

blurb!

The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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The Basingstoke Cornfield Murder

Thursday 15th August 2024

7-30pm Free! Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP

Presented by Bob Clarke Over 18s only



This talk by Bob Clarke is to mark the centenary of the Basingstoke Cornfield Murder that took place on Wednesday 13th August 1924. It was the first murder in Basingstoke since the Hackwood Road Axe Murder of 1802 and should be of special interest to our members and visitors as the murderer lived just round the corner at 58 Queens Road. It is a tale of madness, adultery, jazz and journalism.



HOLIDAY MAKERS' GHASTLY BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY.

Bob Clarke's book *The Basingstoke Cornfield Murder* ISBN 978-0-9928074-5-0

All Graphics above courtesy of Bob Clarke

Basingstoke Archaeological And Historical Society
www.bahsoc.org.uk

Helping you discover Basingstoke's past

To book free tickets in advance - www.wegotickets.com/event/626366/



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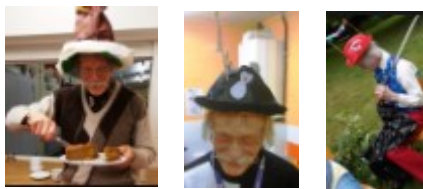


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www.brookvale.org.uk

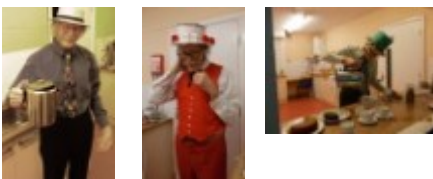
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Erik & His Hats

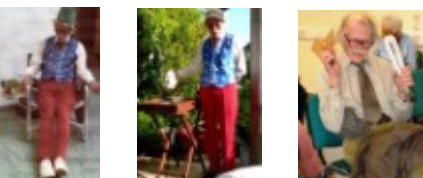
We shall miss our colourful volunteer and his hand crafted outfits and hats to match each occasion. We were requested to provide this photographic record :



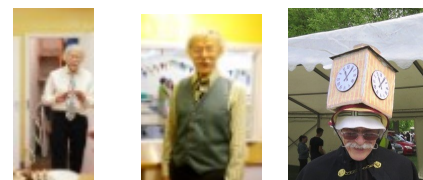
Cake? Penguin Fun Day



Cuppa? St George Green Fair



Bloom Garden Party Rough Music!



More Cakes? No Hat? Clock

He was generous in baking cakes for charitable purposes and always used to serve cut cake with wafer thin slices to make it go further. (which always caused grumbles!) His cucumber sandwiches were legendary in that the bread was the most thinly sliced in all the land! Whenever he was serving, he had to be in charge of the kitchen and would not drink tea unless it was served in a cup with a matching saucer. Always a VIP table cloth!

Please send in your memories, stories and memorabilia associated with Erik for us to include in future editions of our newsletter to:

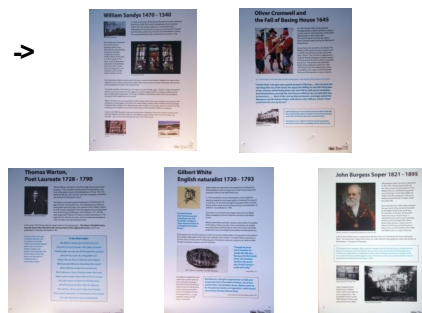
malcolm@brookvale.org.uk ☐ ->

Famous Names of Basingstoke

Thankyou from the BCA to the Basingstoke Heritage Society for their donation of the Basingstoke Famous Names interpretation boards. These are available for viewing in the upper foyer gallery whenever Brookvale Village hall is open for activities or by appointment. These boards introduce us to our town's past benefactors who contributed to the economy, employment, wealth and culture "back in the day". Buried in the Holy Ghost cemetery, some of their buildings remain, but you really have to "scratch the surface" to reveal our town's colourful past with little for the casual visitor nowadays:

