in the day" a group of girls used to climb the wall on the north side of Thornycroft Lane to get their annual crop of conkers...

(for the school playground conker competition) from the estate's avenue of chestnut trees. Such activities are no longer allowed in this "day and age"! (instead we seem to have caged overweight kids being bullied on social media and dependent on tranquillisers!).

Red Cross records describe the West Ham House building as "the Thornycroft Employee Hut", later Thornycroft Club House, then West Ham Red Cross Hospital, which opened from December 1914 to January 1919 for those injured and delivered by rail during WW1.



Credit Alistair Blair

A local story is that when Thornycroft used to make Steamboats on the Thames at Chiswick, John Thornycroft was passing by on a bicycle and decided to buy the large house on this West Ham estate, to start his business. He eventually produced steam powered motor cars from 1896. He then made Steam and then petrol engined lorries.

Certainly in 1919, Thornycroft purchased 36 acres of the former West Ham Estate. They used West Ham House as a boarding house for up to 40 of their pupils and apprentices. In the late 40s they converted the 16 acre field adjoining the works as a playing field for football (they had a women's football team!), cricket pitches, a bowling green and tennis lawns.

In the early 1970s the West Ham Estate land was taken over for commercial and industrial use, the house was demolished and Grafton Way built.

Brookvale In Bloom

Garden Competition 2018 Results

We were very pleased to welcome new entrants for 2018, and there was a good turnout for prize-giving by the Mayor at the the Tea Party on 22nd July. All the gardens looked fantastic, A result of hard work!

SMALL FRONT GARDEN

- 1 Gold: Di Brown
- 2 Gold: Esme Gainford
- 3 Gold: Stephen Pashley
- 4 Gold: Moyra Thomas
- Gold: Mrs Emma & Miss Jasmine Hope
- Silver: Jon Overton
- Bronze:

- Anna Mannerstrale
- Erica Hartling,
- Mary Lawn
- Christine Ames
- Malcolm MacInnes
- Barry Berryman

SINGLE CONTAINER

- 1 Gold: Stephen Pashley
- 2 Gold: David & Lillian Dennison
- 3 Gold: Sarah Mahon
- Gold:
- Andy Ward
- Mrs. T. D'Orsi
- Norah Wright
- Silver:
- John Overton
- Ann Johns

- Bronze: Esme Gainford

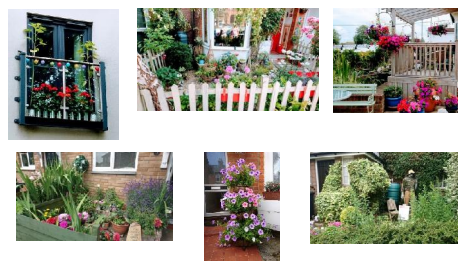
STANDARD FRONT GARDEN

- 1 Gold: David & Lillian Dennison
- 2 Gold: Colin Brant
- 3 Gold: Mrs. T. D'Orsi
- Gold: Eric Baker
- Silver: George Johns

Some scores were very close! – This year medals were awarded according to the scores – well done to all!

Look out for the 2019 entry form in the Spring time.

Here are some of the winners:



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Free Event: Borough Police

19th Century Basingstoke

Village Hall :Thurs 16th August 7-30pm

A 50 year Living History snapshot of the Borough Police work in dealing with crime, criminals & social challenges "back in the day". Bob's entertaining look at the various drunkards, thieves, rioters, "ne'er-do-wells", includes the bungling burglar of Basingstoke, the cork-legged swindler, assorted wild women and feral kids.

Transcripts of the Police Superintendent's diary are enhanced with contemporary newspaper reports providing us with an entertaining and compelling back-story of Basingstoke's colourful past:



Who & where was this?



Followed by the slideshow of Terry Hunt's (1883-1949) glass plate negative derived photo collection. Terry, a professional photographer captured Basingstoke and North Hampshire images "back in the day". These images were used both for company stationery and the travel post cards you buy and record your daytrip activities for your album and to post to your friends for their albums. These images live on within in the popular Basingstoke Calendar, the ideal Christmas present!

Courtesy of Basingstoke Archaeological And Historical Society
Helping you discover Basingstoke's past
www.bahsoc.org.uk



For more information on Living History Past in the Present:
info@brookvale.org.uk

BCA Trustee News

Village Hall Repairs

Please the return the kitchen cutlery for use in parties and meetings thanks.

Dave fitted push taps to reduce wasted water caused by taps being repeatedly left on which then enabled us to have the boiler descaled.

For our West Foyer coffee mornings, we are looking for a 2 seater settee with fire safety label.

Extra solar panels are being fitted to generate more electric and to further shade the roof.

Anti-glare film is being chosen for affixing to our roof lights to reduce the upstairs temperature during sunny days.

Welcome to:

Michaela who is running our weekly Thursday coffee mornings. These are complimentary to our once monthly second Saturday coffee morning.

