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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale  
Community Association

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Community Ward Residents' news: \* Brookvale Conservation Area \* Kings Furlong \*

**Santa is coming to Brookvale!**  
**Saturday 14th Dec 2:30pm £4 ticket per child!**  
**Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP**



**[Booking@Brookvale.org.uk](mailto:Booking@Brookvale.org.uk) or**

**<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/629077/>**

**Party food! Games for all to play:**

**Giant Snakes & Ladders \* Giant Jenga \* Hopping Mad \* Tin Can Alley.**

**Tickets are not needed for parents, carers and children not visiting Santa.**

**May 2025 BCA 50-50 Celebration!**

audio cassette  
lcd watch three day week skateboards  
test tube baby star wars space hoppers  
tiswas equality  
rubiks cube feminism power cuts  
skinhead glitter tops flares walkman  
email clunk click top gear hotpants calculator  
ska sarah lee disco  
two tone colour tv platform shoes  
doughnuts rayleigh chopper  
mary whitehouse swop shop  
green shield stamps thatcher muppets  
tomorrows world  
video cassette saturday night fever

For local news, events and information:



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

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**BCA 50-50 Celebration**

With 50 years of the BCA and 50 years of music, there is much to include in our celebration next year!

This edition front page remembers some of things that were around in the very early days of the BCA in the 70s.

Back then the Council approved an 11th December 1973 Report (including a survey of Brookvale dwellings) to the Council's Finance, General Purposes & Development Committee on the Brookvale General Improvement Area—Brookvale West (Housing Act 1969).

The BCA needed permanent premises as meetings and activities had to be held in different venues.

On the 18th April 1974 the BCA Mgt Cttee met in the Mission Hall in George Street where the BCA committee aims were to be resolved at a later date because entering a carnival float, connecting Worting Road to the ring road and writing the newsletter, all needing immediate attention.

Later, an open meeting of residents in King George V Playing Field was reported in "Brookvale News sheet No. 1 for residents" dated 29th April 1974.

The search for suitable BCA premises included the Brookvale Primary School and the Head Teacher Mr R.W. Gentry gave a talk to the BCA Mgt Cttee in the BCOT Lecture Room on 17th March 1975, detailing the school ethos and the challenges of moving school furniture, smoking, additional caretaking and cleaning. Please send your memories to:

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

Any ability from any background can join in as a helper all the way upwards to responsible roles:

**Secretary, Lottery Co-Ordinator,  
Care Taker, Cafe  
Host, Event Host,  
Committee Members,  
Social Media  
Responder, Project  
Assistant, Newsletter Delivery,  
Street Reps & Researcher.**

**Increasing skills & CV Opportunities**

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**Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Camrose, Gillies, Hackwood & Beggarwood**

<https://cqhppg.weebly.com>

[cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com](mailto:cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com)

<https://cqhppg.weebly.com/news/november-newsletter-cghb-ppg>

**News**

We now have a new Practice Manager and a new Reception Manager. This can only help as the outgoing manager had been trying to fulfil two roles within the group. We have 5 new permanent doctors now at the surgeries mostly to replace locums and some leavers.

The practice have been suffering severe staff absence due to short and long term illness which affected the service they provide with long wait times for routine appointments now at 6 weeks. The national average is a 4 week wait time and they are striving to try to achieve this. One of the interesting facts given by them for both their and the national figures being so high, is due to long wait times at hospitals for "routine" (hip/joint replacement, minor surgeries etc.) which are also at an all time high, forcing repeat surgery visits for these types of operation, asking for more pain relief or reporting other symptoms – a vicious circle.

**Health Focus**

The practice are offering flu and covid vaccinations and appointments for those who qualify. Meanwhile, for those in urgent need and qualify, other drop-in vaccination stations will be available in chemists etc. around the CGHB catchment area.

<https://cqhpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints/>

**A Steve Partridge memory**

My father Les Partridge went to work for Colebrook & Co in 1924 (Poultry) when he was 14. His older brothers Cyril and George also worked there, serving and driving a delivery van. My father made deliveries around the town on a bike with a front carrier and an advertising plate attached to the frame. George allowed my father to drive the van when he was 14 for short distances in country areas. When he was 15 he started an apprenticeship as a coach trimmer (upholsterer) at J I Thornycroft Ltd.:



Where in Market Place was this?

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**County Cllr Report**

The last few months have been really busy at HCC with many meetings about proposed cuts to services to attempt to close a recurring yearly budget gap of £175m. On 14<sup>th</sup> October the Hampshire County Council Cabinet made its final decisions.

I'm please to report that the constant pressure I have applied was successful in preventing the early termination of homeless support funding contracts. Contracts will now run until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, but after that the future is uncertain. Thank you to everyone who signed the petition, it really helped.

The Labour Group also opposed the plans to close half the Household Waste Recycling Centres (Tips) and the cabinet have agreed to defer this decision and undertake a county wide review to take account of new legislation requiring greater levels of recycling.

