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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another new year is here and on behalf of the BCA I would like to wish all of you the best for 2002.

2001 was a good year for the BCA. The refurbished hall has hosted many successful events. The Quiz Evenings have proved especially popular. The 3C's mornings, the Parent and Toddler Group and the Ladies Tuesday Club have a regular following. The Old Fashioned Christmas and Proteus's 'Three Musketeers' were great entertainment. Private parties and groups have enjoyed the excellent facilities provided by the hall and kept in tip top condition by our caretaker. Thank you to the observant resident who informed us that one of the hall's shutters had been damaged. It is good to know that local people are taking an interest in the hall's well being.

Many people have asked why we didn't have a Fete and the Firework Display last year. These particular events consume a lot of man/woman power and need long term planning. The organization of these would have taken valuable time away from a newly elected committee doing their best to sort and promote other matters and events. We aim, with your help and support, to resume the Fete this coming year. The Firework display will, however, have to be discussed further owing to the tightening restrictions placed upon us by law.

Many planning issues, including Victory Roundabout and at the end of last year the development on the corner of Alexandra Road have caused concern. Thank you to the residents who notified the Council's

Planning Department and the BCA so we can all work together on these matters.

May I thank you all for your support last year, especially when we called the EGM and some residents even left their sick beds to attend. That really is loyal support! This year we hope to put the Lease Trusteeship in the hands of the Charities Commission and we would like to thank George Johns and Tom Gilvear, our present Lease Trustees for their past and present help in this matter.

So forward we go into 2002. There are some interesting events scheduled. The BCA is for everyone in Brookvale, so do come a long, take part, make new friends and have fun. We look forward to seeing you. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pam Banks (Chairperson)

EGM REPORT

Extraordinary General Meeting, was held on 21st November 2001, to legalise the election of Management Committee Members and Officers. This was particularly important as we hope the Charities Commission will take over the Trusteeship of the Lease of the Village Hall.

The support of residents was marvellous. 33 residents attended, exceeding our quorum of 25. Besides re-electing our existing committee we gained two new members. So now we are:

Chair - Pam Banks
Treasurer - Maggie Dee

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3 C's Coffee Morning

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Saturday 10 am till Noon
Village Hall
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These mornings will resume
on

February 2nd 2002

Your chance to take
out BCA Membership
and join the Lottery

For further details
Contact Maggie Dee 414708
EVERYONE WELCOME

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EGM REPORT cont.

Secretary-Diane Anderson
 Booking Agent-Lin Chandler
 Committee: Chris Hall, John Banks, Nicki Freeth, Mark Kemp and Wendy Moore. Co-opted: Eric Baker and Margaret Aubrey.

The Street Representatives are a vital part of the BCA, helping us to keep in touch with residents. There are, however, some streets that are not covered or need extra Reps. because of their length. If anyone wishes to become a Street Rep. or help in other ways (at events, fund raising etc.) contact: Pam Banks 352078 . We will be pleased to hear from you.

Pam Mansfield

"Can you hear me at the back?"

Well you can now! Thanks to everyone who has contributed, over the last few months by buying raffle tickets at the events held in our village hall, the association is now the proud owner of a Peavey Escort 2000 mixer/pa system.

No more excuses of "I didn't hear the question" at the next quiz night!

Brian Chandler

Brookvale Village Hall

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

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King George's Playing Field

I have received a letter from Stephen Bryer, Horticultural Officer for Head of Leisure Services. He says that approval needs to be sought from the council. He plans to seek approval in the near future and subject to permission hopes to discuss detailed proposals with residents in the new financial year.

Pam Banks

SWIM FOR CHILDREN

Me and my friends Rhiannon and Kirstie Smith did a sponsored swim at the Sport's Centre in town on 18th November for Children in Need.

We each swam 30 lengths (half a mile) at nine o'clock in the morning. It took around 45 minutes as we have different swimming abilities. We stopped briefly for rests. It was up to us what strokes we used. We did front crawl, back stroke and breast stroke. Some strokes were easier!

Altogether we have raised £187-00 for children in need. We are very pleased and hope it will help a lot of children.

