

# blurb!

The regular newsletter of



Brookvale  
Community Association

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## A CHRISTMAS KNIGHT

What do you do if you're face to face with a dragon?  
Is jousting as painful as it looks?



Join Jack as he spends his Christmas Day finding out the hard way in this magical new puppet show for children and their families aged 4 and up.

PROTEUS

Scratch Built  
PRODUCTIONS

Saturday 7th December, 2.30pm

Brookvale Village Hall

Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP

Tickets: £8 adults, £5 children

Box office: 01256 324313 or visit [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com) and search for Brookvale

For all the latest local news, events and information:

[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

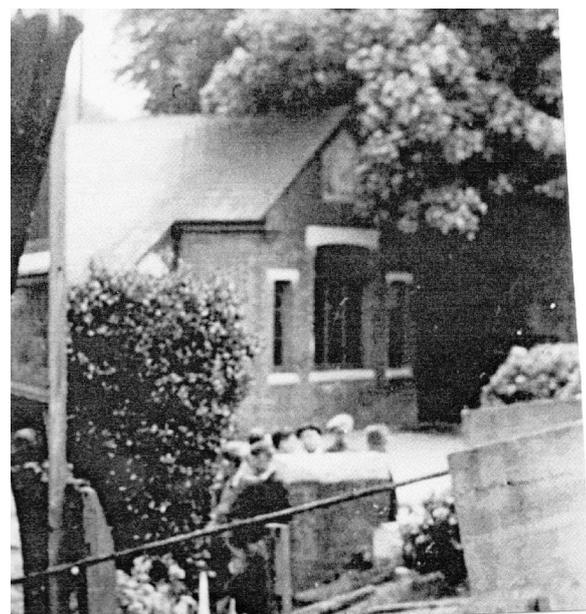
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**Bygones**

**Brookvale's Lost Chapels**

What we know as Old Brookvale was once known as Newtown, because homes were built rapidly for the new industries between 1870 and 1931. Besides the need for a new school, built in 1906, the new population also needed the provision of churches.



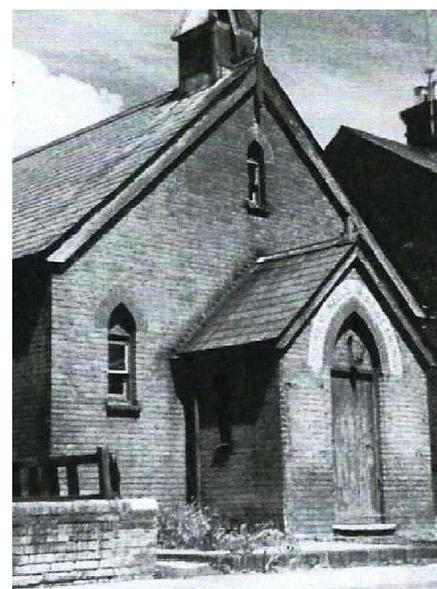
Basingstoke was already developing westwards. The **Primitive Methodist Chapel** was built in 1847, enlarged in 1863, disused as a Primitive chapel in 1901 & demolished in the 1960s. It stood in Flaxfield Road, behind the Pear Tree pub, also demolished in the 1960s.

**Longcroft Hall** (side view above) in May Street, erected in 1878, became the base for the Railway Mission, started in 1893. It was taken over by London Street Congregational Church in 1913 and closed in 1941 (front view below). Of course, most of May Street was demolished.



The Working Men's Mission Hall in George Street opened in 1905, extended in 1913 for 250 capacity and transferred to the Methodists in 1928. It was later used by the Boys' Brigade, now there are homes on the site.

Who is sitting on the wall?



In the 1880s, there were also alterations to a house to make an evening school mission room (not shown) by W. Powell (builder) in Lower Brook Street.

Please send details to BCA!

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### Correction: New Councillor

Ryan Hickling, continues to look after Stuart's "old patch", until next election, when 3 Councillors will cover an enlarged Brookvale & King's Furlong Ward.

