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Saturday 20th April 2024 Free!

Midday- 4pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP

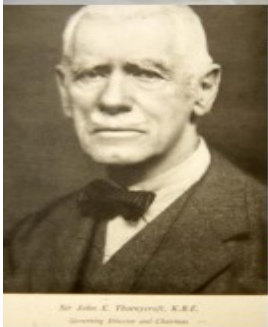


1918 J Type ,1966 Tanker, 1943 Nippy



Thornycroft clock, Basingstoke

Find family photos, see transport displays, help raise clock money, learn about made in Basingstoke, eat at works canteen tuckshop, see women's work.



THORNYCROFT TO MY DRIVER

Look after me, please, and treat me well.

Hundreds of men laboured hundreds of hours to build me and I cost a lot of money. You and your fellow citizens and comrades in arms contributed towards my cost and if I am neglected or damaged all this great effort and expense may have been to no purpose.

Treat me well and together we shall serve our country well.

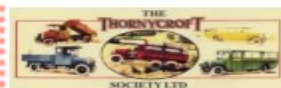


**Raise £25K for the hall replica factory clock:
heritage & people, messaging & community**

Donations to the Thornycroft Clock Project

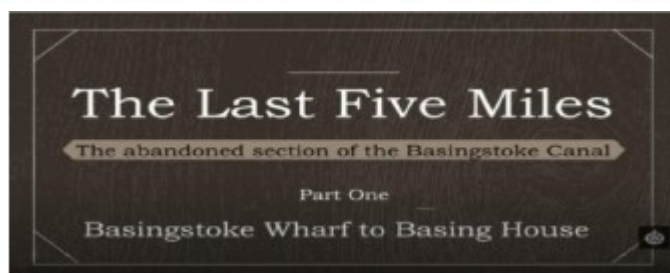
Call 01256 324313 or 01256 352862

thornycroft@brookvale.org.uk



Hosted by the BCA in association with the Thornycroft Society & thanks to our graphics contributors V2

Could St George discover different colourful petrol breathing fume belching monster dragons in Basingstoke?



For all the latest local news , events and information:

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

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Delivered free to your door. Thank you for not recycling this local newsletter yet! We are seeking interested people like you to just once a quarter help place these BLURBS in your neighbours letter boxes. Please call Pam or Ted on 01256 324313, thank you

Girl Guiding has come to Brookvale

Get ready for an amazing adventure as Girlguiding arrives at Brookvale Village Hall! We're thrilled to invite girls aged 6 to 18 to join our Brownies, Guides and Rangers units. Every Wednesday evening, girls will unite to laugh, learn, explore, and she unforgettable adventures. With a warm community spirit, our programs empower young minds, fostering friendships and growth.

We are currently offering a two-week free trial. Discover the joy of Girlguiding and create memories that last a lifetime. To learn more or start your Girlguiding journey, contact us at:

Brookvaleguiding@outlook.com
or brookvaleguidng.square.site

Basingstoke Hockey Club Leads the Way

There's a lot going on at Basingstoke Hockey Club and a brand-new pitch is being laid that is the first of its kind in the country.

With 22 teams and nearly 500 members, Basingstoke Hockey Club is one of the biggest hockey clubs in the Country. with 13 adult teams and Junior teams.

The decision to install this innovative pitch surface to provides local players and teams with a world-class facility that enhances performance, safety and playing experience. This is the same astroturf surface as used at the Paris Olympics this year.

ClaireBowman:bhcvichair@gmail.com

Where are they now?

The Bounty Squash/Racketball Club, at Mays Bounty, Basingstoke, are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year, and are contacting as many past members as they can to join in celebrating.

The Squash Club was formed as a section of the Basingstoke & North Hants Cricket Club when the game of squash was becoming very popular and growing quickly. It was also at a time when the Cricket Club were looking for opportunities to introduce other sports to the Club.

THE THORNYCROFT CLOCK PROJECT

The Thornycroft works were situated on Worting Road, Brookvale where Morrison's, B&M and other stores now stand.

The main building had an external clock tower with three clock faces. When the old works were demolished in the 1990s the clock tower was rescued and preserved by the county museum service. It is now in Milestones Museum.

