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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Saturday 17th March, 6 - 10pm
Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street

Brookvale RED NOSE DAY Disco

THE **BIG ONE**
RED NOSE DAY

- Disco provided by Shakermaker Productions
- Adult quiz
- Children's Magic Show by Rosco Silvaneous Wonder Show
- Refreshments and tuck shop available
- Alcohol not on sale - over 18's please bring your own drinks
- £3 per adult, £2 per child, 3 and under's free
- Ticketed event with limited numbers - book now! - see below

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To book tickets, either phone Helen on (01256) 421141 or return this booking slip with a cheque (made payable to "Brookvale Community Association") in a sealed envelope to 189 Lower Brook Street. Tickets will be posted back to you at the address stated on this form.

PARTY NAME:	Number of ADULT tickets @ £3:	TOTAL ENCLOSED: £
ADDRESS:	Number of CHILD tickets @ £2:	
PHONE:	Number of 3 & UNDER tickets @ FREE:	

All tickets will be sold at the discretion of the BCA and its trustees.

The Brookvale Christmas Party

The scene was set, the Village Hall looked great, with a large Christmas tree and decorations. The mince pies were in the oven and the mulled wine was prepared. The Christmas party was enjoyed by the community.

For the children there was face painting, balloon modelling and a craft table to make Christmas cards. There was a magic show by the Giddy Wizard, and then a story time. The raffle was drawn and then the event was finished with a special guest appearance from Father Christmas, who had presents for all the children.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this community event possible.



Land North of Churchill Way West Development

The Land North of Churchill Way West development (planning application ref: BDB/64360) was withdrawn in December 2006 and resubmitted as BDB/65185 in January 2007. The consultation period ended on 21st February.

Your Community Association's Development Sub-committee came up with 77 objections to this development including infrastructure issues as there will be more sewerage through existing sewers which are running at positive pressure and their manholes will overflow without rain floodwater adding to that burden!

It was also proposed by the developers that Council Tax money be used to re-route electric lines. What about Powergen paying for this, what with all the new customers they'd be gaining?

The Sewage Treatment station is already overloaded and will increase leachate discharges with these extra toilets coming online - what about Thames Water paying for this?

On the subject of traffic: there's no parking scheme within the site but we have requested there be a scheme set up from day one. We have also requested details of a list of changes to the site road system. We have not agreed the proposals for traffic lights to enable cars to turn right across Churchill Way, which

would increase both congestion and standing pollution.

Victory Hill has no leisure space and we hope to achieve a shared leisure space to suit their needs and the new development to include a LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play), kickabout area, formal community garden, wildlife area/pond/reedbeds and community art.

The good news is that there has been a mention of rainwater collection and grey water recycling in the site planning documents.

You can sign a petition requesting this land be retained as green space in our Village Hall or at 828 hairdressing in New Street.

Brook House redevelopment

The BCA Development Sub-committee met the developer for Brook House on 13th February. The draft proposal details a Canary Wharf style building with two additional side towers, standing 132m high, higher than The Anvil, housing 82 flats over 14 floors. Many of our concerns on the Churchill Way West development apply to the Brook House development.

Village Hall vandalism

Our hall has been systematically vandalised over the years and a lot of effort has been expended in getting the repairs done.

Please can anyone who sees anybody acting suspicious, especially at the back of the hall or in the car park, report it to us via email for collation with our crime reports. Contact details can be found on the back page.

Want to get involved?

We're always looking for volunteers. You are always welcome to join our committees, help out with our events, or to simply have a say in community matters. Please email:

committee@brookvale.org.uk

Other local issues

- There are ongoing compliance issues at Tuppence A Bite in May Street, which we are continuing to monitor.
- A planning application has been filed by the owner of 27 Queens Road to convert this family home into 2 x 2 bedroom flats. We urge you to take a look at the application (BDB/65504). You can either visit the Council in person to view it or use the Planning Portal on the Council's website. If you are opposed to the proposals, contact the council before 23rd March to have your views considered.
- Localised flooding from the Loddon Stream continues along the back of Lower Brook Street and at the Essex Road arm of the Victory roundabout subway, due to the lack of regular

culvert maintenance by Hampshire County Council. Residents are currently having to manage the situation, begging the question about liability in the case of injury!

Summer Time Music Hall

For the fifth year running, an evening of comedy, variety and musical capers from a bygone age of entertainment comes to The Anvil on 29th July.

All proceeds will go to Age Concern Basingstoke. Tickets are priced at £12 with concessions at £10. To book, call The Anvil Box Office on (01256) 844244.

New Access Group

Basingstoke & Deane have launched a new Access Working Group for those with accessibility and disability issues.

