



ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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NEW ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL!

Although there were no balloted elections, due to there not being enough nominations, we now have a new Parish Council (RPC).

Former chairman Charles Miller and Debbie Adlam both decided not to stand again but to concentrate on working as trustees on the Community Association board. A very important role as the demands on that committee grow as the community builds itself around the new centre and all the new events. Paula and Ray Dobbing also elected not to stand again. Through this article I'd like to publically thank all four for the many years of service to the community through the Parish Council.

I'd now like to welcome two new Councillors to the Council. Cllr. Philip Elliott and Cllr. Tristan Biggs. This leaves RPC two councillors short so co-option is a possibility. If anyone is interested please contact the clerk Ron Darley on: rooksdownclerk@thedarleys.co.uk or myself.

Parish Council meetings will continue to be on the last Monday of each month at 7.45pm at the Community Centre with the exception of no meetings in August and December. Any extraordinary meetings or public consultation meetings will be arranged separately and notified through the usual channels. i.e. noticeboards, facebook and letter drops as needed.

With the finalisation of the Localism Act taking place in the next session of Parliament the roll of the community in making local decisions of planning etc will become a statutory requirement. Whilst we are having success in working closely with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council we need to have some

input into Hampshire County Council where the Parish's views on things like the bus gate have been historically ignored despite the efforts of County Cllr Reid, so we have exciting times ahead.

Finally at last there is a lot starting to happen following continued lobbying but I don't have space to cover everything here this time so please come along to the meetings. The three main points are the contract for the Co-op has been signed and we'll see the ground works and steel frames start shortly. The build program is nine months. At last RPC are being provided with the plans for the lower car park on Peggs Way from the developers and will be proceeding with planning permission to make the two car park areas permanent under the ownership of the Parish Council for casual parking, freeing up the local roads. Taylor Wimpey site issues continue to take many hours of mine and others time but I hope by the time you read this there will have been action on some points and will have been/be reported on at the June RPC meeting.

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ROOKSDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEEDS



YOU

Last month school places were announced for September. Many Rooksdown parents were disappointed, outraged and mystified by some of the offers made, and will now find themselves travelling some distance every day to deliver their child(ren) to the school gates. While this is extremely frustrating for those parents involved, it does demonstrate the absolute need for a new school in Rooksdown. Toward the end of May we had a really positive meeting with a representative of Hampshire County Council's Education Department. Their Strategic School Place Plan now includes recognition that Rooksdown does need a school in the near future and as a result they are keen to support our application for a school.

Work with us to spread the word and get signatures by knocking on doors or talking to people at the Rooksdown Summer Fair in July.

If you are a teacher, accountant, lawyer, bursar, or project manager, spare a couple of hours a month and join our working group to help us develop an undeniable application.

Contact us on Rooksdown.primary@gmail.com or speak to Simon at the Community Centre. In addition we will be holding briefing sessions for our signature collectors and our working groups at the Community Centre on Saturday 23rd June at 2.30pm.



'Summer Streetz' is a brand, created by a partnership of agencies, led by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, to market a summer holiday activity programme aimed at 11-17 year olds in the Borough.

2011 saw significant levels of sponsorship being received from Shire Pharmaceuticals, Sovereign Kingfisher Housing Association and the Community Safety Forum which joined that of the council as well as a whole host of community organisations that made in-kind contributions to ensure a sustainable initiative. A total of over 5,000 young people enjoyed the free evening activities that were arranged in 11 different areas around the borough. This summer will see activities take place at Rooksdown Youth Club (RDYC).

We are looking for volunteers that would like to be involved in organising and supporting the sessions which will take place between Monday 30 July and Thursday 30 August 2012 .

For more information please contact:



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A *Strictly* NEW DANCE SCHOOL HAS COME TO TOWN!

Get ready for the new season of Strictly Come Dancing with the new Ballroom and Latin-American classes @ Rooksdown. You can now learn everything about footwork, sway, body flight, and intricate spins that will convert you into a master of the dance floor.

