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Brookvale
Community Association

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Brookvale Community Association **AGM 2005**

7pm, Tuesday 24th May

Brookvale Village Hall (on Lower Brook Street)

**It is extremely important that you attend your
Community Association's Annual General Meeting.**

Do you want to get involved in your community or want to have a say in how the Association is run? This is the ideal opportunity. See page 2 for more details...



Pudding Heaven

7pm, Saturday 21st May
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For all the latest local news , events and information, visit our website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

AGM on Tuesday

Our Annual General Meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 24th May at the Village Hall (on Lower Brook Street).

Please support your Community Association by turning up to the most important event in our diary. A minimum turnout is required to achieve a quorum.

We are doing everything we can to ensure this year's AGM is as brief as possible. We understand that the last thing you want to do after a long day's work is to spend hours at yet another meeting!

After some welcome drinks, we will be giving a short presentation on our achievements over the last year, before voting in any new volunteers that may come forward.

We also wish to make a small amendment to our Constitution. Currently, our Constitution only permits Committee Members to be voted onto the Management Committee if they reside in Brookvale. We would like to change that to permit those living in Basingstoke **with an interest in Brookvale** to be voted in as Committee Members. This would allow those with rental properties in Brookvale, those with family ties to the area, those who are looking to move to the area, existing Committee Members who move out of the ward etc. to become and/or stay on as Committee Members. Constitution amendments can only be made at an AGM or EGM, so this is another reason we need you there - to vote on our proposal!

This year we are fortunate that the majority of last year's Committee are happy to stay in their current positions, providing the Community is happy to re-elect them.

We are however specifically looking for a new Secretary. In addition, we would welcome any new Committee Members to join the existing Management Team.

If you have a fantastic idea for a Brookvale event or social group, or simply want to put your name down as "willing to help at events if extra hands are needed", this is the perfect opportunity to get involved in your community.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ON TUESDAY!**

Secretary

The Secretary is the Executive Officer

of the Association. The Secretary will work closely with the other Committee Members, especially the Chair and Treasurer.

The Secretary is responsible for calling Committee meetings and preparing the agenda (with the Chair), circulating the agenda, minutes from previous meetings and other relevant papers, ensuring minutes are taken at meetings (whenever the Minutes Secretary is unavailable), dealing with correspondence the Association receives and presenting it to the Committee, putting into effect the Committee's decisions and keeping files up-to-date.

Committee Members

The BCA's Constitution requires members to sit on the Management Committee. Committee Members are expected to take on a share of the various duties so that no one person is left to deal with all the Association's issues and interests.

Committee Members might wish to put themselves forward for a specific role (eg. Vice Chair, Assistant Secretary, Events Co-ordinator, be a part of the Hall Management Team etc.) or choose to help out on a more general basis. Committee Members will be expected to attend and participate in Committee meetings, which are held on a monthly basis.

Hall refurbishment completed

The recent refurbishment works to the Village Hall have now been completed.

Brookvale Community Association was very lucky to have been awarded a grant for £8112 by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. A local property developer made the money available "for the benefit of the community" following completion of a development on Sarum Hill. BCA also supplemented the grant with some of its own money.

We have been able to enhance the security and appearance of the Hall by installing roller shutters to all the south facing windows and the front door.

We have improved the toilet facilities - new layouts in the gents and ladies mean that you don't have to be a contortionist to get in and out of cubicles! Baby changing facilities have also been added.

And finally, we were able to install new vinyl flooring throughout the toilets

and entrance hall.

We're very proud of what we've managed to achieve and hope that you can come along to our AGM and see the results for yourselves.

Victory Roundabout update

A few months ago, Hampshire County Council's contractors started repainting some of Victory Roundabout's existing railings on the South West subway entrance only to find that the lower coats of paint were not stable enough to paint over. In fact, if you look at these railings now, you will see that the new green paint is flaking away. Not very impressive for something which was painted only a few months ago! HCC agree that the paint has not adhered properly and have decided that the railings need to be completely stripped back before making another attempt to repaint them. They have determined that removing the railings to water-/sand-blast them in a factory would be more trouble than it is worth, so they will do this with the railings in situ, at the same time as all the other outstanding work.

