

Performing Arts Workshop

Performing arts Workshop for young people from Roupell – Talent Show for the Fun day '17

The Bedouin Shakespeare Company professionals, two young actors with international stage experience, are here to encourage you, a young person from Roupell, to express yourself creatively via attending a series of creative workshops, all in the run up to Fun Day '17. Eddie has designed a series of improvisation workshops in order to help you get in touch with your own creative talents, whatever they may be, from singing, music, acting, rapping, reciting or any other special skills such as football, juggling, or similar. The aim of these workshops would be to build up your confidence, as well as improve your performance, so that you can show them off at the Fun Day, which will be held on the 1 July.

The date of the first workshop is 15th May at 5.00pm at the community centre. The workshops will be held once a week until 1st July. For more info, or to register, please contact **Eva Christmas** on 07983 584 767.

Fun day Volunteers wanted

The Fun Day event will take place on Saturday 1st July from 12 noon until 4.00pm.

Last year the event was very successful and we are hoping for the same result. There will be various activities geared to all age groups which includes inflatable games, face painting, football tournament, DJ and live performance as well as a BBQ and cakes, raffle prizes and much more. In order to run the event smoothly and effectively, we need more volunteers to help out on the day from a set up to end of day. If you feel that you could help out on the day, then please come to the volunteers meeting on Tuesday, 6th June at 6.30pm at Roupell Community Centre or, if unable to make it, please ring **Eva on 07983 584 767.**



Advance notice to car owners

During the morning of Fun Day 2016, despite putting flyers on residents' cars asking owners not to park around the allocated area, there were many cars still parked at the bays which prevented set up of the event. Our staff had to knock on residents' doors to get cars moved, so trucks carrying bouncy castles etc. could access the estate.

This year, can you please keep this area clear, particularly if you are a resident of Outwood and Whitley House. Events like this consume a lot of time and energy from staff and volunteers and we would ask you that you cooperate in the smooth running and a build-up of the event. I'd like to thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Colin Carnegie, Maintenance Manager

Social Games evening

Social games evening is taking place every Wednesday from 7 – 8.30pm at our Roupell Community Centre. The group is run via resident volunteers as a purely social group, where you are invited to pop in for a tea and a chat over a game of cards, scrabble, monopoly or even chess and dominos. If you haven't already done so, do come and you will be a games convert! Playing games and having more friends can even have a positive impact on your health and well-being. All you have to do is to bring yourself and perhaps your friend(s)!

For more info ring **Eva on 07983 584767.**



Coffee morning

Senior Citizens' Group coffee morning runs every Tuesday at our Roupell community centre from 10.30am until 12.45pm. What a lovely way to spend a morning over a chat, cakes and tea and a game of bingo. New members always welcome!

Chair exercise

Chair exercise sessions for older people are run every Friday from 10.30am – 11.30am at the Community Centre. The session is designed as a series of light but effective stretching exercises to help your joints remain supple and flexible. Each session normally ends with a coffee at the local café, Le Deli Corner. Sessions are free of charge. Please ring **Gurpreet on 07791 640914** for more info.

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Our opening times are:

Monday 8.30 - 17.00

Tuesday 9.00 - 17.00

Wednesday 9.00 - 13.00 (office closed in the afternoon for staff training, but phones will be answered)

Thursday 8.30 - 17.00

Friday 9.00 - 16.00

This Is Your Community Newsletter



ROUPELL PARK RMO OUR FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS

Every five years we are obliged to hold a 'Continuation Ballot' to ensure that you the residents continue to support Roupell Park RMO managing your estate.

We will be holding our next continuation ballot in June and July of this year.

Since the last ballot in 2012 we have made huge progress in improving the services we provide to you.

- ✓ Our satisfaction rates have continued to improve and remain considerably higher than that achieved by Lambeth.
- ✓ We have been given the national Kitemark award in recognition of how well we are run.
- ✓ We are delivering an extensive community development function including the annual fun day and coach trips, the after school club, regular football sessions run by a professional club, support to the older people's coffee morning, IT training, setting up a youth forum and delivering a summer programme for all ages.
- ✓ Improved our performance in relation to collecting rent and service charges, delivering our repairs service and ensuring all our residents are kept safe by having their gas appliances serviced every year.
- ✓ Ensured that the Council carried out major investment programmes on the estate to maintain its ongoing safety and improve the condition of your homes.
- ✓ Ensured that we remain financially sound making regular surpluses for investment on the estate and by producing long term business plans to ensure we continue to be able to deliver new services into the future.
- ✓ Refurbished and enlarged the community centre so it is available for use by the whole community.

This is a secret ballot with one vote to every person who is either a tenant or leaseholder. The Ballot papers will be sent out on 23rd June and the vote will open on Monday 26th June. It will close on Monday 10th July and the result will be announced at a public meeting on 11th July in the Roupell Park Community Centre.

We need your support in this in the ballot so we can continue to deliver the services you want and to be accountable to you.

Mary Simpson, Chair of the Board.

VOTE YES

Major works update

The works to the outside of the blocks are now back on target to finish in September 2017. The scaffolding is coming down across the estate and there is no doubt that the blocks look much better with a fresh coat of paint and the new balcony and walk way balustrades.

There is still a long way to go and there are still many details to resolve but I think it is safe to say that the end is in sight.

