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Everyone's contribution is valid; no matter what your age, experience or skills.

Any current member would be happy to chat with you informally prior to the **AGM** on **Thursday 22nd May 2003 at 8:00pm**

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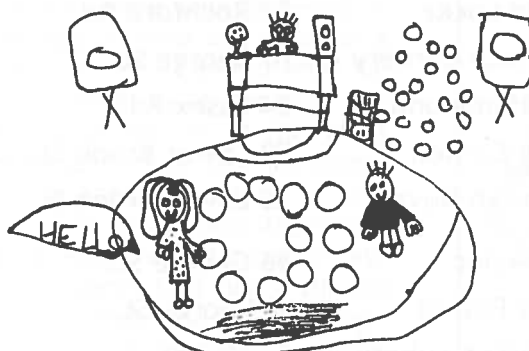
VICTORY ROUNDABOUT

We left our last report on a high note; the Panel was going to recommend that the subways remain open. This was accepted by the Over View and Scrutiny Committee and subsequently conveyed to Cabinet, with special emphasis on the fact that any further suggestion of filling in the subways should not take place without consultation with Brookvale residents. The report was put before full Cabinet and noted. At this time we do not know if there has been any formal commitment by the Cabinet. We await clarification on a formal Cabinet resolution. Some will be aware that the subways were flooded during the last couple of weeks. This caused by earth, left by contractors who had been making the temporary pumps permanent, being swept down by rain. When the gratings were lifted to clear them drinks cans were found pushed under the gratings by vandals. Hopefully, there will now be a constant maintenance programme in place to keep gullies clear.

Pam Mansfield—Scrutiny Panel

BIRTHDAY DISCO AT VILLAGE HALL

On Sunday 2nd February, I had my birthday party in Brookvale Village Hall. I had a disco with 26 of my friends! We had lots of fun and also played games like musical bumps, pass the parcel and sleeping lions. I had a 'Groovy Chick' birthday cake. It was the best party ever!



*By Victoria Lee
age 7*

3C'S

COFFEE, CAKE
AND CHAT

Resume on
Saturday March 8th
10:00 am - Noon
Come along, bring a
friend, meet a friend

Don't miss

**SKITTLES
NIGHT**

Friday March 7th
At 8:00pm
Brookvale
Village Hall
Booked again after
popular request

See events diary

OUR BOBBY ON THE BEAT

A new area policeman been appointed for our district. She is Katherine (Kat) Boyd. She is very keen to get to know our area. Kat has been invited along to the next Management Committee meeting in February.

Adult Education Programme –Summer 2003

The Summer 2003 Adult Education programme will be available from March 26th 2003. So if you are interested in a new language, an exercise programme or just learning something new please 'phone for a free copy. Adult Education Office 01256-306347/355 or BCOT 01256-306484

LOTTERY UPDATE

I owe an apology to some winners who read of their winnings before receiving them. The Lottery is run by myself with help from Jane Griggs. Owing to ill health and other circumstances, there was a delay with the delivering of the September winnings and I was unable to get someone else to deliver them for me. It can be very difficult to call several times.

This also has an effect on the delay in the collecting of the new years subscriptions. Therefore we are asking members if they wish to re-new lottery membership for 2003 by paying the full £5-30 when Jane and I call during the coming weeks.

Since January 2000 the membership of the BCA Lottery has increased from 35 to 215 participants.. This is really encouraging and because of this success we are introducing two extra draws this year: June - £20 and December- £30.

If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact me on Basingstoke 324313. There is a membership fee of 10p and subscription is 10p a week. So for £5-30 a year, there is a possibility of winning £10 per week. The Lottery proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. The draw takes place at the BCA Management Committee monthly meetings.

Anyone with a little time to spare to help with the lottery—there is no 'cold calling'- please contact me. Help will be welcomed.

Our thanks to all lottery members for their support and welcome to all new members for 2003— Pam Mansfield—Lottery Agent

LOTTERY WINNERS

Date	Lottery No.	Winner	Address
05/10/02	660	Keith Newton	18 Rayleigh Rd.
12/10/02	55	Maureen Marlow	145 Lower Brook St.
19/10/02	648	Mrs Deane	14 Rayleigh Rd.
26/10/02	324	Norman Cox	50 Queens Rd.
02/11/02	735	David Locke	22 Rochford Rd.
09/11/02	185	Rebecca Cordery	10 George St.
16/11/02	675	Mrs Hammond	24 Essex Rd.
23/11/02	70	Toby Carnell	70 Lower Brook St.
30/11/02	7	Deborah Duval	36 Lower Brook St
07/12/02	554	Mr Taylor	46 George St.
14/12/02	164	Andy Powell	16 George St.
21/12/02	92	Margaret Aubrey	191 May St.
28/12/02	805	Mr& Mrs Wilkinson	21 Solbys Rd.

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JUMBLE
SALE**
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MARY-JANE CREATIONS by Mary Bartle

On Tuesday 12th November we went along to Brookvale Village Hall to the ladies evening, which is held every second Tuesday in the month at 8:00 pm.

