

ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER ROOKSDOWN FIREWORKS

ROOKSDOWN PARK • ENTRY IS FREE



LOCATION: FIELD NEXT TO THE ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

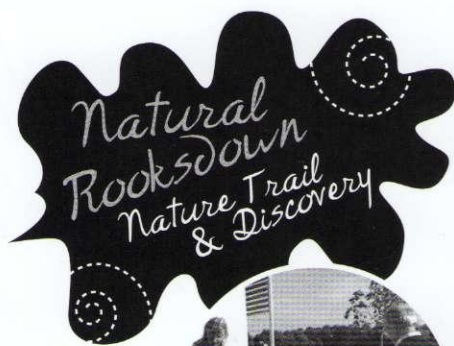
DATE: FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2013

TIME: GATES OPEN 6PM, FIREWORKS AT 7.30PM

ADMISSION: ENTRY IS FREE, DONATIONS TAKEN ON THE NIGHT

CHILDREN'S RIDES, BAR, FOOD & MUSIC

PLEASE NO SPARKLERS, PERSONAL FIREWORKS OR CHINESE LANTERNS



Bugs and beetles in Rooksdown should enjoy a more comfortable winter this year after houses for them were made during this event in September.

Natural Rooksdown will be organising other events and activities for everyone interested in our wildlife and habitats.



HELPING PARENTS IN Rooksdown

A NEW Triple P course has been set up to support parents, running at the Community Centre.

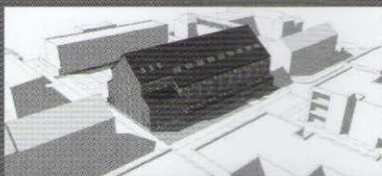
Triple P is a programme that supports parents to have good communication and strong relationships with their children.

To secure a place please contact

Vicki Francis

T: 01256 362006

UPDATES...



Main Hall

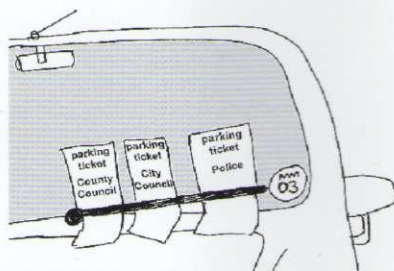
A planning application to develop the main hall on Northbrook Crescent is being prepared to be submitted to the borough council in the next few weeks.



Doctors Surgery & Pharmacy

Plans to build a permanent Doctors' Surgery & Pharmacy at their current site on Park Prewett Road have been approved.

Building work is due to start in the coming months.



PARKING

don't it just drive you mad!

We all know space for parking is an issue. We would ask everyone to park considerably. Avoid blocking paths, garages, junctions and traffic flow.

Many roads in Rooksdown are in the process of being adopted, once they are adopted many of these actions could cause you to receive a ticket.

Community Centre WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday

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

Tuesday

Pilates	6.30pm
Yoga	7.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club	7.00pm

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
Karate Class (juniors)	6.30pm
Weight Watchers	7.00pm
Martial Arts (seniors)	7.30pm

Friday

Baby & Toddler	10am - midday
Cubs	6.30pm
Scouts	6.30pm
Zumba	8.00pm

Saturday

Bokwa Fitness	9.00am
Freedom-2-Dance	all day

Sunday

Basingstoke Eagles Church	10.00am
Freedom-2-Dance	all day
Messy Church (monthly)	4.00pm

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

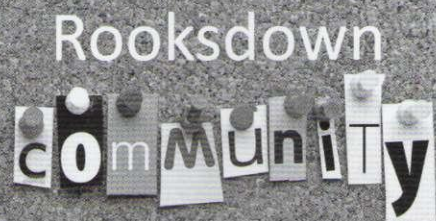
History of Park Prewett

2ND DECEMBER 7.45PM

Local historian Don Blissett will talk us through the history of the Hospital and the land around it.

An evening full of pictures, plans, artefacts and anecdotes. Don has a wealth of knowledge having worked at the hospital since 1946.

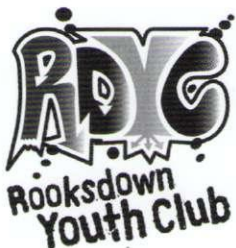
With many stories about staff parties, sporting events, herds of farm animals, padded cells, fires and even a death on the railway tracks.



