Runwell Roundabout

Autumn/Winter 2026

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Parish Council Report

Dear Residents

Welcome to our winter edition of Runwell Parish Council Roundabout.

This year has seen some unbelievable weather, months of no rain resulting in a hosepipe ban. Despite this congratulations to everyone at the Runwell Allotments, winning GOLD as part of the entry Wickford in Bloom at the Anglia in Bloom for the second year.

Runwell Parish Council hosted play in the park at the beginning of August, a play day for the children – face painting – crafting – ball games – bouncy castles and lots more. This year saw record attendance and loads of fun had by all.

Our Village Hall has been redecorated with a new colour scheme and remains a popular hall for events.

Our Parish Council is here to help the best we can. You are welcome to contact us. We have a few seats to fill on the council, meeting on the first Monday of the month (unless bank holiday). If becoming a member of our Parish Council might suit you please contact the office.

Stay safe, have a great Christmas and happy new year.

Cllr Angie Ellis RPC CHAIRMAN

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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 Village Pre-School provides …

A happy environment for your child to develop socially as well as educationally

An opportunity of fun and friendship with children and other adults

Qualified, dedicated and caring staff

We take children from 2.5 years to 5 years

Opening times:

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday and Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Lunch Club available Tuesday and Thursday 12.00 – 1.00pm

Pre-school spaces now available

Government funding accepted

Excellent premises, play equipment and much, much more …

For an informal chat or to arrange a time for you to meet us and bring your child to play, *please contact*

Lynn or Hayley on 01268 768748 / 07909834546

or visit www.runwellpreschool.co.uk

Runwell Village Parish Hall, Church End Lane, Runwell, Essex SS11 7JE

Registered Charity No. 1144996

Runwell Art Group

As a group we have gone from strength to strength with new younger members joining and we are nearly at capacity as a result. The group has remained friendly and strong in their support of each other.

This year we have had

- A demonstration in acrylic by Carol C when she painted a zebra not using any black!
- A workshop led by Sharon in watercolour of mystical mushrooms
- A watercolour workshop of a Kingfisher led by Vivienne, who also holds workshops at the Reservoir Visitor Centre

We have a workshop coming up in pastel led by Carole M in October doing Flamenco Dancers, everyone is looking forward to that.

We are also excited to have two exhibitions this year giving us the opportunity to show the work of our talented artists

- Hanningfield Reservoir Centre from the 2nd August until the 13th September
- St Andrew's Church from the 11th September until the 19th December

The arches display in Wickford Town is still being well received by residents and there are some lovely comments coming to us via Facebook.

Our Facebook page shows work done by members so go on to Runwell Art Club to view.

Changes to bin collection information in Chelmsford

Chelmsford City Council is reviewing its waste and recycling collection routes to help maintain an efficient and reliable service as the city continues to grow.

Because collection days may change for some households from early 2027, the council will not be issuing its usual printed recycling calendar this autumn.

Around 90% of households are expected to keep the same collection day. For those affected, this will be a change to the day of collection only. Collection frequencies are not changing. Chelmsford City Council will inform affected residents ahead of changes being made.

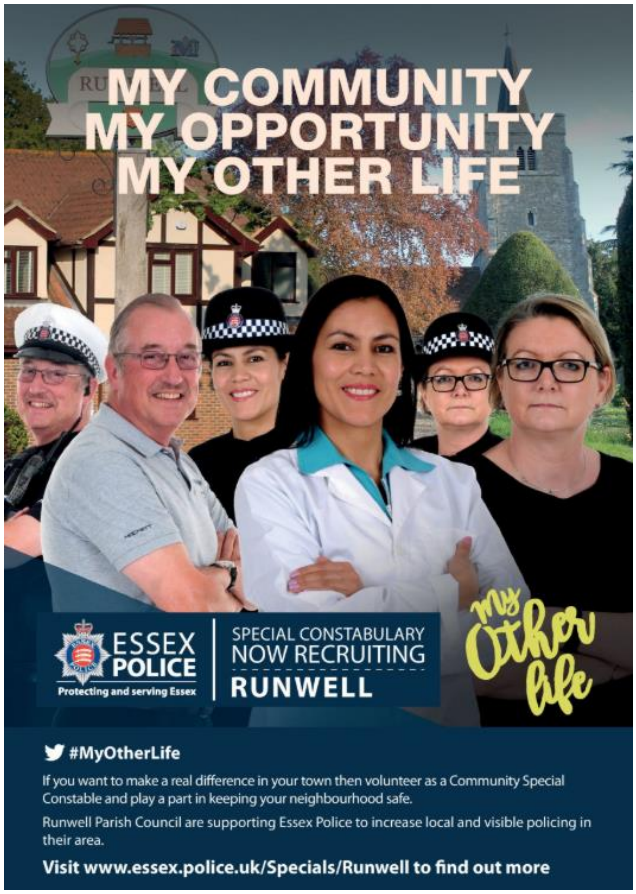
Residents can check their latest collection information at any time on the Chelmsford website or through the Loci app.

Download the Loci app here

Chelmsford City Council kerbside collection day page



Chelmsford City Council



News from St Mary's Church, Runwell



We said a fond farewell to Revd Sue Wise and her husband, Simon, on Sunday 28 June with a service at which Sue preached a wonderful final sermon as a member of the ministry team, followed by an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall, at which Sue was given a number of leaving gifts.



