



Runwell Roundabout

Summer 2022

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Parish Council Report

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Summer 2022 edition of the Parish Newsletter. The celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee went very well. The Tea Party at the Village Hall was a great success and it was good to see so many of our long-standing residents of the Village attending. Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time to ensure this was a memorable event.



In the Park, unfortunately we have seen some vandalism, some of the new benches around the playing field have been burnt and will have to be replaced. The CCTV data has been monitored by the CCC control room and Essex Police.

The Parish Council will be asking for a traffic survey in Runwell Road, with the intention of asking for a statutory speed limit of 30 mph, from the Toby Carvery to The Quart Pot. This is in response to numerous complaints from residents regarding speeding traffic. The only issue with this, if successful, is enforcement. The current limits are not enforced, in my opinion, to a satisfactory degree. We will await the results of the survey which is likely to prove the volume of traffic has increased and is not complying with these limits.

Please slowdown throughout the Village.

The new coffee shop has opened in St Luke's Park, next door to the Co-op store.

I have spoken to Essex Police and asked them to organise a 'Coffee with Cops' meet, in the near future. This will be an opportunity to meet the local Community Policing Team to discuss any issues you may have. All residents of Runwell will be welcome, we are aiming for this to be a Saturday morning, so those who are busy during the week can also attend.

Recently, I visited the area adjacent to Curry Hill foot bridge (the blue one across the A130). Although I've been told by Chelmsford City Council officers that this project to open the footbridge is 'on programme', it is obvious to anyone there is much work to do on this if it is to be completed and ready by the time the final phase of SLP is started. This is scheduled to be later this year. It's a condition of the original planning application and the S106 Tri-party agreement for the SLP development. The Parish Council will remain vigilant to ensure these conditions are fulfilled.

Don't forget the 'Play in the Park' at the Runwell Park on 25th August 2022, further details are in this newsletter.

Enjoy the Summer and stay safe

Kind regards

Cllr Paul Clark

Chair of the Parish Council





News from St Mary's Church, Runwell

Hello again from St Mary's Church. Life is beginning to get back to normal now, and there has been good news for the Parish of Wickford and Runwell, of which St Mary's is one of the three churches. The Revd Jonathan Evens has now officially joined us as Team Rector for the parish. You will see him in Runwell too as we both work across the parish. We are all excited at the possibilities ahead and the new relationships we can build in the community as we are here to serve in any way that we can. You can find out more about Jonathan on our website, www.wickfordandrunevellparish.org.uk.

Other good news is that life has been spotted in the much reduced copper beech tree, which has sprouted a few leaves in the upper 'branches'. It just goes to show how resilient God's creation can be. Our plans to have a 'wildlife managed' area in the north Churchyard are coming along, with a new bug hotel planned as well as an area where the grass will not be cut so we can see what emerges. We will of course keep paths to the graves open for those who come there to visit loved ones.

The pattern of services for the parish going forward will likely change over time, so look out for anything new on our Facebook pages 'Wickford and Runwell C of Churches' or 'St Mary's Church Runwell' or look at our website.

On the second Sunday of each month we have a quiet and reflective service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm in the church. You would be most welcome to join us for prayer, a few varied readings, calming music and periods of silence, with a chance to light a candle for your own particular prayers.

Don't forget that we also have our weekly Wednesday Coffee Morning at in the church hall between 10am and 12pm. Our regulars would love to welcome some new faces to swell the numbers. Occasionally we get people coming for a blood test on the wrong day and we are quick to explain that we don't take blood, although we do have bats in the church. In fact, we are a friendly bunch.

If you see Jonathan or myself do stop for a chat to find out more and let us know how we can support the community we serve.

With every blessing
Revd Sue (Team Vicar)



Fancy a walk?

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex has lots of walks to download and print for free, contact details for walking groups in the county and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs
<https://www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/publicrights-of-way/prow-interactive-map.aspx>



If you are interested please email runwell.pariah.council@gmail.com or Tel 01268 735152

VACANCY

RUNWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to be a voice for the community?

This is your chance to become a Parish Councillor and work towards improving community wellbeing and services at local level?

All you need

- An interest and willingness to be involved in your local community
- Time to attend meetings and a desire to serve without personal agenda
- Bring fresh enthusiasm and new ideas
- Be able to communicate appropriately, be objective and measured and to respect democratic decisions

Contact runwell.pariah.council@gmail.com / Tel 01268 735152 for an application form

Effective councillors can come from all walks of life. If you are interested please get in touch

Obituary – Kathleen Racher



Excerpt from Runwell Roundabout 2011

*There are Tall ships
There are Long ships
And ships that sail the sea
But the best ships are Friendships
And may they always be!*

On Wednesday 6th July 2022 we said goodbye to Kathleen Racher. Thanks to her lovely family – daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who gave her a wonderful send off, which Kathleen would have loved.

