



Runwell Roundabout

Spring 2022



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Jubilee Events in Runwell & Wickford

Chelmsford City Council kindly gave permission for the new Runwell Plantation to be dedicated to **Queen Elizabeth II Green Canopy Project**. The dedication ceremony took place on Friday 11th March 2022. All the large trees within the new plantation were purchased by Runwell Parish Council. A further 4 memorial oak trees were also planted by the new children's play area (2 trees are still available for sponsorship – please contact the council if you would like to reserve them).

Thursday 2nd June

David De'Ath's **Jubilee Walk** – starting in Runwell Park at 10.30am.

Wickford Memorial Park – **Beacon Lighting Ceremony** (including a lantern parade) 9pm-10pm.

Hosted by The Friends of the Memorial Park and Wickford Shadow Town Council.

Friday 3rd June

Runwell Parish Council are organising an **Afternoon Tea Party** at Runwell Village Hall 2.30pm-5pm for Runwell Residents to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

Attendance by invitation only, numbers limited.

*If you know someone that needs a treat, please let us know!
Please leave a message on Runwell Parish Council FB page or email runwell.parish.council@gmail.com by 15th April 2022*

To include dancing with the Wickford Strollers and singing by The Ladybirds Song group.

Saturday 4th June

Runwell Park will be available to all who want to get together and have '**A Picnic in the Park**'. The toilets in the pavilion will be open. Feel free to arrange your own DIY Picnic in the Park. Bring your own blanket and/or gazebo and invite your family and friends.

Sunday 5th June

Wickford Community Association will be hosting the **Big Jubilee Lunch** which will include children's entertainment, vintage singer and refreshments plus bring your own picnic. It will all be held in the Nevendon Community Centre. Times and full details to follow. Free event.

All free events – something for every day!



The Platinum Jubilee Walk

Thursday 2nd June 2022

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign come join my 'walk' along some of our wonderful public footpaths in the area. Take photos and enjoy the sights.

Meet at Runwell Park Car Park
Church End Lane, Runwell
SS11 7JG (off A132)

At 10.15am for 10.30am start

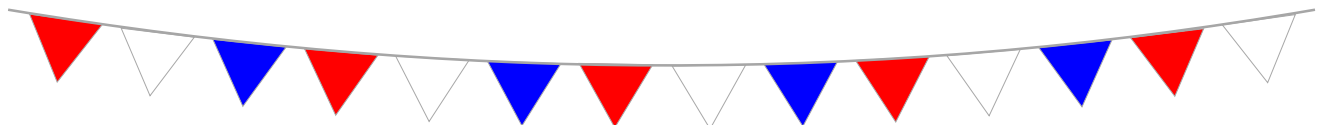
There will be an attendance book for signature and a collection box for the Brain Tumour Charity via the Wickford based supporter group 'The Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund'

The walk will be around 4-5 miles from the park and back and should take about 2-3 hours. Please keep dogs on leads at all times. Wellies recommended if wet.

All are welcome

See you on the day

David De'Ath



Parish Council Report

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the Parish newsletter. I am pleased to report despite the pressure of price increases we are all feeling now, the Parish Council precept demand for every household for financial year 2022/23 will remain unchanged. This equates to a charge of £1.15 per week for a Band D equivalent property in Runwell.



Anyone who has visited Runwell Park recently will have noticed the large tree plantation, created with the help of the City Council Parks team. This will now be dedicated to the Queen's Green Canopy, in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It means the Parish Council have now planted a tree for every resident in the Village of Runwell and includes some Oak trees donated by residents, *in memoriam*, adjacent to the car park.

The new sound and visual improvements at the Village Hall has led to an increase in bookings, dates are available after Easter.

At the time of writing, it seems likely the Parish of Runwell will be split into 3 Wards from May 2023, as part of the Community Governance Review. The number of Councillors (13) remains the same. The new Ward will be known as St Luke's Park. We already have 2 councillors from St. Luke's Park currently on the Parish Council, so it means little difference, the residents of St. Luke's Park continue to be represented on the Parish Council.

