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VICTORY ROUNDABOUT UPDATE

Report from PAM MANSFIELD

On 6th October the BCA held an open meeting about Victory Roundabout, incorporating the fortnightly coffee morning, and put on a display of informative material, incorporating the local residents' feelings on the subject. The petition signed by 69 residents gathered by Mary Bartle and the results of the questionnaire were also included in the display. There were 88 replies giving a 12.8% response from the area. 79% wished for the subways to remain and 59% favoured subways and pedestrian crossings.

About 30 residents attended and asked many questions, all comments were noted.

On 20th October the council held an open meeting at the Village Hall with an independent chairman, Mr MNT Cottell OBE, FEng, FICE. A technical panel of experts gave information and answered questions put through the chair. The council then explained their 'preferred option'. Local people, giving the technical panel more to reconsider, raised many issues.

One important factor did emerge, in 1996/97 the consultants helping to prepare plans for the reduction of Victory Roundabout were asked to consider hard surface water. Ground water was not included. They stated that they were not aware of the flooding!

We will continue to press for answers to your questions on the council's 'preferred option'. We have been promised answers and await Mr Cottell's report. **WATCH this SPACE.**

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Wednesday 21st November 2001 At 7.15pm Village Hall
Lower Brook Street

A very short meeting to clarify Procedure on the election of Committee Members Please do come along as a quorum of 25 is needed to proceed with the meeting

NEWS FLASH

Maggie Dee will be heading up the newly established Brookvale Village Report in the Basingstoke Gazette as of Friday 9th November. Our community events and news can all be considered for inclusion. If you have an event that you are sponsoring / organising and you would like to gain extra cover on it, then let Maggie know. If you have an interesting story of any kind Maggie would like to know of that also. The spotlight will be on Brookvale, so let's use it to the full. Contact Maggie on 01256-414708

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3C'S COFFEE MORNING

Every alternate Saturday 10am till Noon
Village Hall Call in for coffee, cake and chat

Next dates:
3rd November
17th November
1st December
15th December

*For further details : contact Maggie Dee 414708
EVERYONE WELCOME*

BROOKVALE LOCAL TRADES

We wish to print a separate Local Trades Guide, which will be included in each 'Welcome Pack' for new residents. The advertising in the guide will be free to all Brookvale residents who have a trade they wish to promote. We are printing the following trades to give you some idea of content and to thank the people for responding.

MEG GREEN:
 Qualified practitioner of Hypnotherapy, NLP, Reiki and Indian Head Massage.
 Contact: 01256-410126

JANE WILLIS: ART 4 ART - fine art/illustration/design.
 Contact: 01256-811934 or 07771 534168

MR WHITE: CHIMNEY SWEEP
 Contact: 01256-464256

To be included please 'phone: 01256-414708

Brookvale
 Village Hall

To book the newly refurbished Village Hall at incredibly reasonable rates, call Lin Chandler on 329475.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Proposal to erect 484 Flats at Down West Yard (Scats Yard)- Residents in East Brookvale have received a letter from the Council with regards to this development - the date for objections being October 25th 2001. The BCA have sent a letter to the Planning and Transport Department initially objecting on the grounds of a high-density development and the generation of high volumes of traffic and the intrusion of the height of some buildings on the skyline.

Please let us know your views on this matter.

Double Yellow Lines On Lower Brook Street - The double yellow lines proposed for Lower Brook Street between May Street and Brookvale Close, also along May Street, will be painted by Christmas. This, we believe, will leave 4 parking bays on the Lower Brook Street section and 2 bays on May Street. All will have a 4-hour limit.

BROOKVALE CONSERVATION AREA

Hazel Brushhett, Senior Conservation Officer has sent the BCA the following letter. We are publishing it for your information.

'It has come to our notice that there is some concern locally with regard to block paving which has been laid within this Conservation Area. This has been carried out under permitted developments rights and does not require planning permission. However, Basingstoke and Deane do have money available under the Conservation Enhancement Fund, which could be utilised to provide improvements, including traditional paving, to the area. My Conservation manager Frank Dowling has asked me, to contact you. This is with regard to discussing any improvements to this area you may have in mind.'

We do have a contact number if anyone is interested in this matter.

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On a Musical Note

The BCA has been given a beautiful Yamaha electric organ. Is there anyone who would like to come and play it? If you are interested or know someone who would be contact:

Pam 01256-352078

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Lottery Winners

Date	Lottery No.	Winner	Address
4/8/01	186	Miss Bone	80 George Street
11/8/01	496	Mrs. Poulter	21 Deep Lane
18/8/01	139	Janice Ince	100 George Street
25/8/01	252	Carmel Daly	44 Queens Road
1/9/01	897	Colin & Julie Smith	30 Southend Road
8/9/01	845	Bob & Sue	11 Southend Road
15/9/01	448	Mrs Poulter	24 Alexander Road
22/9/01	868	Paul Rhodes	25 Southend Road
29/9/01	124	Mr Skuse	45 George Street

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p**QUIZ NIGHT** report from Wendy Moore

Serious IQ power was needed for the 4th Quiz Night. Rounds were diverse and including a local interest picture round. Strategy as well as intelligence was required as jokers played a key role in the success of the teams. Congratulations to the winning team, 'DEAF,BUY CHOCOLATE', and thank you to the highly entertaining quizmaster. Everyone had a good night. Encyclopaedias are now being studied for the next quiz.

