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The regular newsletter of



**Brookvale**  
Community Association

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## Alice In Wonderland Panto!

**Brookvale Hall**

**Sunday 12th Jan 2pm**



This brand new production brings Lewis Carroll's classic tales 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Alice Through The Looking Glass' to life with classic storytelling, puppetry, circus and a bit of good old fashioned theatrical magic.

Proteus Theatre Company will once again bring their trademark fusion of music, puppetry, circus and physical theatre to their interpretation of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland and Alice Through the Looking Glass, to deliver an anarchic, magical and mad-as-a-hatter performance.

Colourful costumes are offset against a striking, multi-level monochrome set, styled as an open book. Talented actors share the stage with intricately crafted puppets, from a miniature Alice to a selection of creatures that could only be found in Wonderland.

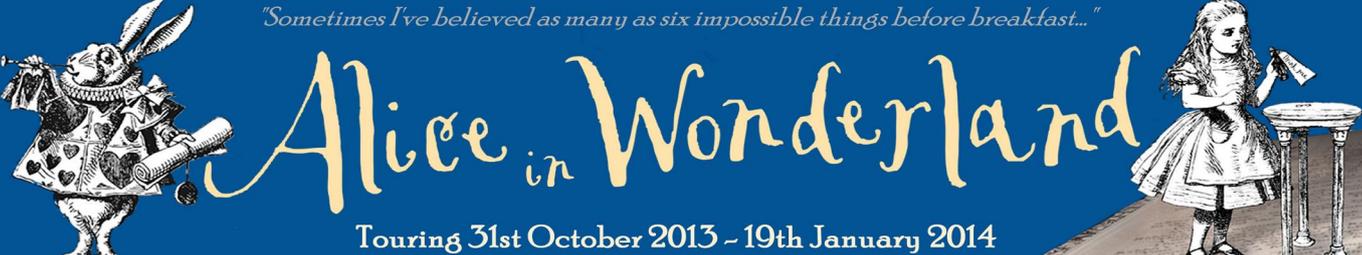
**Tickets from Pam : 01256 324313**

Child £5, Family £6, Concession £7, Adult £8

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

What is the use of a book, without pictures or conversations?

*"Sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast..."*



# Alice in Wonderland

Touring 31st October 2013 - 19th January 2014

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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**Friends Of Loddon Vale Parks**



We entered South & SouthEast in Bloom competition back in the hottest day last year!

We received these awards for our communities:

Brookvale Community Association – It's Your Neighbourhood Award - Level 4 Thriving

The Friends of Loddon Vale Parks – It's Your Neighbourhood Award - Level 3 Developing

Small Park - Victory Park – Silver Gilt Award

Thanks and congratulations to all our Volunteers, especially Joe, Christine & Debbie.

The Friends have planted 500 crocus bulbs by the west gate to Victory - these should make a great display!"

For Litter-Pick meetings:

**Phone: 07780600758**

Follow us:

[Facebook - Brookvale - Litterpickers](#)



**Volunteers working on the Station Master's Garden!**

<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><b>7 Deep Lane, Basingstoke</b> <b>Telephone 01256 468727</b></p>

**BCA Matters**

Hall new foundations and steelwork, walls now taking shape, increasing the building footprint by 150%, still on budget!

We thank our residents and hirers for their patience during the minimized disruption, with an opening planned for March 14.

**Festive Bin Collections**

Rubbish and recycling collection crews will be working on Saturdays to catch up with over the Christmas & New Year break holidays from Monday 23 December to Saturday 11 January inclusive.

The rule being that if your bin day falls on a public holiday day, please put your bin out the next working day (including Saturdays) after each public holiday.

Extra sacks will only be accepted in your first collection after Xmas.

Collections return to your normal days on Monday 13th January.

**National Minimum Wage**

**From 1st October 2013**

**School leavers** up to age 18:

£3-68 increased to £3-72

**Workers aged 18** up to age 21:

£4-98 increased to £5-03

**Workers aged 21** and over:

£6-19 increased £6-31

**Healthwatch Hampshire**

**Madeline Close**

Our new independent consumer champion for health and social care feedback and signposting...

