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Northern Stars and Southern Belles win the night!

The little grey cells of Brookvale were teased and stretched into action amid fun and banter at the first Quiz Night held in the Village Hall on Friday February 2nd. Fourteen enthusiastic teams with weird and wonderful names competed for first prize.

All the answers were easy if you knew them! Some teams got into the fun of it and supplied really imaginative, witty answers when all else failed! The acronym P.L.U.T.O. (Pipe Line Under The Ocean) produced an answer 'Please Leave Us To Ourselves'. The local knowledge round also proved interesting. Folk realised that though they often walked past local landmarks in Basingstoke they couldn't remember how many clock faces were on St Michael's church tower, the name of the sculpture adjacent to the steps in front of the station or the name of the 1992 installation causing great controversy when it was erected at the top of the town.

During the interval participants enjoyed fish and chip or chicken and chip suppers. Well they do say fish is good for the brain! After

flagging appetites had been satiated it was back to the fray. Teams continued to play their jokers on the rounds they had selected hoping for a good round of double points. This strategy paid off for some and put them for a while in the lead! The Deep Chasers, Prints, The Old Solby's and The Northern Stars and Southern Belles fought it out for top position.

The Quiz Master, John Banks, caused great amusement when reading out the following question in the round 'Looks and Books', "Who sculpted 'The Thinker' and 'The Burghers of Calais'". John read out "'The Thinker' and 'The Burghers of Rodin'", giving everyone a free answer! He did say that he was very nervous, but laughed along with everyone.

In the end the Northern Stars and Southern Belles won through and their team leader, Michelle Shrub of Brookvale Close, brought them forward to collect their prize of six bottles of wine from Roger Blackmore-Squires. Well done!

Everyone agreed it was a good evening. It was great

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Wine & Cheese Evening

Friday 23rd March, 7.30pm
at 28 Queens Road

A warm welcome awaits anyone interested in knowing more about what is involved in being a Street Representative. Join us for the evening or just drop in for as long as you prefer. Meet and chat with Reps who have been on board for the past year and pick up some information.

If you would like to know more but can't make the evening please phone Maggie Dee on 01256 414708.

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to see the hall full of people enjoying themselves. The event itself was a success and raised £184.00 for BCA funds. This total was helped by the £20.00 voucher from Sainsbury's, which helped provide some of the raffle prizes and a £15.00 voucher for a manicure donated by The Beauty Studio at Marco Polo.

There are other fun events scheduled for forthcoming months and we hope you will give these your support. Some people were disappointed when they were not able to obtain tickets for the Quiz Night as places were sold out. So remember to book early!

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Ladies Club

It was an awful night! The rain and wind did their utmost to dampen spirits BUT despite this a good number of ladies turned out to support the idea of a ladies club for Brookvale.

After an initial chat accompanied by a cup of coffee or tea, lots of ideas were put forward. It was felt that the club should be of mixed age, 19-99 years!! The club would meet on the 2nd Tuesday in the month and cover a wide range of activities that would interest all. It was thought that a subscription of £2.00 a meeting would help cover the costs of invited speakers, refreshments etc. It was thought that perhaps a starting time of 8.00pm would be more helpful to those with families and those coming in from work. It was realised that some of our potential older members might not like coming out at night. Those present said that they would be willing to call for and accompany or provide transport for these members. So no excuse, if you would like to come along let us know.

Lots of varied activities, trips, demonstrations and speakers were suggested: Interior Design, Beauty, Theatre, Shopping Trips, Wine Tasting, a visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill, Demonstration by a Florist, someone to introduce Pilates and a Christmas Meal! Of course more members of all ages mean more ideas and variety of activities. So do come along and put your ideas forward.

The next meeting is arranged for Tuesday 13th March at 8.00pm at the Village Hall. Rosie from The Beauty Studio at Marco Polo will give a demonstration of skin care routines, nail care and nail art. She will answer any queries you may have concerning

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Whatever your occasion be it a wedding, family party or bar-mitzvah, we believe the brand new Hall is the best, cleanest, newest, most central Basingstoke location for it!

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the face, skin, nails and hands etc. Refreshments will be provided in the interval.

If anyone has a suggestion for a snappy name for the club please bring it along. See you Tuesday 13th March - DON'T FORGET!

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NeighbourCare

If you have used NeighbourCare in the past you will be delighted to know that the charity who tries to offer neighbourly help to those with genuine needs is going from strength to strength.

Based at offices in Glebe Hall, Church Square, the NeighbourCare service has record numbers of volunteers that are able to offer help to those who need it. NeighbourCare seeks to offer the helping hand in a way similar to how any good neighbour would. The charity helps people of a wide range of ages with its network of volunteers right across Basingstoke. Help comes in the form of giving lifts to the doctors, hospital, the dentist, doing some shopping, befriending and much more.

If you need help of this nature simply call Kay or Hilary at NeighbourCare on 01256 332424. They will take details of your needs, try to match it to one of a team of volunteers and the task will get done!

Kay and Hilary would also love to hear from you if you would like to become a volunteer, committing as much or as little time as you like. Please use the same number shown above if you would like to help.

Following on...

...from the February issue. The Opening Celebration photographs showed Father Christmas very handsomely attired in his wonderful outfit made by Mary Bartle. Thank you Mary for your expertise and hard work.

We would like to apologise to Voice Products, who supplied the two-horse wagonette for Father Christmas, and anyone that has been trying to call them! We printed their fax number instead of their phone number! They have a number of horse-drawn vehicles available for hire. For further information telephone John Beckett on 772209.

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Come to the AGM!

If you would like to meet your neighbours, make new friends and support your community come along to the Association's Annual General Meeting on May 24th at 7:30pm.

