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## Success of Impromptu Sports Fun Day

*report from  
Pam Banks*

Inspired by a magazine article giving ideas of amusing children during the long summer holidays, Tina Murphy, of George Street, thought she'd try organizing a children's Sports Day. Tina, who has two daughters attending Kings Furlong Junior School, contacted her friend Fiona Fraser, who also has a young family, asking if she would like to help.

They hoped that children in the area would like to join in the fun. Ruth Buckingham arranged for a BCA leaflet drop through local doors letting families know of the forthcoming activity. Tina said there wasn't really a lot to actually organize. The equipment needed was easily found - skipping ropes, spoons, potatoes and sacks. Pam Mansfield gave some red and white tape to mark out the tracks. Tina spent a few evenings before hand making rosettes to be awarded for 1st and 2nd placings.

On the day around 50+ children arrived on the King

George Playing Field all ready to join in the fun. The ages ranged from toddlers to 14 year olds. There were 3 legged, sack, skipping, running and wheelbarrow races. These were organized into four sections - toddlers, infants, juniors and seniors. The children received rosettes and sweets for taking part and when not in the races they enjoyed playing in the park. Orange and blackcurrant squash drinks were available from the refreshment table.

"It was lovely", said Tina. "All the children joined together and enjoyed themselves. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and visitors came along to watch and cheer the children on. A lot of people said "Thank you". I met quite a few people from the area that I didn't know. It took little organization and the BCA helped with the leaflets".

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## Sports Day

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If anyone has more ideas for outdoor activities for our local children please contact Blurb and we will pass the information on to Tina. There have been suggestions of mini football matches.

Does anyone have any experience of refereeing, or know of contacts for equipment i.e. rounders bats, cones, footballs etc? Any one like to help with activities?

Thank you Tina, Fiona, supporters and children for a FUN DAY!!

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## Chantelle to sing at the Royal Albert Hall

Chantelle Murphy, who is 9 years old, will join her friends Luke Raffle and Rebecca Miles from Kings Furlong Junior School and other members of The Basingstoke Area Youth Choir to sing in a concert organized by Music for Youth. This will take place at the Royal Albert Hall on November 6th 2000. They will perform an original composition "Mary Rose" along with 560 other vocalists. This composition is based on sea shanties with a finale from Elgar's 'Pomp and Circumstance - Land of Hope and Glory'

They will be performing again in Winchester Cathedral on January 6th 2001.

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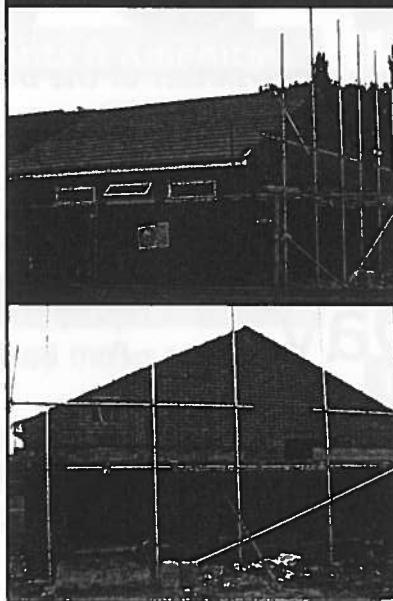
## Planning News

Tony Curtis, Director of Planning & Transportation, will be meeting the Management Committee on November 1st to discuss Victory Roundabout. An update will follow in the December Issue.

Parking restrictions will be finalised on October 24th. This will curtail parking on Lower Brook Street (rear of BCOT) to between 6-8 cars, with a time limit of 4 hours

## Village Hall UPDATE

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*Opens 9th December - Opens 9th December - Opens 9th December*

- The new table and chair store walls have been completed
- The annex walls have been rebuilt. New doors and windows are due for delivery
- Cleaning has been completed and the old kitchen removed
- The new roof has been built and the felt and battens are in place, work can now proceed inside in the dry
- The electrical rewiring is complete
- Annex loft boarding has commenced
- Main hall ceiling has been 50% insulated and ceiling boarded
- The old heaters were unusable and new ones have been ordered
- New vinyl flooring has been ordered

and on May Street (Drivesound) a restriction of 2 cars with a time limit 4 hours.

For those who may not have noticed, planning permission has been submitted to demolish 47 Queens Rd (the old Off Licence/ Flower Shop) to build three new houses. Objections/support (Planning ref: BDB/48636) to be in to the council by November 7th.

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## Hall Opening

Arrangements are now well under way. The hall will be opened by Arthur Attwood at 2pm with Father Christmas in attendance. The Children's party will then run from 2.15pm to 4pm. There will not be enough adults to give adequate supervision to the young children them so, for their own safety, we must ask that parents stay with their offspring.