Bob and Stephen who will be contacting you as our **Community Agents** to encourage your membership and participation in our Community Association. They also gather your feedback, requirements, views on your road, area, town and national issues now and future.

Our future

With population to double by 2050, your feedback to us is essential for many issues including: crime, car parking, bins, vandalism, litter, footways, cycling, sport provision, play and exercise equipment, parks and open spaces, housing development, employment opportunities, schools, green corridors, biodiversity, buses, canal reconnection with marina, integrated traffic management system, pollution, smart transport; more leisure activities including return of carnival, balloons over Basingstoke, firework night, Tour-de-France; new leisure activities including town-wide annual ring road go-cart race, permanent fun fair with "Basingstoke Eye" big wheel with the tall tower lookout to the coast, and finally a town-wide tourism initiative **Living History Past In The Present** making history come alive to honour the town's past achievements and experience past events:

Volunteers needed:

- * Event Hosts
- * Gardener
- * Maintainer
- * Caretaker
- * Community Plan
- * Consultation Responder

malcolm@brookvale.org.uk



DSC Report

May Street Houses

Are having their services connected in the front gardens.

18/00897/FUL Phoenix Court

Can all watch this and report any movement back to us please?

Consultations

These are a continual drain on time and resource in monitoring and responding to them. We are looking for a volunteers who can be

Consultation Responders. This work is flexible whenever there is a spare 5 minutes and online access. You won't be bored as each issue needs researching before reply!

Horizon 2050 Consultation:

Borough Vision for doubled population:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/horizon2050

[horizon2050](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/horizon2050)

Before Sunday 19 August 2018

Passenger Consultation:

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting

With further cuts, there is a multipart multiple choice Hampshire consultation on Street Light switching off, reduction in bus subsidies and concessionary travel scheme (removal of routes and bus pass validity and charging).

Before Sunday 5th August

Homeless Consultation:

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/Homeless-support-services

Reduction in homeless day centres.

Before Friday 10th August

Affordable Housing:

Department for Communities radically changed planning law so Councils lose right to block developments if they fail to build their fair quota:

www.constructionmanagermagazine.com/news/government-publishes-revised-national-planning-policy



Where was this?

Credit VCH

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Lottery

3Cs Lottery Winners:

Drawn at Coffee Mornings:

Feb 2018

£50 805 Solby's Road
 £30 488 Queen's Road
 £20 228 George Street

Mar 2018

£50 552 George Street
 £30 270 Queen's Road
 £20 207 Highfield Chase

April 2018

£50 186 George Street
 £30 614 Rayleigh Road
 £20 488 Highfield Chase

Costs £12-10 per year, includes annual membership fee. See column 3 to enquire & help.

152 Inns, Alehouses, Public

Houses and Beer Houses up to the Great Destruction 1966 plus later losses.

Willis Museum: £20

Or: Mrs Lin Penny
 At Oakley on 01256 780947

Harvest Chapel International

Divine Elevation
 Pastor Rev. Chris. weekly Services
Monthly Last Fridays 7pm—9pm
Sundays 10:30am-12:30pm
 Brookvale Village Hall
07958 757173

Basingstoke Blues Club

In association with
Basingstoke Railway Club:
 Saturdays 8pm till late. £8 on the door
 Rex 01256-321837/07979-422590

Committee Coffee Morning
Meet Volunteers & Committee



Each 2nd Saturday 10:30am
Each weekly Thursday 10:30am
 Discuss issues, ideas & events
Free first hot drink!
info@brookvale.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

Annual General Meeting:
 Thurs 6th Sep at 7.30pm
Management Committee:
 Monthly 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm
info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:
 Tues 28th Aug 2018 at 7:30pm
 Tues 27th Nov 2018 at 7:30pm
 Tues 26th Mar 2019 at 7:30pm
Malcolm 01256-364498

Neighbourhood Watch

Queens Road:
Phil & Val 01256-421621

Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group

Term time, Mondays:
10am – 11.30am

£2 per session, per family
 Brookvale Village Hall
Catherine 07957109970
info@brookvale.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust

Coffee 'n Chat Drop in each Friday:
10am – Midday.
 Brookvale Village Hall
 £2 per session, per family
0844 243 6041
coordinator.basingstoke@nct.org.uk

Yoga for Pregnancy

Mum's relaxation session
Tuesdays at: 5:30pm & 7:30pm.
 Brookvale Village Hall
yfp@basingstokenct.org.uk

Basingstoke Sling Library

Babyware Sling Hire
Alternate Fridays: 10am – Midday.
 Brookvale Village Hall
basingstokeslinglibrary@gmail.com

Wu Shu Kwan

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:
Sundays: 7pm – 9pm
 Brookvale Village Hall
07738 096346

Taoist Tai Chi

Wednesdays: 2pm-3:30pm
 Brookvale Village Hall
01256-882534

Muddy Fingers Gardening Club 2-5yr
Coming September 2018

Adult accompanied for: songs, rhymes, stories, craft & planting
info@muddyfingersgardeningclub.co.uk

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619>

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<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/>

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