



ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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From Community Centre to Theatre

BY PROTEUS THEATRE COMPANY

This summer we have been having great fun in the community centre running creative workshops on everything from physical theatre to film making for the young people; and we are thrilled to have been invited back this October with something for the adults this time, our latest professional production 12.10.15.

A poster for the production '12.10.15'. It features a black and white photograph of a woman in profile, looking to the right. The title '12.10.15' is written in large, white, distressed font. Below it, the subtitle 'The life and death of a British martyr' is written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom, the text 'SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM • TICKETS £5 • CALL 01256 869626' is written in white, sans-serif font.

12.10.15

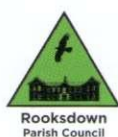
The life and death of a British martyr

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As the nation commemorates the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, we will turn our attention to the story of a brave and patriotic woman who devoted her life to nursing and died to save others in occupied Belgium. Edith Cavell was executed by firing squad on 12th October 1915 for the protection, concealment and smuggling away of allied soldiers. With Rooksdown's history firmly rooted in the helping of wounded allied soldiers in Park Prewett Hospital during WW1, we are thrilled to be bringing Edith Cavell's story to life in the Community Centre this autumn as part of its national tour.

Edith Cavell's story is recalled by a fictional 21st Century journalist, Edi Martin, in what could be her final moments as she is held captive while reporting from a modern day war zone. Hard hitting, intelligent and contemporary, this one woman production will dispel the early propaganda images of Cavell as a red lipped, young innocent and will instead leave audiences with a lasting impression of a strong woman who risked everything going above and beyond the call of duty.

Please call to book ticket: 01256 869626
Suitable for ages 15+ www.proteustheatre.com



tel: 01256 869 626

www.rooksdownonline.com



Community Centre WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Monday

Bokwa Fitness	6.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club 8 -11	7.00pm
Metafit	7.30pm
Parish Council (monthly)	7.45pm
RDYC - Youth Club 11-17	8.15pm

Tuesday

Pilates	6.30pm
Yoga	7.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club 11-17	7.00pm

Wednesday

Baby Clinic (monthly)	9.30am
Beavers	6.30pm
RDYC - Youth Club 8-11	7.00pm
Freedom-2-Dance (beginners)	7.45pm
RDYC - Youth Club 11-17	8.15pm
Freedom-2-Dance (advanced)	8.45pm

Thursday

Over 55's Coffee Morning	10am - midday
Homework Club	4.00pm
Karate Class (juniors)	6.30pm
Bokwa Fitness	6.45pm
Martial Arts (seniors)	7.30pm
Metafit	7.45pm
Insanity Workout	8.15pm

Friday

Cubs	6.30pm
Scouts	6.30pm
Zumba	8.00pm

Saturday

Bokwa Fitness	9.00am
Metafit	10.00am
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.rooksdowonline.com
for the dates of monthly activities or call
01256 869626

Parish Councillor UPDATES

Dear Residents

Trust you are all well and have had a great summer?

It was great to meet so many of you at the Summer Fair on 13th July. Massive thanks to the Community Association for arranging such a brilliant day... and we were blessed with great weather.

Thought I would give you an update on all the big ticket items in Rooksdow -

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WORKS

'The Avenue' / Lodge Junction & A340 Aldermaston Road / Rooksdow generally

You will probably be aware by now that the Government has earmarked funds for the part dualling of the Aldermaston Road and the remodelling of the Lodge Junction. As you know this will be a major step in reducing the 'rat-running' of traffic through Rooksdow, something which we have been heavily involved in

The first step will be to rebuild 'The Avenue' (that bumpy road by the hospital) and install traffic calming measures. Please be aware that this is likely to start before the end of September / early October and therefore this will mean the occasional road closure and diversions (including bus routes). Look out for regular updates on our Parish Notice boards and online. Updates will be posted on www.rooksdowonline.com & www.rooksdow.org.uk.

The next step will be to rebuild Lodge Junction on the A340 and channel all the hospital traffic out that way with some additional traffic measures. Many of you will have seen the County Council's plans for this at the Summer Fair -

Phase One 2014 - 2015

- A 20 mph speed limit zone with associated speed control measures in Rooksdow
- Reconstruction and speed control measures on the Avenue from Rooksdow to Priestly Road

Phase Two 2015 - 2017

- Install traffic light controls at the Lodge junction on the A340 Aldermaston Road
- Increase capacity at the existing junction of Priestly Road, Merton Rise with A340 and improve access from Priestly Road to Merton Rise
- Extend dualling of the A340 Aldermaston Road to The Lodge junction
- Close the existing Priestly Road / Avenue junction to traffic
- Improve pedestrian and cycle facilities

Phase Three 2015- 2017

- Prevent general hospital traffic arriving or leaving via Rooksdow
- Allow bus only access to and from the Hospital via Rooksdow
- Allow all pedestrians and cyclists to move freely between the Hospital and Rooksdow

You can let HCC know your views (consultation period until 26th September):

www.hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index
or Email HCC at A340@hants.gov.uk

ROOKSDOW PRIMARY SCHOOL (Park Prewett Road)

Another great piece of news for Rooksdow - as you will probably all know by now, the planning application for the new primary school for Rooksdow was approved by the County Council's Regulatory Committee and the funding is now in place.

