



## ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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# CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

2PM-5PM FREE ENTRY

MANY LOCAL STALLS & SANTA'S  
GROTTO\* FOR THE CHILDREN

£1 CHARGE FOR SANTA'S GROTTO



# Art Exhibition

## "Relationships" 8th & 9th December

### **ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9AM TO 6PM**

Standing in the big art gallery in London, viewing the massive pieces of art painted by JMW Turner, I wonder how they managed to get a frame big enough for the work and find myself thinking how awesome it would be to have one of my pictures up on the gallery wall with one of these frames. Then I think, 'I haven't got enough space to even think about making something of that size.' But, one day, just like JMW, I might have. If it's the Lord's will, I am going to make my mark on the world. This is my first step, starting small.

The pieces in my exhibition have a theme titled, Relationships. These pictures have been created using anything I can get my hands on to get across this message. Tiny beads, modelling wood, shrunken crisp packets and mirror card. All constructed in such a way that they blend in with the painting and do not stick out of place. I have used oil paints, acrylics, and other liquids with all sorts of tools and brushes to manage effects which bring the art as close to the real thing as I can get. I use anything to hand, although I do have favourite brushes I like to use. Baby wipes are an essential tool of my trade. I am a perfectionist and love detail.

I am still learning. It's an exciting journey. I like it when my art makes people think and it gives people something to talk about over coffee and on into the night. Something they don't forget. Like a really good DVD that you really want to buy.

It doesn't matter if people really hate it or really like it, just more important that it's remembered and made an impact.

Come along and let the artwork speak for itself.

Gillian Harris also known as Gilbertlouise.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

*Christmas Fair*

16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

*Children's Christmas Party*

12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

*Table Top Sale*

Tickets and table bookings available from the Community Centre office, ring **01256 869626** or [www.wegotickets.com/RooksdownCommunityCentre](http://www.wegotickets.com/RooksdownCommunityCentre) (credit and debit cards taken)

## Blossom PRE-SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Places are still available for September so why not come along and speak to us or call us on **07876 751662**



*One of the many pictures taken of the successful fireworks event on the green*



# Community Centre

## WEEKLY PROGRAMME

### Monday

Bokwa Fitness	6.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club	7.00pm
Parish Council (monthly)	7.45pm

### Tuesday

Baby and Toddler	10.00am
Pilates	6.30pm
Yoga	7.30pm

### Wednesday

Baby Clinic (monthly)	9.30am
Beavers	6.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club	7.00pm
Freedom-2-Dance (beginners)	7.45pm
Freedom-2-Dance (advanced)	8.45pm

### Thursday

Over 55's Coffee Morning	10am - midday
Yoga	7.00pm
Weight Watchers	7.00pm

### Friday

Cheerleading	6.30pm
Cubs	6.30pm
Zumba	8.00pm

### Saturday

Freedom-2-Dance	9.00am
Bokwa Fitness	9.00am
Kick Boxing	10.30am

### Sunday

Basingstoke Eagles Church	10.00am
Messy Church (monthly)	3.00pm

Check the Community Centre diary at

**[www.rooksdownonline.com](http://www.rooksdownonline.com)**

for the dates of monthly activities or call

**01256 869626**

Check out our "Rooksdow Community Centre" Group Page on Facebook

## WHY NOT COME AND VOLUNTEER

**I have been volunteering with the youth club since it first opened in January this year and have enjoyed every minute of it.**

The benefits of volunteering for me have been that I have got to know the young people in our community, and have learnt more about them and their interests. I have also learnt new skills that I can now apply to my 'day job'.

The youth workers are very supportive and encouraging, getting me involved in everything, not just running the tuck shop and doing boring tasks, which I think may be a preconception about volunteering! I have been involved in planning events, fundraising and weekly activities at the club.

The weekly sessions give me the chance to interact with the young people, whether it be playing rounders, painting nails, table football or just chatting with them.

It has also been great to see the success of the club over the year, with increased membership and a recent club outing to Thorpe Park, which was a great day out for everyone.

I always have fun whilst at the club and can fully recommend volunteering. We are always looking for more people to volunteer with our team so, if you would like to find out more, email [yc@rooksdownonline.com](mailto:yc@rooksdownonline.com) or ring **01256 869626**.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*

Sarah Elkins





**CHILDREN'S**

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Sunday 16th December**  
2pm-5pm for ages 5-12 year old

MUSIC AND FESTIVE  
FUN INCLUDING  
MAGICIAN AND A  
VISIT FROM SANTA

£1 CHARGE PER CHILD. PARENTS ARE REQUESTED  
TO REMAIN WITH CHILDREN 6 YEARS OR YOUNGER.