### Brexit:

#### EU Settlement Scheme Support

Yes, we know you (and us) are fed up with Brexit, but some will be adversely impacted:

#### Local residents can get help and support on changes that may affect them following Brexit:

Supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley will be providing a new service to support residents in the borough affected by changes as a result of Brexit.

European citizens living in the UK are required to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue **living in the UK after 30 June 2021**, with an estimated 7,000 people currently living in the borough needing to apply to the scheme.

Other support the charity will provide includes guidance on employment rights and EU employees' rights to stay, UK citizens living overseas and looking to return and consumer concerns such as travel insurance & healthcare access.

As well as help and support from Citizens Advice, digital assistance is available for residents who do not have the access, skills or confidence to complete the online form by appointment at Viabes Community Centre.

To arrange an appointment, call **We Are Digital on 03333 445675**.

The new service forms part of the council's preparation work, alongside its partners, to look at the potential impacts and opportunities that Brexit may bring and ensure residents and businesses are prepared:

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

## BCA Trustee News

### Letterbox

As the hall letterbox is being targeted during the small hours lights out, we have had to reluctantly remove it and ask that any monies are passed to us directly or on-line.

### Volunteers



Everyone can be a part of your Community Association, carrying out small activities like cake baking, to high profile activities like Event Host.

In addition to the familiar roles of cleaning the hall (for the toddlers to roam around the floor), repairing and redecorating our hall, tending grass, flowers, fruit and veg in our Community Garden, a recent review highlighted new roles (some paid); thus all 34 roles are now listed out on our website on-line application form covering these topics:

- \* Management Committees
- \* Event Hosts/Health & Safety
- \* Web Content/Outreach
- \* Caretaker/Reception
- \* Community Plan/Reporter
- \* Consultation Responder/Researcher
- \* Community Handyman/Gardener
- \* Coffee Morning Host/Lottery Agents

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

**Opportunities to increase your skills & CV!**

### DSC Report

The latest SHELAA list of 230 housing development sites will deliver some 15,000 homes over the next 10 years.

It is currently unclear how all the accompanying infrastructure will be up-rated & if not, how that will affect us. HCC were asked about the impact of an extra 15,000 (minimum ?) cars on the ring road. Their reply did not currently include that calculation but their Transport Strategy specifying a Mass Rapid Transport System (no Leisure Park, Park & Ride? "high end retail" to come to Festival Place empty units?).

Both HCC & BDBC declared Climate Emergencies, focussing the urgent need to cut carbon to Net Zero by 2050 (latest) to limit the warming overshoot. Community Groups Planning Feedback spread developed to rate any development; Community Liveability, Environment, Cycling, Net Zero:

Copies for your own responses from:

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

## Chronic Pain

### New Support Groups

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum have created two new monthly Chronic Pain Support Groups:

\* Daytime sessions on the third Mondays from 1pm to 3pm at The Roger Morris Centre, Eastrop Way

\* Evening sessions on the first Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm at Popley Fields Community Centre.

**Booking not required.**

You are welcome to come along if you are affected by any chronic pain condition, or are a carer of someone suffering with such a condition.

The sessions are an opportunity to meet people with common experiences or concerns, in a relaxed environment and to provide each other with encouragement, comfort and advice. Some sessions include the opportunity to take part in an activity or hear from a relevant speaker. For more information about what's on:

**call: 01256 423869**

**Website: [www.bddf.org.uk](http://www.bddf.org.uk)**

**email: [info@bddf.org.uk](mailto:info@bddf.org.uk)**

### NeighbourCare (Blurb#79)

#### More Volunteer Drivers!

Accompanied transport service for the elderly, infirm or those who need a little help with mobility where public transport is unsuitable. Includes medical appointments, providing trips to visit a loved one, taking them to older persons' clubs, or simply taking them shopping. **We need you during weekday day time.** You use your own car & we pay 45p per mile to cover your costs: call **01256 423855** or email: [info@neighbourcare.com](mailto:info@neighbourcare.com).