TUESDAY LADIES CLUB report from Ann McSteen

'What a load of Rubbish!' - Oh, no it wasn't! Despite the title of the talk it was entertaining. Blanche Miles, Cleansing Officer, from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council gave us a questionnaire to complete. Did you know for instance that the first law to control waste was passed in 1369 or that 40,000 accidents are caused a year by discarded rubbish?

Though Blanche presented her talk in a light hearted way with many interesting historical facts, there was an underlying message. Litter can and does cause numerous problems. If you can recycle, please do so. If you have any problems with litter or graffiti Blanche or one of her team can be contacted at the Council Offices.

'NAIL CARE & NAIL ART' report from Sally Smith

Rosie Banks gave a professional and entertaining demonstration to the group. She talked us through the different stages of treatment and the application of nail polish, while demonstrating on a very willing volunteer, and answering our questions. Rosie had set up tables for us to try basic nail care on each other and brought along a great range of nail polishes for us to choose from. She finished the evening with a nail art demonstration. Thank you Rosie.

The Ladies Club is open to all women. We meet on the Second Tuesday of the month at 8:00pm in the Village Hall. Do come along and join us.

'FAMILY DISCO' report from Maggie Dee

Hot pants, headbands and handbags (for dancing round) were all in evidence on Saturday 13th October. The 60's/70's theme provided nostalgia for those over 30 and a sense of awe for the kids. Plenty of people to make it a fun time and plenty of room to dance (unlike the 60's/70's - so I'm told) gave the evening a "we must do this again some time" feeling. And so we shall.

Travelling Trends Fashion Show

CANCELLED - owing to lack of ticket sales.

Skittles Evening -

POSTPONED until next year - Hall floor needs some attention.

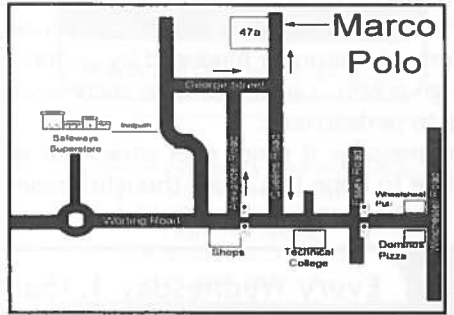
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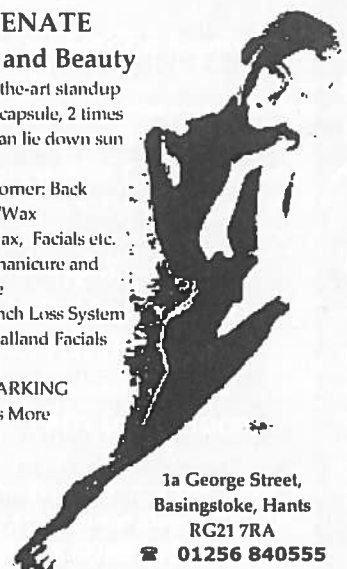
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Pedestrians, Wheelie Bins and Cars

Could people please be aware that the pedestrian species does still exist - though obviously under serious threat!

Wheelie Bins and cars left across Brookvale's narrow pavements (already hindered by an increasing amount of sign posts), cause immense inconvenience and hazards to pedestrians.

The message it sends over smacks of ignorance, but I'd like to hope it is more thoughtlessness. Put yourself in the position of a wheelchair user negotiating

pavements littered with bins and cars. Now think of mothers with pushchairs or toddlers, the young, the old, people with shopping trolleys - anyone really. Having to bump up and down kerbs is awkward and being in the road dangerous.

So come on people, you know who you are. Get a conscience and stop being selfish; think about how other people have to cope with what can be only your laziness. Would you rather we walked in the middle of the road? Or would that be an inconvenience to?

Name and address supplied.

Every Wednesday 1.15am-2.45pm

BROOKVALE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

This friendly group meets at the Village Hall. Do come along and join us

For further details contact: Mandy Pratchett (0778-7158479)

Tuesday 13th November

LADIES NIGHT- 8:00pm

CANDLES and Candle Accessories Demonstration

Pauline Mason, Partylite Consultant, will give an exciting and informative demonstration of high quality candles and accessories. An opportunity to place orders for Christmas and Birthday presents or treat yourself.

For further details: Pam (352078) or Lin (329475)

Friday 16th November

5th QUIZ NIGHT - 7:30pm start

Teams of six players please or come along and make up a team and make new friends. Bring your own banquet and drinks. Tickets: £3-00. Available now. For tickets and details contact Lin (329475) or John & Pam (352078)

Saturday 1st December

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - 10:am - 12:30 pm

This Christmas we will be celebrating with a do it yourself decoration-making session. Come along and see what you can do. £1-00 admission will include the cost of your first decoration. All materials will be provided (except the contents of crackers). Assistance will be on hand for the trickier bits.

Children and Adults are all welcome to have a go. Put this date in your diary now. *Children must be accompanied by a parent*

Advanced bookings and information: 01256-414708.

Tuesday 11th December

LADIES NIGHT - theatre visit

Saturday 15th December

OLD FASHIONED FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY - 4:00pm -7:00pm

Bring along a plate of food to share. All ages' welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Games, singing, dancing and maybe jelly!

If you would like to come and require transport please do let us know. Please book by Sat. 8th December. Further details: Lin (329475) or Pam (352078)

Thursday 3rd January

'THE THREE MUSKETEERS' - PROTEUS THEATRE.

Performance at 3-00pm

An afternoon's entertainment with a Christmas-tide pantomime flavour. It is suitable for all ages.

Tickets £5-00, are available now. Book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets from: Lin (329475) or Pam (352078)

All events held at the Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, unless otherwise stated