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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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

BROOKVALE IN BLOOM!

**Calling front gardens
in RG21 7** or 8****

Garden Judging 16th July
Points for space for wildlife!

**Prize-giving tea party,
Sunday 28th July 3pm**

These are the details to email your entry to
Bloom@Brookvale.org.uk

Best single Hanging Basket / Container

and

Best Small Front Garden

or

Best Medium / Large Front Garden

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|------------|---------|
| First Name | Surname |
| Address | |
| Postcode | |
| Telephone | Email |

Please drop your garden form into 20 Southend Road or
a Thursday coffee morning at the Hall or
25 Highfield Chase or any Committee member **by 7th July**

For local news , events and information:



HeartOfBrookvale
www.brookvale.org.uk

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Thornycroft Day 20th April 2024

This year, with some 100 visitors, we hosted our Tuck Shop, the Canal Society's Last 5 Miles of the Canal Exhibition, Gramofun music, Heritage Society & Militaria Exhibitions, transport related memorabilia and presentations, with a new 0 gauge layout from Morgan, new 0 gauge Brookvale Junction signal box from Joe (internally lit) and a great display from the Basingstoke Classic Car Club!

We hope to get the Scalextric models and their speed restrictor working again for 2025, especially for the young ones to learn how to drive safely, unlike the examples often seen on the ring roads.



Thankyou to all our volunteers for all their time and to you the public for attending and getting stuck into the tuck shop home made cakes. All proceeds are matched by the BCA for the replica clock project fund.

There's always room for more stall holders and don't forget to reserve next year's 12th April 2025 date, when we will do it all over again, continuing fund raising for our replica factory clock project.

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Our thanks to the Thornycroft & Heritage Societies, the Willis & BOAS for the following information: ->

Thornycroft History

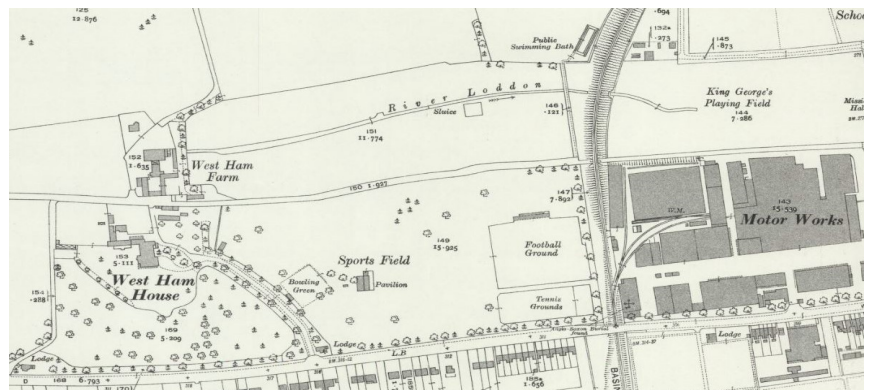
The Thornycroft Steam Wagon Company Ltd of Chiswick became a noted producer of steam lorries & vans, and high demand led to the setting up of a new factory at Basingstoke in 1898, on the site in Worting Road. It very soon became the town's largest employer, with houses being built in the Brookvale area for employees. The company supported many social activities, including sports teams and their own Thornycroft Amateur Dramatic Society.

Thornycroft Athletic

In the 60s, Thornycroft Athletic won a number of Hampshire League competitions on a par with Basingstoke Town FC. Many of the Basingstoke players played in the Thornycroft team before being poached by Basingstoke Town!

Earlier, in the inter-war years, there were many more athletic activities which also included women's teams!

Although nowadays we only have what remains of King George Fifth (KGV) playing fields, back then all the different athletic team activities were spread around the grounds of West Ham House:



Parents sponsored their overseas students to be billeted at West Ham House, Thornycroft's centre of excellence, to learn all aspects of the motor trade! UK students lodged with Brookvale residents. View the Students Register at our annual BCA Thornycroft's Day.

Shown below are some of the athletic teams, including men's cricket & football association, also women's hockey & cricket! (Bowls & Rugby not shown):



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Trustee News

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

Secretary, Lottery Co-Ordinator, Cafe Server, Care Taker, Researcher, Event Host, Committee Members, Social Media Responder, Funder Chaser, Project Assistant & Newsletter Deliverers.



Increasing skills & CV Opportunities

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Our memorial tree for Erik Baker was recently planted and we hope it will mature in his memory:



Carer looking after someone?

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 11th June 10am-3pm
Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke. RG21 7RP:

Call 01264 835246 or email:

info@carercentre.com

£2 Bus Fares

These will continue until the end of 2024 at £2 per journey for those without passes to enjoy trips to the town and country (without damaging your car on potholes/uncut hedges)! □ ->

County Cllr Report

Whilst there has been lots of activity because of local elections, work has carried on as usual at Hampshire County Council. In fact, it has been very busy with a great deal of meetings and more to come during May and June as committees consider proposed cuts and changes to services.

Most proposals have been met with a clear message of disagreement from residents. Especially plans to cut the highways maintenance budget, closing waste recycling centres and totally stopping funding for homelessness support and community transport services like dial-a-ride, got a big thumbs down.