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YOUR VIEWS MATTER ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ROOKSDOWN.

If you missed the consultation event about the future of Rooksdown you can express your views and complete the survey by going to the link at **www.rooksdowntownonline.com**



IS NOW OPEN 3 NIGHTS A WEEK: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

It is open 1900-2130 for all 11-17 year olds. RDYC provides a variety of activities for young people including: sports, leisure, careers workshops, cooking sessions, community and environmental projects, community safety and health awareness sessions. There is a 50p entrance fee.

RDYC is run by a dedicated team of both paid and volunteer youth workers. We are always looking to add new volunteers to our team, so if you are interested in getting involved in this rewarding work then please contact us.

Youth workers also undertake detached youth work to meet young people in the community.

During October half term RDYC is running "October Streetz" which includes taking some young people to Thorpe Park to the "fright night." RDYC have been fundraising over the past months to contribute to the cost of this trip.

For more information on any question or enquiry regarding RDYC please contact us on

T: 07435 591538

E: yc@rookdownonline.com



DOG POOP & LITTER

Can we 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 are being arranged 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

Parish Councillor VACANCIES

There are vacancies for councillors on Rookdown Parish Council, which the Council will shortly be advertised on notice boards. Please do not be put off by the thought of having to compete in an election, canvassing etc. That is not traditionally how it works in electing parish councillors.

If you think you might like to consider becoming a councillor, which does not take up a great deal of your time, but is a worthwhile and rewarding community service, and/or you would like to know more about what is involved, or any other information, please contact the:

Ron Darley

Parish Clerk

T: 01256 356701 M: 07791 548838

E: rookdownclerk@thedarleys.co.uk

or in writing to 284 Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 5LT

Rookdown Baby & Toddler Group

Has moved to Fridays at 10am - midday in the Community Centre.



FIRST AID COURSE

coming soon to Rookdown.

Ever wondered if you would know what to do if you ever had to use the first aid box in your car or under your sink?

If you would be interested in attending a first aid course then send your details to:

bookings@rookdownonline.com or call **01256 869626**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION is now free.

All you need to do is sign-up at www.rookdownonline.com or fill in a form in the Community Centre office.



FREE PLAYScheme

Mobile activity club aimed at parents/carers and children under school age. Sessions are themed and each offers a range of activities including creative fun, messy play, physical activities, songs and stories.

At Rookdown Community Centre:

25th October - Autumn

22nd November - Animal Homes

13th December - Snow

1pm - 2.30pm - Come and join us

For more information contact RCS Ltd on **01256 322751**

Ooh MAMA



After watching the fireworks on Friday 8th November why not warm up with a drink in the Community Centre listening to "Ooh MaMa".

They are a choir for mummies having some all important me time singing popular music.

Christmas SHOPPING EVENTS

Wednesday 30th October 2013
7.30pm - 10.00pm

Saturday 23rd November 2013
11.00am - 3.00pm

Rookdown Community Centre

Jewellery, Handbags, Scarves, Body Shop, Shabby Chic, Handmade Christmas Card, Candles, Slate Signs, Christmas Wreaths & Christmas Raffle.

Lots of unusual gifts.

All welcome!



HALLOWEEN

TV ROOKSDOWN

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

On Halloween night RDYC will be running a supervised trick or treat around the neighbourhood.

If you do not want to be disturbed that evening, please leave a note in your window for us to see.

Notices can be found on the Hampshire

Constabulary website.

We envisage that this will cause minimal disturbance to the residents of Rooksdown on the night. If you have any queries please contact:

yc@rooksdowndownline.com



ALICE IN WONDERLAND



ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
AND PROTEUS THEATRE COMPANY

Cordially Invites You To Follow Them Down The Rabbit Hole To
Wonderland For Amazing Adventures - Oh, And Tea Of Course.

Bringing their trademark fusion of music, physical theatre, circus and puppetry creating an anarchic, magical and mad-as-a-hatter version of Lewis Carroll's classic tale 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Alice Through The Looking Glass'.

No storm in a teacup, this show promises to provide all your six impossible things a day, and whatever you... do, don't be late!

Saturday 14th December 2013 at 2PM

Subsidised Tickets £1 per person

Available From Community Centre Office

We Are Expecting Father Christmas To Join Us For The Interval!

To join the RCA for free go to
www.rooksdowndownline.com
or fill in a form in the office