



ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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ROOKSDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL BATTLE WON, NOW TO WIN THE WAR!

They say a war is a series of battles, well after much lobbying it appears that we have won the first battle - getting Hampshire County Council to recognise that there is a need for a new school. Building the school now appears to be in our hands.

When we started work on this project Rooksdown properties were already being blighted by the lack of any plans to build a local school and children having to continue the current practice of attending 15 different schools. From this September even the lowest subscribed school in the area is now full. Plans just released by HCC accept that there is a need to start building a 2 form entry Primary School, with room for a future 3rd form, in Rooksdown from 2013/2014. In addition to a plan to extend Merton Juniors by one form at roughly the same time to cover the additional housing development in the Popley area i.e. Merton Rise and Marnel Park.

This is no doubt great news, but it will come as no surprise that the problem is now the cash to build the school. Hampshire County Council have already started briefing the press that it needs financial support of up to £70 million pounds from central government to build all the new school places needed due to increased housing in the county.

So where does that leave Rooksdown Primary School? It is now clear from both the financial situation at HCC and the recently introduced policy for new schools to be "academies" or "free schools" that getting a school is now up to us.

Every Rooksdown resident needs to do at least one thing to make this happen.

Please sign the community petition or fill out a parent questionnaire available from the Community Centre or visit our website www.rooksdownprimaryschool.org.uk.

Can you offer help in any of these areas:

- Education planning
- Financial planning & budgeting
- HR & management
- Stakeholder groups
- Programme / project management

If you can help please contact Simon at the Community Centre or email us at rooksdown.primary@gmail.com

Rooksdown Primary School won't happen unless everyone chips in!

Touring 5th October 2012 - 20th January 2013

MISSING IN ACTION

A new play by Brendan Murray, Directed by Mary Swan

**This is the story of two friends who join the Army...
How for one of them the war ends...
How for the other - and his family - the war goes on...
Tender, tough and never less than touching.**

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Basingstoke & Arts

Sponsored by Hampshire County Council

Saturday 6th October 7pm
Rooksdown Community Centre
Park Prewett Road, Rooksdown, Basingstoke, RG24 9XA
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www.wegotickets.com/proteustheatre

Scan here with your mobile for online tickets



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www.rooksdownonline.com



PARK PREWETT NORTHERN AREA COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The HCA and David Wilson Homes would like to thank everyone that attended our first public exhibition at the Rooksdown Community Centre earlier this year; and our subsequent 'Walk and Talk' event, where we took a walk around Rooksdown with local residents, learning from them what does and doesn't work well in the area. We received lots of useful feedback which has helped us develop our proposals for the Northern Area.

It is important to us that we involve local people and other stakeholders to ensure our proposals to develop Park Prewett Northern Area are fully understood and respond to people's needs, concerns and aspirations.

We will be holding another exhibition in September, at the Rooksdown Community Centre. We hope you will be able to attend to see more detail on our proposed development and share your thoughts with us again. This exhibition will take place over two days, to give as many people as possible the chance to come and see it. The dates and times are:

Wednesday 12th September: 2.00pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 15th September: 10.00am - 2.00pm

If you aren't able to attend on either of those dates, you will be able to download a set of the display boards and a feedback card (which you'll be able to complete online and email back to us) from our website: www.parkprewettnorth.co.uk. The display boards and feedback card will be uploaded shortly after we have finished the exhibition. The website is a useful resource for information on our public consultations and for further background on the HCA, David Wilson Homes and our consultant team, so please check back regularly. The exhibition boards from our first event are available for download on the website, and we will be adding more information to the site over the life of the project.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Paul Crispin

Managing Director
David Wilson Homes Southern



WHY NOT BOOK YOUR FAMILY PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday & Sunday
3 hour sessions

Main Hall £45 or Youth Room £30

Saturday Nights
Main Hall
6pm - midnight £100

Call **01256 869626** or email
bookings@rooksdowonline.com
to book or arrange a viewing

GET INVOLVED

If you have an idea for a project that could get your neighbourhood working together (anything from a kids' summer holiday club to new activities for older people) contact Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's community development officer covering your area.

Contact the community development team via:

01256 844844

Blossom Day Nursery

Blossom Day Nursery officially opened in January 2012 in the new community centre as Rooksdown's local independent nursery.

We offer something unique in the way we are set up for 0 - 5 year olds. As joint owners and managers, we have worked tirelessly for 5 years to get the right combination between childcare and parent partnership before homing Blossom in Rooksdown.

Blossom promotes an enabling environment where all children have equal opportunities to resources and experiences. The nursery is set up primarily with two areas, 0-2 years and 2-5 years. All children can be brought together when it is song time, feeding time, story time and many more opportunities. As children learn from children, then this merging of the two age groups is unquestionably beneficial. Parents have also been favourable to siblings being able to spend time together.

We encourage festivals and celebrations from all over the world. Where English is an additional language we have plenty of resources to assist and support different languages.

We invite parents to come along and see for themselves what Blossom has to offer their children.

We accept childcare vouchers towards children's fees. We also have the 15 hours free government funding available for parents to use the term after their child's third birthday.

For further information please call

Tel on: **07739329518**

or Tel on: **07876751662**

Or email us:
nursery@blossomdaynursery.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Blossom in the near future.



COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday

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

Tuesday

Parent and Toddler	9.45am
Pilates	6.30pm
Yoga	7.30pm
Bokwa Fitness	8.30pm

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	6.30pm
Weight Watchers	7.00pm

Friday

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

Saturday

Freedom-2-Dance	9.00am
Bokwa Fitness	9.30am
Kick Boxing	10.30am

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 "Rooksdow Community Centre"
Group Page on Facebook

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



We hope that you have enjoyed the new look Rooksdow Reporter.

We aim to deliver to over 1,800 homes in Rooksdow but we desperately need more help from local residents to help deliver them in a timely manner.

Even if you would be so kind as to deliver to the street or block you live in, it would be a huge help to the few volunteers that deliver at the moment.

Please contact the Community Centre and put your name down to help:

01256 869626

or **editor@rooksdowonline.com**



Car Wash

at the
Community Centre

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
1PM - 4PM



OVER 55's COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday 10am - midday

Would you like to meet other members of the community?
If so, why not come and enjoy a drink and a chat?
You can always come and talk to us about other activities
you would like to see at the Centre.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 12th September
DAVID WILSON HOMES EXHIBITION

Saturday 15th September
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Saturday 6th October
THEATRE NIGHT
"MISSING IN ACTION"

Saturday 20th October
CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday 18th November
THEATRE NIGHT
"THE SECRET GARDEN"

Saturday 24th November
70'S DISCO (DETAILS TBC)

Saturday 8th December
CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 16th December
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday 31st December
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Saturday 12th January
TABLE TOP SALE

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

NOTICE BOARD

Touring 27th September 2012-21st January 2013

The Secret Garden⁵

From the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Adapted & Directed by Mary Swan
Designed by Sam Pine, Music by Paul Wild

A magical journey beyond the door,
into the garden of imagination

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Rooksdawn Community Centre

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TICKETS £5 adults, £3 children, £15 family

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