If you would like to attend the first meeting, you might just be in time, depending on when Blurb has been delivered to you. The first meeting is on 12th March at 17:45 at the Civic Offices in town. Please contact Anne Gray, the Council's Access Officer, on (01256) 845593 to advise of your attendance.

If you wish to become a member of the local Disability Forum, please contact Chris Hall (details on the back page).

Hall Bookings

The Village Hall is available to hire on an ongoing or one-off basis for groups, private events and functions at the following (very reasonable!) hourly rates:

Monday-Thursday

09:00-17:00 £12/hour
17:00-22:00 £14/hour

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17:00-22:00 £18/hour

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Contact details are on the back page.

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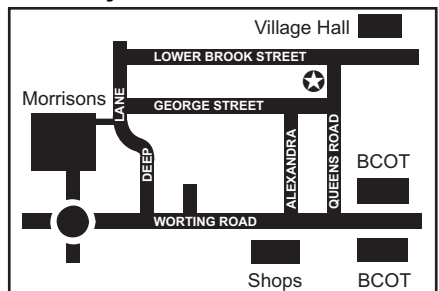
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Lottery Winners

January 2007

1st (£50) Mrs Dean (Rayleigh Rd)
 2nd (£30) Mrs Wilson (Lower Brook St)
 3rd (£20) Mrs Wall (Lower Brook St)

December 2006

1st (£50) Mr Birch (Lower Brook St)
 2nd (£30) Mr & Mrs Dillow (Essex Rd)
 3rd (£20) Tracey Joseph (Essex Rd)

November 2006

1st (£50) Mr Hogan (Lower Brook St)
 2nd (£30) Miss Brooks (Lower Brook St)
 3rd (£20) Mr Burly (Lower Brook St)

October 2006

1st (£50) George Johns (Highfield Ch)
 2nd (£30) Mr Briggs (Highfield Ch)
 3rd (£20) Clare Fuller (Queens Rd)

Congratulations to all of our winners!

It is both easy and fun to play the Brookvale Lottery whilst supporting your local Community Association at the same time. Hopefully you'll win some money in the process!

Three prizes are awarded every month and the lottery draw is made at the monthly 3Cs Coffee Mornings.

Further information on how to play the Brookvale Lottery can be found on our website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

Alternatively, please contact our Lottery Agent, Pam Mansfield on (01256) 324313 or email:

pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

If you enjoy meeting and chatting with new people, would like to meet more of your neighbours and help the Community Association at the same time, we are looking for volunteers to help our Lottery Agent collect subscriptions and sign up new players. If you are interested, please contact Pam Mansfield (details above).

Upcoming Events

Brookvale RED NOSE DAY Disco

*Saturday 17th March,
 6pm-10pm, Village Hall
 £3 adult / £2 child / 3's & under free*

To avoid disappointment, book your tickets now! Please see the main advert on the front page for further details.

Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

*Every Monday during term time,
 9:45am - 11:15am, Village Hall
 £1.20 per session, per family*

Join Brookvale's Baby & Toddler Group every Monday (during term time) for fun, games and activities. Each session includes an art, craft or simple cooking activity and ends with a song and refreshments (included in the £1.20 entrance fee). For more information please contact Natalie on (01256) 840114. New members are always accepted - Mums, Dads and Child-minders are all very welcome!

3Cs Coffee Morning

*First Saturday of each month,
 10am-midday, Village Hall*

Don't feel like you're part of your community? Meet your neighbours and find out more about what's going on in your local area. Join us for Coffee, Cakes and Chat at 3Cs!

Committee Meetings

*Next meeting: Thursday 12th April,
 7:30pm, Village Hall*

You are very welcome to sit in on one of our Committee Meetings to see how your elected Committee are running the Community Association or to raise any issues related to your community. It would also be an ideal opportunity for you to see what being a Committee Member entails, should you be considering stepping forward to help. For dates of future meetings, please see our website.

BCA Information

Up-to-date news and information can always be found on our website: www.brookvale.org.uk

For booking information on the Village Hall, please contact:

Nina Burley,
 Hall Bookings Agent
 (01256) 328277 (ideally between 8am-10am)
nina.burley@brookvale.org.uk

For information on the Brookvale Lottery, please contact:

Pam Mansfield,
 Lottery Agent
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For any information on local disability/mobility related issues, please contact:

Chris Hall,
 Vulnerable Persons Officer
 (01256) 351074
chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk

For anything relating to local development issues, please contact:

Malcolm MacInnes,
 Chair, Development Sub-Committee
malcolm.macinnnes@brookvale.org.uk

For any other information, please email:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Your local councillors are:

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