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Brookvale
Community Association

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Brookvale Community Association

AGM

7:30pm on Tuesday 22nd May 2007
Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street

Please join us for drinks and a chat at our AGM on Tuesday 22nd May. We welcome your suggestions and participation in running, improving and expanding our local facilities, events, parties and meetings. We also look forward to welcoming our neighbours in Victory Hill into our Community.

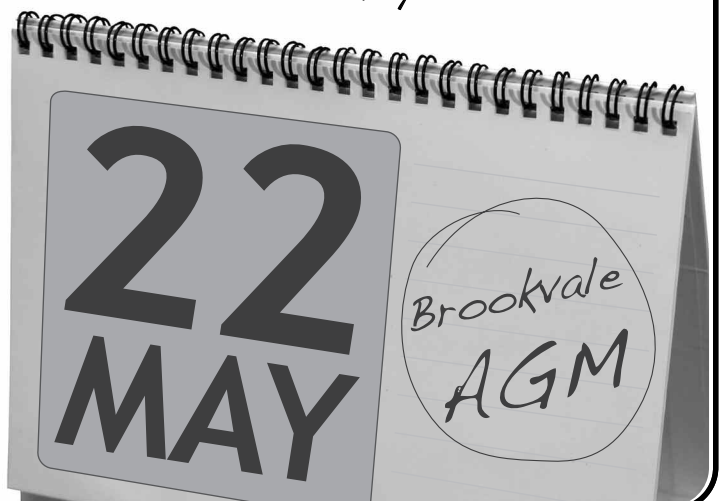
Our Firework Displays were once known far and wide (before legislation made them impossible). Today, many residents and newcomers enjoy our Annual Fete, Art & Craft exhibitions, Spring Flower Show, Quizzes, Picnics, Parties, Coffee Mornings, Lottery Draws and Blurb Newsletter.

The Brookvale Community Association started in 1971 to protect & preserve the Brookvale area. We have been involved in many controversial issues, including the Conservation Area, Houses of Multiple Occupancy, Brookvale School, Basingstoke College Of Technology, Safeways (now Morrisons), Victory Roundabout, Timberlake Road Subway, Wickes, 27 Queens Road, the Old Allotment Site and Brook House.

Brookvale is a unique Basingstoke area. Only a few hours of your support each month are needed to retain our Brookvale identity. Please consider assisting us as a Helper, Associate or Committee Member but you are very welcome to simply join us to support our committed community colleagues.

For the BCA and Village Hall to continue to operate into 2007/2008 we need at least ten residents to sit on our Management Committee, including a Treasurer and Secretary. We suggest ideally that at least three of our Management Committee would comprise our Hall Management Sub-Committee and also our Development Sub-Committee.

Support your community association - put this date in your diary now!





THE BIG ONE RED NOSE DAY

A BIG THANK YOU to all those people who helped make the **Red Nose Day Disco** a sell out and great success. After costs, a total of £150 was raised, which was an excellent result.

Thank you to Sally, the fantastic DJ provided by ShakerMaker Productions. Special thanks go to Rosco Silvaneous Wondershow who thoroughly entertained the children whilst the adults picked their brains with Moira's special red nose quiz. Thank you also to the St. Johns Ambulance who gave up their evening to come and make sure everyone was safe and looked after.

But our biggest thanks goes to all the parents and children who came and supported us and had a great time and donated their money to Comic Relief.

Burglaries in the Brookvale area

There has been a recent spate of burglaries in Brookvale, especially George Street and Lower Brook Street.

Please be extra vigilant and lock all of your doors and windows when you leave and at night time.

The audacity of these criminals is unbelievable - they've been coming in and stealing valuables whilst people have been at home and asleep!!

Please also look out for your neighbours and other people's properties.

You should dial 999 when there is immediate danger or you witness a crime taking place. For non-

emergencies and anti-social behaviour you should dial 101, which will put you through to a new and confidential 24 hour service.

Red and yellow and pink and green...

The Basingstoke 7th Trinity Rainbow group are in urgent need for voluntary help.

The girls (aged 5-7 years old) meet Wednesdays between 5-6pm at Trinity Hall and need to find at least two Girl Guide leaders and additional volunteers.

Training will be provided to anyone interested in being a Rainbow Leader. For more information, please contact Jo Douglas on 420462.

Would you like to get involved?

We're always looking for volunteers. You are welcome to join our committees, help out with our events, or to simply have a say in community matters. Our upcoming AGM (see front page) is the perfect place to learn more about getting involved. If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please email:

committee@brookvale.org.uk

Summer Time Music Hall

A reminder of the Summer Time Music Hall event: For the fifth year running, an evening of comedy, variety and musical capers from a bygone age of

entertainment comes to The Anvil on 29th July.