Kind regards,

Cllr Paul Clark, Chairman



Jim Sloane

Fred Williams & David De'Ath

Runwell Parish Council meetings

First Monday of the month unless it is a Bank Holiday:

4th April 2022; 9th May 2022; 6th June 2022



Runwell Parish Council

Invite you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting
Runwell Village Hall

Monday 25th April 2022 at 8pm

An informal event to include light refreshments

- Presentation by Essex & Herts Air Ambulance
- A short report on the work of the Parish Council

Light refreshments

- Reports from Runwell Groups
- An open debate on ideas for the improvement of your village

A chance to meet councillors and your Runwell neighbours.

Allotment Report



Lots of damage after the recent gales. Plot-holders had repairs and tidying up to do. Very wet at the moment, hoping for some warm dry weather soon. Garlic, onions and potatoes all ready for the Spring planting.

Enquiries [Linda 01268 732033](mailto:Linda.01268.732033)

Essex Highways roadworks link

<https://www.essexhighways.org/interactive-maps-and-live-travel-information/future-roadworks-map>

We are aware that Runwell Road may be closed near Harold Gardens between 1st April - 24th June 2022 for repairs to the gas main. Diversions will be in place. Please check the website.

Family Fun Day

Saturday 25th June, 11am - 3pm

Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane

Selling stalls

BBQ and refreshments

Bouncy castle

Little Legs Play Bus

Face painter

Prize Draw

Plus much more fun and games

Charity Number: 1144996



Runwell Shed

What are Men's Sheds?

Men's Shed is not unlike a traditional Shed in its nature – a place full of tools and projects – but on a much larger scale and with a key difference: you're never alone at a Men's Shed.

Why 'Men's' Sheds?

It's been well publicised that men are at greater risk of loneliness or unwanted isolation than women. In recent times this has been further exacerbated by the Covid 19 pandemic which saw the country being put into Lockdown twice in less than 18 months, with extended and damaging periods of personal isolation.

At a local level (as identified by Maldon & District CVS) men simply aren't as well engaged when it comes to non-sporting clubs, groups or other social community initiatives when compared to women.

Couple this knowledge with the statistic that 1 in 5 men die before the age of 65 and it's clear why the Men's Shed movement and the Essex Shed Network are focused on improving the wellbeing of Men.

Runwell Men's Shed should be ready for its official launch later this year hopefully in the summer. We will keep you informed!

The Runwell Shed is part of the Essex Shed Network and is located in the former Cricket Pavilion at Runwell Park. Alterations to the building are well under way and should be completed soon.

Terry Horsley

The 47th Boxing Day Walk Report 2021

It was raining hard!

The 7 of us walked across to Footpath No 7 and turned left into Meadow Lane, carried on up to the North end, there were lots of very large puddles on the way. We carried onto the next field and up to Old Green Lane between the Oak trees to Poplars and Footpath No 5 to the Well. At the Well it stopped raining. I drank my 4 or so handfuls of water from the Well as I have been doing since I first went to it 68 years ago. After a chat about the history of the Parish we went back to Footpath No 7 and continued on past the Farm House to Warren Road. Here we turned right and walked along to Footpath No 10. There at the start of the path was a New Kissing Gate and about three quarters of the way down the hill past the wood was another New Kissing Gate. As we came up to the bridge over the stream we saw it was flooding – about 8-10 inches deep. This was at the point where the stream is piped through the Hospital site. There was also a New Bridge across the stream. The water was running along the path for some 150 yards and going into the next ditch. Once past here we carried on and just beyond Heathfield the path was extremely muddy. Then at the end of the path at Runwell Road we turned right to the start of Footpath No 7 at the Quart Pot and walked back to Runwell Park car park. Other than the early heavy rain and flooded path it was a good walk.

I would like to thank all that made donations to The Brain Tumour Charity via 'The Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund'. The total raised was a fantastic £112.38. Many came and made a donation but went home again as it was so wet.

