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Rooksdown PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dear residents...

It has been a frustrating month with regards some of the big ticket items.

Traffic Management Works - At the stakeholders meeting everything was, we thought, signed off and the Taylor Wimpey were given the OK to submit the application for the following day.

However post meeting we were then informed that for B&DBC Chief Planning officer had decided to request a tree survey be undertaken on the two trees that need to be removed to allow the Avenue to fit correctly to the new lodge junction plans. This is being progressed. Taylor Wimpey wish to do the phase one works this summer. As soon as we have an application number then we will let residents know.

Old Hall - The planning application for this was meant to have been decided by 10th February according to the B&DBC web site. With no news available on line we have duly followed up only to be advised that the Case Officer is now working through the S106 requirements. This is extremely frustrating especially when the advised date for a decision was early February. We continue to chase hard.

Change of use of pavilions to create parking and associated landscaping - planning application 13/02522/FUL. Finally at last the application is received and at the April Parish Council meeting the vote was to continue to support the plans for removal as per the results of the resident's consultation. This was a split decision. It is recognised there are two very distinct camps on this subject. This application will be dealt with not by a Planning Officer but by the Control and Development Committee. As part of that process they will also view the pavilions. It is imperative that any member of the public who feels strongly either way about these logs onto the Basingstoke and Deane web site and submits an opinion. www.planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications. You can also elect to speak at the relevant Development and Control meeting.

Rooksdown Primary School - planning application HCC/2014/0135 (B&DBC ref PLAN/KK/BAE066) has also been received. Rooksdown Parish Council (RPC) objected to the planning application in line with Rooksdown Community Association (RCA). This may seem a strange decision because of the work that has been done to get a school in Rooksdown. The reasons are that firstly, despite consultation, there are still

flat roofs proposed at only a height of 3m and despite the proposed CCTV the risk of roof vandalism etc is high. Even with the overhang and slope that is on the Community Centre successful attempts have been made to get on the roof. The second issue is the lack of drop off areas or a turning circle. Even with only one form initially this will cause local residents issues with parents parking/dropping off on Park Prewett Road, Elder Road, Watertower Way and Hollies Court. In addition no account is made of disruption to buses or the safety aspects of this. Whilst Our County Cllr (Cllr Reid) assures us he will make sure that as the school expands that suitable drop off and turning will be provided there is no guarantee this will occur as it is not included as part of the planning application. In order for RPC and RCA to support the school planning application these 2 items must be addressed to the satisfaction of ourselves and the residents. After discussions with HCC we hope to support an amended application in the near future. Residents are encouraged to log onto the Hampshire County Council web site to see the plans at:

www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/applications-open.htm (this is correct!)

If you wish to comment on these plans then please email: planning@hants.gov.uk with your address details and comments.

RPC has submitted 3 Local Infrastructure Fund requests that are under consideration at B&DBC:

- 1) Equipment funding for the Community Space in the old hall
- 2) Litter bins, benches and notice boards in the Southern and core areas as needed
- 3) Skatepark on Rooksdown Park as part of the leisure facilities on top of the S106 monies funded facilities - this will require planning permission

Other matters we continue to pursue are the anti-traveller gate in Rooksdown Lane. Funding for this year is confirmed.

Road adoptions, poor quality highway repairs and funding for a Parish Lengthsman (odd jobman).

We also have a planned meeting with Cllr John Iz Watt on Manydown.

The next Parish Council meeting is currently scheduled on 2nd June at 7.45pm in the Community Centre. This in fact will be the Parish Council AGM with election of Officers.

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CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is a vacancy for a councillor on Rooksdown Parish Council, which the Council will shortly be advertised on notice boards, which we are seeking to fill by co-option.