When that outstanding work will actually get done is anyone's guess! We have been promised that it will continue 'within weeks' several times.

We have also raised the issues of the inadequate convex mirrors that were installed (they have been smashed by vandals already), the gradients of the slopes, non-slip floor coatings and the need to do more to get cyclists to dismount while using the subways.

Don't worry, we are still very much on the case! Hampshire County Council may be dragging their heels, but we will do everything we can to ensure Brookvale residents get a proper, safe and reliable pedestrian access route into town.

Thank you, Street Reps!

Diane Anderson recently retired from being a Street Representative for Brookvale Community Association. She has been involved with the Association in one way or another since 2000. We would like to thank Diane for all she has done for the community over the years.

That same "thank you" goes out to all of our other Street Reps. We sincerely appreciate the time you give up for the benefit of the community - we couldn't do any of this without you!



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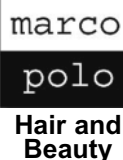
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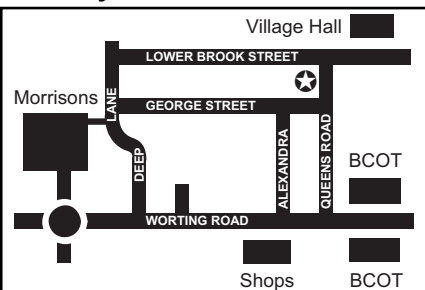


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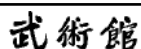
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- Payment via housing benefit

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chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk

Don't forget, Brookvale Village Hall is available to rent at very reasonable hourly rates.

Ideal for parties, small scale theatre productions, presentations and social groups. For more information, contact our Hall Bookings Agent, Louise, on (01256) 325193 or email louise.rham@brookvale.org.uk

We are currently looking for a caretaker/cleaner for the Village Hall

Interested? Please see our website for more details: www.brookvale.org.uk/news/caretaker.htm

Upcoming Events

BCA Annual General Meeting 2005

Tuesday 24th May, evening, Village Hall
If you have been thinking about how you might be able to get involved in your community, this is the perfect opportunity to find out how you can play a part in it. Even if you don't have time to give, please show your support for your Community Association at our AGM! More details can be found on page 2.

Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time, 1:15pm - 2:45pm, Village Hall
See our website for more details or call Helen on 421141. New members are always welcome...

3Cs Coffee Mornings

*Saturday 4th June,
Saturday 2nd July and
Saturday 6th August
10am-midday, Village Hall*
Don't feel like you're part of your community? Meet your neighbours and find out more about what's going on in your local area. Join us for Coffee, Cakes and Chat at 3Cs!

Pudding Heaven

Saturday 21st May, 7pm, Village Hall
An evening of gastronomic excitement! A chance for budding Niggellas or Jamies to impress others with their favourite dessert. Part competition, part eating extravaganza, this event promises to be a lot of fun.

- Home made desserts or shop-bought and adapted, the choice is yours.
- Vote for your favourites as you sample other entries.
- Prizes will be awarded for the winning desserts.
- Bring your own alcoholic drinks, coffee will be served during the tastings.

Tickets are £2 if you bring a pudding or £4 if you don't. Contact Cathy (details in the right hand column).

End of Summer Picnic in the Park

Saturday 3rd September, afternoon, King George V Playing Fields
This event was a huge success in 2004 and we're delighted to report that it will be back in 2005! More information to follow shortly.

BCA Information

More up-to-date information can always be found on our website: www.brookvale.org.uk

For information on the Village Hall, please contact:

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Hall Bookings Agent
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For any information on local disability/mobility related issues, please contact:

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To get in touch with your Street Rep, please contact:

Karin Joseph,
Street Rep Co-ordinator
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For any other information, please email:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Your local councillors are:

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