Between 4 and 7pm a disco has been organised for the 'older children'. The Kitchen will be open from 2pm to 6pm for light refreshments. We are also arranging an 'interlude' of Adult entertainment during this time - Arthur Lester with accordion accompaniment will be performing for the pleasure of our

adult residents from 5pm - 6.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be served.

The magnificent Fireworks Display starts at 7.00pm. After which you can join Brando for one hour's Salsa tuition followed by free-style for two hours between 8.30 and 11.30pm. Please note we cannot provide a bar so make sure you remember to bring your own tippie and nibbles!

For those who wish to join us but need transport, please contact Pam Mansfield on 327329 and transport can be arranged.

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## Toddler Group

We will be restarting the Parent and Toddler Group in January - more details will be available in the December issue.

We would like to go further and set up a Playgroup but we are not sure if our area is in need of pre-school facilities. Feedback on this would obviously be desirable - just to see how viable it could be. If you would be interested in using this facility, or know of someone who would be, please complete the slip on the back of this issue and return to one of the addresses shown. Thank you.

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## Were you there?

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Can you help us  
identify these  
Brookvale Belles?!

We think the photo  
was taken in 1977.

The picture is of a  
drag football match  
held in King George V  
Playing Fields during  
the Summer Fete of  
that year.

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Linda Chandler on  
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## Give us the blurb! - your comments and views

### Tipping

I love living in Brookvale but I do despair at the behaviour of some of the other inhabitants. One Monday after the refuse had been collected there remained a pile of unsightly objects at the top of the street. A 'Fly-Tipper' had visited. Either the owner of this rubbish had no way of getting to the refuse site on Wade Road or doesn't know the extent of the facilities there. I mused on how long this mess of old bits and pieces would remain there. A week later I called 01256 845474 and explained the situation to the Council's 'Refuse' people. "No problem" was their reply and magically the mess disappeared.

I can think of other examples - careless revellers had left some beer bottles in the gutter, which over time became broken. I dialled the magic 845474 to request a 'hand-sweeper' to clean up and two days later the gutter was glass free. A few weeks ago I was heading off to work and found a big pile of shattered windscreen glass in the middle of South-end Road. Some poor soul had cleaned the glass from their car but it was impossible to get around it and I decided I drive too many miles to risk keep on driving over it. I rang the magic council people and told them of the predicament. That evening it was removed.

My 'Blurb' is to say that our council is there to help us to help ourselves. If you need help getting rid of that old bed, carpet or wardrobe - give them a call. I can tell you from first hand experience that they will send someone around in 5 working days. This is a free service as long as there's no more than 15 minutes work and provided it's left in an accessible place - either front or back garden. So next time you contemplate being a 'Fly Tipper' dial 847474 instead and help us to keep Brookvale clean and tidy. Also, if you see something that needs 'looking after' why not make that call yourself?

*Name and address supplied*

Re: Conservation order too strict - one quotation has been received. Using a house on George Street as an example: To replace the Bay window and three upper windows to conform with the Conservation restrictions. To supply & fit, using hard wood, brass fittings, single glaze - £5774.00 inclusive of VAT.

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North Hampshire Hospital 01256 473202  
 Samaritans (5 Essex Road, Basingstoke) 01256 462333  
 Basingstoke Police Station 01256 473111  
 Basingstoke Library 01256 462901  
 Queens Road Post Office 01256 322668

**Emergency Hotlines**

Electricity Emergencies (Southern Electric) 0345 708090  
 Gas Emergencies 0800 111999

**Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council**

Main Switchboard 01256 844844  
 Community Services 01256 845474  
 Conservation Areas 01256 845235  
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 Environmental Health 01256 845303  
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 Town Centre Redevelopment (Stage 2000) 01256 845583

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 If you know somebody that would benefit from receiving  
 blurb! in either format, please contact the editor.

We are writing an article on local entrepreneurs for next month's  
 edition. If you would like to be featured, call Tricia on 332110.

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DETACH AND RETURN

**Children's Fun Afternoon at the Hall Opening**

To enable us to give Sue Skelton an idea of how many children will be attending the children's party, and to help with the numbers for catering, may we ask that you fill in and return this slip as soon as possible if your child(ren) will be attending...

No. of Children	Age(s)	Address

**Children's Playgroup**

Please tell us if you would like to see a playgroup reinstated by filling in and returning this form. Any comments would also be appreciated.

Would you like the playgroup to be reinstated?

Yes  No

Between what times/for how many hours per day? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help in some way...

Name	Address

Please return this form to: Ruth Buckingham - 29 George Street OR Pam Mansfield - 20 Southend Road