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The regular newsletter of



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Community Association

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## Brookvale Community Association

# AGM

### 7.30pm TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

### BROOKVALE VILLAGE HALL

### LOWER BROOK STREET

**COME ALONG – MEET US - HAVE YOUR SAY – LISTEN - IT COULD BE THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED AND HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER YOUR COMMUNITY!**

Another year has passed with the Brookvale Community Association now 32 years old! Time denied us the chance for a breather to bring together our ideas and plans. Looking back over the year in this Blurb we feature the events and achievements which your Committee organised and you the Brookvale residents enjoyed.

May be what we offered did not interest YOU; maybe YOU have ideas that could be turned into your activity. Maybe YOU are curious about what we do; who are our committee members and their activities? YOU may want different events and disagree with how BCA is run?

Our Committee has again shrunk but the old adage “many hands make light work” still applies to us for new helpers, committee members and supporters. A regular core of people each doing their own little bit in a small friendly team managing and caring for our Village Hall, having the ability, with help and support, to turn our ideas into reality.

**YOUR HELP WOULD GIVE A FANTASTIC BOOST TO OUR COMMUNITY & THE BCA – DO CONSIDER IT - COME ALONG AND MEET US - YOUR TIME IS WORTH IT!**

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For all the latest local news , events and information, visit our website:

[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

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### Committee Meetings

You are very welcome to sit in on one of our Committee Meetings to see how your elected Committee are running the Community Association or to raise any issues related to your community. It would also be an ideal opportunity for you to see what being a Committee Member entails, should you be considering stepping forward to help.

### 3Cs Coffee Morning

Are you really a part of the Brookvale community?

Would you like to get to know your neighbours in an informal environment?

Want to find out more about what is going on in your community?

Join us for a chat at one of our Coffee Mornings.

Meet County Councillor Jo Kelly, who holds surgeries at the coffee morning between 10 – 11am.

Come and talk to Chris Hall, our Disability and Mobility Co-ordinator and raise any issues with him which affect you.

Also Brookvale Community Association Supporters Lottery is drawn by Brookvale residents.

### Beauty & The Beast

Beauty and the Beast, a wonderful production by Proteus Theatre, was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at the Village Hall in Lower Brook Street. At times the actors joined the audience! The talking joking gargoyles, the ferocity of the Beast & Scarlet's tantrums enthralled all throughout. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this a most enjoyable event with good feedback from both the audience, cast & volunteers!

<http://www.proteustheatre.com/Beautybeast.htm>

Snow Queen will be our 2009 pantomime—watch this space!

### Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

Join Brookvale's Baby & Toddler Group every Monday (during term time) for fun, games and activities. Each session includes an art, craft or simple cooking activity and ends with a song and refreshments (included in the £1 entrance fee). New members are always accepted - Mums, Dads and Child-minders are all very welcome!

### Victory Hill

VH AGM Issues: parking, neighbourcare, benches, kickabout & recycling.

### Green Fair

Last year Saturday 15th September BCOT displayed their Solar Water Heater and Turbine. The Burley family won the Sand Tray Garden prize while others took fabric prints home. Proteus gave us Go Green Stay Green & ECO Wolf. Stalls provided ECO products, plants & energy saving/money saving tips. Please join us again this year 2008 on Saturday September 27th 12am-4pm.

### Development Subcommittee

Ombudsman complaint raised for failure to join Victory Hill to Old Allotments and Victory Park with new footpath and bridge respectively.

Muddy roads, trashed footway cycleway signs, Victory Hill footpath obstructed & dangerous Old Allotments site fencing, all before building work started on what should have been a new open space Nature Park with ECO-Homes!

Houses now being re-converted back into flats to retain character family homes.

Please be vigilant to keep Town Centre accesses open and not stopped up.

More volunteers please!

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## Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

The fancy dress disco was held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007, a great success and fun seemed to be had by all.

The tickets were all sold out again proving what a popular event this is.

All the children (and quite a few parents) looked fantastic in their fancy dress and DJ Gary from ShakerMaker Productions:

([www.shakermakeruk.com](http://www.shakermakeruk.com))

-created a great atmosphere and got everyone dancing so a big thankyou to him.

There was some super dancing and particular awards went to Kitty, Poppy, Grace & Florence who all showed outstanding talent on the dance floor.

The tickets covered the cost of the disco and there was a little left over to go towards BCA Funds.

Thank you to all the committee members who helped and all the who came and enjoyed the evening.

