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The regular newsletter of



**Brookvale**  
Community Association

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## Hall makeover consultation Friday 2nd March 3-9pm at Brookvale Village Hall

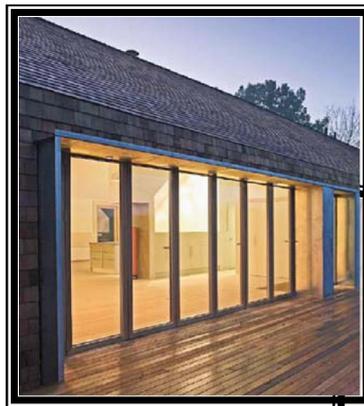
We are claiming the funds developers had to pay the community to give the hall a proper makeover to include repair, refurbish, remodel and reduce energy costs.

We need YOUR community feedback to compile YOUR wish-list for our architect Feasibility Study.

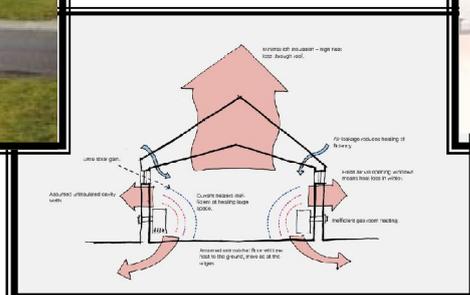
Join us, meet our architects and comment on the options (some of which are shown below), for bringing YOUR hall fully up-to-date for ALL uses becoming part of YOUR future!



**NOW**



**FUTURE**



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 community and committee members and discuss issues that affect you.

**Police Liaison Group**

Ongoing ASB in Victory Park and King George V Playing Field including Dog Fighting, Litter and Drug and Disorderly. A theft at Morrisons Supermarket. Dwelling Burglary is up but has not come closer to us than the Hardy Lane (Path). A robbery in Flaxfield Road. A homeless gentlemen has been seen on Hardy Lane (Path) behind the Caravan Site (mostly) and in King George V Playing Fields and Victory Park who has been found with much drink.

**Digital Switchover**

There is a vulnerable people help scheme including 75 and over, who depend upon TV in their daily life.

12 months post install support can be free of charge if on benefit:

0800 40 85 900

[http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/find\\_help/additional\\_help/help\\_scheme](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/find_help/additional_help/help_scheme)

<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 for:

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

We still want your ideas for hall improvements to: [info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk).

Southern Electricity has dug up the road to find the "leak" as power is down to 207V If you have low voltage, please report this to: 0800 072 7282.

At our May AGM there is a resolution to restate in the BCA Constitution "to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called the 'Village Hall')." Your comments please.

Do you remember the Thornycroft display that was In Safeway's?

Our thanks to Morrison's who brought the pictures out of storage, and to the Thornycroft Society who kindly donated them for display in our Hall. We will put these pictures up once they are restored.

We always need new committee members, so please join us for a variety of tasks including general admin, special projects or events.

<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 decided to become a full time Professor of

Punch and Judy In 2005, he left the security of paid employment at Lansing Linde, and further enhanced his repertoire by visiting schools around the South and providing the History of the Victorian Seaside Theme, which became part of the School Curriculum, Norman enjoyed every minute of his life as Mr Punch's handyman, with the emphasise on Normans hands.

Norman was also a Member of the Magicians in Basingstoke and often seen carrying out 'table magic' at formal Dinners, along with entertaining children with balloon modelling, and kids magic. Many will remember, with great affection, Derek the Performing Duck.

As if life wasn't busy enough Norman became a Member of the Oakley Lodge of Freemason's in 1986, attaining the position of Master in 1996, he was also a Member of side degrees including Mark, and Chapter, taking an active role within, his skill of retaining ritual was no doubt assisted by his theatrical background.

To be continued...

<p>marco <b>polo</b> 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 <a href="http://www.marcopolo-hair.co.uk">www.marcopolo-hair.co.uk</a></p>	

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## Greening News

The Greening Campaign responded to the recent Government consultation on the Green Deal.

Insulate Hampshire's offer to install loft and cavity wall insulation **FREE** is still available until 31<sup>st</sup> March. Call 0800 952 0037 to arrange a **FREE** survey.

The Basingstoke Solar Energy Co-Op is now up and running now. They provide affordable solar panel systems and have already installed systems in Brookvale. As a co-operative its customers own the business and have a say in how it is run and by whom. All profits the co-op make are available to invest in community projects. Contact the Basingstoke Solar Co-Op to find out more at: [membership@esco-op.com](mailto:membership@esco-op.com)

The BBC reported that the consumer watchdog Which? is hoping that people power can be used to drive down the cost of our energy bills. Which? launched a campaign to persuade more people to switch providers for a cheaper tariff. Which? says customers are missing out on billions of pounds of savings and it wants bill payers to group together to negotiate better rates.