The two ladies from Mary-Jane Creations showed us various greeting cards and demonstrated how they made them. It was very inspiring to see all the designs and some of us had a chance to try our hand at making a card.

Mary-Jane Creations had cards for all occasions. These were inexpensive considering the work that was involved.

More events are planned for these Tuesdays so come along and meet others. You'll be made welcome.

BROOKVALE TEAZER by Jennie Legrys

The Brookvale Teazer on 15th November was another resounding success. These evenings really are fun, and you can actually learn quite a lot if you can remember the answers later, that is!

Friendly arguments broke out all over the room—'This is right!' - 'No, this is!' - 'No. I'm sure it's this!' These were then followed by groans on realizing that the answer was something entirely different.

You'll have to give up the day job John so you can keep researching enough questions to keep us going for a long time yet. The winners of this Teazer were 'The Deep Chasers'.

ALAN TURTON & THE HISTORY OF BASING HOUSE
by Shirley Alexander

A very cold Tuesday 10th December 2002 saw around thirty intrepid, curious and warmly attired folk gather for the eagerly awaited talk by Alan Turton, Curator and historian of Basing House. This being the last 'Ladies Night' before Christmas and in anticipation of a fascinating evening, the doors of the Village Hall were thrown open warmly to husbands, partners, friends and other family members. Hence a substantial band had gathered to welcome Alan to Brookvale.

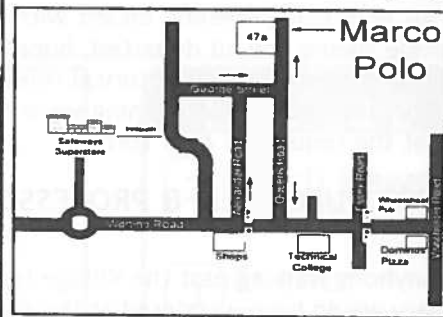
The chill of this mid winters evening was soon forgotten on entering the hall and finding it bedecked with Christmas tree and decorations, some days before most of us had contemplated that particular activity in our own homes. Hot mulled wine and mince pies added to the festive ambience and so the evening began with everyone in a relaxed and happy frame of mind.

Alan said he would talk for around one hour, but would it be possible to hold the group's attention for this length of time? Any doubts were soon dispelled as Alan began to talk with energy, humour and irony on a topic that is obviously close to his heart and to which he appeared to be greatly committed. As he began to impart what seemed to be just a fraction of this great wealth of knowledge, how many of us had previously been aware of so many facts about a building of such great historical importance right on our doorsteps? How many of us knew that Basing House was the last private castle to be built legally in England, that Henry VIII had visited, or could relate so amusingly and entertainingly the details of the not insignificant domestic and sanitary arrangements that were necessary to deal with a huge

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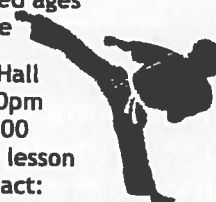
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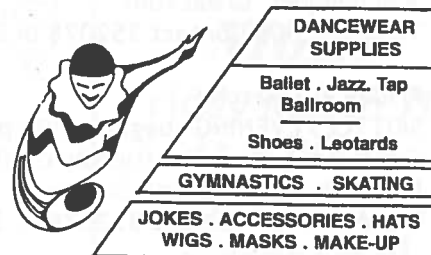
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EVENTS ROUND-UP

Alan Turton and Basing House History cont:

influx of additional people during such a Royal visit?

Alan exceeded his predicted hour by some considerable minutes but one had the impression that few in the audience would have objected if he had talked even longer, fascinating as his topic was.

An engrossing evening ended with the customary raffle with a Yuletide theme and all departed, hopefully having absorbed at least some of the essence and historical relevance of Basing House.

The proceeds of the evening were donated to St. Michael's Hospice at the request of Alan Turton.

SIGNOR PULCINELIA & PROFESSOR MORRIS

by Ann McSteen

Anybody walking past the Village Hall at about 8:30 pm on 14th January would have wondered at the sound of ladies shouting, 'He's behind you' or 'He's to the left' or 'He's to the right.' What was going on?

A small but appreciative audience were treated to a very entertaining evening by Professor Norman Morris and Mr Punch and his friends (or enemies!) Norman is known as Professor because he belongs to the select band of traditional Punch and Judy entertainers.

Norman expertly presented his traditional Punch and Judy show along with the history of it. Originally Punch was a character in the Italian Commedia dell' Arte with a lineage back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. He was first seen in England when the merry monarch, Charles II, came to the throne and the good times rolled again, after years of Oliver Cromwell and his followers. Fun was now the order of the day; showmen from all over Europe descended upon England. One puppet player had a puppet called Pulcinelia (it has been spelt many ways) who became known as Mr Punch. Samuel Pepys even mentioned him in his diary when he saw him on 9th May 1662 in London's Covent Garden.

Signor Pulcinelia cont.

The only thing that Norman was not allowed to divulge was how Mr. Punch speaks in his distinctive voice; that is a secret known only to the professors!

We were taken back to our childhood by Norman and Mr. Punch. All the characters were there, Judy, the policeman, the baby, the crocodile and the bogey man, and of course the sausages and stick!

