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## AGM NEWS

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual General Meeting of Brookvale Community Association held on Thursday May 23rd 2002 at The Village Hall, Lower Brook Street. Your interest and support was appreciated.

After the Minutes for the AGM 2001 and the EGM 2001 had been accepted, the Chairman reported on the matter of the Lease Trusteeship and the hiring of Car Park spaces to supplement hall finances. The paper work for these had been submitted to the Borough Council and at the time of the AGM the BCA were still awaiting comment and decision from BDBC's legal department.

Members of the BCA were then asked to read and vote on amendments to the constitution. The points for amendment had been recommended by the Community Officer, June Balcombe, 1. That as BCA income is under £10,000 per annum, the accounts be independently examined every year; 2. that five voting members may, at their discretion ask the chairman or secretary to call a Special General Meeting; and 3. that the office of President be deleted. These amendments were carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's report showed that hall bookings and events profits were providing a good basis for income to run the Hall. The Lottery report showed a healthy increase in members subscriptions. Thank you to all those folk who supported events and joined the Lottery. These reports were voted on and accepted. The committee then stood down and nominations invited for new committee members.

After the break nominations were collected and the new committee was voted in with Maggie Dee and Diane Anderson as Treasurer and Secretary. Hazel Brushett then spoke on the subject of 'Conservation in the Brookvale Area', a bone of contention with many residents. If you have any enquiries re: Conservation please contact Hazel Brushett on : 01256-845512.

We look forward to the coming year and your continued support. If you would like to help in anyway please let us know we would be pleased to hear from you. If you have an idea and are willing to help it to fruition— we will support you. The more people helping the more things we can achieve and events be arranged.

Pam Banks

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Local households and  
businesses*

### BCA MEMBERSHIP

Membership has now expired, excepting those people, who of their own volition, have renewed.

There are not enough of us to go door to door collecting subscriptions.

So if you would like to renew your membership please do ask a member of the committee or your Street Rep, if your street has one. You can also sign up again at an event.

If you live outside the area you can sign up as an Associate member

## Victory Roundabout- The Borough Council's 'Preferred Option'

Due to the local elections, which resulted in a change of councillors sitting on the panel; a change of staff within the Borough Council who co-ordinated between the committees and panel, and Rodger Archer-Reeves leaving for pastures new; it has not yet been possible to set a date for the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

A meeting will take place. As soon as we know the details you will be informed.

**Pam Mansfield**  
-Scrutiny Committee

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## THE BUS STOP

Agnes Weatherley wrote to the Planning, Environment and Transport Department of BDBC questioning for the reason for this move 'from opposite the Downsland Parade shops to the other side of Queens Road where it is now placed approximately 2/3 metres from the entrance to the North Site BCOT.'

Agnes goes on to say, 'The first any of us Brookvale residents knew of the change was when we turned up at the original bus stop to find a notice pasted on the post to say that the stop had been moved because it was in a dangerous place. The stop had been in situ for many years and the pedestrian crossing nearby was installed at least 5 years ago. I have not heard of a recent spate of accidents around the old bus stop. The new stop is badly sited so near an entrance to the college where cars are entering and leaving continually.'

She pointed out that, 'The bus service is the main means of transport for elderly people. The Queens Road bus stop serves two concentrations of senior citizens in the sheltered accommodation at Townsend Court and Westdeane Court.'

A member of the Council's Maintenance Team replied that the decision to re-locate the bus stop was taken because of Stagecoach's drivers being concerned about having to stop on the Pelican Crossing when the lights were red causing a conflict between pedestrians and motorists overtaking the bus.

He goes on to state that, 'According to the Highway code, paragraph 167, it is also an offence to stop or overtake within the area covered by zig-zag lines.'

So the council decided to relocate the bus stop as it would be impractical to move the crossing. Thus ensuring that services can be continued rather than removed altogether.

If you need any further information please contact Bill Lyon on -  
**01256-845348**

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## BCOT and Brookvale Residents Liaison Group

On 17th July the group met in the Coffee Shop at BCOT. The idea is to discuss matters that affect the area and forthcoming events.

The problem of the alarm at the Old Dairy was discussed. BCOT are having a radio link put in from the Dairy to the College main building which should curtail this nuisance to residents in Queens Rd. There is also a caretaker on duty for 7 days a week.

The next meeting will be 21st October 2002. If you have any matter of concern phone:

**352078 or BCOT 354141**

## Brookvale Village Hall

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13/04/02	716		Essex Rd.
20/04/02	823	Ray Hitchcock	17 Solbys Rd.
27/04/02	981	Mr Pike	14 Worting Rd.

**BROOKVALE TEAZER** by Pam Banks

On Friday 10th May eighteen teams were ready for the challenge and fun of another 'Teazer'. Rounds from 'Roman Britain' to pictures for 'Around Britain', exercised teams knowledge of Latin place names and famous British architectural features.

Towards the end three teams were almost neck and neck, 'Deaf Buy Chocolate', 'The Deep Chasers' and 'The Bridesmaids'. 'The Deep Chasers' won, yet again, and were rewarded with chocolates, wine and certificates.

**OF CHEESE AND MEN** by Meg Green

Men?? At the 'Ladies Night'? So popular was the idea of the talk given by 'Arlesford Cheeseman', Jeff Webb, that several gentlemen joined our group on Tuesday 14th May in Brookvale Hall.