Work has already started on the site behind the Community Centre and the great news is that the plan is for it to be built in time to open in September 2015 ... we will give you regular updates on progress.

New Night Bus Service

STARTED IN AUGUST 2014 OR NINE MONTHS TRIAL

No 2 Bus - Leaves the Bus Station at 22:55
Arrives North Hampshire Hospital at 23:04

No 6 Bus - Leaves the Bus Station at 22:30
Arrives Ashwood Way, Winklebury at 22:40

Both cost two pounds and will be running Friday and Saturday nights.

It's a trial so if we don't use them they won't be staying.

More details:
www.stagecoachbus.com/Basingstoke.aspx



PAVILIONS

(Park Prewett Road)

As you are all aware a planning application was submitted earlier in the year for the removal of the four Pavilions on Park Prewett Road. This application has quite a complex planning history and is to be determined by Development Committee (date as yet unknown).

You may recall that in May we held an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to discuss further evidence which impacted the original consultancy. The Parish Council are going to be meeting soon to revisit the decision we made earlier in the year at the next Parish Council meeting on 22 September.

I know that many of you have expressed concern at the generally poor condition of the Pavilions and the fact that Pavilion 4 remains unrepaired, particularly as we move into the winter months. We have had a discussion with the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) and Taylor Wimpey who agreed that they would review the state of the Pavilions and provide a response in due course. We have also had discussions with the Planning & Development team at BDBC to understand the enforcement action that could be pursued to require works to the Pavilions in the event that the current planning application for demolition is refused.

We will provide an update just as soon as we have any news.

WESTERN TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT

The piece of land off Rooksdown Avenue, opposite Vitellius Gardens - the site of the old Bryant Home / Taylor Wimpey Sales office.

The Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) have confirmed that Taylor Wimpey will shortly be starting work on the construction of 30 Apartments on this piece of land with a 2 year build programme. So watch that space.

Barn Area

Park Prewett Road, corner of Pumphouse Way (20 residential units and listed Barn (B1)).

Planning approvals are expected any day with a provisional start on site planned for mid September.

The Main Hall

Northbrook Crescent

Planning approvals are expected any day. Given the level of detailed design work required, the start on site date is not anticipated until mid 2015.

Road adoptions

West & East side of Core Area

We are aware that Taylor Wimpey & Hampshire County Council are currently in discussions to press ahead with the legal work for the adoption of the West and East side of the Core area. Taylor Wimpey & HCC's Adoption Managers are drafting up an undertaking that confirms Taylor Wimpey will complete any remedial works that are needed, given that they are still going to be developing on site for a number of years to come. We have requested to see HCC's latest snagging list to ensure that we are all aware of the faults and issues. We will provide further updates as and when we know.

Retail core Phase 2

Park Prewett Road, opposite the Coop & Costa Coffee site (16 residential units & 2 retail units)

Planning approval is outstanding and we don't anticipate any further developments with regards to this in 2014. We will of course keep you posted if we hear anything.

Park Prewett Northern Area (David Wilson Homes)

The Old Golf Course

Outline consent is still not yet in place due to a delay in the legal side. Things would appear to have gone quiet but we are assured that work is still progressing in the background. We

are planning a meeting with David Wilson Homes in September or early October, so will report back as soon as we have had this meeting.

Other matters that we continue to pursue include the anti-traveller gate in Rooksdown Lane - funding for this has already been approved and the County is due shortly to install a height restriction barrier that will stop illegal trespassing by travellers in to Rooksdown Lane.

We are also working with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to have a further general tidy up and regeneration of the pocket parks along Park Prewett Road along with the repair/removal of any damaged trip knee high fencing.

For news on these projects and many others, we look forward to seeing you at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting. Dates can be found on notice boards around the Parish and online.

The Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to sincerely thank Colin Statham who has recently left the Parish Council, relinquishing the role of Chair after 4 years of dedicated service. He has been part of the Parish Council for the many years before that and been actively involved in practically everything that has happened as part of the development of this parish. We are all very grateful for his immense contribution over the years and wish him well.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Ross Cavalier & Ailsa Cordner for their contribution to Rooksdown now that they have also chosen to step down from their duties on the Parish Council.

We will shortly be saying 'Goodbye' to our Parish Clerk - Ron Darley - who is retiring at the end of September. Ron has been with the Parish Council from the start, just over 10 years ago, and has certainly been a stalwart to the Parish through its growth & development. We owe Ron a massive debt of gratitude for his help & support over the last decade. He will be greatly missed.