The Brookvale Community Association (BCA) has enlarged the Brookvale Village Hall. The design and approved planning permission included for a Clock Tower to be erected on the western end of the roof. The internal lift shaft has been built strong enough to support the clock tower structure, roof and cladding, a power supply is also ready to connect. The new clock will have four faces

THE THORNYCROFT CLOCK PROJECT FUND

We have commenced a fund for the design, manufacture, installation and commissioning of a four sided clock tower and a four faced clock. With a modest West facing display screen for BCA events. The materials will be low maintenance, low running cost with modern, reliable electric clock displays. The design, general specification and structural checks are complete. We estimate the costs will be approximately £28,000, we have promises of match funding but still we need your help.

PLEASE WILL YOU SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND HELP RETURN PART OF BASINGSTOKE'S HERITAGE, thank you.

Donations to the BCA please via [Brookvale Community Association](http://BrookvaleCommunityAssociation)

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During their celebratory year they are planning a number of social activities with all their squash and racketball members, both past and present, which culminates in a special event on their 50th Anniversary this October 2024
Contact. Bill Ray . 07444433421 or billrayer@gmail.com ☐

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Thornycroft Day 20th April

This year, our attractions include our Tuck Shop, Last 5 Miles of the Canal Exhibition, Gramofun music, Heritage Society & Militaria Exhibitions, transport related memorabilia & working models incl. Hornby & Scalextric models.

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Trustee News

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

Secretary, Lottery Co-Ordinator, Cafe Server, CareTaker, Researcher Event Host, Committee Members, Social Media

Responder, committee member, funding chaser & newsletter deliverers

Increasing skills & CV Opportunities

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We are sorry to hear of the recent death of Erik Baker. He was a great cake-maker, a keen gardener, a mad hatter! always here to help with community events, his favourite phrase was "we'll see what happens". RIP

We are sorry to hear of the death of Rex "Mr Blues" Everett, on 5th January. He was the illustrious co-founder of the Basingstoke Blues Club. Reflecting on his passion for blues, Rex has said: "It's like how people talk about cricket and rugby. Music is my passion, and blues is the genre I followed since I was 15-16 since American artists started influencing this country." RIP.

Are you a carer & look after someone?

If so, then come along to the Free Home & Well Hubs for our Carers Community. Meet other carers in your area, enjoy a warm lunch and activities. You can also bring the person you care for with you.

Debt support and advice to make sure you're receiving all the benefits you're entitled to. Priority services register – are you signed up to get support if there's a power cut or gas leak? Get help with your energy bills. Have a chat with our energy experts.

Tuesday 14th May and Tuesday 11th June 10am-3pm Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke. RG21 7RP: Call 01264 835246 or email info@carercentre.com

County Cllr Report

The Hampshire County Council (HCC) Chief Financial Officer does not think that they can balance their budget from April 2025 with a projected shortfall of £132 million. So, HCC are planning to use reserves & cut back massively on services, although making these cuts will still leave a big deficit that can't be filled. These cuts in services will affect everyone as even road maintenance will be cut back. Will this mean more potholes? HCC is looking to only deliver to their statutory obligations & although I spoke out against this, they passed a motion to this effect in the last full council meeting.

The planned service changes will impact 13 areas, including higher charges for social care, reducing highways maintenance & winter gritting, closing or reducing Tip opening hours, cutting all passenger transport funding like bus subsidies, dial-a-ride & concessionary fares. Also for the chop are school patrols that help make sure routes to school are safe. Another safety concern is dimming streetlights even more & switching them off for longer. All grants & funding to community groups, & even grants to help the homeless will be stopped.

Feedback from the public consultations on the proposals (ended 31st March) will be considered by a number of HCC committees over the next two months and I will be making representations at them to ensure our interests are represented. Final decisions will be made by council cabinet end of June. See:

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation>
& BCA tracker spread at:
[BCA-Consultations-2024-V28.pdf \(brookvale.org.uk\)](#)

The various proposals for new walking, wheeling & cycling routes along the A30 corridor have been generating interest especially proposals for Winchester Rd Roundabout that suggested closing subways. ->

-> The initial Co-Discover public engagements finished in January 24 but at my request HCC have updated their website to provide more information. They acknowledged that the proposals to close subways were not supported, & they will produce revised proposals for public comment later in the year. You can read more:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport schemes/A30-cycle-route>

I am also continuing to hold the Integrated Care Board to account for the performance of local Dentists and GPs. Some of our practices have the longest waits for appointments in the whole of Hampshire.

You can find links to our petitions to save school patrol crossings and stop cuts to homelessness funding:

<https://hampshire.laboursites.org/>

Finally, I am very pleased to say that I have been able to support many local organisations with my HCC Cllrs grant including Brookvale Village Hall.

