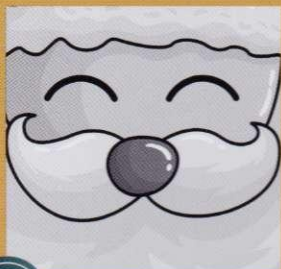




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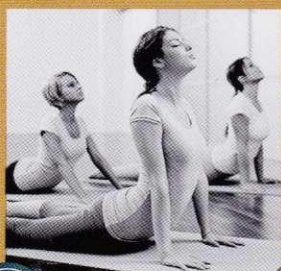
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LET'S CELEBRATE

SAT | 25.11
2017
11AM - 3PM

LOTS OF SHOPPING STALLS, SANTA'S GROTTO,
MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE PLUS MORE...
PLUS FISH & CHIP VAN

We hope to get van for a weekly visit in the New Year.
So why not come and try!

Borough Councillor UPDATE



It was good to participate in the partnership working with Hampshire County Council, Castle Hill Primary, Basingstoke Police and Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to launch "Kiddie Cones" outside Castle Hill Primary.

Parking measures and support from parents have now greatly improved the safety of children at drop off and pick up time outside the school. Not forgetting a great assembly with Basil Bird around walking, scooting, cycling, road safety and cleaner air quality.

These much need road traffic improvements become increasingly important with the current consultation around doubling the size of the school. One consultation event has already taken place but plans will be available to see at Rookdown Christmas Fair.

Building on the scheme to protecting students at the school we were also able to implement double yellow lines to protect junctions along Park Prewett Road and bus stop cages to keep spaces clear.

In the next few months a consultation will start on the best way to keep the on road parking spaces that are left clear for residents, visitors and others.

Some options that are possible for these on street parking spaces include a residents permit scheme, restricted 2 hour parking between 9am and 6pm amongst others. All options will be discussed at parish council meetings.



It seems like a long time since the masterplan for the park was discussed with residents at the summer fair in 2014 but it I am pleased that the skatepark has finally had planning permission approved. This has been funded by an application from the parish council for funding from Basingstoke & Deane and I'm sure we will see work on site starting soon.



After much media coverage regarding Rookdown & Beggarwood Surgeries, they have been one practice since their merger in August 2017, I continue to encourage anyone who has a complaint to send that through to the Clinical Commissioning Group on nhccg.complaints@nhs.net or by calling 01256 705507.

I have had complaints that I have sent through to the CCG resolved in a timely manner and have heard anecdotal reports that service levels are gradually improving. Let's hope it continues on this path.

When I have met with the CCG they continue to tell me that, despite the problems that have been articulated by residents to me, the number of complaints they have received have been relatively low.

An accurate picture of the current situation at the surgery can only be formed if patients let the CCG know about problems or concerns that they have had. The CCG do want to know. If you would like to copy me in (not an essential requirement) then please feel free to do so on cldr.simon.bound@basingstoke.gov.uk

I hope to see many residents at the Christmas Fair but also hope to see you at New Year's Day Wellie Walk.

Simon Bound

Rookdown Borough Councillor

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Rookdown Parish Council

Empowering our community

Rookdown Parish Council would like to welcome Martin Whittaker as our new Parish Clerk. Martin, who is CiLCA qualified & has 17 years' experience of parish council work, brings with him a wealth of knowledge & experience. This appointment will provide great stability and continuity for Rookdown. Martin hopes to meet or speak to as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and months. In case you need them - Martin's contact details are **07928 129122** or parish.clerk@rookdown.org.uk

For news about all the projects we are currently working on, we look forward to seeing you at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting. There's no meeting planned in December this year. Dates for meetings in 2018 can be found opposite and on the Parish Notice Boards around the Parish and of course on our Parish Council Website.

I very much look forward to meeting you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November... which has always been a great event for Rookdown.

Thanks to the Community Association for all their efforts in pulling this event together!

All the best

Cllr. Paul Mahoney

Chairman - Rookdown Parish Council



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

#RooksdownSpeedwatch

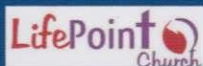
Great to see our Community Speed Watch team has been out & about in Rooksdown regularly to help implement the 20 mph limit for the benefit and safety of all Rooksdown residents.

PLEASE RESPECT THE 20mph LIMIT

If you do so, then so will the people behind you

If you want more details of how to support the Rooksdown Community Speed Watch team, please contact the **Paul Mahoney** on cllr.paul.mahoney@rooksdown.org.uk

Don't sit at Home - Celebrate with us!



