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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Flags, Blooms & Party! June: 2nd-5th, 20th & 24th Brookvale Competition photos by 5th July!



Celebrate 2012 with bunting, flowers and fairy lights on your home.

During 2nd to 5th JUNE deliver your Jubilee garden photos to 20 Southend Road, or post them onto our Facebook page.

By 20th JUNE pass your front garden/containers & neighbour Brookvale In Bloom entries to Cathy!

On 24th JUNE 12:30-5pm bring a blanket and picnic to Glebe Gardens for Party In The Park with unmissable Kid's fancy dress, all ending in a Grand Parade at 4.45pm.

From 5th to 20th JULY we will be judging non-gardener entries to 20 Southend Road/Facebook for our new Brookvale local Photography competition.



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 neighbours, community and committee members and discuss issues that affect you.

Parability

Chris is doing wheelchair racing for good causes. The DBMTF (Daniel Bowler Memorial Trust Fund), Drum Runners & Shaw Trust support the Parability project.

This Parability Event launched with media coverage at DBMTF 10th Anniversary Fun Day in Russell Howard Park on Saturday 5 May and Sunday 6 May 2012.

Chris needs events, transport, sponsors, fundraising, posters displayed & event assistance. For example, £75 buys a portable threshold ramp.

His target of £5000 enables disabled people to take part in volunteering on a level playing field. The costs that Chris still needs to raise to cover his initial overheads are:

- £130 wheelchair racing gloves
- £3000+ racing wheelchair.

The **web page** is:
<http://www.drumrunners.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=26>

The **Twitter page** is:
www.twitter.com/parability

The **Facebook page** is:
www.facebook.com/parability

E-mail: Parability@drumrunners.org

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

BCA Matters

Volunteers for:

- * Hall Booking Agent (Cathy)
- * Lottery Collectors (Pam)
- * Greening (Martin)
- * Volunteer Accountant (Cathy)

We always need **new committee members**, so please join us for a variety of tasks including general admin, special projects or events:
info@brookvale.org.uk

From the 1st of May the County are undertaking a summer period rolling programme of **road closures** around the area for resurfacing (while BCOT is closed). The County will carry out a letter drop to residents approximately two weeks before each closure.

Basingstoke NeighbourCare:

Could you have time for tea and a chat? Love driving and want to get out more?

We would like to invite you to come along to our 'drop in' sessions to meet us, see:

www.neighbourcare.com

Formed in 1997 we are a registered charity dedicated to helping people remain independent and in their own homes. We help with everyday tasks such as attending appointments, shopping, taking clients to see loved ones or taking time to chat to the lonely and elderly.

We would be grateful for whatever time you can spare. Volunteer's fuel costs are reimbursed: Call 01256 423855
volunteering@neighbourcare.com

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 Music was seen as a

Member of 'The Blue Vein' Rhythm and Blues Band.

In any spare time he did have he worked with Paul McCarthy in building fairground and street organs, many of his ornate carvings can be seen on McCarthy Organs at Events throughout the Country. Norman, with the help of Paul McCarthy built his own Organ, finally owning a large version fitted within a 4 wheel trailer, which he built himself plus a small street organ, which would be turned by hand to produce their distinctive sounds. Norman and Julie toured the country playing these Tunes. They attended the national Punch & Judy Festival each year in Southend, the organ providing entertainment between showings.

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 News

Solar Panel Update – Official Opening at 12 noon 2nd June.

The Mayor may arrive in an electric car!

Well we finally got planning permission for the Solar panels and got them up and installed. Many thanks to Basingstoke Energy Co-operative who installed them for us. We think they look really good and it's a great first for Brookvale. And as far as we know our panels are the first community owned power station in Basingstoke.

The panels will generate electricity and income for our community for the next 40 years. And Southern Electricity tell us that the spare electricity generated will power the homes in the Brookvale area. So some of us can honestly say we are using solar energy every time the sun is shining!!

In fact the panels will generate so much power that SSE is having to upgrade the link between the Hall and their network – that's why all the work is going on outside the Hall. SSE says they will be finished by May 18th.