Also, if you want to become involved, the AGM is the best time to start. New committee members are encouraged to come on board during the meeting. The BCA is delighted with the renewed interest in the Association. All those that have put their efforts and time into the BCA over the last year have found it great fun and very rewarding. Remember, you can jump in at any time if you want to become involved. And you don't have to commit your whole life! You choose how much time you have to give. So we'll see you there then?!

Give us the blurb! - *your comments and views***Free of Charge for Everyone**

I just wanted to pass on this bit of useful information... Have you any household items to throw away - fridges, cookers, mattresses, carpets etc? Call the Council's Community Services department on 845474 and tell them exactly what you want removed and where it is. Within a week it will be taken away free of charge. This is a free service for ANYONE needing to get rid of bulky items. Please keep Brookvale tidy.

Name and address supplied

What's going on with the website?

I have noticed your website has not been updated since September 1st 2000, and still appears to be under construction. This being the case could you please explain why it is mentioned as a point of reference in your latest local newsletter.

Via email

We're currently working on building the website and want to make it an extremely useful, easy-to-use resource for residents. We reserved the domain back in August last year and have only just received full domain rights from Nominet, the UK's domain registration body. This has held us back slightly in itself. Since our registration we have been promoting the URL of the site in various places, including Blurb, as we want you to bookmark it and follow the email link to stay in touch with what's happening with the website. We are just about to start trialling some of the designs we have been working on. Until the site is complete, please bare with us whilst we carry on tweaking! It won't be long now.

Brookvale Online Team

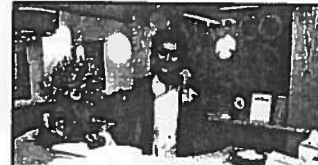
Hall Sign

I need to get a sign written for my business premises and would like to know who did the good job of the new sign on the Village Hall?

Via email

Our fantastic new sign was designed and put together by the guy who's also responsible for designing and editing this publication. Unfortunately for you, he's not a commercial signwriter (it took him two weeks to paint it in his back garden between belting rain storms in late November!), so you'll have to look elsewhere. But thanks for giving us the opportunity to thank him - thank you Simon!

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Position Filled

The BCA would like to welcome Helen Blackburn, our new caretaker/cleaner of the Village Hall.

Fund Raising

Wednesday January 24th - a meeting was held to discuss ideas for fund raising social events to help support the running of the Village Hall. It was mooted that charges for social evenings could be standardised and a discount could be offered to BCA members. A variety of ideas were put forward catering for the interests of all ages, some for adults, others including children. A programme of events was sketched out until December. The immediate events were fleshed out and agreed upon and can be found on page 4 of this issue of Blurb.

The Quiz night and raffle on February 2nd raised £184.00 for the BCA. An impromptu head shave at John Banks's party raised £20 (which is why he can currently be found sporting a hat wherever he goes!).

Travel

National Rail Enquiries 0345 484950
 Stagecoach Information 01256 464501

Local Helplines, Establishments & Amenities

North Hampshire Hospital 01256 473202
 Samaritans (5 Essex Road, Basingstoke) 01256 462333
 Basingstoke Police Station 01256 473111
 Basingstoke Library 01256 462901
 Queens Road Post Office 01256 322668

Emergency Hotlines

Electricity Emergencies (Southern Electric) 0345 708090
 Gas Emergencies 0800 111999

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

Main Switchboard 01256 844844
 Community Services 01256 845474
 Conservation Areas 01256 845235
 Community Charge 01256 819599
 Environmental Health 01256 845303
 Parks and Open Spaces 01256 845712
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What is a Beetle Drive?

Each player has an individual card with 9 boxes per side to record the game. A dice is used to throw for different parts of the beetle. These must be collected in sequence. Therefore you must have the head before you can add the eyes, feelers, body, legs or tail. Each body part is equal to a certain number on the dice. The head = 6, the body = 5, the tail = 4, etc. etc. The first person to complete their beetle shouts "Beetle" and the game stops. Everyone adds up their score of whatever parts they managed to get. The person on the table with the highest score moves on to the next table. This continues till all games are completed and scores added up. Then the winner of the drive is declared. A beetle drive is GREAT FUN FOR ALL AGES.

dates for your diary

- **Friday 16th March** **BEETLE DRIVE - 7:15pm start**
 Tickets £2.50 adults, accompanying children £1.00 each. For tickets contact John & Pam Banks (352078) or Lin Chandler (329475) - FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! (see above)
- **Saturday 17th March** **WEIGH OUT - 10am until midday**
 Come along to The Village Hall to find out what you have achieved since The Weigh In on Saturday 2nd February. Stay and chat over coffee and find out how well you all did.
- **Friday 30th March** **QUIZ NIGHT - 7:30pm start**
 Form a team of up to six players. Tickets £5.00 including fish/chicken and chip supper. Book early to avoid disappointment. A special invitation to The Northern Stars and Southern Belles. Bring your own drinks and glasses. For further information and tickets contact John & Pam (352078) or Lin (329475).
- **Sunday 8th April** **'I Do! I Do!' presented by PROTEUS THEATRE**
 A musical about marriage originally produced on Broadway. Suitable for children over 11 yrs. Tickets £5.00 For tickets contact John & Pam (352078) or Lin (329475).
- **Friday 27th April** **MONTE CARLO WHIST DRIVE**
 A game that is great fun for adults and easily mastered. Tickets £5.00 including fish/chicken and chip supper. For tickets contact John & Pam (352078) or Lin (329475).
- **Friday 8th June** **QUIZ NIGHT - 7:30pm start**
 Details and format as 30th March.