

**OLD BASSETT
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**75 YEAR CELEBRATION
of the
SPORTS CENTRE
1938-2013**

Saturday 10th August

You are invited to a

BIG PICNIC
From 1.00 pm
Come and join us with
your rug and picnic at the
grassy area opposite Block 1

* BBQ food * ice creams * hot and cold drinks
Available from: Athletics track/Pleasure Park/Ski Slope

*FREE bike MOT (2-3 pm) – bring your bike to bmx track!



Stroll around and see in action: Southampton Athletics Meeting

* Netball Tournament * Football * Cricket * Cyclists * Ski Slope

For the kids: Crazy Golf for only £1.50 * Bring your hockey stick/ball or
football to play on the astroturf (no studs please) for only £1.00 *

Bring your bike/helmet for the bmx track * Pleasure Park * Games



Boating Lake News

Application 13/00556/FUL – proposal to fill in the boating lake on the Sports Centre permanently – went to panel on Tuesday 26th June. It was turned down by 6 of the Councillors on the planning panel with 1 abstention (Sue Blatchford - Chair). Reasons the proposal was turned down:

- * Amenity and design - replacing the boating lake with a meadow does not fit the remit of the Sports Centre
- * Ecology – the removal of the boating lake would result in a permanent loss of habitat for toads and newts
- * Ecology – It was estimated that the proposed wild flower meadow would take 5 years to establish, during which time it would require maintenance for which there was no proposed budget
- * Lack of proper process by the applicant (the Environment Agency) and the Council as custodians and owners
- * Lack of public consultation
- * Failure of Environment Agency to attend panel meeting

The EA now have to remove the spoil and restore the boating lake to its former state – to be completed in October. They do not have to restore the lake as a boating lake - however, they must return it to the state they found it in, in order for the amphibians who have been using it as a breeding ground to return in Spring 2014. We have been informed that they intend to install a sand cement screed to the entire existing tank base, patch repair works to existing tank walls and to supply and install new drainage plug to the existing outlet.

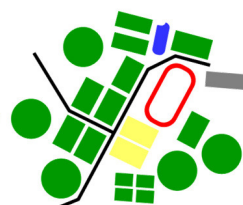
One positive outcome from the case has been the formation of a new Friends group (FoSSC or Friends of Southampton Sports Centre). This is a group of local residents and Sports Centre users, and we are pleased to say that O.B.R.A. was highly instrumental in its creation - with Janet Pratley (Chair of O.B.R.A.) chairing the public meeting, and several O.B.R.A. members helping to form the new FoSSC committee. Anyone who loves the Sports Centre is welcome join FoSSC and we would encourage all local residents to sign up either to a Friends group or a Residents Association. Such groups are perceived very positively by the Council and other bodies, and the more support they receive from local people, the greater the real sense of ownership there is in the local community. The Friends of Southampton Sports Centre would like to thank everyone who supported their case and are now in discussions with the Council about formalising the group and securing a positive future for the boating lake.

To find out more about FoSSC :

- * Like our facebook page “Friends of Southampton Sports Centre”
- * COMING SOON – FoSSC website – www.fossc.info
- * e-mail: thehastings@ntlworld.com
- * Call 023 8079 0278 or text 07989 381948
- * Write to: FOSSC, 412 Winchester Road, Bassett, SO16 7DH

FOSSC – believing in something wonderful for the Sports Centre!

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The Localism Bill

The Bassett Plan is proceeding well - many thanks go to Cllr Les Harris, who is now the group's Chair, and to Janet Pratley, who has agreed to be its Treasurer. Other Bassett R.A.'s have taken on the other Officers' roles so the Plan is truly representative of the Bassett area.

The Bassett Plan is part of a plan for the whole Ward - the Council are aiming to make this available for public consultation this Autumn. Residents will be invited to view their section and to make comments - look out for updates via our newsletters /website. We are also planning a meeting in the Autumn.

The Localism Bill affects us all - so do get involved at the appropriate time! More news soon.

Neighbourhood Watch

P.C.S.O. Shelley Shaladan has written to say that while we should always be vigilant about crime prevention, the crime figures for Bassett and Highfield are currently not a cause for concern. The most common crimes are: the sporadic theft of pedal cycles, break-ins to sheds and garages, and theft from motor vehicles.



The Police are currently publishing:

WWW.IMMOBILISE.COM - National Database for property - free of charge. You can create an account and register all identifiable property such as Mobile Phones, Laptops, games consoles and Bikes, using the serial number or similar. This gives you a greater chance of being reunited with your property if it is located after being lost or stolen.

[BLUE LAMP TRUST](#) A charitable organisation that will attend your home by appointment free of charge to give security advice such as door chains, bolts, spy holes. Can be found on the internet or contact the Police for more details/leaflet.