



Runwell Roundabout

Summer 2024



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<https://www.runwellpc.org>

Parish Council Report

Dear residents

The Parish Council continue to look after the assets of the Village, namely the Village Hall and Runwell Park. This has included new signage, some new furniture and external work due for the summer break when the hall is not used during the day. Maintenance at the park has included some minor repairs to the play area and further work on the playing fields, which are about to be used by a local football team.



Play in the Park was very popular last year, so we have booked a further full day with 2 sessions this Summer on 6th August – please see the advert in this edition for booking details. Free event.

In April this year we welcomed a new member of staff Miss Jurgita Norinkeviciute who will be the Assistant Clerk taking over bookings and other related duties linked to the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish meeting held in April at the hall was very well attended, the Community Police Team from Chelmsford attended and discussed resident's concerns regarding anti-social behaviour around the Village, speeding traffic and the continuing vehicle theft. Also in attendance was a manager from the Public Protection team at Chelmsford City Council – he advised further surveillance cameras may soon be sited at the St Lukes Park roundabout on the Runwell Road. This is subject to a grant funding application which has already been submitted.

The Parish Council continually report defects on the roads and pavements in Runwell. Essex County Council (ECC) are still dressing the main roads through the village, when they appear to be in good condition. We are as frustrated as residents that despite this, the side roads are just not being repaired. Should you wish to comment on this I would advise contacting members of the Cabinet at ECC:

cllr.kevin.bentley@essex.gov.uk (Leader of the Council)

cllr.Tom.Cunningham@essex.gov.uk (Cabinet Member for Highways)

Kind regards

Cllr Paul Clark, Chair

Allotment update



A difficult year for growing this year, conditions have been very wet and the local clay soil doesn't help with drainage. Crops are struggling a bit, but we have to take the good with the bad! Fingers crossed for a good harvest.

Enquires for the availability of plots please ring 01268 732033

Linda

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>

News from St Mary's Church, Runwell



I am writing this after our second Pet Blessing Service in the north churchyard. The weather was markedly different from last year, which was a very hot day, but we had a good showing of dogs and two cats. This year The Vicarage Cat was asleep indoors and the donkeys on the Glebe Land were not that interested. They were more fascinated on Saturday when we held 'Messy Church Goes Wild' and there were children running about with butterfly nets (no butterflies about), tweezers and magnifying pots.

These two events were part of our 'Love your Burial Ground: Churches Count on Nature' programme which also included our friends from Wickford Wildlife carrying out a wildlife survey of our land.



The keen eyes of the youngest children were able to find the creepy crawlies that our 'older' eyes missed, including a 'Thick-legged Flower Beetle', which made a change from woodlice. During the last survey, in May, over the course of a little more than an hour, we found 9 different species of bees in both churchyards. They are why we want to keep the flowers growing, especially in our proposed wildflower areas – the clearing of which we are very grateful to Alan for (I really did mean I needed a man with a scythe).

All the grass has got rather long lately because we needed to make sure that we didn't destroy anything that we wanted to count, and I suspect (know) there will be sighs of relief when it gets mown next week. In the vicarage we did not entirely intend to have 'No Mow May' but the combination of wet weather, and the 'lawn' mower being away for servicing, meant that the grass was even longer outside our windows. Never mind, as a result we did have a wild (pyramidal) orchid on show for the first time. We are proud of our efforts to help sustain the beauty of the environment, that we believe God created so wonderfully.



In other news, we held our annual Murder Mystery, and for a change the culprit was not a member of the clergy. We are continuing to hold Quiet Days in the church, even welcoming back old friends who have moved away from the area. Our next big celebration is our Patronal Festival on 11th August, which starts with Afternoon Tea in the vicarage garden – all are welcome. Let us know if you'd like to come and see what we get up to.

Blessings from Revd Sue (Team Vicar)

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



Runwell Hospital Bowls Club

Located within grounds of Runwell Sports and Social Club (near St. Luke's Park) for over 50 years, originally established for inpatients of the hospital. Open to members any time between end April to end September.

We opened our bowling green on 27th April and started the new season with a few friendly games against local clubs. We held a 'TRY BOWLS' in May which was very popular. Those interested have had coaching and 13 have joined the club. The green is playing very well, and the weather has been kind.

Our club competitions are now in full swing, and some members also play in district competitions. We continue bowling through the summer and hold a LADIES TRIPLES TOURNAMENT in August hosting 24 teams of ladies from local clubs. Our finals are on 31st August/1st September when anyone can come and watch. Good Luck to those who have reached the finals.

Membership secretary is Graham White. Contact number 07954 821046 for more information.

RUNWELL GAMES CLUB

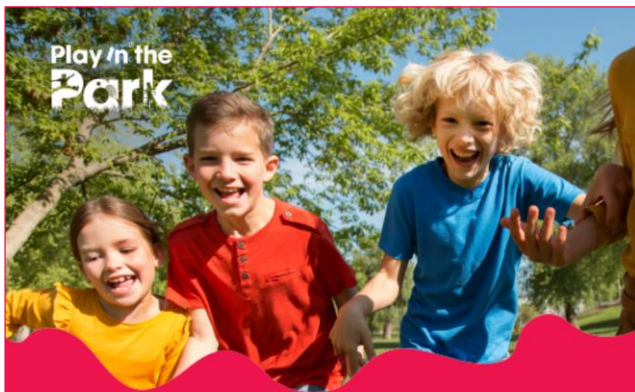
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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



Join us for lots of fun, games & activities

Runwell Park

Tuesday 6th August
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Extra - Skateboarding and Scooter lessons
Inflatable Pirate Galleon
Arts and Crafts Workshops

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chelmsford.gov.uk/play



Play in the Park – Tuesday 6th August

The school holidays are fast approaching, which means the return of Play in the Park!

70 fun, free activity sessions will be held at 19 community and parish venues across Chelmsford, from 24 July until 23 August – and the entertainment line-up is better than ever!

Play in the Park is free to attend, but **you do need to book**, so head to our website to secure your space now!

#PlayinthePark #ChelmsfordEssex
#thingstodothissummer #freethingstodo Community Sport & Wellbeing Chelmsford

*What did one tornado say
to the other tornado?...*

*...“Let’s twist again, like we
did last summer!”*



Wickford Carnival

Runwell Parish Council welcomes the Wickford Carnival Association to Runwell Park for the assembly of the Carnival on Saturday 14th September, we have been supporting the Carnival with this for many years.

Residents in and around may experience some inconvenience due to the closure of Church End Lane to allow the safe passage of the Carnival.

We wish them every success.



David De'Ath for
the Sarah Kitchener
Perrow Fund...

Invites you to a

Charity Barn Dance



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

Saturday 5th October 2024 at 7.30pm

to raise funds for vital research into brain tumours

The Brain Tumour Charity is the UK's largest dedicated brain tumour charity, committed to fighting brain tumours on all fronts.

They fund pioneering research to increase survival and improve treatment options as well as raising awareness of the symptoms and effects of brain tumours to bring about earlier diagnosis.

The Charity also provides support for everyone affected so that they can live as full a life as possible, with the best quality of life.

Tickets from David De'Ath 07785 914054

Find out more: <https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/>



In Sarah's memory to keep her positive attitude alive and also to help raise vital money for The Brain Tumour Charity to fund research projects, innovative new treatments and patient support

Runwell Village Hall



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

Contact Jo Pharez/Jurgita Norinkeviciute 01268 735152 or email runwell.parish.council@gmail.com



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 big and small



For information, bookings and availability telephone 01268 735152 ask for Jo or Jurgita website www.runwellpc.org

Runwell Parish Council

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

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