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So we were right about the roundabout?

BCA Chair, Pamela Mansfield attended the Planning and Transportation Meeting that the council held on the 5th September.

This actual item relating to Victory Roundabout was removed from the Agenda and a statement read out by Tony Curtis, the council's Director of Planning and Transportation. "The flooding occurring after the reopening was mainly due to malfunctioning pumps. On reviewing the situation the engineers have agreed that the 'problem' is far more severe, one aspect being the water table".

The impression I get is that it is going to cost an awful lot of money to put this right (Eastrop Roundabout has an identical problem).

They have made arrangements for the roundabout to be monitored daily from next spring. Let's see what happens during spring when the rain is at its heaviest!! We were told that contingency plans are in place for

flooding at any time.

I would like to urge you to call the council on 845334 every time the subway cannot be used (but please, only when it is *impossible* to use). It is easy to moan, so let's do something about this. Prove to the council that this is a real problem - we do not want this situation to drag on as we can no longer safely cross over Timberlake Road.

The council will contact the BCA to arrange a meeting with residents - which may remind you of the time in 1998 when we had a public meeting with Grosvenor Developments and Laing Construction before the construction commenced - I wonder whether this meeting will be constructive or will it be lip service as before?!

We then went on to discuss the Worting Road Traffic Calming proposals.

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Traffic Calming

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Pedestrian phased traffic lights are being considered at the junction with Essex/Penrith. Also, recommendations were made to install some form of crossing outside the doctors surgery near the mini roundabout by Sandys Road.

The final item of interest was a discussion on the Christmas Decorations for the Town Centre.

The revelation that light fittings can no longer be used in the upper town area was brought up. The only area that is safe to fit the lights is the Willis Museum and the four mature trees in Market Place.

The present brackets were fitted approximately five years ago but there has been a deterioration to the anchor points and the building fabric to which they are fixed. A survey that was completed in March 2000 raised serious doubts as to the original method of fixing the eyebolts and brackets and whether they had been suitable for the new decorations used.

The committee were told that efforts would be made to have decorations in other areas besides Market Place.

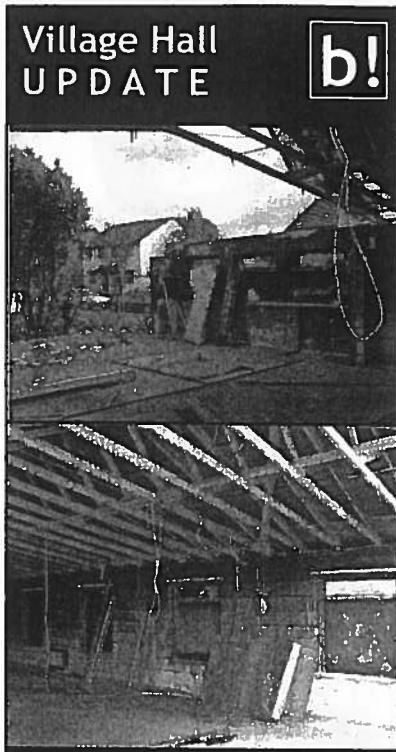


Village Hall Opening

It was decided at the August Management Committee Meeting that we really wanted to 'go to town' with the opening of our newly refurbished Village Hall on the 7th December.

The afternoon's events kick off at 2:00 when Arthur Attwood will officially open the hall. Sue Skelton is then running a Children's party from 2:15 up until 4:00. Father Christmas will be around to take orders for presents!

This year's Brookvale Firework Display has been postponed to the opening night.



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Renovation work on the Village Hall in Lower Brook Street is now well under way. We're keeping you up-to-date on what A&E, the builders, are doing...

This month:

- The new table and chair store foundations have been completed
- The annex walls have been rebuilt to the first lift level and scaffold commenced
- The old ceilings and lights to the hall and kitchen have been removed
- The cleaning has been 50 % completed
- The overgrown laurel bushes at the east end have been removed
- The old toilet windows were rotten so new UPVC double glazed units have been ordered

Work on the new roof has also started. The finished building will benefit all including our local children.