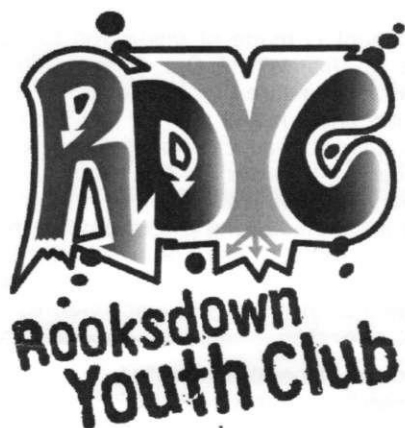
If you think you might like to consider becoming a councillor, which does not take up a great deal of your time, but is a worthwhile and rewarding community service, and/or you would like to know more about what is involved, or any other information, please contact the Parish Clerk:

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E: council@rooksdowntonline.com

Castle Hill Infant School
Seaside Summer Fayre
Saturday 17th May 1.00 to 3.00pm
*** Adults: 50p, kids go FREE ***
Join us for a fun filled afternoon
* Sponge Soaker * Beachballs in a Jar *
* Raffle * BBQ * Bouncy Castle *
* Facepainting * Candy Floss * Tuckshop * Tombola *
* Cakes * Refreshments *
* Ice Creams *
and lots more to be revealed
Follow us on Facebook: friends@castlehillinfantschool



RDYC is holding an open evening on Tuesday 10th June 2014. This is for parents of current members and also for parents who are considering sending their children to youth club when RDYC opens for 8-11 year olds in September.

Youth Workers will be on hand to answer any questions about RDYC.

For more information about this please contact: yc@rooksdowntonline.com

ROOKSDOWN REPORTER DEADLINES

4th June • 20th August

To submit an article for publication email: editor@rooksdowntonline.com

FEAR: THE FRIEND OF EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

By Ian Rand: Chief Instructor of Hampshire Self Protection Martial Arts Club

How many people put off that visit to the doctor or the dentist, citing excuses such as 'I'm fine really' or 'I don't want to waste their time' when the real reason is fear? Subconsciously they might even believe their excuse, being unwilling to accept the fact that they are frightened, but the truth is, fear has played a part in influencing that decision.

At Hampshire Self Protection Martial Arts Club we are well aware of the role fear can play in influencing people's choices. On many occasions we have heard prospective students say that they would love to learn or re-start martial arts but... then cite any number of excuses – when the real reason is fear, whether it be fear of meeting new people, fear of getting hurt or simply fear of the unknown.

We can teach you how to embrace your fear rather than cower in front of it. If fear is what is preventing you from reaching your full potential, let us work with you to accommodate or overcome any issues you feel you have.

Hampshire Self Protection Martial Arts Club train on Thursdays at Rooksdown Community Centre.

Class times are:

6:30pm Juniors (5-11yrs) • 7:30pm Seniors(11yrs+)

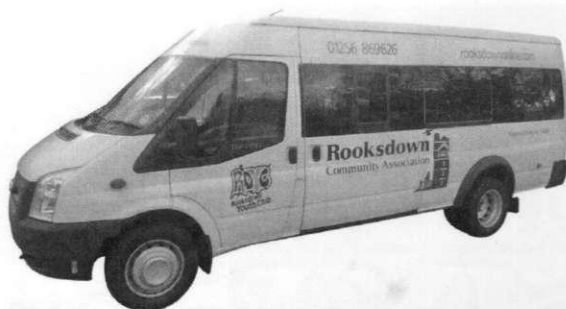
For more information see

www.HampshireSelfProtection.co.uk

If you have any questions, would like to watch, or book a free no obligation trial class, call:

Ian - 07888 660225.





New Minibus

Rooksdown Community Association took delivery of a minibus in February.

The bus will be used by community groups to take members on trips far and wide.

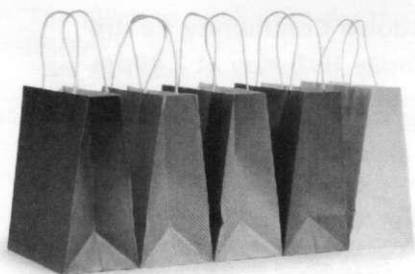
Unexpectedly its initial use was to support the flood relief effort in Bucksin.

