



Runwell Roundabout

Autumn/Winter 2025

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Parish Council Report

Dear Residents

A warm welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of the Roundabout.

Firstly, an update on the Parish Council.

After the resignation of Cllr Paul Clark in July a new chairman was elected at the Parish Council meeting in August. Cllr Angela Ellis. I hope you will join us in thanking Paul for the commitment/dedication and hard work he devoted to the role and wish him good luck going forward in the future. He, of course, is still Ward Councillor for Runwell.

I look forward to the challenges the role brings and hope that I do my birth village proud.

We hosted Play in the Park at the beginning of August with record attendance. The newly refurbished toilets (although not quite finished yet) were received with great expectations and they did not disappoint, with visitors giving great feedback.

As you can see from the advert this will be our last paper copy of the quarterly Roundabout delivered to your door. We are moving with the times; in future months you will be able to access the Roundabout on our website and Facebook pages. There will be a handful of paper copies if preferred and they will be available from Runwell Village Hall and St Mary's Church.

Stay safe and warm through the winter months,

Kind regards

Cllr Angela Ellis (madam chairman)

angie.ellis@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Runwell Roundabout

This is the last edition of Runwell Roundabout delivered door-to-door.

Future editions will be available as digital copies on our website and social media.

We will still have a handful of printed versions for people without internet access, which can be collected from the Village Hall.

Thank you for your understanding.

Contact the Clerk if you wish to raise any matter regarding this:

☎ 01268 735152

✉ clerk@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

📍 Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane, SS11 7JE



WATCH OUT!

Community Survey regarding Outdoor Gym Equipment at Runwell Park

Your opinion matters!

The survey link can be found on our website or Facebook page

🌐 www.runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

📘 Our Facebook page

News from St Mary's Church, Runwell

At the end of June this year we had a Joint Service for all our churches in the Parish of Wickford and Runwell. On this occasion we had several things to celebrate. We commissioned a new Pastoral Assistant to the parish, and we welcomed our new curate Nik, who is a great addition to the ministry team.



We also celebrated my 10th Anniversary of Ordination and arriving officially in the parish. I came here as curate in 2015 and then as Team Vicar in 2020, and I've seen a few changes in the time since, not least a whole new estate at St Luke's Park. I remember delivering welcome cards when the first few houses were occupied, and it was much easier to find your way around!

As I write this we have also just had our Open Day where we had a display of our history and some of the old records. Our hope was that people who had never been to the church would come along to see what a beautiful building it is and how much it has been loved over the centuries. We had over 50 come to visit us, both in the church and the hall, where we were serving refreshments. There were a lot of interesting conversations and we made a little money for our funds into the bargain. If anyone missed it they can still see round the church by making an appointment with our church warden or coming to a service.



We recently managed to rescue one of our residents, a female long eared brown bat. She was found exhausted on the floor of the church by our cleaner, and thankfully Essex Bat Group was able to come and take her away to get her fit to return. She was released back at the church after a few weeks of TLC and was soon flying with a friend round the churchyard, taking flight as soon as she was let out of her carrying box, without even taking time to warm up – just as we hoped to take a photo.

Ahead of us this year we have our usual busy time through November including our parish Christmas Bazaar taking place on Saturday 29th November in St Andrew's church. Do pop in if you are in town that morning. Then we have our usual Christmas offerings at St Mary's which we would be very happy for people to join us at.

Sunday 14th December

6.30pm – 'Blue Christmas', a carol service for those who have lost someone and who would appreciate a quieter time to remember them.

Christmas Eve,

2pm and 3.30pm – our Crib Service, for children of all ages.
11.30pm – Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day

9.30am – Eucharist.

Blessings from *Revd Sue* (Team Vicar).

Find us on Facebook 'St Mary's Church Runwell' and www.wickfordandrunwellparish.org.uk

DATE FOR DIARY...

51st Boxing Day Walk 2025

Friday 26th December 2025

Assemble Runwell Park car park, Church End Lane, SS11 7JG from 10am for a 10.30am start.

Everyone is welcome. Please wear wellies subject to wet weather conditions and keep all dogs on leads. An attendance book with a collection box will go round before the start of the walk. The collection is for the Brain Tumour Charity via the Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund.

As always, we will stop at The Running Well. The walk will take about 2 ½ hours and is about 5 miles.

See you on the 26th December 2025

David De'Ath

RUNWELL GAMES CLUB

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We meet every Wednesday in Runwell Parish Hall Church End Lane from 1:30 - 3:30

We are a sociable group who enjoy getting together to chat and play cards, darts and other games every Wednesday afternoon over a cup of tea and biscuits

No joining fee for our club, just £1.50 subscription each week
Contact Sue 07746 795296

RUNWELL VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane.
29th November 2025
11am - 2 pm

Refreshments, crafts, stalls, professional christmas photographer, 'The Frying Squad' fish and chips and much more.

Charity Number: 114996

RUNWELL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

3.15pm - 5.30pm

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Friends of Runwell School
Fundraising for our children

Why did the turkey join the Christmas band?

Because he had the drumsticks



VACANCY FOR A RUNWELL PARISH COUNCILLOR

- Do you want to help make the parish of Runwell a better place to live?
- Do you want to serve your Community?
- Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your Community?
- Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?
- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?

If you would like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to become a Runwell Parish Councillor?

Runwell Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Councillor – to request an application form or to get more details, please contact the clerk,

Jurgita Norinkeviciute,
clerk@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

In writing: Runwell Village Hall
Church End Lane,
Runwell, Wickford
SS11 7JE

Runwell Art Group



Runwell Art Group has had a very busy year. We continue to meet each Friday morning creating art in all different forms and styles. We have enjoyed various workshops including a pencil portrait of the gorgeous George Clooney.