Katherine Reeks

Christmas Word Search

The correct entries were put into a draw at the Christmas Party on 15th December. The winner of the £5-00 WH SMITH'S token was Mr Edwin Marlow of 145 Lower Brook Street. Well done. We hope you all enjoyed the challenge. More Word Search Puzzles are in the pipe line.

John Banks

Lottery Update

The profits from the Brookvale Community Association Lottery are to support the maintenance costs of the Hall. The only expenditure is the printing of the membership Cards and the prizes.

For 10p membership fee and 10p a week you may win £10-00 a week.

We will be contacting existing members to rejoin for 2002 in January, also, we will be calling round to canvas new members.

You will find a list of the winners for 2001 in the Post Office, Queen's Road.

We will do our best to display the winners on a regular basis.

If you wish to join contact me at 20 Southend Road ,
 Tel: 01256-327329

Pam Mansfield (Lottery Agent)

LOTTERY WINNERS

Date	Lottery No.	Winner	Address
6/10/01	769	Mr Coles	15 Rochford Rd
13/10/01	525	Mrs M Saunders	1 Roundmead Rd
20/10/01	504	Mrs K Murphy	31 Deep Lane
27/10/01	850	Mrs Thumwood	18 Southend Rd
3/11/01	577	Mr F Alexander	26 George Street
10/11/01	21	Mrs M Wilde	20 Lwr. Brook St
17/11/01	482	Mr Labonowska	5 Highfield Chse
24/11/01	102	R. French	40 Lower Brook
1/12/01	883	Yule	26 Southend Rd
8/12/01	509	Mr Jeavons	15 Highfield Chse
15/12/01	805	Mr&Mrs Wilkinson	21 Solbys Rd
22/12/01	457	Mrs Jesshope	47 Alexandra Rd
29/12/01	911	Katie Briance	20 Brookvale Cl.

CANDLES AND ACCESSORIES by Pam Banks

Pauline Mason, Partylite Consultant, gave an interesting and informative demonstration of high quality candles and accessories. Many of them were aromatic and very evocative of the Christmas season. Afterwards ladies took the opportunity of placing orders for Christmas candles for themselves and their friends.

5th QUIZ NIGHT by Andrew and Pauline

Wilkinson

The quiz on Friday 16th Dec. included local pictures, cartoon characters and music from around the world. Would you recognize a piece of music from the Yemen? No, neither did we!

Congratulations go to the 'Deep Chasers', the winners. Also the 'Happy Elegents' who with their obvious, often vocal enthusiasm and enjoyment of the evening helped to make it one of the best quiz nights this year.

Our thanks to the Quiz Master, John Banks. More quiz nights are planned, so please do come along.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS by Maggie Dee

The Do It Yourself Christmas morning was a resounding success. Many of the local children left the hall with armfuls of bright tree adornments. Several of our older residents turned up to help the younger ones and many thanks go to them. This event will definitely be repeated next year.

LADIES VISIT PICKWICK by Rowena Briggs

Our last meeting of the year was spent at the Haymarket to see 'Pickwick—The Musical'. A few ladies started off the evening with a festive meal in the Haymarket's restaurant and joined the main party of 17 to see the extremely entertaining show. The talented cast not only sang but played an assortment of musical instruments and moved round their own scenery and props!

We all thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to thank Lin Chandler for organizing the evening. There are more interesting and fun evenings planned for the New Year so do come along and join us.

WHAT A FINE PARTY IT WAS by Mary Bartle

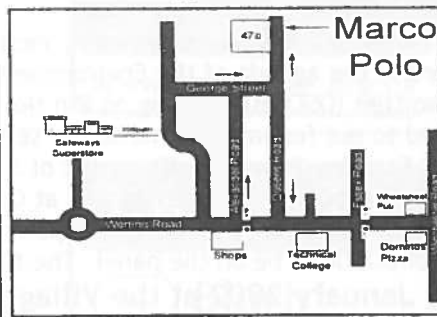
On Saturday December 15th the hall of Brookvale rang out with laughter. 18 months to 90 year olds mixed together to enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Party. We joined in the games- a photo quiz, marking the middle of the reindeer's nose, pass the parcel and making the tallest Christmas tree. Father Christmas came and gave a chocolate gift to old and young alike. Everyone had contributed to an enjoyable tea and members of the committee passed around the welcome cuppa. The children sang carols and Christmas songs, their little faces a joy to behold.