Thank you Norman (and Mr. Punch) for a great evening.

BCA CONTACTS

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Maggie Dee (Treasurer)
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Lin Chandler (Hall Booking Agent)
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Pam Mansfield (Lottery Agent)
20 Southend Road – 324313

Blurb Magazine

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DEADLINE for APRIL ISSUE
March 17th 2003

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Every Wednesday 1:15-2:15 pm
BROOKVALE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
This friendly group meet at the Village Hall. Do come along and meet us.
For details: Mandy 0778-7158479

- Friday 14th February
VALENTINE TEAZER—7.30 pm
Come along as a team of 6 or join others to make a team. Bring your own drinks, glasses and banquet. Great fun!
Tickets £3-00 Contact 352078 or 329475

Friday 7th March
SKITTLES EVENING—begins 8:00 pm
Come along enjoy the friendly challenge fortified with a Ploughman's Supper.
Tickets £5-00 Contact 352078 or 329475

Saturday 8th March
3C'S COFFEE MORNING 10:00 am—12 noon
Come along and enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a chat. Meet friends and neighbours. Tel:323413

Tuesday 11th March
LADIES NIGHT—8:00 pm
Watch and listen for further details of event. All welcome. If you need a lift please contact: 352078 or 329475

Friday 28th March
PRIZE BEETLE DRIVE—7:30 pm
Great fun for children and adults alike. All you need to do is shake a dice and count to 6.
Tickets: £2-00 Adults, £1-50 Children and Seniors
Contact : 352078 or 329475

Friday 4th April
BROOKVALE TEAZER—7:30 pm
Team of 6, bring own drink, glasses and nibbles
Tickets £3-00 Contact 352078 or 329475

Tuesday 8th April
LADIES NIGHT -8:00 pm Contact above tel. numbers

Saturday April 12th
SPRING JUMBLE SALE and 3CS MORNING
Watch out for further details and contact numbers.

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All Generations Meet

Sleuthed at the Murder Evening?

Taxed your grey cells with the Brookvale Teazer?

Been bowled out at Nine Pins?

Backed a winner at Race Night?

Sailed away to Calais?

Questioned your taste buds with Wine Quiz and
Cheese man?

Made Christmas Decorations?

Danced at a Family Disco?

Shook a six and shouted 'Beetle'?

Boned up on local history with Alan Turton?

Coffee, caked and chatted with neighbours
and friends?

If you've experienced any of these, you'll remember how enjoyable they were. So please help us continue by lending your support at the **Annual General Meeting of Brookvale Community Association on Thursday 22nd May at 8:00 pm.**

If you've never participated in events because they don't appeal to you please come along and share your ideas.

- Secretary required
- Committee members needed
- Helpers needed

Remember for the AGM to go a head we need a quorum of 25 residents.

BCA Management Committee

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DON'T MISS

'Spring Fever' Jumble Sale

at Brookvale Village Hall
Lower Brook Street

Saturday 12th April
12 to 2:00 pm

*Clothes, shoes, toys,
books, small bric-a-brac
and refreshments*

Admission 30p

SAM'S SPEAK EASY Friday 16th May

At 8:00 pm

Enjoy a 1920's night in
Chicago

The evenings entertain-
ment includes a 3 course
meal—only £10-00

AT LAST—CAR PARK UPGRADE

You may have read in the Gazette the news that Basingstoke Council has awarded money towards the upgrading of the Village Hall car park. The work was started on 21st March and is now completed.

The new car park, along with the paved area outside will help make access easier for all users, members, visitors and those hiring the hall facilities.

If you are interested in hiring the hall for family celebrations, events or group meetings please' phone Lin on 01256-329475 for more information.

THANK YOU HELEN and WELCOME DARRYL

We were sorry to lose Helen Blackburn our previous caretaker, because of increasing family commitments. We would like to thank her on behalf of the BCA for all the hard work she put in to keep the hall beautiful, clean and pristine, and her continuing support for the BCA.

We welcome Darryl Rennie as part of the Hall team and are pleased that the hall is continuing to look its best through his hard work and keen interest.

PLAY AREA CONSULTATION Information about the results of the consultation and about the agreed final recommendations can be found on the councils website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/community Complete with photographs of the play areas.

The majority of the work will be completed between April and October 2003 and the works timed to avoid the school holiday periods. Notices will be put up on the play areas before the work is carried out.

For more detailed information about individual play areas visit the website or contact

Ian Harris, Parks and Open Spaces Manager on 01256-845712

A USEFUL NOTE: If you and your neighbours need to object to a planning application it is always advisable for you ALL to send in letters of objection for the first planning application and the subsequent planning amendments that may be submitted. Petitions are useful but individual letters add far more weight to your case.

Any appropriate photographs should be sent to your local councillor at least 7 days before the planning meeting.

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The winning team at the Skittles evening held on 7th March
Left to right: Les, Fliss, Meg, Bob and Sarah

LOTTERY WINNERS
These will be published in the next copy of the Blurb and in the Post Office window

THANK YOU to the residents of 3 and 4 Brookvale Close for their prompt action in ringing the Fire Brigade following the incident in the area adjacent to Victory Park on 16th March.