<https://holychostcemetery-basingstoke.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Walk3EntrepreneursWEB.pdf>

Each of the big "Town Houses" were "establishments" surrounded by "Villa Farms" whose names "live on" today as area and road names. These farms were promoted by Charles Finch Dowsett a London Auctioneer, whose catalogue of desirable second homes in the country (Basingstoke) targeted wealthy Londoners who wanted to escape the "smoke" (London) by train at the weekend to their second home. Some names (Russells) worked for the East India Company, the world's first global transnational corporation, involved in slave trading. Even the Council was a corporation "back in the day". More Entrepreneurs include Burberry (clothing), Milward (shoes) Thornycroft (vehicles), Wallis & Steevens (agriculture), Mays (Brewery), Blatchford (artificial limbs), Gillies (facial reconstruction), also later, Wella (hair) & the tech industries. It seems the wealth created from the Victorian "empire" period evaporated in the world wars, economic crashes and the rise of billionaires as we can now no longer afford to repair potholes or feed people without resorting to foodbanks: ->



Girls football opportunities!

Founded in 1970, Berg Youth FC have celebrated 50 years of youth grassroots football in the Basingstoke area. Our club are proud not just to be one of the longest serving football clubs in the area, but to also be promoting the same ethos as when the club formed. 'No matter what a child's ability is as long as they want to play football, learn, have fun and develop, then this is the club for them.

Coach James Eames is building a new Year 3 & 4 girls only league team at Cranbourne School on Weds eve (training) and Sat am (matches): <https://www.bergyouthfc.co.uk> ☐

DSC News

The SHELAA is open again & requesting more site nominations: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/SHELAA>

Undeliverable developments must not proceed without contributing to locality, community benefit & sustainability.

The "usual suspects" of unwanted storage & comms & petrol infrastructure ignoring tensions over housing numbers, transport links, parking & access to green open space, biodiversity, sewerage treatment, water supply, broadband, energy saving, charging points, lifetime homes, cramming in flatted developments, & climate change.

Services are still being cut with more claimed £18B cuts "baked in" to come.

Billionaires increasing, population growing but services shrinking. Empty high street shops not contributing to the economy. Health, Social care and NHS dentists in short supply. Lack of internet sales tax for fully funded public services!

Issues around M3 J6/J7, Hospital, ManyDown, parking, air/soil quality, new nature reserves & reservoirs, town centre regeneration/indoor market/canal, support for conservation areas & "big ticket" events: malcolm@brookvale.org.uk ☐ ->

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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 & News-letter Delivery & StreetReps. Increasing skills & CV Opportunities malcolm@brookvale.org.uk



BCA 50th Anniversary!

In our next Blurb 100, watch out for our BCA in the Community 50 year celebration next year in February 2025. Your suggestions please? Everyone is invited to share their memories, aspirations and to celebrate with us. ☐

NHS Charities Together!

NHS Charities Together is the national charity helping the NHS to thrive and making sure everyone can get the healthcare they deserve.

Together with over 230 NHS charities across the UK, we're helping to make healthcare better by:

- improving patient care
- ensuring everyone has access to health services and is able to live healthy lives
- making sure our incredible NHS staff are cared for.

Over the past 4 years, we've put over £120 million of donations into action to help support our NHS staff, patients and communities.

We work with NHS charities across the UK to make sure funding gets to the places it's needed most.

With your support, we can make healthcare better across the UK:

- 4000+ projects funded
- Over £120M spent
- Over 1.6M people helped

<https://nhscharitiestogether.co.uk/> ☐ ->

County Cllr Report

Roads and road maintenance continues to be a regular issue not least the problems caused by utility companies. After much chasing I'm pleased to report that the water leaks at Downsland Parade have been fixed. Next on the list is fixing the resulting potholes.