Wants your experiences of healthcare issues, needs and concerns that people, groups, organisations have in relation to health & social care services: 01962 857367

[madeline.close@healthwatchhampshire.co.uk](mailto:madeline.close@healthwatchhampshire.co.uk)

**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

**Greening**

**Winter energy saving tips**

The Carbon Trust estimates that you could cut your energy bills by as much as 20% just by implementing simple, inexpensive energy efficiency measures.

Lighting control, optimising room and water temperatures, and raising energy awareness are just some of the options. Here are some easy energy efficiency tips to get you started:

- Avoid overheating bedrooms and corridor areas. This is not only expensive, it can also be uncomfortable for sleeping; aim for 19-21°C.
- Ensure good control of your heating system. Use timer switches and thermostatic radiator valves, and check that thermostats are unaffected by draughts, sunlight, radiators and fireplaces.
- Service your boiler regularly. This could help you save up to 10% of your annual heating costs.
- Ensure that pipe work is well insulated.
- Do not overheat hot water. A temperature of 60°C is ideal: it provides comfortable hot water & is hot enough to kill legionella bacteria.
- Consider fitting spray water taps, as they use less hot water and energy.
- Make sure that leaking taps are repaired promptly.
- Ensure that pipe work is well insulated.

<http://www.carbontrust.com/>

**MARK SMITH**  
**PLUMBING AND HEATING**

All aspects of Plumbing & Heating work undertaken.

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## Winter Motoring Tips

- \* Check tyre pressures and depths regularly, for stability in ice and snow.
- \* Ensure your wipers & washers are working with the correct wash mix to help clear windscreens.
- \* Keep an Ice Scraper and a shovel (to dig yourself out if necessary)
- \* Clear all your windscreens and lights, see and be seen.
- \* Ensure you have enough fuel for the journey which may take you twice as long as usual.
- \* Keep something to eat and drink and keep a blanket in the car, in case you are stranded.



## Victory Park Tree Dressing Development SubCtte

The V7 Council Plan and LDF were rejected by both the Developers and the Community.

The Officers are "back to the drawing board" after the Developers wanted to increase the annual number of new build units, since the announced lower number of units appears unsubstantiated (infrastructure?).

In the New Year we encourage you to write to your elected representatives (see rear page) and give your views on infrastructure provision before development to ensure community facilities and environment access, activities, conservation and improvements are mandated.

With no planning zones, and no protection for green space, parks, woodland and water courses, your quality of life is likely to worsen with continual town overdevelopment.

See Brookvale examples of "cramming" at 89 Worting Road (BDB/77849) and Alexandra Road (13/01875/HSE), was BDB/57203.

## Saunders Field

90% of people regularly visit their parks and green spaces. Rethinking Parks innovation workshops will be run in January 14, supported by Nesta, Heritage & Big Lottery funds:

- 1) Management & Maintenance
- 2) Partnerships & Collaboration
- 3) Diversified Funding & Resources
- 4) New uses and activities

<http://tinyurl.com/p6ots9r>

The Environment Agency recently held Loddon Catchment River Basin Management consultation workshops to encourage volunteers to get involved in developing localised management plans to cover the Loddon "headwaters" to the river environment.

To address the causes of catchment failing to meet EU WFD standards – both chemically and ecologically:

- \* watercourse physical modification (remedy is deculverting, unstraightening etc.)
- \* point source pollution (outflow pipes, process breakdowns)
- \* diffuse urban pollution (limitations of water treatment facilities, effects of urban run-off)
- \* diffuse rural pollution (agricultural chemicals in runoff, soil loss)
- \* abstraction levels
- \* impact of invasive & non-native species of flora and fauna (threats to native species).

The Wickes "balancing" pond black water has flowed into the Saunders Field indirectly providing pumping station water collection and direct flow downstream via the parks to the Loddon in Basing Fen.