Once again a sincere thank you for your support. I will be doing a walk on Thursday 2nd June in honour of the Queen's 70 year reign.

Yours, *David De'Ath (RPC Footpath Rep)*



Cut your cost of living with a green homes grant

INEFFICIENT HOMES ARE EXPENSIVE TO RUN

Government funding is available for residents in Chelmsford to make your home more energy-efficient, cheaper to run and more environmentally-friendly.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for insulation, heating and lighting, sustainable energy systems, and more. If your income is under £20,000 after mortgage/rent payments and council tax, you might be eligible.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY:

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/greenhomesgrant



Play in the Park – FREE

Thursday, 25th August 2022

Lots of extras booked for this year's event

Runwell Games Club

Come and join us, spend a couple of hours playing darts, cards or your favourite game. We meet each Wednesday, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Village Hall. You are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee.

Contact *Dee* on [01268 572750](tel:01268572750) for further information, or just turn up



Parking

Polite request from the neighbours of Runwell School and pedestrians. Would it be possible for all parents of pupils to remember the Highway Code? Many cars park on the corners of roads and on pavements - this is very dangerous. The Highway Code states that you cannot park within 10m or 32ft of a junction. It is very inconsiderate to park on and block pavements forcing those on foot into the road. Please consider residents of the area including those who are disabled, partially sighted or pushing prams.

News from St Mary's, Runwell

Hello again from St Mary's. Well, Christmas was not exactly as we planned it. The high rate of COVID cases in primary schools meant we made the difficult decision to cancel the Crib Services, and we recorded instead. Midnight Mass went ahead but numbers were very low, not surprisingly. We pray that this year we will be back to normal properly.

We are looking forward to this year, not least because we finally have a new Team Rector for the Wickford and Runwell Team Ministry coming to join us in May. The Revd Jonathan Evens, currently at St Martin-in-the-fields, will be living in The Rectory opposite St Catherine's but he will be coming to meet the people of Runwell too, as we share ministry in the whole parish. I am sure he will bring fresh ideas with him too. If there is anything *you* would like to see us provide for the community, please drop us a line (sue.wise@sky.com).

One of the things we do have to look at is our response to the Church of England's initiative on becoming carbon neutral, and our missional task of caring for God's creation. Every year a lot of work goes into keeping the two churchyards and the grounds around the hall in good order, but are there ways we could be more creative? I have wondered about bat boxes, as my cats love to watch them flying around the vicarage and sometimes you can hear them in the evening in church. Maybe a mass bulb planting for next Spring? There are all sorts of things we could do, and if any of you have any ideas or relevant expert guidance that you think we might benefit from again, just drop us a line.



Some of you will have wondered what happened to the lovely copper beech just beside the path by the north door. Well, we were very lucky. A branch fell from near the top on a Sunday afternoon, minutes after one of the children from a baptism party had been playing under it, after several days in which we held one funeral, one wedding, one morning service and two baptisms. Upon taking expert advice we discovered that this is normal behaviour for beech trees! Further investigation showed the need to cut back quite drastically, which fortunately happened before the high winds. It will grow back, but it does look a sorry sight at the moment.

Don't forget, that if any of you ever need prayer, for whatever reason, there are several ways to get in touch which can be found on the parish website, www.wickfordandrunwellparish.org.uk. We want to be here for everyone not just for occasional offices and services, but to have the church as an important part of community life.

With every blessing, *Revd Sue*

Runwell Village Hall

Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford SS11 7JE

For information, bookings and availability
Telephone 01268 735152 / 07740 786044
ask for Jo or email

runwell.parish.council@gmail.com

Website <https://www.runwellpc.org>

New kitchen
Large main hall
Seated Function 80-250 people
Conference max 250
Great for parties (small or large)
Separate committee room
Large car park



Runwell Parish Council

Comprises of 13 members representing the East and West Wards of Runwell.

email runwell.parish.council@gmail.com

Chair	Paul Clark			
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