All proceeds will go to Age Concern Basingstoke. Tickets are priced at £12 with concessions at £10. To book, call The Anvil Box Office on (01256) 844244.

Free Health and Wealth Information Day

Do you take things for granted? Ever wonder whether you are doing the best for yourself and family?

Come down to the Village Hall on Sunday 1st July from 11am, and meet a number of local experts who can answer questions on:

- the advantages of alternative therapy and diet;
- the mortgage market;
- keeping fit;
- the myth of private medical cover and how it can support the NHS;
- getting a will to save thousands in tax;
- beating down the high cost of dentistry;
- the truth about inheritance and power of attorney.

Whatever questions you have relating to "Health and Wealth", you're bound to find the answers at this free information day.

Hall Bookings

The Village Hall is available to hire on an ongoing or one-off basis for groups, private events and functions at the following (very reasonable!) hourly rates:

Monday-Thursday

09:00-17:00 £12/hour
17:00-22:00 £14/hour

Friday-Saturday

09:00-17:00 £12/hour
17:00-22:00 £18/hour

Sunday

09:00-22:00 £10/hour

Contact details are on the back page.

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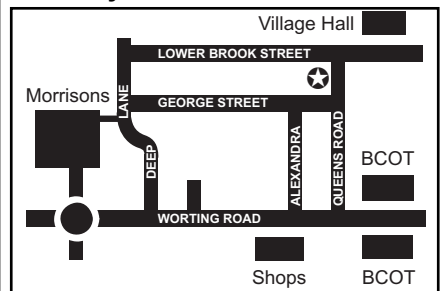
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Lottery Winners

February 2007

1st (£50) John Weatherly (Lr Brook St)
2nd (£30) Mrs Greenhelf (Lr Brook St)
3rd (£20) Deborah Bennett (George St)

March 2007

1st (£50) Mr Smith (Lower Brook St)
2nd (£30) Mr Piper (Queens Rd)
3rd (£20) Miss Hollis (Lower Brook St)

April 2007

1st (£50) Agnus Weatherly (Lr Brook St)
2nd (£30) Claire Fuller (Queens Rd)
3rd (£20) Betty McHale (Alexandra Rd)

Congratulations to all of our winners!

It is both easy and fun to play the Brookvale Lottery whilst supporting your local Community Association at the same time. Hopefully you'll win some money in the process!

Three prizes are awarded every month and the lottery draw is made at the monthly 3Cs Coffee Mornings.

Further information on how to play the Brookvale Lottery can be found on our website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

Alternatively, please contact our Lottery Agent, Pam Mansfield on (01256) 324313 or email:

pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

If you enjoy meeting and chatting with new people, would like to meet more of your neighbours and help the Community Association at the same time, we are looking for volunteers to help our Lottery Agent collect subscriptions and sign up new players. If you are interested, please contact Pam Mansfield (details above).

Upcoming Events

Brookvale AGM

*Tuesday 22nd May,
7:30pm, Village Hall*

Please see the main advert on the front page for further details.

Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

*Every Monday during term time,
10:00am - 11:30am, Village Hall
£1 per session, per family*

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). For more information please contact Alison on (01256) 428779 or Jayney on (01256) 461054. New members are always accepted - Mums, Dads and Child-minders are all very welcome! **Special thanks to Natalie who has been running the group for the past year.**

3Cs Coffee Morning

*First Saturday of each month,
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!

Summer Play Scheme

20th-24th August, 2-4pm, Village Hall

5-16 year olds. Run by the Play Council. Further details to follow.

Green Fair & Family Activities Day

Sat 15th September

Further details to follow.

BCA Information

Up-to-date news and information can always be found on our website: www.brookvale.org.uk

For booking information on the Village Hall, please contact:

Nina Burley,
Hall Bookings Agent
(01256) 328277 (ideally between 8am-10am)
nina.burley@brookvale.org.uk

For information on the Brookvale Lottery, please contact:

Pam Mansfield,
Lottery Agent
(01256) 324313
pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk

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

Chris Hall,
Vulnerable Persons Officer
(01256) 351074
chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk

For anything relating to local development issues, please contact:

Malcolm MacInnes,
Chair, Development Sub-Committee
malcolm.macinnes@brookvale.org.uk

For any other information, please email:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Your local councillors are:

Cllr John Shaw
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Cllr Doris Jones (*re-elected May '07*)
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cllr.doris.jones@basingstoke.gov.uk

Your county councillor is:

County Cllr Jo Kelly
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Your local MP is:

Maria Miller MP
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