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Brookvale Community Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Brookvale Community Association will be held on Thursday May 23rd 2002 at 7.30pm at The Village Hall, Lower Brook Street.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a chance for people to find out more about the BCA, ask questions, get involved and elect new Officers and Committee. Afterwards we are hoping that a representative from BDBC Conservation Team will be available to answer previously submitted questions. If you do have a question to ask, would you please forward it to the editor by May 16th.

Please do come along as a quorum of 25 is needed to proceed with the meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Pam Banks—BCA Chair

CONSERVATION REPLY

These points are taken from a letter received from BDBC Senior Conservation Officer in reply to the resident's letter published in the last issue of Blurb- Issue 13 March 2002.

1. The local authority considers that Brookvale is an area of special historic and architectural interest. This is the reason it is designated a Conservation Area and why Article 4(2) Directions have been imposed to ensure that traditional windows and doors are not lost.

2. The controls cover only parts of the building which face the road.

3. Replacing windows with timber sash windows may be more expensive than replacing with UPVC but this is not the only or best option. It is often possible to repair timber sash windows for much less than the cost of UPVC replacements. Timber is the ultimate ecological material, sustainable, recyclable and biodegradable. UPVC creates problems in its production, use and disposal, giving off toxic dioxins as it burns.

3. Timber windows can be effectively draught-proofed, reducing heat-loss and can be secondary double glazed.

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*Distributed to
local households and
businesses*

SAFeway STORE

Planning Application
BDB/52784

Alterations to loading bay, increased warehouse space, 50% increased sales space, less parking and alterations to the Brookvale pedestrian access.

FIND OUT-WRITE-MAKE

YOUR VIEWS KNOWN to the
COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

3 C's Coffee Morning

Every alternate
Saturday 10 am till Noon
Village Hall
Call in
for Coffee, Cake and Chat

*For further details
Contact Maggie Dee 414708*

EVERYONE WELCOME

BROOKVALE TEAZER by Jan O'Brien

Friday 15th March saw the hall packed for another quiz night. The evening was started off with a tribute to Arthur Attwood.

John Banks was on form with some amazing questions to test everyone's memory. His local photo round made you wonder if they were taken in Basingstoke, until on closer inspection they lit up a glimmer of recognition. You may have just seen that sign hanging over a shop or business along a street you frequently walk.

During the break Ted Blackmore-squires was serenaded as he blew out the candles on his Diamond Geezer birthday cake and the raffle was drawn. After 10 rounds and all jokers played it came to a nail biting finish. A tie was announced. Four ladies from the team named 'Bob' were the eventual winners and were presented with prizes of wine and chocolates.

Everyone had a great night. I heard the quizmaster say he had already got the next Teazer 'in the bag'. So come along and see for yourself!

EASTER 3C'S by Margaret Hitchcock

An enjoyable morning was had by the fourteen people who attended. Miriam wore her Easter bonnet covered with flowers and fluffy yellow chicks. This came in for some friendly banter.

Den and Gwen who were celebrating their 56th Wedding Anniversary met up with old friends from Brookvale. Ted popped in with the 'Corner Plot' leaflets and stayed for a chat. We had a draw for the Easter egg. Surprise, surprise—I won it. I love chocolate buttons.

Why not pop in on the next 3C's morning? You never know who you will meet.

ICING CAKE ART by Rosie Banks

On Tuesday 9th April the Brookvale Ladies Club enjoyed an evening making icing flowers assisted by Wendy Gilvear, who talked us through how to mould and make flowers and other exciting things for birthday or wedding cakes.

We all got the chance to have a go ourselves and we did very well! I have already put an order in for my wedding cake!

NIGHT at the 80'S DISCO by Sue Pearce and Claire Smith

All we can say is -WOW- turn back the clock to when life was care free and you wore clothes which reflected this attitude—you just didn't care!!!

Seeing the bizarre and outrageous outfits that people had made for the night and listening to the music being played with the old smoke machine going in the background, brought back not only the ambience but the smell of Brookvale School Discos!

The thought you might just get the chance to dance with your honey to great tunes such as T'pau and Duran Duran filled you with excitement and fear, or like us you just didn't care about boys and girls just wanted to have fun with clothes, fluorescent socks, crimpers, makeup and music.

Check out some of the pictures to see what we mean.....

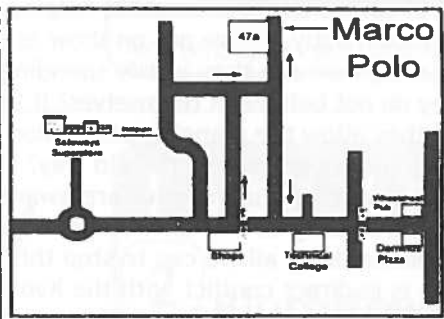
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BCOT FUN DAY
SATURDAY 25 MAY
12.00 - 4.00PM

featuring the BBC's

DIY SOS Team

LINE DANCING
PET SHOW
CLASSIC CARS
KIDS 'BUILD A ROOF'
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FUN DAY

Conservation cont.

5. Grants have been available since January 1999 for the repair of buildings or reinstatement of historic features. Though publicised in the press and at public meetings, only 2 applicants have applied and received subsequent grants. The Grant Criteria are under review and any new grants are likely to be available from September 2002.

6. Regarding funding for projects within the Conservation Area, such as street lighting, paving, railings and street signage works, these could be funded through the Conservation Enhancement Grant budget. The views of the community are sort and discussion invited on environmental improvements. (See Blurb Issue 11 November 2001)

7. Basingstoke and Deane have produced an information package of advice notes on "The Brookvale House", including advice on the repair of historic buildings within the Brookvale Conservation Area, energy efficiency and sustainability.