I've been informed that parking problems affecting Kings Furlong Drive have been referred to the Safer Roads Team and there will be a public consultation about proposals for parking restrictions. During the summer we may well see an increase in road works for maintenance or utility company activity. You can report issues or check the map for roadworks here:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways

Despite the very wet spring weather, I was pleased to be informed that the Bucksin Flood defences did their job and that no excess run off was needed.

Summer is finally here, and the school holidays are upon us so now is the perfect time to get out and about. A picnic at local Eastrop Park is sure to please and there are holiday activity events galore on the QM website:

www.qmleisure.co.uk/kids-activitiesQM.

For a trip further afield it's worth seeing what Hampshire has to offer at its country parks and farms. Many are very accessible by public transport:

www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks

HCC is also reminding families to book early to avoid disappointment for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) schemes on offer during the school summer holiday.

There is a wide range of crafts, sports and outdoor activities for all ages, which includes a nutritious meal. Free spaces are available for children who receive benefits related free school meals. Book:

www.hants.gov.uk/News/240620HAFsummer

Cllr Kim Taylor
Basingstoke Central, Leader Labour Hampshire Group.

Cllr.kim.taylor@hants.gov.uk ☐ ->

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

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

The NHS 10 year plan strategy states "We want people to live healthier lives, to use the NHS less and later in life, to be able to stay in work for longer and when they are unwell, to stay in their own home for longer. It is also an agenda for strengthening personal responsibility alongside national and local action, and where prevention becomes increasingly personalised, making optimal use of digital platforms & behavioural science"

The Patient Participation Group has a clear role to play in this process, enabling the patient voice to be heard and involving ourselves in the improvement and learning processes necessary for the creation of an effective local integrated care system.

The PPG's aim is to ensure that Patient Care is the best that it can be and that Health and Well-being are promoted and enabled for all patients, allowing every patient to live their best life.

Challenges (distrust, appointments & IT facing systems), Objectives (improve Health and Well-being of patients) and Critical Success Factors (knowledge, signposting, effectiveness & access) were documented and your PPG of unpaid volunteers is regularly meeting management to improve your patient journey around complaints, capacity and carers.

Our PPG June Newsletter Contents:

- PPG meeting with Healthcare Resourcing Group
- Carer Support - Drop In dates @ Gillies or St Andrews
- Gardening with Joint Pain and Protecting Your Back.
- Joint Academy - Self referral treatment.
- Basingstoke and Deane Disability Forum Annual Survey
- Basingstoke Leg Club - Volunteering Opportunity

<https://cqhppg.weebly.com/news>

The roving healthcare hub vehicle visits local areas for a few hours to catch people for vaccinations, blood pressure readings & general health advice.

<https://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/our-services/a-z-list-of-services> ☐ ->

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Activities

3Cs Lottery Winners:

Subscription: £12-10 pa

Includes annual membership fee.

See column 3 to enquire & help.

Jan 2024

£50 902 Southend Road

£20 799 Solby's Road

£10 601 Rayleigh Road

Feb 2024

£50 237 George Street

£20 364 Alexandra Road

£10 509 Highfield Chase

Mar 2024

£50 1234 Longcroft Close

£20 460 Lower Brook Street

£10 337 Queen's Road

Apr 2024

£50 844 Southend Road

£20 14 Queen's Road

£10 950 Worting Road

Poet's Corner (Anon)

Basingstoke Part 1:

The Basingstoke that I recall
Was friendly grubby and rather small
Potters Lane and Bedford Place
Demolition has left no trace
Pavements were crooked, steps up and down
So many Pubs in that old town
On market days the cattle were sold
A tot at the Barge to keep out the cold
Pride of place in the centre, its true
A old spreading tree and the gentlemen's loo
No bus station then, just a draughty tin hut
Perhaps we were in a bit of a rut.



1920s No parking issues!

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

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:

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Lottery Promoter

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Your Town MP is:

Luke Murphy MP

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CSPO Shead:

kayleigh.shead@basinstoke.gov.uk

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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

BCA:

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973:

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

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