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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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*Distributed to
Local households and
businesses*

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.

VALENTINE'S TEAZER by Janine Stone

Brad Pitt is now happily married, so being single on Valentine's Night I persuaded a good friend to accompany me to the Brookvale Valentine's Teazer. Never having attended before we were unsure how the evening would be. However, armed with bottles of wine we soon teamed up with our neighbours for a fantastic evenings entertainment.

John Banks provided the questions, even at one point providing the room with the answers by mistake. Only two teams realized though!

We called ourselves the Five Stars and all thought we were doing well, that is, until the last round. Well, they do say pride comes before a fall..... We came second, one point behind the eventual winners, The Magnificent Seven.

We're already planning on attending the next Teazer. Why don't you join us and come along too.

SKITTLES EVENING by Margaret Fuller

An enjoyable evening of skittles and laughter was held at the village hall on 7th March. Seven teams were pitted against each other in two nail-biting rounds of skittles, the winning team being presented with the winners certificate. (see photograph on page 2) This was followed by a round of 'Killer' in which the winner, Cheryl Billington, skilfully managed to out-skittle all the other players to win the Pot'o'Gold!!

The team set-up and scoring was adroitly managed by John Banks whose vocal encouragement also aided many a novice to achieve the impossible and score a hit.

Many thanks to all volunteers in the back-bending re-assembly of the skittles.... Great fun!!

LADIES NIGHT by Pam Banks

On Tuesday 11th March Angela Bennett talked to us about the Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-Help Group, that she has co-founded with Liz Harris. This is a new group that has been formed in the Basingstoke area to help women who have had breast cancer. The Group offers support and friendship to women who have had a similar experience. Angela spoke of her experience with breast cancer and how the initial diagnosis of the disease struck her with fear coupled with feelings of isolation and despair. There was no support group to turn to for help. Breast cancer can affect women from all social strata and walks of life. Angela has come through this traumatic experience to lead a full and healthy life.

The Ladies Night members felt very privileged and positive having listened to Angela and extend many thanks to her and good wishes for the success of the group.

The Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-Help Group meets at the ARK Conference Centre which is situated behind the Basingstoke District Hospital once a month on a Tuesday from 7-9 pm

The group is only open to women who have had breast cancer and would like to meet other women who have had a similar experience. The next Meetings are: 15th April, 20th May and 17th June. For more information contact: Angela Bennett 01256-762573

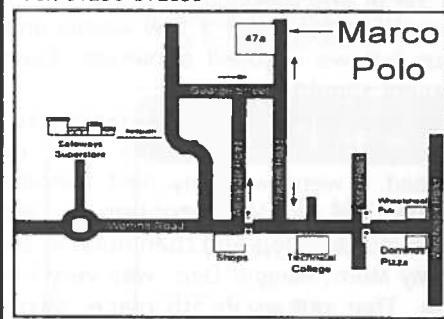
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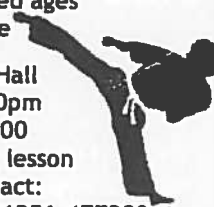
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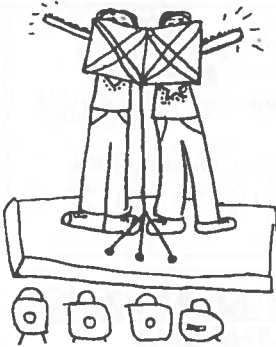
Dear Blurb,

In the last two months two very exciting things have happened to me. I met the famous author Jacqueline Wilson and I took part in the Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival.

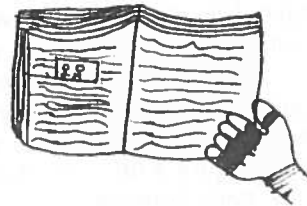
The Music Festival is an annual event that lots of people (mainly children) take part in. I performed a Grade 1 flute duet with my friend Rachel Parkes. You are marked out of 100. Sadly, I didn't get either 1st or 2nd place, but I did get 84/100, which is very good. We had practised for quite a few weeks and on the day we were very nervous but we enjoyed ourselves. Everyone who plays a musical instrument should have a go.

Meeting Jacqueline Wilson, at Hammicks, was even more fun. Now I have a signed book called 'Lola Rose' (her latest), which is a very good read. I went with my best friend, Mizzy, and we both went OTT (over the top) with excitement. We waited in a queue which went round the shop and then outside and past the Woolwich Bank! My Mum, Maggie Dee, was very kind and got in the queue at 3-00pm. That put us in 5th place. Mizzy's Mum collected us from school and took us to town. I can't wait for the photo to be developed!

Before I go, did you do anything special for Red Nose Day? My school did and raised £255 for Comic Relief. Franky (aged 10)



Frankie and Rachel playing their flutes



Jacqueline Wilson likes to wear rings on every finger

WARNING TO ALL CAT OWNERS

Please be aware of incidents involving the brutal treatment of family pets belonging to residents in the Brookvale area.

The police and the RSPCA have agreed to follow through with an investigation. They need more proof to identify this as a common occurrence. If you know of any other circumstances involving violence against pets ring: Claire Cats Protection League Officer: 01256-429506 or 077 89 677339 or Hampshire Constabulary PC Baldwin - Tel: 0845 045 45 45

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DEADLINE for JUNE ISSUE
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 12th April
3C'S COFFEE MORNING 10:00 am—12 noon
Come along and enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a chat. Meet friends and neighbours.
For further details contact :324313

Saturday 12th April
'SPRING FEVER JUMBLE SALE'
12:00-2:00pm
You never know what you may find! Come along and hunt the bargain! Refreshments
Entry -30p For further details contact:-
Jan 01256-817367 or Margaret 01256-413497

Saturday 10th May
3C'S COFFEE MORNING 10:00 am- 12 noon
Remind friends and neighbours and come along.
50p for a cup of coffee/tea and cake/biscuit
For further details contact: 324313

Tuesday 13th May
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 16th May
'SAM'S SPEAK EASY' — 8:00 pm
Enjoy a 1920's evening in Chicago. Play the tables (funny money only), dance and enjoy a cocktail and 3 course dinner. Tickets: £10-00 each. Only 50 tickets. So book early. For details: 01256-329475 or 01256-352078

Tuesday 10th June
LADIES NIGHT—8:00 pm
'BARN OWLS TALK and FLYING DEMONSTRATION'
by John and Val Peacock. Partners and friends welcome. £2-00

Saturday 14th June
3 C'S COFFEE MORNING—10:00 am -12 noon
Coffee/tea, cake and a chat.