Well done Brookvale!!!

## Christmas Party

The Christmas party was held on Saturday 9th December and was another great success. 100 people of all ages came and enjoyed the Christmas Card making craft, face painting, mince pies and mulled wine refreshments with Giddy Wizard story telling entertainment, all provided free by your local BCA.

Thank you to all who came, especially those who helped and for the generous donations received.

Thanks also to Santa who came and gave gifts to all the good children of Brookvale.

## Brookvale Lottery

This was set up in 1976 to help support the maintenance costs of the Village Hall.

The lottery year is May through to April, it costs 10p membership each year, and £1 per month; it is drawn once a month, with prizes of £50, £30 and £20.

At the end of this financial year we had 153 members, the odds in your favour are seriously better than the national lottery or the pools.

Contact Pam for information on how to join and volunteer to be a helper or collector.

## The Vale Youth Club

Started in January 2008 and growing. Has small games, ps2, wii & a tuck shop. Youth Volunteers are CRB checked.

## BCA Volunteers

Volunteers make a vital contribution to Community Life helping with almost any task from tea and cake making, assisting an elderly neighbour with the shopping, providing annual accounts or administration.

By Volunteering you develop new skills, gain experience and provide training opportunities.

Volunteering can help you to give something back to your community, make new friends and enjoy yourself!

Your help, skill, company, patience, friendliness and time can make all the difference.

Your BCA Committee need:

- Chair:Co-Ordinate Mtgs
- Secretary:Correspondence
- Treasurer: Annual Returns
- Bookings Agent: Hall Enq
- Lottery Collector: Doorstep
- WebMaster: Updates
- Caretaker: Check on Lets
- HandyPerson: Repairs
- Tea & Cake Maker: Events
- Event Stewards: Safety

Rebecca 01256 423800

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**Lottery Winners**

December 2007

- 1st (£50) Lottery No 91
- 2nd (£30) Lottery No 357
- 3rd (£20) Lottery No186

January 2008

- 1st (£50) Lottery No 120
- 2nd (£30) Lottery No 903
- 3rd (£20) Lottery No 77

February 2008

- 1st (£50) Lottery No 440
- 2nd (£30) Lottery No 684
- 3rd (£20) Lottery No 491

March 2008

- 1st (£50) Lottery No 21
- 2nd (£30) Lottery No 701
- 3rd (£20) Lottery No 15

April 2008

- 1st (£50) Lottery No 68
- 2nd (£30) Lottery No 211
- 3rd (£20) Lottery No 204

Congratulations to all our winners! It is easy and fun to play the Brookvale Lottery, support your local BCA win some money! Three prizes are awarded every month drawn at the monthly 3Cs Coffee Mornings.

See our website for how to play the Brookvale Lottery!

**Upcoming Events**

**Committee Meetings**

Management Committee:  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008, 7.30pm  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm  
 Development SubCommittee:  
 Tuesday 3rd June, 7:30pm

Committee@brookvale.org.uk

**3Cs Coffee Morning**

**10<sup>TH</sup> MAY SECOND SATURDAY:**  
 10am - 12 midday

Normally held on the  
 First Monthly Saturday

Pam on (01256) 324313

**Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group**

Term time, Mondays:  
 10 – 11.30am  
 (moved from Wednesday).  
 Brookvale Village Hall  
 £1 per session, per family

Alison on (01256) 814377

**The Vale Youth Club**

Term time, Wednesdays:  
 7pm – 8.30pm  
 Minimum "Year 7" upwards  
 Entry £1 on the Door.

Andy or Sarah on  
 07890 708696

**FELLOWSHIP DIALOGUE SOCIETY**

**7 Day Trip to Turkey 14-22 June**

Istanbul – Antalya –Konya – Cappadocia

Contact: Mahmut

mgunaydin@fellowshipdialogue.net  
 07525 819587

**Victory Hill AGM**

Weds 28th May: Ark Centre:  
 Jeff on (01256) 308349

**BCA Information**

**More up-to-date information can always be found on our website:**  
[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

**For booking information on the Village Hall, please contact:**

Hall Bookings Agent:  
 (01256) 462688/478571  
 (between 9am and 9pm only)  
[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

**For information on the Brookvale Lottery, please contact:**

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**For any information on local disability/mobility related issues, please contact:**

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*Equal Opportunities, Disabled Access & Vulnerable Persons Co-ordinator*  
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[chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk)

**For anything relating to local development issues, please contact:**

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**For any other information, email:**  
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