I am on two main committees that are meeting many times over the next few weeks to review the feedback and make recommendations to the Council Cabinet. I will speak against these cuts to services. The Cabinet will make the final decision in October based on your feedback and the comments of residents across all of Hampshire.

You can read what everyone thought about the cuts here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/>

[haveyoursayconsultations/future-services-consultation](https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursayconsultations/future-services-consultation)

HCC has also been given central funding to pay for "Skills Bootcamp" courses. Hundreds of courses are currently available in various fields of expertise FREE for residents:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp> (incl. Digital Marketing!)

I have also been dealing with many reports in relation to road defects, damage caused by utility services and longstanding problems with water pipes in Downsland Parade.

Any concerns about HCC services, report them online or contact me at:

Cllr.kim.taylor@hants.gov.uk

Cllr Kim Taylor

Basingstoke Central, Leader Labour Hampshire Group. □

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

<https://www.cqhppg.co.uk>
cqhbsurgeryppg@btinternet.com

The multi-agency steering group are providing Live Longer Better Be Active, Stay Steady, Hydration, & Continence information to anyone over 60 in the Borough:

<https://cqhppg.weebly.com/live-longer-better.html> ->

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Health Focus

High Blood Pressure is a leading cause of premature death. It puts strain on the heart and blood vessels which, in the long term, can lead to life-threatening conditions. The NHS wants more people over 40 to get a blood pressure check, saying there are millions who do not realise they have dangerously high levels. Often, there are no warning symptoms, and it is thought about a third of cases are undiagnosed, that is 4.2 million people in England alone. Take action now and check your blood pressure for free at surgeries or a pharmacy. There is an area to take your own readings in every surgery waiting room and you can submit the readings through DR iQ or hand them on a record slip to the receptionist for a Practitioner to review and add to your medical record. If the Practitioner has concerns you will be contacted to make an appointment. High Blood Pressure is easily treated in most cases.

Calling All Carers

Many Carers will be supporting a loved one and will not think of themselves as being a carer. 1 in 8 adults provide unpaid care for family and friends, whether round-the-clock or for a few hours a week. Caring is important but it can be tough. As a patient group we recognise the vital role that carers have and want to ensure they receive the right level of support they need to continue to care. We have produced a comprehensive summary of support available and have highlighted our Top Tips, amongst which are how to get a Needs Assessment for the carer and the cared for person and who the carer should register with for extra support when they need it. Visit 'Carers Advice' from our Self Help index on the PPG website and our Health And Wellbeing Self Help resource Helpline: **0808 2787987**.



Cowboys at Brookvale?

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Activities**Ted Piper**

Was born in Ashford Hill in 1924, and served in Burma as a despatch rider during the war. He moved to Queens Road in 1960 and he worked at Thornycroft for over 25 years and then at Lennox as a sheet metal worker.

He had 3 allotment plots until he was 90, then reduced that to two plots which he still dug by hand, and he was always very generous with his time and vegetables.

We always saw him going to the allotments and he would come to Brookvale Hall to pay his lottery money.

RIP Ted

**Poet's Corner (Raz)**

I'm going to waste my website
and obliterate my blog,
I'm going to trash my Facebook
page and flush it down the bog,
I'm going to scrap my
Soundclouds and all those
groovy tracks,
Both my YouTube channels are
succumbing to the axe,
I'm easing out my email till all
accounts are closed,
No longer must I think about the
problems it has posed,
I'm kicking out the Internet and
then I'll disappear,
And nobody need ever know that
I was ever here.

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)

brookvaltetoddlers@gmail.com

Home & Well

Drop in for Carer Support & Info

2nd Tuesdays: 9:30am-3:30pm

info@carercentre.com

Basingstoke CSRF

Civil Servants, relatives & friends

1st Wednesdays: 10am

csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com

Caterpillar Music

Music & sensory sessions: 0-4yrs

Thurs: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35 am

nicky.moore@caterpillarmusic.com

NCT Bumps & Babies

PreSchool Support Friendship

Fri: 10:30 to noon

basingstokebumpsbabies@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

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

Thursdays: Midday-1pm

Make friends, meet committee

Soup, toasties, fruit—vol. donation

Information

Brookvale Website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Hall Booking Agent:

booking@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Lottery:

Cathy Mawer,

Lottery Promoter

lottery@brookvale.org.uk

Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,

Chair, Development-Sub Committee

(01256) 364498

malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

Your Ward Councillors are:

Councillor Arun Mumalaneni

07894 708983

cilarunmumalaneni@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Abdel Ibrahim

07900 272294

Cllr.Abdel.Ibrahim@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Michael Howard Sorrell

07869 262129

cllr.michael.howard-sorrell@basingstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:

Councillor Kim Taylor

07738 289861

cllr.kim.taylor@hants.gov.uk

Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP

(020) 7219 5749

maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team: 101

Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

01256 845700

CSPO Shead:

kayleigh.shead@basingstoke.gov.uk

PCSO Wilson:

alana.wilson2@hampshire.police.uk

PC Warhurst:

charlotte.warhurst.28189@hampshire.police.uk

Police Website for online reporting:

<https://www.hampshirepolice.uk/>

Police Let's Talk:

[https://](https://survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/)

survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/

Crime Stoppers:

0800 555 111

Child Line:

0800 1111

0800 1111

BCA:

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973:

info@Brookvale.org.uk (E&OE)

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