We are still looking for Greening Brookvale launch event volunteers. This year our Home Energy Fair will be held on the 9th September, with workshops to help you save money on your energy bills. Contact Basingstoke Transition Network at: [info@basingstoketransition.org](mailto:info@basingstoketransition.org) or Martin on 07771 805000

## Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks



### Update:

Although there is not much "hands-on" work in the winter, the group has been busy linking with the Basingstoke Conservation Network about management of the town's green spaces and trees, and finding out about the Council's Green Infrastructure policy. As Spring comes in, you will see the results of Gail and Joe planting bulbs in Victory and King George. Thanks to them for all their work! Please remember that Brookvale in Bloom this year includes a photo competition, so look out for opportunities in the Brookvale Parks and gardens! If you need more information, or you want to help this year, do please contact [info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

### Development SubCtte

The Council's **LDF Core Strategy** is out for consultation, in particular the inclusion or exclusion of major sites.

Friday 10th Feb to Fri 23rd March:  
LDF Team 01256-845464/532:

[ldf@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@basingstoke.gov.uk)  
[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/corestrategy](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/corestrategy)

### Neighbourhood Design Statement:

We have a dialogue with the Council in providing a wish list covering Infrastructure, Street-scene, Safety, Transport, Services, New build, Biodiversity & Business. Ensure you send your issues to us:

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



## New Interpretation Board

### History to present day!

When BCOT install our new Interpretation Board in Victory Park, you will see one of the panels which shows a theme of:

### Early History

Brookvale has a long history of settlement. Roman nails, paving, pottery, were found by Victory Park. The site is now under Churchill Way. Finds of a spearhead and a knife indicate Saxon settlement. Records show a tan yard, pits, houses, mill and mill houses in North Brook Street (Brook Street) in 1663.

Much of the land was owned by the Duke of Bolton, Winchester College and Magdalen College.

There was a workhouse on Frog Lane (Lower Brook Street) and field names of Long Croft and Sheepwash Meadow show rural life. Flaxpool is a link to linseed and linen production, and osiers were grown here, to make fencing. A map of 1762 shows that all the land use was agricultural, from Deep Lane Barn in the west to Basingstoke Parsonage (Chute House) in the east.

Land holdings were dramatically changed by the Enclosure Act of 1788, and have continued to change ever since.

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### Brookvale In Bloom



**Will your gardens, hanging baskets and containers be ready for the judges 9th to 16th July??**

In addition we are holding a Brookvale pictures photo competition:

- \* Plant Portrait
- \* Landscape (Urban/Rural)
- \* Parks/Gardens/Nature/Wildlife
- \* Young Photographer (under 16 – also accept a school entry)
- \* Macro/Abstract (Close up of a flower/spider web/ grass/insect/bird, shadow of a flower, pattern/texture on a garden furniture etc.)
- \* Olympic/Jubilee Theme
- \* Prints must be 6"x 4" up to A4 (maximum)
- \* Closing date 20th July
- \* Judging Sat 28th July, with the competition prize giving.
- \* For information and full terms ask a Committee Member/drop a note to [info@Brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@Brookvale.org.uk)

**Please buy plants/seeds with the Sarah Raven RHS Perfect for Pollinators badge!**

#### Friends of Willis Museum

**Thur Mar 15th 7:30pm**

My Life In Films

By Alan Turton

**Thur Apr 19th 7:30pm**

What the Butler Saw

By John Pitman

**Phone:** Museum: 01256-465902

#### UK WalkPancreatic Cancer

**Sun Mar 4th 2pm:**

1.5Km of the Basing Trail

**Sponsor forms from:**

**Phone:** Liz Gray:01256-465821

[tgray91278@aol.com](mailto:tgray91278@aol.com)

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

#### Rotary Garden & Crafts Festival

**Sun April 22nd 10am:**

Milestones Leisure Park

[www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org](http://www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org)

### Upcoming Events

#### Committee Meetings

**Management Committee:**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr at 7.30pm

**Development SubCommittee:**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</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 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar and Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Apr:

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

**Helen Vickers 07585 808533**

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

#### Picnic In the Park: Glebe Gardens

**Sunday 24th June 2012 12:30pm:**

bring blanket and chairs

350 years of Punch & Judy

**Free Entertainment & Prizes**

Pam: 01256 324313

#### Car Boot Sale: Village Hall

**Saturday 30th June 2012: £5 per car**

See any Committee Member

### BCA Information

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

**Brookvale Lottery:**

Pam Mansfield,

*Lottery Agent*

(01256) 324313

[pam@boostsurvey.co.uk](mailto:pam@boostsurvey.co.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

[calmacinnes@ntlworld.com](mailto:calmacinnes@ntlworld.com)

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

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Councillor Doris Jones

(01256) 415062

[cllr.doris.jones@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.doris.jones@basingstoke.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>

**Your Borough CSPO is:**

Martin Lee (077)

01256 845700

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

**Your Area PCSO is:**

PCSO Stephanie Bradley

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

**Your Beat Officer is:**

PC Jennifer Mercer:

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