Sue played a vital role in the ministry team for Wickford and Runwell (particularly during the interregnum and Covid pandemic) and was loved by many in the parish, whether in the church or among the community. We were sad to say goodbye to Sue and Simon but wish them a wonderful retirement.

Sue said: "Thank you so much to all who joined us at this morning's service and then for Afternoon Tea. All the gifts are amazing, so many, many thanks for those too. Especially, thank you to all in Wickford and Runwell and beyond who have shown me so much love over my 11 years with you. Thank you for messages that brought tears to my eyes (and getting words out quite difficult!). Love you all. We'll miss you all, but will see you again.

We did see Sue again, as she was guest preacher at the first Eucharist celebrated by our curate Revd Nik Wright in September, following his priesting at St Michael and All Angels in Westcliff-on-Sea. We are thrilled that Nik is now able to exercise a priestly ministry throughout the Parish and are very grateful for his ministry. We have also been joined for a few months by Revd Lauren Hart, who is on placement with us as she completes her curacy. As with Nik, we are also benefiting hugely from her ministry.

Our weekly coffee morning has recently moved from Wednesdays to Fridays (10.00 am to 12 noon in the Church Hall) in order to enable the Phlebotomy Clinic to operate in the Hall from Mondays to Wednesdays. Our popular coffee morning provides a lovely time of fellowship and conversation supplemented by refreshments. All are most welcome to attend.

We continue to support Runwell Pre-School and Runwell Primary School, as well as holding monthly services in The Laurels and Hollymede Cottage. We are looking forward to Advent and Christmas with the following special services at St Mary's that are particularly appreciated and supported by many in the community

Sunday 13th December
6.30pm – 'Blue Christmas' service in St Mary's for those who are grieving and for whom a Happy Christmas will be difficult

Christmas Eve
2pm and 3.30pm – Crib Services
11.30pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
9.30am – Eucharist

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

This year the Christmas Bazaar raising funds for St Mary's, St Catherine's and St Andrew's will be held on Saturday 21 November (10am to 1pm) in St Andrew's church with a wide range of stalls and games, our Grand Draw, Santa Claus and his elf, and school choirs singing. We look forward to seeing you in Advent and Christmas and thank you once again for your support.

Blessings from *Revd Jonathan*

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

Runwell Village Hall Bookings

Time	Name
Mondays	
9am – 12noon	Runwell Village Pre School
1pm – 4.00pm	Runwell Indoor Bowls
1st Mon 7pm – 9pm	RPC Council Meeting
2nd Mon	Spare for Bank holiday rollover dates/ Occasional hire
3rd Mon 7pm – 9pm	RPC Planning Meeting and/or other Council Committee Meetings
Tuesdays	
9am – 4pm	Runwell Village Pre School (2x3 hour sessions plus Lunch Club)
5.30pm – 9pm	Seitou Ryu Karate
C/Room 7pm – 9pm	Victory Marine Lodge of Instruction
Wednesdays	
9am – 12 noon	Runwell Village Pre School
1.30pm – 3.30pm	Runwell Games Club
4pm – 6pm	Runwell Rainbows
6.45pm – 10.45pm (Actual class 7-8pm)	Super Troupers Line Dancing
Thursdays	
9am – 4pm	Runwell Village Pre School (2x3 hour sessions plus Lunch Club)
5pm – 7pm	1st Runwell Brownies
7.15pm – 11.15pm	*Available for regular hire*
Fridays	
9am – 1pm	Runwell Village Pre School (No Lunch Club)
2pm – 5pm	No Booking – Cleaning
6pm – 11pm	*Available for Private Hire/Charity Nights*
Saturdays	**Private Hire only**
Sundays	
9.15am – 12.15pm	Tiny Toes Ballet (Essex West)
1pm – 6pm	Private/Regular Hire

Enquiries can be submitted to hall.bookings@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01268 735152 (leave a message)

Runwell allotments update

It has been a challenging few months but still worth it to have a fairly good harvest. These pumpkins were grown by Gary, amazing!! From right to left, 24k 20k 13k 13k 6k

Few plots are available.

Enquiries:
Linda 01268 732033





THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

52nd Annual Boxing Day Walk

Join us on Saturday 26th December 2026

Meet at 10.30am in the Car Park, Runwell Park, Church End Lane (off A132) Runwell Road, SS11 7JG

There will be a charity collection for the 'Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund'

A supporter group of
THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank you for your support

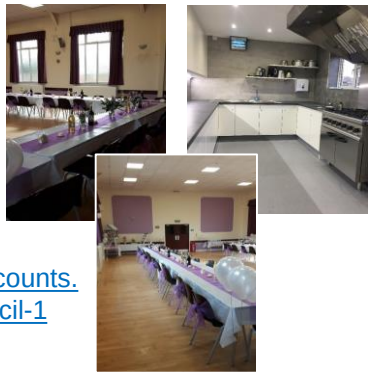
All funds raised will go towards brain tumour research

Runwell Village Hall

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



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



For information, bookings and availability
Contact Jurgita Norinkeviciute
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Alternatively book online at
https://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Runwell-Parish-Council-1

Runwell Parish Council

Comprises of 13 members representing 3 Wards of Runwell – East, West & St. Luke's.
Email clerk@runwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

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	Rachel Voller	Keith Tyrrell		

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