We welcome Lorraine Jeffs as the new Parish Clerk. She is currently the Deputy Clerk at Odiham Parish Council and brings with her a wealth of experience. She hopes to meet or speak to as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and months.

There are a number of vacancies for councillors on Rooksdown Parish Council, which will shortly be advertised on the notice boards around the Parish. If you think you might like to consider becoming a councillor, which does not take up a great deal of your time and is a very worthwhile & rewarding community service, and you would like to know more about what is involved or any other information, then please contact Ron Darley on 07791 548838 or council@rooksdown.org.uk.

Finally, we are just pulling together the final details for the Annual Rooksdown Firework display, planned for Friday, November 7th on Rooksdown Park, the field next to the Rooksdown Community Centre. Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks start at 7.30pm prompt. We want to ensure that the night is a huge success and are looking for a number of residents to help us on the night ... if you are able to offer your support on the night can you please contact Ron Darley on 07791 548838 or council@rooksdown.org.uk as soon as possible.

All the best

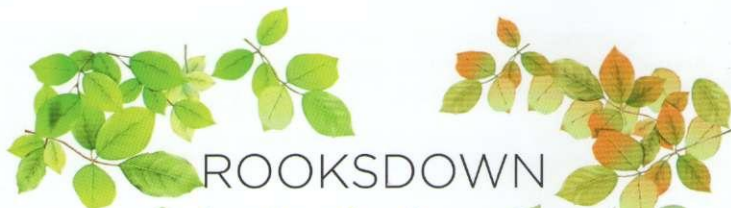
Regards

Paul Mahoney

Vice-Chair - Rooksdown Parish Council

ROAD WORKS ON THE AVENUE

WATCH OUT FOR DIVERSIONS & ROAD CLOSURES



ROOKSDOWN WALKING GROUP

THE NEXT WALK FOR THIS GROUP WILL
BE A WALK AROUND THE SPINNEY,
STARTING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Saturday 4th October 2014
Then another walk on
Saturday 1st November 2014

Dates for your Diary

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 22nd September 2014 - 7.45pm

COMMUNITY THEATRE 12.10.15

Sunday 5th October 2014 - 7.30pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 27th October 2014 - 7.45pm

ROOKSDOWN FIREWORKS

Friday 7th November 2014 - 6pm Start
Fireworks 7.30pm PROMPT

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 24th November 2014 - 7.45pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 29th November 2014

RAPUNZEL CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Sunday 21st December 2014 - 4pm

More information at www.rooksdowndownline.com



**KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK**

**HOMEWORK CLUB
ON THURSDAY'S**

Homework Club at the
community centre for 11-17
year olds. Every Thursday
during term time 4pm - 6pm.

Includes access to the internet,
quiet space to work and a
free hot drink.

JUST TURN UP.

**CAN YOU HELP
ROOKSDOWN
FIREWORKS?**

**FOR THIS YEAR'S FIREWORKS TO HAPPEN WE
NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON THE DAY.**

If you can spare a couple of hours during the day
to set up, or in the evening during the event,
your help would be much appreciated to enable
this popular event to take place.

**If we don't find more help on the day it may
need to be cancelled.**

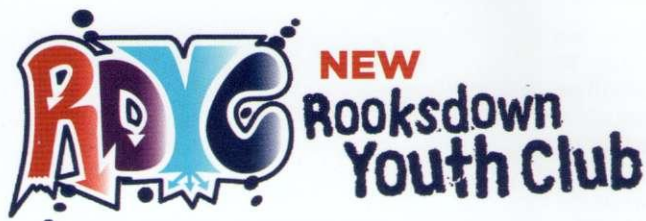
Please contact Ron Darley on **07791 548838**
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**FREE SEXUAL
HEALTH DROP IN
SERVICE FOR
UNDER 24'S.**

**First Wednesday of the
month 4.30pm-6.30pm at
the Community Centre.**

Includes free condoms,
chlamydia screening and
pregnancy testing.



FOR 8-11 YEAR OLDS

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS 9:00 - 20:15

Activities include: Crafts, sports, cooking
and Indoor games.

Please bring your parent/guardian the first time
you to RDYC to fill in contact information forms.

For more information please contact
yc@rooksdowndownline.com or **01256 869626**



This was by far and away our busiest summer yet:

Running 4 nights per week we had an average of 27.5 young
people per night and saw over 60 different young people.

RDYC this summer covered everything from pottery,
performing arts, competitions special effects,
sports and cooking.

75.5 hours of detached work by youth workers had
over 230 interactions with young people.

This success was only possible because of the hard work
and dedication given to RDYC by our team of volunteers.

On behalf of Rooksdown, particularly the young people
attending RDYC, a huge thank you to all our volunteers.