Having invested huge amounts of time and money in the works we need to ensure that we all look after the estate. We will be ensuring that we restore the grass and flower beds are brought up to standard (we will be getting money from the Council for this) and our caretakers will be working hard to make sure that we stick to our service standards.

However, we need you the residents to make an effort as well by not leaving rubbish bags outside your doors, by not dropping litter and also making sure your children and visitors do the same. Remember, it is likely to be many years before this sort of work is done again so it is up to all of us to keep the estate clean and tidy.



For tenants who had work done to the inside of their home by Wates and the Council I am afraid that the wait for problems to be resolved continues. However the good news is that the Council have agreed to do the work and that this will happen soon after the external works have finished. Given the volume of disruption being caused by the external works, it doesn't seem sensible to have yet more people working on the site.

Let me thank you for all of your patience through the huge disruption caused by the work. However it will deliver an estate that we can all be proud of.

Simon Oelman, Director.

Business Plan

In the last newsletter we asked for your views on the business plan. Thank you to everyone who responded and those who returned the questionnaire about the use of surpluses. There were a wide variety of opinions in relation to the use of the surpluses but the 4 most popular were:

- Installing more CCTV
- Improving lighting to communal areas
- Improving green spaces
- Resurfacing the parking bays

We will now work up these proposals to deliver the projects you asked for.



Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour

We know there has been a rise in anti-social behaviour caused by a number of youths gathering on the estate. Some of those live here and others do not. We have already identified a number of the people involved and we are working closely with the police to identify more and to gather more evidence. Once we do we will be looking to take firm legal action against the boys and their parents.

In the meantime if there is a problem it is important that you call the police, either on 101, or if the matter is serious call 999.



A message from the Board's Secretary



Roupell Park has seen many positive changes over the years and as a Board Member and Secretary, I am glad to have the opportunity to have my say and contribute to the life of my community.

Now that the weather is getting warmer and days are much lighter, all Board members will commence a door-knocking exercise over the coming months and would like to speak to you, in person. The Board would like to find out if you have considered becoming a Board member yourself and/or Shareholder and if you have any new ideas that you could bring as well as any other feedback to do with the overall running of the estate. This will take approximately 10 minutes of your time and we would very much appreciate your cooperation and availability. Everyone's contribution and input is important as we want to continue making Roupell Park a better place - not just for now but for future generations.

The exact times of the walkabouts will be advertised for your particular block on your notice board and it would be great if you could make yourself available for that day, time permitting.

I look forward to speaking with some of you at your door! With best wishes, **Marcia Jones**.

Youth Forum

Youth Forum meets monthly after its launch in March 2017. The aim of the forum is to give young people a voice and a platform to share and discuss ideas which concern young people. The Forum members will also be managing an allocated budget and they will decide how to spend it as part of the team building exercise; go-karting is currently one of the top options. The dates of the next meetings are: 4th May and 5th June, both at 6.00pm at Roupell Community Centre. Pizzas are ordered for the meeting! For more info please call **Eva** on **07983 584 7676**. More young people are encouraged to take part.

After school club

After school club now runs on Wednesdays and Thursdays (no longer on Mondays) from 5 – 7pm at our Roupell Community Centre. Extra tuition in science, maths and English is free of charge for young people between 7 and 12 years of age. There are still a few spaces left. If you are interested, please ring **Navlet** on **07984 337812**. Parents are asked to fill out an application form which you can find at Roupell's office reception area.

IT Training with Morley College for All

On the back of a 10 week programme, which has just been completed with great success, we are now running a new 9 week IT course, but this time fully accredited. With Morley College our key partner, the course is geared to beginners with little or no experience or those who want to improve on their IT skills. At the end of the course, you will be able to browse the internet independently so you can find out for yourself what is going on. You will be able to send emails and communicate via Skype or similar with your friends and family. You will also benefit by being able to access council services online and write some simple Word documents. And all this with the support of a friendly and patient tutor Maureen, which will allow you to learn at your own pace. Here's what some of our students have said: 'The class was so helpful – it made me use Windows for the first time. 'This course really helped me to brush up my computer skills – I feel much more confident about using the internet and I can type faster!'

The new start date is Monday 15th May, from 12.30 until 3.00pm at Roupell Community Centre. It is totally free of charge to you as a tenant, and open to all age groups. There are still spaces left, to register please ring **Eva** on **07983 584 767**.

Fulham Foundation

Fulham Foundation are now delivering football sessions on our estate. As of April 2017, Fulham Foundation has been delivering football sessions on the estate, replacing Millwall for All. Fulham Foundation came in with a more competitive package, offering added value as well as a reduction in overall costs.

The first session with Fulham's coaches took place on Friday 7th April and was very well attended and well received, with over 20 young people taking part. Please note that the session now starts at 5.00pm and finishes at 7.00pm at our 5 a side football pitch and are for both boys and girls aged 8 years +. Each young person will be asked, if they haven't already, to fill out a consent form with parental approval and with full details of the child. This is in the best interests of all parties involved, in case of an accident and is generally good practice. Fulham Foundation have a thriving football as well as youth and employment programme and will be able to signpost our young people to other sessions which they are overseeing in the area, which will be of a particular interest in the summer months to come! For any more info about the session, please contact **Paul** on **07852 575612**.