School Crossing Patrols were also for immediate chop, but it was agreed to undertake further safety assessments before final decisions were made.

We had some success saving most bus subsidies, so they will remain for bus routes 4, 12, 15, 17 and 14. Basingstoke community transport was saved from the chop following arguments made about the impact this could have. However, some of the extra benefits HCC give to concessionary bus pass holders were withdrawn.

The cuts to the Winter Gritting and Highways budgets went ahead, as did the axing of all grant schemes to valuable community groups such as the Citizens Advice service. Our streetlights will be off for an extra 2 hours a night and dimmed even more than now, and there will be less new stock purchased for our libraries.

Cost will go up for many people receiving domiciliary care and new car parking charges will be introduced to visitors to county parks.

Despite these cuts and charges there is still a massive way to go to close the forecasted budget gap so we can expect more service changes to come in the near future.

Cllr Kim Taylor Basingstoke Central, Leader Labour Hampshire Group.

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## The Basingstoke Admiral A Life of James Lancaster

You might know that Basingstoke has a 'Lancaster' Road and wondered why?

The not well known Sir James Lancaster was one of seven children was born in Basingstoke around 1554. James's father, also called James, was a weaver. The family owned property "Donte's & Heyrons" around the bottom of Wote Street near the Canal Dock and the Loddon Stream. James was educated at the Queen Mary's Grammar School, by the Holy Ghost chapel in South View. He was apprenticed to the Skinners Company, traders in furs and leather. The Puritan Privateer Merchantman Lancaster went to sea with Francis Drake and rose to Director in the East India Company.

He was also accredited as Queen Elizabeth's special envoy to various Eastern potentates.



He also seized & looted a large Portuguese galleon, upsetting the Dutch, but was acquitted in a naval court. Also he purchased two farms, one near Pamber & the other near Louth in Lincolnshire.

In later life he lived in London at St Mary Axe in a big house on the site of the redundant St Augustine "Papeye" church & consequently "preserved" St Thomas, Barts & Bethlam hospitals & Bridwell Prison/Workhouse, & Christ's Hospital/School/Orphanage (Greyfriars). His London house was more convenient for his work in the East India Company when there were no cars, trains, planes, phones,, virtual meetings!

Lancaster became a very rich man from trading in spices of pepper, cloves, nutmeg, mace & cloth. He died on 6th June 1618 and his Will left several legacies to the people of Basingstoke, including the income from the farms, administered by the Skinners Company. In 1713 Basingstoke Corporation gained full control of the properties.

The church of St. Peter was rebuilt in 1861 by the family of the late William and Frances Osiear and the Corporation of Basingstoke as landowner.

Maidenwell House, originally a moated manor house, was replaced in 1903 by the Corporation with a large Edwardian town house. ->

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His "Papeye" house was left to his housekeeper Mrs. Thomasine Owfield to administer to the poor. A trust was set up to endow cousin James Dean's free school; Students & Lecturers at the Holy Ghost, Oxford, Cambridge; Hospitals: St. Thomas' & St. Bartholemew's; Prisons: King's Bench, Marshalsea, White Lyon, Newgate, Ludgate; Debtors Prisons: Wood St. & Poultney. He seems never to have married.

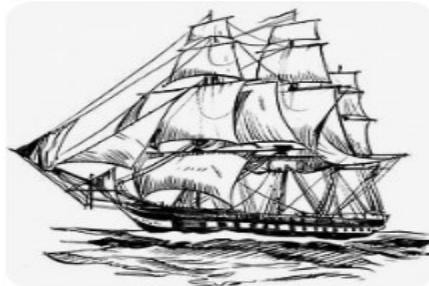
## Voyages Russia

At the end of May 1555 departing London on a second mission from England to Russia with Richard Chancellor in charge in the *Edward Bonaventure*, together with the *Philip* and *Mary*, were to obtain fish oil at Vardø then return to London.

This mission was financed by some former members of the "Company of Merchant Adventurers to New Lands" (which today own land near M3 J7) who now called themselves "Merchant Adventurers for the Discovery of Lands, Countries, Isles, etc., not before known or frequented by any English"; also known as the "Russia Company" or Muscovy Company [sic] ).

## East India

There were many voyages, the earliest of the English overseas Indian expeditions was on 10 April 1591 with Lancaster in charge in the *Edward Bonaventure* & with George Raymond & Samuel Foxcroft in the *Penelope* & *Marchant Royal*. This fleet of three ships started out from Torbay in Devon on Lancaster's major voyage to the Spice Islands. (Lancaster also traded with "Ivan the Terrible").



**Edward Bonaventure**

(Edward was wrecked in the West Indies & captured by the Spanish).

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Over the previous 45 years, until the first reported subscription list in 1599 for an English chartered trading monopoly to the East Indies, the intention was to move English traders "upstream" to the source of Oriental commodities, especially spices.