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**Activities**

**3Cs Lottery Winners:**

**Costs £12-10** per year, includes annual membership fee.

See column 3 to enquire & help.

**May 2019**

- £50 338 Queen's Road
- £30 648 Rayleigh Road
- £20 885 Southend Road

**June 2019**

- £50 320 Winterthur Way
- £30 362 Alexander Road
- £20 521 Deep Lane

**July 2019**

- £50 237 George Street
- £30 577 George Street
- £20 486 Highfield Chase

**August 2019**

- £50 70 Lower Brook Street
- £30 306 Queen's Road
- £20 319 Queen's Road

**September 2019**

- £50 513 Deep Lane
- £30 883 Southend Road
- £20 705 Essex Road



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**Neighbourhood Watch**

Queens Road:

**Phil & Val 01256-421621**

**Harvest Chapel International**

**Divine Elevation**

Pastor Rev. Chris. weekly Services  
Brookvale Village Hall

**Monthly Last Fridays 7pm-12pm**

**Sundays 11am-1pm**

**07958 757173**

**BCA Community Coffee Morning**

Meet neighbours & volunteers.



**Each weekly Thursday 10:30am & Each 2nd Saturday 10:30am**

Brookvale Village Hall

**Issues, ideas, events & support**

**Free first hot drink!**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Held in Brookvale Village Hall:

**Committee Meetings**

**Management Committee:**

**Monthly 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:30pm**

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

**Development SubCommittee:**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 19 & 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 20 7:30pm**

**Malcolm 01256-364498**

**Brookvale Baby&Toddler Group**

Term time

**Mondays: 10am – 11.30am**

£2 per session, per family

**Catherine 07957109970**

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

**National Childbirth Trust**

Coffee 'n Chat

**Drop in each Friday:**

**10am – Midday.**

£2 per session, per family

**0844 243 6041**

[coordinator.basingstoke@nct.org.uk](mailto:coordinator.basingstoke@nct.org.uk)

**Yoga for Pregnancy**

Mum's relaxation session

**Tuesdays at: 5:30pm & 7:30pm.**

[yfp@basingstokenct.org.uk](mailto:yfp@basingstokenct.org.uk)

**Wu Shu Kwan**

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

**Sundays: 5pm – 7pm**

**07449 673036**

**Taoist Tai Chi**

**Wednesdays: 2pm-3:30pm**

**01256-882534**

**Muddy Fingers Gardening Club 2-5yr**

**Tuesdays 10am—11am**

Adult accompanied for: songs, rhymes, stories, craft & planting

[info@muddyfingersgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:info@muddyfingersgardeningclub.co.uk)

**Bundely HCC Supported Parents**

**Buy/Sell Unwanted Items:**

[www.bundely.com](http://www.bundely.com)

books, toys and clothes, to nursery furniture and baby equipment:

<http://>

[www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk](http://www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk)

[/new-bundle-business-launched](http://www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk/new-bundle-business-launched)

Charmain (Co-Founder)

**Where was this?**



**BCA Information**

**Brookvale Website:**

[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

**Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:**

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

**Hall Booking Agent:**

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

**Brookvale Lottery:**

Catherine Mawer,

Lottery Agent

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

**Local Development issues:**

Malcolm Maclhnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

(01256) 364498

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

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

Councillor Michael Westbrook

07900 502995

[cllr.michael.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.michael.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk)

Councillor Jack Cousens

07912 012746

[cllr.jack.cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.jack.cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk)

**Your County Councillor is:**

Councillor Michael Westbrook

(01256) 351218

[michael.westbrook@hants.gov.uk](mailto:michael.westbrook@hants.gov.uk)

**Your Town MP is:**

Maria Miller MP

(020) 7219 5749

[maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk)

**Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:**

SGT Trevor Taylor:

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[Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk>

[internet/my-neighbourhood/](http://internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/)

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**Your new CSPO is:**

**Paula James-Bailey**

01256 845383

[cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk)

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Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973.

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