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The display will start at 7:30. Events in between these times are yet to be organised. The evening's entertainment is also currently under discussion.

Watch this space for more details on the opening day.



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Victory Roundabout
Tony Curtis of BDBC will meet the BCA Management Committee at some point during the week commencing 30th October.

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Maggie Dee

BCA Treasurer

- Profession:** Special Needs Teaching Assistant
- Lived here:** 1 year - previously lived in Old Basing for 12 years
- Family:** Alex (9) and Francesca (7)
- Interests:** Walking the dog, writing, reading and travelling
- Personal Achievements:** Travelled a lot before taking time out to bring up her family
- BCA History:** Recently moved to Brookvale. Maggie hopes to bring some fresh enthusiasm to the BCA and meet new friends.



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Highlights of Minutes BCA Management Meeting 16th August 2000

- Cllrs John Shaw and Lynden Jones were present.
- A meeting was held at which 125 members of the public attended to discuss the traffic in Worthing Road. 96% of those present expressed the need for traffic calming. Various concerns were voiced including the Safeway's mini roundabout - whereby drivers do not treat this as a proper roundabout, they either drive straight over it or they don't look before pulling out. Drivers also dodge the traffic lights in Worthing Road by driving through Downland Parade. Speed limits on the dual carriageway between Victory Roundabout and Thornycroft Roundabout were also discussed - a 50mph restriction has been proposed.
- An entertainment license has been requested for the Village Hall (to commence during November).
- The plans for the layout of the Village Hall extension were decided. It was agreed to leave them as originally planned.
- The grand opening ceremony and events for the Hall were discussed.

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Twenty is Plenty

This catchy little phrase caught my eye whilst at a wedding in Scotland. All over the housing estates of Dundee there are 20 mph speed signs with a big black and white sign underneath saying "20 is Plenty".

Living in Brookvale should be a pleasure and for most of the time it is. BUT... what really bugs me are those folks who are in such a rush to get to their destinations that they lose all sense of what is necessary to achieve their end. Our streets are narrow, some have parking on both sides, others only on one but this does not deter our 'speedy' neighbours who insist on keeping to the 30 miles per hour limit, despite the limitations of space and visibility.

I am well known in my street for waving my hand at these passing maniacs in an effort to get them to slow down. I have a cat as do my neighbours and more importantly, CHILDREN. God forbid that the unthinkable should happen. Children are unpredictable and even though every effort is put into teaching them about road safety, we can not guarantee their attention will not wander as they become engrossed in some 'play' activity.

I recently heard a story of one 'boy racer' who has managed to run over two cats, including one of his own, and he still insists on treating the roads of Brookvale as his personal Brands Hatch circuit. There are quite a few of them out there.

If I had one wish, it would be signs with these three words '20 is plenty' emblazoned around the streets of Brookvale to remind us all. At the end of the day taking an extra few seconds may save an accident waiting to happen and the 'Mad Hand-Waving Woman of Brookvale' can put her arm down.

Name and address supplied

Re: Conservation order too strict (August Issue 2000) - we are currently looking into this 'window problem' that is probably affecting a lot of us. We should have something back to report next month.

Brookvale Community Association

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Common flowers found in the garden, but can you find them in our puzzle???

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 I R R X H F O X G L O V E B I
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Words to find...

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| Alyssum | Lily |
| Begonia | Lobelia |
| Camomile | Marigold |
| Canna | Nasturtium |
| Chrysanthemum | Pansy |
| Crocus | Petunia |
| Dahlia | Primrose |
| Foxglove | Pyrethrum |
| Fuchsia | Stock |
| Geranium | Tulip |
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| Hyacinth | Wallflower |
| Iris | Zinnia |