To celebrate, our Mayor has agreed to officially "open" the panels on 2nd June at 12 noon. He hopes to arrive in an electric car and use the panels to top up the batteries. We just hope the sun is shining or he's walking back to the Town Hall! It will be great to see a good crowd at the official opening – hope to see you all there!

info@basingstoketransition.org or Martin on 07771 805000

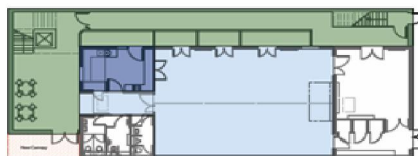
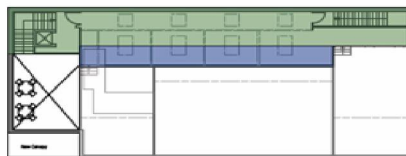
Village Hall Upgrade

Progress:

Design ACB produced some options for improving storage, access and energy efficiency. Their boards are still in the Hall for anyone who missed the Open Day in March.

The BCA looked at all the feedback, and decided that the project should provide a lasting legacy in terms of space and flexibility, planned over 3 to 4 years.

First floor



Ground floor

The team are looking at adding a north extension, a double height west entrance with front-facing doors – and an upper floor. Once this is agreed as a long-term project you can take part in plenty of RAISE THE ROOF fundraising events!

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John James

History to present day!

On Saturday April 28th at 11.00am in the Holy Ghost cemetery, the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Cllr David Leeks, attended the unveiling of a blue plaque to commemorate the connection with Basingstoke of John James c.1673-1746, Architect, John James.

John was probably born in Basingstoke and spent his young life here - his father was a Vicar of Basingstoke and Master of the Holy Ghost School.

John became Surveyor to the fabric of Westminster Abbey and of St Paul's Cathedral, where he succeeded Sir Christopher Wren. He also collaborated with Nicholas Hawksmoor. Some of his buildings survive.

The plaque was unveiled by Andrew Benson-Wilson, founder chairman of the Basingstoke Heritage Society. The unveiling event took place near the Burgess Road entrance to the Holy Ghost Cemetery.

Ward Elections

Our thanks to Cllr Doris Jones and welcome to Cllr Jack Cousens (see contact details on Page 4).

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Lottery**3Cs Lottery Winners:****October 2011**

£50 818 Solbys Road
 £30 707 Essex Road
 £20 684 Essex Road

November 2011

£50 25 Lower BrookStreet
 £30 865 Southend Road
 £20 712 Essex Road

December 2011

£50 440 Alexandra Road
 £30 121 George Street
 £20 975 Downsland Road

January 2012

£50 125 George Street
 £30 26 Lower BrookStreet
 £20 817 Solbys Road

February 2012

£50 60 Lower BrookStreet
 £30 43 Lower BrookStreet
 £20 909 Brookvale Close

March 2012

£50 58 Lower BrookStreet
 £30 309 Queens Road
 £20 614 Rayleigh Road

April 2012

£50 141 George Street
 £30 667 Essex Road
 £20 252 Queens Road

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

**BCA AGM Brookvale Village Hall
Tuesday 4th Sept 7:30pm:**

Your opportunity to meet your committee to feedback, discuss new ideas & help!

Includes talk by Bob Applin:
Basingstoke before redevelopment
 Local History researched and presented in today's context!
 Free to locals/£2 on the door.
 Cathy: 01256 462688

**Brookvale Home Energy Fair
Saturday 8th Sept Midday to 4pm:**

Save money on your home bills and grow resilience to cope with unaffordable utility bills. Meet experts and get advice.
Fuel Poverty Danceathon
 Raising money to pay an older person's winter fuel bill.
 Malcolm: 01256 364498

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

Tues 19th Jun & 3rd Jul at 7.30pm

Development SubCommittee:

Tuesday 30th October, 7:30pm

committee@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, 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

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
 Cil: 07731980824

Picnic in the Park: Glebe Gardens

Sunday 24th June 2012 12:30pm:

bring blanket, chairs & picnic
 350 years of Punch & Judy
Free Entertainment & Prizes
 Pam: 01256 324313

Car Boot Sale: Village Hall

Saturday 30th June 2012: £5 per car
 Pat: 01256 841687

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@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Jack Cousens
 07912 012746

Cllr.Jack.Cousens@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

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:

Martin Lee (077)
 01256 845700

martin.lee@basingstoke.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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