The First Voyage of the East India Company with Lancaster in command of the East India Company's first fleet from Woolwich 13th February 1601—returned to England in 1603 and his vessel was the *Red Dragon*.



**Red Dragon**

During this voyage Lancaster (& elsewhere Captain James Cook) used lemon juice to systematically combat Scurvy among the sailors. Without citrus fruit, after six weeks of suitable food ran out, gums swelled, teeth fell out, skin blotched, then lethargy, total exhaustion, followed by death, threatening future expeditions. Lancaster continued to be one of the chief directors of the East India Company until his death in June 1618. Most of the voyages of the early Stuart period both to India and in search of the Northwest Passage were undertaken under his sponsorship and direction. In July 1616, Lancaster Sound, the entrance to the Northwest Passage, on the north-west side of Baffin Bay (74° N.), was named by William Baffin after Sir James. The voyages traded in spices and oils, slaves were not mentioned.

## Sources:

Basingstoke Heritage Society- [Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire (1896)] - Anglican parish register from 1784- Wikipedia [No date] - The Basingstoke Admiral: A Life of Sir James Lancaster by Michael Franks IB 0-946418-59-4 (2006) Library & search agents. □

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**Activities****3Cs Lottery Winners:****May 2024**

£50 **to be redrawn**  
 £20 62 Lower Brook Street  
 £10 978 Worting Road

**Jun 2024**

£50 **to be redrawn**  
 £20 1066 Old Basing  
 £10 799 Solby's Road

**Jul 2024**

£50 272 Queen's Road  
 £20 342 Queen's Road  
 £10 802 Solby's Road

**Aug 2024**

£50 62 Lower Brook Street  
 £20 844 Southend Road  
 £10 360 Alexandra Road

The **Brookvale Lottery** ran from 1976 & provided valuable funds used in building & running BVH over 48 years. Due to the lack of offers to help, the BCA Cttee have reluctantly closed the lottery with the August 2024 prizes. We thank all subscribers & helpers who made the BCA lottery a success:  
**THANK-YOU ALL**

**Where was this?**

**Neighbourhood Watch** Queens Rd:  
 Phil & Val **01256-421621**

**National Neighbourhood Watch Guide:**  
**Crime Prevention & Safety:**  
<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-prevention/crime-prevention-advice>

**Hands-Face-Space-Ventilate****Meetings & Events****Committee Meetings:****Management Committee:**

**Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm**  
[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

**Development Sub-Committee:**

**Meetings TBA**  
**Malcolm 01256-364498**

**Brookvale Village Hall activities:****Brookvale Toddler Group**

Play & support  
**Mondays: 10am (term time)**  
[brookvaltetoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:brookvaltetoddlers@gmail.com)

**Slimming World**

Meal plans & activity  
**Every Tuesday: 5:30pm, 7pm**  
[rebeccabatty@outlook.com](mailto:rebeccabatty@outlook.com)

**Brookvale Guiding**

Guides and Rangers  
 Rainbows and Brownies  
**Wednesdays term-time 5:30-9pm**  
[brookvaleguiding@outlook.com](mailto:brookvaleguiding@outlook.com)

**Caterpillar Music**

Music & Sensory sessions: 0-4yrs  
**Thurs: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35 am**  
[nicky.moore@caterpillarmusic.com](mailto:nicky.moore@caterpillarmusic.com)

**NCT Bumps & Babies**

Play and support 0-5 years  
**Fri: 10am-11:30am**  
[branch.basingstoke@nct.org.uk](mailto:branch.basingstoke@nct.org.uk)

**Wu Shu Kwan**

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:  
**Sundays: 5pm-7pm**  
**07449 673036**

**BCA Events:****Christmas Market**

**Saturday 23rd November 2pm**  
 Stocking fillers, food, drink & gifts  
[booking@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:booking@brookvale.org.uk)

**Santa Grotto**

**Saturday 14th December 2:30pm**  
 \* £4 per kid visiting Santa  
 \* Free if not visiting Santa  
 \* Games & refreshments  
[wegottickets.com/event/629077/](https://wegottickets.com/event/629077/)

**Community Coffee Morning**

**Every Thur: 10:30-Midday**  
 50p cuppas includes cake

**Cllr Community Coffee Morning**

**2nd Sat: 10:30-12:30 am**  
 50p cuppas includes biscuits

**Warm Hub**

**Thursdays: Midday-1pm**  
 Free/Low cost snacks  
 Soup, toasties, fruit—£1 (at cost)

**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:**

**Lottery now closed**  
[lottery@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:lottery@brookvale.org.uk)

**Local Development issues:**

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**01256 845700**

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**PCSO Port 18564:**

[jess.port@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:jess.port@hampshire.police.uk)  
**Police Website for online reporting:**

<https://www.hampshirepolice.uk/>  
**Police Let's Talk:**

<https://survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

**Crime Stoppers:**

**0800 555 111**

**Child Line:**

**0800 1111**

**BCA:**

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,  
 Representing residents since 1973:  
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