Much of our time for the last eighteen months has been focused on painting pictures to go in the underpass in the High Street. Working with Wickford Town Council and with advice from Wickford Archives Group and Basildon Heritage Centre, we researched the history of Wickford. Then we began to paint and draw, covering Roman remains, old churches and pubs, historical events such as the floods, plus local nature and wildlife. We added historical notes to each image, all of which were mounted. Eventually all was ready, the notice boards were put in place and the pictures displayed. We have received very positive feedback from the local community praising the standard of the art work and the beneficial effect on the local area.

Running alongside this project has been the Wickford Art Trial organised by Wickford BID. Forty of our paintings were placed in shops and businesses in the High Street. Maps showing the location of each artwork were available during August so the public could follow them and find each painting. Then on 23rd August the paintings were displayed in a unit in the Willowdale Centre where visitors could talk with members of the group.

So a very successful year.

We continue to welcome new members and are looking forward to more community projects.

100 Year Celebration – Parish Time Capsule



In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Runwell Parish Council, a sealed time capsule is being organised for burial in the Village Hall garden in March 2026. This capsule will capture a snapshot of life in Runwell Village today, as well as encompassing historical events, services, daily life, and significant milestones of public interest. We have identified key stakeholders within the Parish whom the Council hopes will wish to contribute to the capsule.

Participation details

If you would like to participate, please submit your contributions on A4 or A3 paper, either single or double-sided. The choice of content is entirely yours; it can be in the form of written text, photographs, drawings, or a combination of these. Once all paper submissions are collected, there may be opportunities to include additional artefacts.

You will be contacted directly if this is possible. Please note that space within the capsule is limited, and all submissions will require approval from Runwell Parish Council.

The deadline for submissions is 31st January 2026 by hand or post to Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7JE.

A ceremony to bury the Capsule will be held in March 2026, date to be confirmed, all contributors will be invited to attend.

It has been agreed the Time Capsule will be marked to reopen 50 years from burial date.

For further inquiries, please reach out to the RPC office.

Clerk: Miss Jurgita Norinkeviciute

Telephone: Office 01268 735152

Email: clerk@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

Office Opening Times: Monday 10am-1pm and Thursday 10am-1pm

We hope you will join us in this historic project and look forward to receiving your submission!

Runwell litter Womble

Hi Everyone, it's the *Runwell litter Womble* here and I just wanted to ask if anyone is willing to help me in trying to keep Runwell as litter free as possible? We now have even more food and drink outlets appearing in Wickford and the amount of litter around our local areas has noticeably increased, particularly along the Runwell Road.

I am not asking anyone to come out with me litter picking, but just to help me by keeping the area outside your home and in your road litter free. I have lived in Runwell for 52 years and it is wonderful to see our community grow in many ways. I really want Runwell to be a pleasant and environmentally friendly place to live and for our children/grandchildren to see clean grass verges, roads and pathways that are free of food wrappings, cans, coffee cups and glass bottles.

Thank you.



Recycle week



Now in its 22nd year, Recycle Week is the nation's biggest annual celebration of recycling.

Chelmsford City Council are proud to support the Rescue Me! Recycle campaign – helping everyone recycle more of the items that can be easily missed.

The campaign continues to shine a spotlight on missed capture items that too often end up in the rubbish bin but can, and should, be recycled.

Top tips for recycling in Chelmsford

- Recycle more of these items: shampoo bottles, foil, toothpaste tubes
- Make sure you recycle these items: cleaning product bottles, aerosols, yoghurt pots, aftershave and perfume bottles, toilet roll tubes, plastic toiletry bottles and food tins

What goes where

- **Clear Plastic Sack:** shampoo bottles, toothpaste tubes, yoghurt pots, trigger sprays
- **Green Recycling Box:** foil, aerosols, aftershave and perfume bottles
- **Cardboard sack:** toilet roll tubes

Recycling doesn't have to be confusing!

To find out more about Recycle Week, visit: www.recyclenow.com/RecycleWeek

Runwell allotments update

In spite of extreme heat and lack of rain, it has been a very good harvest. Aubergines, beans (French & Runner), chilli, courgettes, cucumbers, marrow, onions, peppers, squash, sweetcorn, tomatoes have all been great. The sweet potatoes are looking good, and the leeks are coming along fine. Well worth the countless number of watering cans I have filled up!

Runwell Allotments were proud to contribute to Wickford's success in achieving GOLD at Anglia in Bloom 2025. We are delighted to have been involved in such a prestigious project.



Enquiries in regard to plots contact Linda on 01268 732033

Runwell Village Hall

Available for hire, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford SS11 7JE

For information, bookings and availability

Contact Jurgita Norinkeviciute

01268 735152 mobile 07895 234650 / or

email hall.bookings@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

Well fitted kitchen

Large main hall

Separate Committee Room

Large Car Park

Seated functions 80-150 persons

Conferences max 250 persons

Great for children's parties and all social events



Runwell Parish Council

Comprises of 13 members representing 3 Wards of Runwell – East, West & St. Luke's.

Email clerk@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chair	Angie Ellis		
Vice Chair	Steve Davis		
Councillors	Linda Payne	Rachel Voller	Chris Evans (2 vacancies)
	Bill Lansdale	Geoff Redway	Dawn Hutson
	Gerry Gould	Ken Tarplett	Terry Smith

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