They were not disappointed. Jeff Webb gave a most enthusiastic and engaging talk about the various cheeses he had brought for us to sample. Very tasty they were too, washed down with a glass of wine. Delicious! It was a pleasure to meet someone with such an obvious passion for their work.

Amongst the members of the audience, was my guest, Leslie Smith, a professor of IT from a community college in Virginia, USA, over here on an exchange visit with Trica Runcie of Queen Mary's college. I know 'Cheese Night' will get a favourable mention, when Leslie gives her presentation on her trip, to the members of her college board. Deservedly so.

**THE SUNSET WALK** by Gill Broom

The June trip of Brookvale Ladies was definitely not flaming!

We met in Winchester to follow the 'Sunset Walk'. The intention was to walk up St.Giles' Hill then past the Weirs and through the Abbey Gardens- a circular route of one and a half miles. However, on the climb up St.Giles' Hill the rain began to fall. By the time we had admired the view and picked out the landmarks of Wolvesey Castle, Winchester College, King Alfred's statue and the West Gate, the rain had already set in.

A unanimous decision was made to retire immediately to 'The Black Boy' pub. We all enjoyed our meal and a drink or two. We were greatly amused by the various collections decorating the walls and ceilings: especially the surgical instruments on display in the Ladies Loo!

Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed the evening and several people said they will complete the walk at a later date. Maybe then we'll find out what collection is on display in the Gents!

Our thanks to Julie Morris for arranging the evening.

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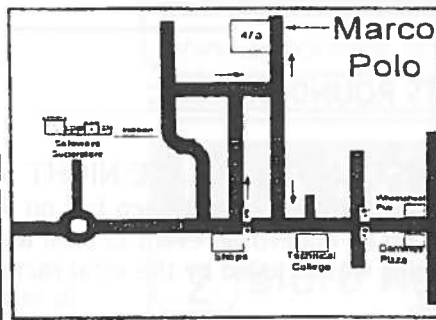
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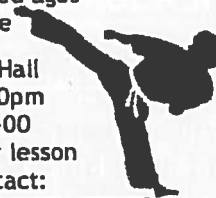
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## Give us the blurb! Your comments and views

A local resident has asked if 'Blurb' would remind car owners who park on the road not to keep valuables in their cars and also make sure their cars are locked.

## EVENTS ROUND-UP cont:

### **NOT JUST ANOTHER RACE NIGHT** by Ted Squires -

Ascot week it may have been but on Friday 21st June Brookvale put on an equestrian event to rival any Royal affair. An hilarious evening was enjoyed by the local racing enthusiasts at the Village Hall.

After the course had been inspected by the stewards they were off-the horses that is! The Sir Sidney Solbys Stakes, the King George V Gold Cup, the Southend Hurdles were but a few of the races on the flat or over the jumps. Six freshly decorated field horses and six galloping paddock horses delighted the punters with their prowess. Betting was brisk.

Strawberries and Pomagne were served from the Royal Box at the half furlong point. Ladies resplendent in all their finery, topped with beautiful hats, accompanied their men who sported daring dicky-bows and wonderful waistcoats. All vied for prizes which were won by Wendy Gilvear (Mrs Shilling) and Ted Squires.

The horse auction produced a £25 prize for the Brookvale Grand National won by Caspian's team headed by Pam Mansfield.

A great night was had by all. Thanks go to Norman Morris and Tom Gilvear, the committee and all who came to 'Night at the Races'.

**YES, the BCA would also like to say thank you to Tom Gilvear, Norman Morris and Ted Blackmore-Squires for a brilliant evening's fun. If you didn't come to this race night make sure you keep your eyes open for the next!**

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**DEADLINE for SEPT ISSUE**  
**AUGUST 17th 2002**

## **New Committee**

**Diane Anderson Pam Banks**

**Lin Chandler Maggie Dee**

**Chris Hall Mark Kemp**

**Wendy Moore Tina Murphy**

**Next Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday July 17th at 8-00pm**

Re: Sunday September 15th .  
This date has in the past been allotted for BCA Fete . Though there has been little support for this, we still hope to put on a community event. Bright ideas for this would be welcomed and help. Tel: 352078

## **dates for your diary**

•Every Wednesday 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  
**BROOKVALE PARENT and TODDLER GROUP**  
This friendly group will not be meeting during the School holidays. We will resume on the first Wednesday of the Autumn term. Do come along and join us. For details: Mandy 0778-7158479

•Friday 12th JULY  
**THE BROOKVALE TEAZER 7:30 pm**  
A Quiz with a Jubilee Flavour  
Come along as a team of 6 or come and join Others to make a team of 6  
Bring your own banquet and drinks  
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• Tuesday 9th JULY  
**LADIES NIGHT 8:00 pm-**  
Meet at the Village Hall ready to go bowling at **BOWLPLEX** . A promising fun evening.  
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• Saturday 5th OCTOBER  
**DAY TRIP TO CALAIS**  
The cost for this trip will be approx. £22-00 which will cover a seat on the coach and ferry to Calais. The details are in the process of being finalised. It will be a chance to go and visit the beautiful, historic town of Calais and to go shopping at the **City Europe Complex**. Please contact the number below to book your seat—first come first served. You will need your passport.  
Contact: 329475 or 352078