Kathy was the editor of the Runwell Roundabout from 2002 until 2016 and she retained an interest in every edition that followed, she always said “I hope there is a joke or a poem!” (“Just a thought” or “A little interlude” as she would call it).

Kathleen was born and bred in Wickford and loved her community and did much to raise funds through her membership of the Wickford & Basildon Lions Club. You no doubt remember Santa’s sleigh doing the rounds, Charity Race Nights and the Jacobs Ladder at many school fete’s to name a few. Kathleen was also a Parish Councillor in Runwell for many years – always ready to give her opinion and join in the debate.

I’ll close with another poem (there was a lot to choose from)

*The toilets at Scotland Yard were stolen last week
Police have nothing to go on!*

*Kathleen Mary Racher 3rd January 1935 – 24th June 2022
re-united with her beloved Alan. She will be missed by many.*

The Platinum Jubilee Walk

2nd June 2022

The Team and I would like to thank everyone that came on the walk and those that just made donations to the Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund, supporter group of The Brain Tumour Charity.

The total raised on the day was a fantastic £153.53

We left Runwell Park on FPno7 to Runwell Road. Near The Quart Pot we turned left up to FNno10. Walking up the hill towards Heathfields there were two bushes overhanging the path blown down by the storm winds 2-3 weeks earlier. On the way we stopped and I explained about events that had happened near the path in World War 2.

At the north end of the path at Warren Road we turned left again going past the top end of FPno7 at the pond.

Then onwards to the sharp right hand bend to the start of FPno1 and on to the far end at FPno2 where we turned left again and on down to the north end of South Hanningfield Way and back to Runwell Park car park. All 21 of us and the dogs had a good walk.

PS – don’t forget the Boxing Day walk. Hope to see you then!

David De’Ath, Walk Leader

Play in the PARK

Play in the Park with us this Summer!

FREE multi-activity sessions for children aged 3-11 years.

Each two hour long session is packed full of sports, games, arts and crafts. Selected sessions will also feature special ‘Extras’ such as; bouncy castles, face painting and a petting zoo!

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www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play

Runwell Park, S11 7JE
Thursday 25th August
10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm

Extras: Parkour, Skate boarding & Scooter lessons, Arts & Crafts workshops
FREE, booking required

Play in the Park – FREE, booking required

Sessions are suitable for everyone, including those with accessible needs. Please call our team on 01245 606569 if you need any further information.

Please make sure your child has suitable clothing for playing games, a drink and a snack, and is prepared for any weather.

How to register

- To guarantee your space, you must book your free tickets in advance (see advert)
- If you arrive at a session without booking, we may have to turn you away if there are no spaces
- There will be a maximum of 200 children in each session
- Spaces for each session are on a first-come-first-served basis

ALL children must be supervised (within the park/venue grounds) by a responsible adult, parent or guardian throughout the whole session. This is to ensure the safety of all children at our sessions.

We will not be responsible for any child who attends or is left at a session on their own.



Community policing is about local policing, listening to your concerns, acting upon issues that matter most to you and helping you feel more confident in your community. They are made up of police officers, Police Community Support Officers and Special Constables under the command of an Inspector.

The CPTs are there to protect people from harm, speak with communities about their concerns, gather information and help find answers to local problems. They work closely with the 14 Community Safety Partnership teams across Essex and also talk regularly with local authorities, other Emergency Services, Health providers and charities. Look out locally for Coffee with Cops events – check on the Essex Police Website.

Bowls

New members required



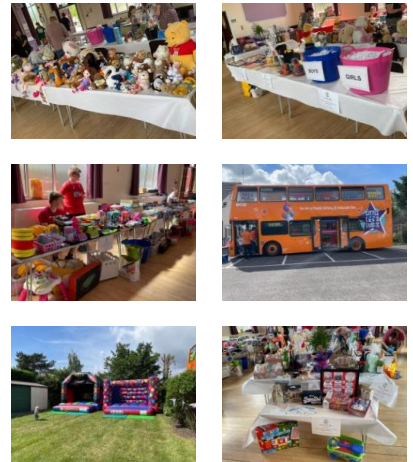
If you would like to join a friendly short mat bowls club why not come and give it a try

We play Monday's 1pm till 4pm and Thursday's 7pm till 10pm

Just pop in and have a chat and a go!

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Church End Lane, SS11 7JE

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Telephone 01268 735152 / 07740 786044
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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



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