The new grant scheme will open 1st June 2024 for applications.

Cllr Kim Taylor

Basingstoke Central Division
Deputy Labour Group Leader

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

<https://www.cgpppg.co.uk>
cgpb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com

March Newsletter at:

<https://cgpppg.weebly.com/news/archives/03-2024>

The surgery system sends texts 7 days and 1 reminder day before appointment. Measles main symptoms are high temperature (fever) & rash alongside cough or red, sore, watery eyes; or runny or blocked nose.. If you think you or your child may have measles, do not attend surgery, phone GP practice or use Dr.iQ. Blood tests can still be booked at the surgery or at the Hospital. on-line Don't forget autumn boosters & flu vaccinations!

GP Suggests a Specialist? You choose where:

nhs.uk/patientchoice



Where was/is this?

BEER AND BASINGSTOKE

About midway between London and Salisbury there is a benighted little town which appears to be inhabited chiefly by a race of barbarians . . . Can nothing be done for Barbarous Basingstoke? Cannot the Church Missionary Society open a special fund to send a missionary to bring this dark spot within the pale of Christian civilisation?

The [London evening] Echo, 15 March 1882

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Activities

3Cs Lottery Winners:**Subscription: £12-10 pa**

Includes annual membership fee.

See column 3 to enquire & help.

Sep 2023

£50 337 Queen's Road

£20 554 George Street

£10 1066 Old Basing

Oct 2023

£50 228 George Street

£20 684 Essex Road

£10 440 Alexandra Road

Nov 2023

£50 122 George Street

£20 521 Deep Lane

£10 844 Southend Road

Dec 2023

£50 141 George Street

£20 62 Lower Brook Street

£10 337 Queen's Road

THORNYCROFT BOWLS CLUB

2pm to 6pm "taster" Open Days :

Sat, 27th Apr & 18th May

Everything free, bring flat shoes

Russell Howard Park,

Basingstoke RG22 6PT

www.thornycroftbowlsclub.co.uk**Poet's Corner (Raz)**

I had a Hillman Hunter once that
hunted down a Jag;
it ran a Rover over and it killed a
Triumph Stag,
It rounded up a Mustang and a
Mitsubishi Colt;
it struck a passing Thunderbird
like a Tipton Thunderbolt,
It slew the Vauxhall Cavalier that
made the Beetle drive;
it shot a Reliant Robin and a
rusty Renault 5,
It ate a Riley Kestrel and a
Chevrolet Impala and consumed a
Lamborghini with a
HumberHawk masala.

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 1st Thursday at 7:30pm**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)brookvaletoddlers@gmail.com**Basingstoke CSRF**

Civil Servants, relatives & friends

1st Wednesdays: 10amcsrfbasingstoke@gmail.com**Caterpillar Music**

Music & sensory sessions: 0-4yrs

Thurs: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35 amnicky.moore@caterpillarmusic.com**NCT Bumps & Babies**

PreSchool Support & Friendship

Fri: 10:30 to noonbasingstokebumpsbabies@gmail.com**Wu Shu Kwan**

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

Sundays: 5pm to 7pm**07449 673036****BCA Events:****Brookvale In Bloom 2024***** Enter by 7th July***** Judging 15/16th July***** Prize-Giving Sun 28th Jul 3pm**

Book in advance

The Basingstoke Corn Field Murder**Thursday 15th August 7-30pm**

Centenary book talk

By Bob Clarke

Book in advance

Christmas Market**Saturday 23rd November 2pm**

Stocking fillers, food, drink & gifts

Reserve stall in advance

CLlr Surgery Coffee Morning**2nd Sat: 10:30-12:30 am**

Meet, update, support, complain

Donations, cuppa + cake

Community Coffee Morning**Every Thur: 10:30-Midday**

Make friends, meet committee

50p cuppa + Home Made cake

Warm Hub**Every Thur: Midday-1pm**

Make friends, meet committee

Stay Alert-Control Virus-Save Lives

Information

Brookvale Website:www.brookvale.org.uk**Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:**info@brookvale.org.uk**Hall Booking Agent:**booking@brookvale.org.uk**Brookvale Lottery:**

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18513 Wilson

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18564 Port

jess.port.18564@hampshire.police.uk**Police Website for online reporting:**<https://www.hampshirepolice.uk/>**Crime Stoppers:**

0800 555 111

BCA:

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973:

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