Contact the Community Centre office to enquire about using the minibus on **01256 869626** or email: **bookings@rooksdowndownline.com**

Rooksdown

Baby & Toddler Group

Every Fridays at 10am
in the Community Centre.



Long Acres Garden Centre SHOPPING TRIP

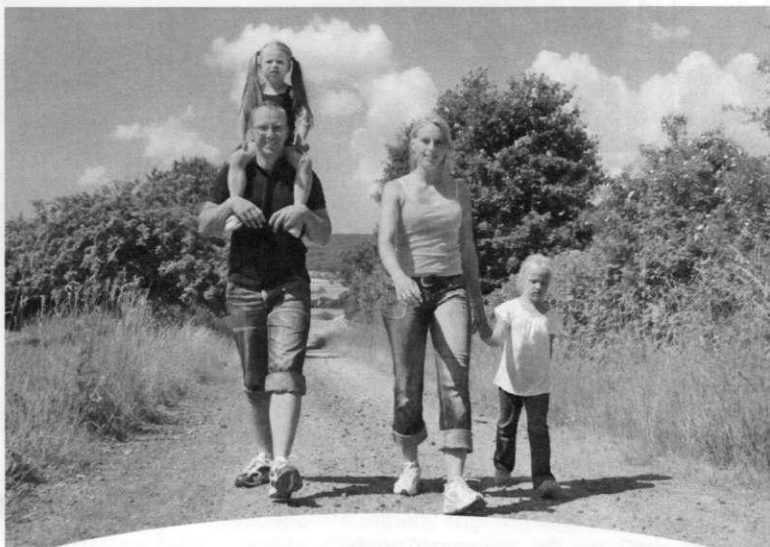
WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

Minibus will be leaving
Rooksdown Community Centre at 10 am.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 2nd June
Monday 30th June

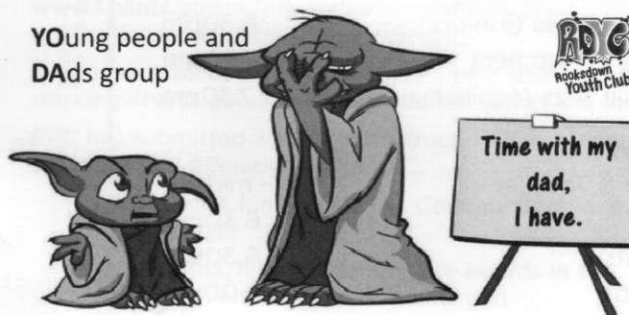
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ROOKSDOWN WALKING GROUP

Next walk for the group will be 7th June & 5th July
starting from Rooksdown Community Centre at 10am

YOUNG people and
DADS group



YODA

(GROUP FOR DADS & CHILDREN)

IS RUNNING ITS NEXT TRIP

Saturday 24th May

Meeting at Rooksdown Community Centre at 8.30am to go to the Jurassic Coast. The trip includes visiting the village of Tyneham, Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and the Fossil Forest. Please bring a picnic for lunch.
£5 person for the trip.

To book places please contact **yc@rooksdowndownline.com** stating names and a contact number.

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
Homework Club	4.00pm
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.rooksdowndownonline.com
for the dates of monthly activities or call
01256 869626



Rooksdown
**SUMMER
FAYRE**
SUNDAY 13TH JULY
Rides, games, competitions, crafts,
food stalls & more for all the family

STOP PRESS on the Pavilions

Subsequent to the last RPC meeting evidence has come to light that Taylor Wimpey have allegedly not provided fully correct information as part of the consultancy that could have impacted residents views. To that end RPC will be holding an emergency meeting at:

**Rooksdown Community Centre
on Monday 19th May at 7.45pm**

to look at the evidence and to revote on the application.



RDYC
Rooksdown
Youth Club
Car Wash
at the
Community Centre
1PM - 4PM • £5 PER CAR
18TH MAY
29TH JUNE