Those who didn't come missed a grand afternoon. We went home happy in the knowledge that Brookvale is up and coming with lots of new families. Keep up the good work and thank you.

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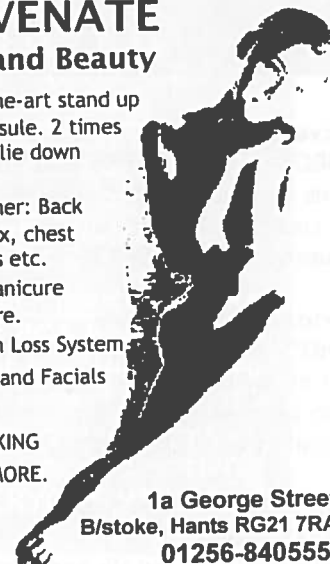
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VICTORY ROUNDABOUT UPDATE

We are still waiting for the report from Mr Cottel, the independent chairperson of the meeting held on 20th October 2001. We had hoped to receive it in time for this report.

Thanks to Councillor Biermann, Victory Roundabout was included in the agenda of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSCOM) meeting on 8th November 2001. It was agreed to put forward the motion of setting up a Victory Roundabout Scrutiny Panel. It will consist of 3 councillors and 2 members of the public. This was agreed at Cabinet on 6th December 2001 and Pam Mansfield has been appointed as one of the members of public to be on the panel. The first meeting is on **31st January 2002 at the Village Hall**. Local residents are welcome to attend. We will keep you posted.

Flooding- who remembers how long?

One of the comments made on our questionnaire has been picked up and is being used by the council in their favour. "In 22 years a resident has only known flooding in the past year on Victory Roundabout". As our survey concentrated mainly on the pedestrian crossing lights issue, not many comments were actually made regarding the length of time we had suffered with flooding. If any one of you would like to add your experience to our survey, we would be more than happy to hear from you.

Pam Mansfield (Victory Roundabout Scrutiny Panel)

The Three Musketeers by John Banks

If you did not come you missed a very entertaining and polished performance by the Proteus Theatre Group. The cast of three gave the capacity house a wonderful afternoon of laughter, groans and giggles as they played various parts in a variation of the well known story.

The show had something for everyone with jokes and storylines to suit all ages. Many thanks to Proteus for the show and to Lin Chandler for arranging the booking. I advise you to look out for the next show—its not to be missed!

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Blurb Magazine

Pam Banks (Temporary Editor)
3 Deep Lane - 352078

Thank you Tom

Our Editor Tom Chapman has moved house. We wish him and Sam all the best in their new home and thank him for all the hard work he put in with editing the BLURB.

At the moment we have a temporary editor who is on a steep learning curve and very grateful for the help and support she has received from friends and especially Ben Aston. Any one interested in joining the Blurb Team and helping with the gathering of articles/local news etc. please 'phone

Pam Banks 01256-352078

NB. Deadline for March issue:
February 17th 2002

dates for your diary

• **Every Wednesday 1:15 pm — 2:45 pm**
BROOKVALE PARENT and TODDLER GROUP
This friendly group meets at the Village Hall.
Do come a long and join us. For details:
Mandy 0778-7158479

• **Friday 18th January**
WHO'S WINE IS IT ANYWAY? 7:30 pm
A 'Call My Bluff Style' quiz by Wine Rack
Who supply the wine and repartee.
Tickets £6-00 Contact: 329475 or 352078

• **Tuesday 12th February**
LADIES NIGHT 8:00 pm
REFLEXOLOGY— a talk and demonstration.
Contact: 329475 or 352078 for details

• **Friday 22nd February**
SKITTLES EVENING 7:30 pm
A fun evening . Ploughman's Supper included.
Tickets: £5-00 Contact: 329475 or 352078
for more details.

• **Tuesday 12th March**
LADIES NIGHT 8:00 pm
TUPPERWARE DEMONSTRATION
Contact: 329475 or 352078

• **Friday 15th March**
THE BROOKVALE TEAZER 7:30 pm
The quiz night under another name!
Bring along own Banquet and drinks
Tickets £3-00 Contact: 329475 or 352078