**Call Malcolm 01256 364498**



## BCA Bygones

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

## Cleggie My Mate Norm

### A Eulogy By Tom Gilvear:

I'm sure many of you will be saying 'Oh Tom never mentioned this event, or that situation', such was Norm's boisterous, creative, and sometimes chaotic life, that we all have different memories of him, our own personal memories, the daft things he made us do, often to help others, to help raise funds, or just have a good time. These of course will be our own personal reflections, but added together they create a lifestyle of someone who brought fun laughter and creativity to many.

Julie, Paul, Morwenna, Debbie, James, and the four Grandchildren, George, Stella, Dylan, and Callum, can be justifiably proud, that his name will live on as someone who put life into his puppets, not only here in Basingstoke, but across the South of England in Schools, where he provided much traditional, and historical education to young children, along with his magical skills.

Mr Punch was no doubt proud to have worked with you,

I am proud to have known - my mate **Norm**

RIP



Where is this?

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**Lottery****3Cs Lottery Winners:****Drawn at 3cs Coffee Mornings:****Aug 2013**

£50	8	Lower Brook St
£30	601	Rayleigh Road
£20	614	Rayleigh Road

**Sept 2013**

£50	525	Highfield Chase
£30	320	Winterthur Way
£20	306	Queens Road

**Oct 2013**

£50	719	Longcroft Road
£30	438	Alexandra Road
£20	18	College Road

Costs **£1 per month**, plus **10p** annual membership fee and volunteer offers of help to:  
**Pam 01256-324313**

**Café Scientific****Mon 27th January**

Janet West of 7gen:

"ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DIGITAL MEDIA"

**Mon 24th February**

Roger Martin of Population Matters:

"STABLE POPULATIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY"

**Mon 31st March**

Professor Toby Tyrrell of Southampton Oceanography Centre:

"LIFE &amp; ENVIRONMENT - EVALUATING GAIA"

All at The Tea Bar 9-13 London Street from **7.00pm** to buy drinks and cakes before the **talk starts at 7.30pm** before the **discussion ends at 9pm**.

[info@cafesci-basingstoke.org.uk](http://info@cafesci-basingstoke.org.uk)**Our Proteus Panto 2014!**

Alice In Wonderland

**Sunday 12th January 2:30pm:**

Brookvale Village Hall:

Tickets **£5, £6, £7, £8** Pay via:**Pam 01256-324313****Upcoming Events****Committee Meetings****Management Committee:**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30pmThurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm**Development SubCommittee:**

Papers &amp; Updates submission:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2014 at 7:30pm

Round Table Meeting:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul 2014 at 7:30pm**Malcolm 01256-364498**[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)**3Cs Coffee Morning**

Normally held each First Monthly Saturday without a Bank Holiday:

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb & Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Mar:

10am - 12 midday

**Pam 01256-324313****Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group closed & needs new volunteers!**

Was Brookvale Village Hall

(Term time, Mondays:

10 – 11.30am)

£1 per session, per family

**Meg 0788-570323**[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)**National Childbirth Trust**

Each Friday:

10 – Midday.

Brookvale Village Hall

£1 per session, per family

**Helen Vickers 07585-808533**[info@basingstokenct.org.uk](mailto:info@basingstokenct.org.uk)**The Vale Youth Club**

Term time, Wednesdays:

7pm – 8.30pm

Minimum "Year 7" upwards

Entry £1 on the Door

**Andy or Sarah 07890-708696****Toddler Time**

Term time, Tuesdays:

10.30-12noon

Essex Hall on Essex Road

Free of charge

**Cil: 07731-980824****Neighbourhood Watch****Queens Road: Phil & Val:****01256-421621****BCA Information**[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>[http://www.facebook.com/pages/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)[Brookvale-heart-of-](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-heart-of-Basingstoke/135744975619)[Basingstoke/135744975619](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:**

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*Lottery Agent*

(01256) 324313

[pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk)**Disability/Mobility issues:**

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*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*

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