With permanent residence at Rooksdown Community Centre, the School with no name will have its Launch Party on the 14th July, where the new name will be revealed!

The school will kick start with the Kids Klub (6-15 yrs) first course on the 9th of June at 9am. This is a great way for our kids to keep fit, develop their memory and coordination, make new friends and have fun while learning a new skill. Adult classes starting soon.

Jonathan (L-ISTD) and Sergio (L-ISTD) will be in charge of running the classes. These very experienced professionals have over 40 years of experience within the dance industry between them. They will be offering to our community children's classes, adult classes, private lessons, wedding dance choreography and corporate events in Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine Tango. And if you get the dance bug, there will be chances to take your dance skills further and prepare for Medal

Exams and Competitions with the prestigious Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD).



Why don't you join us at the Launch Party and get to know our new dance teachers personally? There will be plenty of surprises including students show case, professional cabaret by Jonathan & Sergio, social dancing and guaranteed fun for everyone!

For tickets and more information on future courses or to enrol your kids in the next course please email Jonathan & Sergio at:

jonathan_sergio@hotmail.co.uk.

Rooksdown COMMUNITY GARDEN



Now we have settled into the Community Centre we have identified that some of the surrounding land is perfect for a community garden.

Are there any residents in Rooksdown interested in getting involved with such a project? Do you live in a flat, would you like a bigger garden or are you on a 3 year long waiting list for an allotment?

Support is available to get a garden project started. Grants are also available.

If you are interested or think you maybe able to help then please get in touch.

Simon



FESTIVAL OF GAMES *Summer Fair* at Rooksdown Community Centre & Green

SUNDAY 22 JULY, 2PM - 5PM

Craft stalls, beat the goalie with Basingstoke Town FC, coconut shy, dog agility, fancy dress competition, face painting, bouncy castle, BBQ, licensed bar and much more



Community Centre WEEKLY PROGRAMME

MONDAY

Children's Centre	10.00am
Zumba	6.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club	7.00pm
Parish Council (monthly)	7.30pm
Craft Group (monthly)	8.00pm

TUESDAY

Pilates	6.30pm
Yoga	7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Parent & Toddler	10am - midday
Baby Clinic (monthly)	9.30am
Children's Centre	1.00pm
Beavers	6.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club	7.00pm

THURSDAY

Over 55's Coffee Morning	10am - midday
Children's Centre	10.00am
Yoga	6.30pm
Weight Watchers	7.00pm

FRIDAY

Sing-along & Smile	10.00am
Cheerleading	6.30pm
Cubs	6.30pm
Zumba	8.00pm

SATURDAY

Dance Pro	9.00am
BE Flabulloss	9.00am
Kick Boxing	11am & midday

SUNDAY

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

Check the Community Centre diary at
www.rooksdowonline.com
for the dates of monthly activities or call
01256 869626

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2PM

Festival of Games - Summer Fair

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UPDATE FROM

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR KAREN CHERRETT:

Firstly can I say thank you to everyone who voted for me in the recent local elections. This is my third term and the ward has changed beyond recognition since I first moved here 11 years ago. It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep on top of things because the area has doubled in size and there is just so much going on: some areas of the ward are settling in and dealing with snagging issues; others still wrestling with getting roads finished and adopted and we have new areas being prepared for development e.g. the old golf course and site for our shop.

I am pleased to say that we have a very active County Councillor (Stephen Reid), Parish Council and Community Association which is so important as the area grows. We also have a selection of some of the most responsible Housing Association landlords in the area which is demonstrated by their support at local events. It's great that all of the local representatives work together and that makes it easier to make the best we can of the area and listen to what residents want e.g. deciding the future of the pavilions and what other recreation facilities you want.

I know not everyone knows me but please take the opportunity to get in touch if you wish to let me know your views on any local issue. The easiest way to get in touch is either on the community Facebook pages or direct via my email **cllr.karen.cherrett@basinstoke.gov.uk**

Of course I hope to see many of you at the coming summer of events on the green - looking forward to it!

Karen
Borough Councillor

