



ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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> HI THERE...

Welcome to this edition of the Rooksdown Reporter, where we have lots to catch you up on.

First of all, Rooksdown Parish Council would like to welcome Karen Ross as our Parish Clerk. Karen has been a Clerk for at least 15 years and brings with her a wealth of knowledge & experience. She has done an excellent job for us as Locum Clerk since August 2015. This permanent appointment will provide great stability and continuity for Rooksdown, Karen hopes to meet or speak to as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and months. In case you need them - Karen's contact details are **01256 359299** or parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk.

Next, I would like to formally invite you to the **Rooksdown Annual parish Assembly** on Monday 4th April 2016 at the Community Centre starting at 7.45pm. We have achieved so much in Rooksdown over the last 12 months and the Annual Parish Assembly gives the Parish Council the opportunity to share the detail with you and give you an insight in our priorities for the next 12 months. The advert below shows you some of the things we will be talking about during the meeting.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 4th April 2016 - 7.45pm at The Community Centre

The Chairman of the Parish Council Mr Paul Mahoney will give a presentation reviewing Rooksdown Parish activities during the past year April 2015/ March 2016 including:



County Councillor **Stephen Reid** and Borough Councillor **Simon Bound** will both give an annual review of the Parish

The agenda will be posted on the notice boards and website

www.rooksdown.org.uk
7 days prior to the meeting
Refreshments will be available

At the time of going to print, we have been informed by B&BDC Planning Department that they have now disposed of the planning application for the removal of the four Pavilions on Park Prewett Road as there has been no activity on the planning application for such a long period of time. Please come along to the Annual Parish Assembly where we will be able to give you more details and share what will happen next.

ROOKSDOWN FIREWORKS

If you want to be involved in the overall planning for the 2016 Rooksdown Fireworks evening or if you think you will have a couple of hours during the day itself to help set up or in the evening during the event, please can you contact the Parish Clerk - Mrs Karen Ross - on **01256 359299** or parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk

You will probably have noticed that a contractor has started the installation of the much needed street furniture (bins, benches and notice boards) around the development following our successful Local Infrastructure Fund application last year. Completion is expected by the end of March.

The Parish Council has worked very hard with the Borough Council to get them to undertake a much needed regeneration of the green spaces which fall within their responsibility (including the pocket parks on Park Prewett Road). You should soon start to see a big improvement in these areas during March which will set us up nicely for the Spring. This is in addition to the great work that is being done by our Parish Handyman, Sebastian Wild, who started at the back end of last year.

The road works on the A340 / Lodge Junction are progressing well. As you know they form part of a much bigger plan to reduce rat-running through Rooksdown. Thank you for your continued patience during this time. Additionally, the Parish Council have been monitoring car speeds through Rooksdown ... See the results of this overleaf in the Speed Watch update.

Finally, you are asked to feed your views into the consultation to shape the proposed Manydown development. It is really important to have your say on things which will impact Rooksdown (like traffic, schools, country park access, pedestrian and cycle access). So please go online to www.manydownbasingstoke.co.uk. You have until Tuesday 29th March to have your say.

CLUB55

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL
WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY

CLUB55GROUP

The group regularly meets on Thursday mornings at 10am for a coffee morning in the Community Centre and has a programme of trips kindly supported by the Rooksdown Parish Council.

For more information just come along to the next coffee morning or ring the community office on **01256 869626**



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Great to see that Community Speed Watch has been launched in Rooksdown to help enforce the 20mph limit which came in to force mid 2015 for the benefit and safety of all Rooksdown residents.

Early results show that more than **80% of all traffic is exceeding the 20mph speed limit** putting driver safety and the safety of residents at risk and it is clear that a significant number are actually residents on the estate.

PLEASE RESPECT THE 20mph LIMIT

If you do so, then so will the people behind you.

More Speed Watch data and analysis will be shared at the Annual Parish Assembly but in the meantime if you want more details on how to support the Rooksdown Community Speed Watch team then please contact Karen Ross - Parish Clerk - on **01256 359299** or parish.clerk@rooksdn.org.uk



DOG PEOP & LITTER



We would like to remind all residents to clean up after their dog and themselves!

There has been an increase in litter and dog mess being left around the streets, paths and public green spaces.

More litter bins have now been installed and everyone is reminded that all bins can be used for dog mess. There are no excuses!

Offenders can be reported to the **Dog Warden** on **01256 844844** or you can report it online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk



FOR NEWS ON ALL THE PROJECTS we are currently working on, join us at our next Parish Council meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Dates can be found opposite and on the Parish Notice Boards around the Parish and of course on our Parish Council Website - www.rooksdn.org.uk

I look forward to meeting you at the Annual Parish Assembly meeting on Monday 4th April at the Community Centre, starting at 7.45pm where I will give a detailed presentation reviewing Rooksdown Parish activities during the past year. Please make a note of the date in your diary and come along if you can.

All the best
Paul Mahoney - Chairman - Rooksdown Parish Council



FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016

- Monday 4th April
Annual Parish Assembly
- Monday 23rd May
- Monday 27th June
- Monday 25th July
- August - no meeting
- Monday 26th September
- Monday 24th October
- Monday 28th November
- December - no meeting

Borough Councillor UPDATE

I would like to welcome all the new residents who have joined us in our community.

It is good to see work on the Lodge Junction continues a pace, with completion due in June, as does the work on the Old Hall. Community Speed Watch has started in Rooksdown which I hope will have an impact on reducing speeding. With this in mind I would ask all residents to help by reducing their speeds and also by being as considerate as possible when it comes to where and how you park.

After 5 years of campaigning for a primary school it was a real pleasure to go to the official opening of the Rooksdown Campus of Castle Hill Primary School in January. Lobbying is still taking place to open up another Year R Class as soon as applications demand, although funding has been planned in by HCC to build the school extension by September 2019. Let's hope we hear good news in the next few months.



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MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
8 - 11 Year Olds 7pm - 8:15pm
11 - 17 Year Olds 8.15pm - 9:30pm

TUESDAY
8 - 11 Year Olds 7pm - 8:15pm

FREE ENTRY
At Rooksdown Community Centre

Contact: yc@rooksdnonline.com
or 01256 869626
Rooksdown Community Centre Reg Charity No.: 1142688

Burleys are installing additional Bins, Benches and Notice Boards around the 'core' area of Rooksdown during March
PLEASE TAKE CARE IN THE AREA WHILST THE WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT

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