8. To receive a copy of publications or discuss this further contact (01256-845512) or email : h.brushett@basingstoke.gov.uk
Hazel Brushett-
Senior Conservation Officer

NB It was the Council who designated Brookvale a Conservation Area to safeguard the area from developers after a battle to stop Brookvale School being demolished and a large block of flats being built on the site.

The Council gave Brookvale residents the chance to put their views forward, unfortunately many did not do so. The majority of those who did bother to reply were in favour. Thus the designation of Brookvale as a Conservation Area.

Victory Roundabout

The meeting on 7th March ended with it looking as though a dual situation would be requested—Pedestrian Lights and Subways.

The risk analysis supplied by HCC stated that it would not be advisable to put in pedestrian lights on Victory Roundabout. It would be better to keep the subways. A representative of HCC had been asked to attend but 'they do not make a habit of appearing at such meetings'. It was minuted that this was 'unfortunate'.

Residents present supported the subway option. The improved pumps seem to be keeping the flooding in hand, though a dry winter is not giving the best comparison. A proper maintenance programme and maybe a crossing on Timberlake Road in the area of Mortimer Lane seemed another option. It was requested that the possibility of this crossing be put on HCC agenda.

The thumbnail sketch we had requested, giving an idea of where the crossing may be sited is not yet available. Crime figures for 2000 show 3 incidents affecting subways in the Brookvale area.

The following will be discussed at the next meeting: Information from Emergency Services, Report on why pedestrian lights and subways cannot be used at the same time and a specific Maintenance Programme.

The BCA sub committee are to survey the roundabout for feasible ideas to make it more pedestrian friendly. The date of the next meeting is still to be arranged.

Pam Mansfield
-Scrutiny Committee

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Brookvale

Village Hall

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

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BCOT FUN DAY 25th MAY 2002

BCOT is holding a FAMILY FUN DAY on Saturday 25th May 2002, at the College, Worthing Road from 12:00— 4:00 pm. Meet the stars from BBC's DIY SOS and enjoy the many attractions: pet show, balloon race, steel band, T-shirt painting, fire engine, cream teas, classic cars, children's activities, competitions and much, much more. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome.

For further information please contact: Susannah Shore—Public Relations Officer -
Tel: 01256-306396
Fax: 01256- 306444

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LOTTERY WINNERS

Date	Lottery No.	Winner	Address
02/03/02	188	Sue Franklin	21 George St.
09/03/02	140	Mrs Hedderley	9 George St.
16/03/02	43	Barry Bennett	235 L.Brook St.
30/03/02	921	Gina Brignal	18 Brookvale Cl.

Give us the blurb! Your comments and views**Another Conservation Letter**

In response to the letter printed in Issue 13 -
Some answers;-

1. Of course the council is not helping, in my view there are two reasons. Firstly we are not on show as stated by your contributor. Secondly how can they justify spending money on a scheme that they do not believe in themselves? If this scheme was serious why did they allow the planning permission for the old school?
 2. Should we go back to the old way? YES.
 3. I am sure that many of us are aware of the great harm we as a race are doing to the environment. I feel very strongly that we should be doing all we can to stop this problem. This conservation area is in direct conflict with the Kyoto Protocol that this government signed up to. (We are all meant to be doing all we can to *reduce* greenhouse gases)
 4. While on the subject of the Conservation area, why did the council allow the selling of the house they'd spent so much money on restoring to it's original style?
- Lower Brook Street Resident—Name and address supplied

THANK YOU Phil, Val Jody Merrywether of 13 Queens Road would like to thank their neighbours for their help at the time of their shed fire on Sunday 21st April. In particular Sue and Don at No. 17 for calling the Fire Brigade, and Trevor, Carol and Becky at No. 9 for their support.

They report that the bikes will never grace the roads again and that the drill has bitten the (brick) dust!!

Oh, and they apologise to Mark and Sharon at No. 15 for burning their fence down!

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP US WITH EVENTS BY BUYING YOUR TICKETS EARLY. If you wait too long tickets may be sold out, or if there is not enough support we have time to cancel the event instead of worrying if there will be enough people interested to make the event viable. Thank you - Pam Banks and Lin Chandler

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Blurb Magazine

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DEADLINE for JULY ISSUE
JUNE 17th 2002

Ode to the Knicker Nicker

We have a person- oh so bold-
Who seems determined to leave us cold.
From our washing line does sneak
Items of which we don't like to speak.
Creeping up is quite a knack,
Always seems to go for black!
It costs us dear, we're really mad.
Please put an end to this silly fad.
PC. Bond we'll get around
If others with missing clothes are found!
George St Resident—name and address
supplied

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 along and join us. For details:
Mandy 0778-7158479

•Friday 10th May
THE BROOKVALE TEAZER 7:30 pm
The quiz night under a new name
Come along as a team of 6 or come and join
Others to make a team of 6
Bring your own banquet and drinks
Test those little grey cells!
Tickets £3-00 Contact: 329475 or 352078

• Tuesday 12th May
LADIES NIGHT 8:00 pm-partners welcome
CHEESEMAN from ALRESFORD
A demonstration and talk by Jeff Webb of 'Harvest Deli-
catessen and Bakery' in Alresford, who visits many tiny
farms around the country tasting the locally produced
cheese. Taste the real McCoy!
Tickets £2-00 Contact: 329475 or 352078

• Friday 21st June
BROOKVALE RACE NIGHT 8:00 pm
Brookvale's answer to Ladies Day at Ascot
Strawberries and sparkling wine
All the fun of a race meeting. Best hat/tie competition

Tickets £3-00 Contact: 329475 or 352078