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Suitable for all the family!
Games, Disco, Light Buffet
and plenty of FUN!!

6pm - 9pm
Sunday 31st December
Rooksdown Community Centre

Tickets ONLY £1 per person (under 2's free)

Bookable in advance and to be paid on the night please
Contact details: Jo Royal - 07736 942873 / jo.royal@icloud.com



The group regularly meets on Thursday mornings at 10am for a coffee morning in the Community Centre and has a programme of trips kindly supported by the Rooksdown Parish Council.

For more information just come along to the next coffee morning or ring the community office on **01256 869626**



Club55 at Exciting Escapes in Basingstoke for a recent mystery trip.



Student Sporting Success for Cranbourne Students In Modern Triathlon National Championships!

Three Cranbourne students are celebrating success at the 2017 British Modern Triathlon Championships, which took place at the end of September. The three youngsters, who train at Cranbourne every Friday, came 19th, 24th and 25th in the national competition.

Lauren Patrick (Year 10) came 19th in the Under 15 Girls and is delighted to achieve a personal best in her swim. The two boys Mathew Patrick and Sam Bennett came 24th and 25th in the Under 13 Boys, they commented "we enjoy all three events; shooting, swimming and running" "Before the run and the swim, we were nervous; however, it was all over in a flash, and we had a great result".

The staff showed how proud they were with a round of applause for these students at the morning staff meeting. Mr Roberts, Head of PE at Cranbourne explained how these students are a credit to the school, "They are invaluable to us, giving up their own time to help coach weaker swimmers in school at the swimming development club after school."

The Wessex Wyvern Modern Pentathlon Club runs on Friday evenings at Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College. All are welcome!

For More information please contact

Kirsty Sayers

Email: k.sayers@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

Call: 01256 868600

Parish Council Meetings in 2018

Monday 22nd January
Monday 26th February
Monday 26th March
Monday 23rd April
Monday 21st May
Monday 25th June

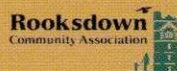
Monday 23rd July
August No Meeting
Monday 24th September
Monday 22nd October
Monday 26th November
December No Meeting

Community Centre WEEKLY Programme

M	Monday Boot Camp	7pm
T	Tuesday English & Maths Tuition Pilates Class Yoga Class	3.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm
W	Wednesday Beavers Ballroom and Latin Dance	6.30pm 8pm
T	Thursday Club55 Coffee Morning / Trip English & Maths Tuition Martial Arts Yoga Class A Capella (singing group)	10am 3.30pm 6.30pm 6.45pm 8pm
F	Friday Cubs Scouts Zumba	6.30pm 7pm 8pm
S	Saturday Karate	9.30am
S	Sunday Pentecostal Church	9am

Blossom Day Nursery operates
Monday-Friday for 0-5 years

More details can be found at
www.rooksdowndownline.com
For party bookings call
01256 869626




CHILDREN'S

Christmas Party

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017
2PM - 4PM

GAMES, ACTIVITIES & A FREE GIFT
Suitable for 2-8 years old (under 5s must be accompanied)
£1 a ticket towards event

Tickets available from Rooksdawn Community Office
01256 869626 admin@rooksdowndownline.com



Rooksdawn Parish Council

Empowering our community

Rooksdawn Parish Council is nine members of the public and we come to each Parish Council meeting at the Community Centre on the 4th Monday of the month and spend an average of around six hours each month advising and helping to run our community.

From time to time there are vacancies to become a Parish Councillor... These vacancies are advertised on both the Parish Council noticeboards and the Parish Council Website.

If you think you might like to consider becoming a Parish 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 the Parish Clerk on are
07928 129122 or parish.clerk@rooksdawn.org.uk

WE LIE WALK

New Year's Day

1ST JANUARY 2018 - 1.30PM

**COME AND JOIN US ON NEW YEAR'S DAY
FOR A WALK IN YOUR WELLIES.**

We will meet at the Rooksdawn Community Centre. Everyone will be given two wooden stars to write their NY resolution or a memory from 2017. We will then walk to The Spinney where we will hang one star in a tree, walk back to the Community Centre for a hot drink and then take the other star home to remember what we did.

We will be asking for a donation towards BBC Children in Need.

No need to book just come along!

Just remember your wellies and warm clothing.

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