



# Runwell Roundabout

## Winter 2022



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## Parish Council Report

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Winter 2022 edition of the Runwell Roundabout.

I have some sad news to report, the Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr John Galley passed away on 11th October 2022 after a short illness. Having served the community as a Borough, City and Parish Councillor in Chelmsford for a number of years, he will be missed by many. His previous career in Finance meant he was both knowledgeable and respectful to views on this subject at the City Council when engaged on the subject. The Chief Executive has called an EGM to select a member to be the new Mayor.



Some good news, the footpath between Canewdon Close and Runwell Gardens, adjacent to Runwell Community Primary School, has finally been resurfaced. The wheels of progress turn slowly at Essex County Council, the Parish Council requested this work just over 6 years ago. Our persistence has paid off, residents and students can now enjoy a footpath that no longer resembles the surface of the Moon!

Some of you will have noticed Essex Police are active in this area. We requested action on speeding vehicles through our Village. We don't know when or where this will happen, but 2 officers were seen in Brock Hill last week, during the evening peak hours, with Trucam units checking vehicle speed. Please drive carefully, there are no excuses for speeding.

The Parish Council are busy working on the budget for next year. Our projects for next year will include new toilets in Runwell Park. At the Village Hall - CCTV and some energy saving improvements.

At St Luke's Park we continue to welcome new residents. I have been contacted by a few residents at SLP regarding the lack of dog litter bins. The Parish Council have money set aside for the provision of 3 bins on the estate. We have made both Countryside and the Land Trust aware of this, we have not been contacted by either on this subject. The bins should be maintained - once installed - by the Land Trust as part of the resident's annual maintenance charge. It is not a service offered by the City Council on new developments.

As daylight hours become less be vigilant, lock doors and windows. Unfortunately, there are always some who will take advantage of any opportunity.

Finally, on behalf on everyone at Runwell Parish Council, our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind regards

*Cllr Paul Clark*  
*Chair, Runwell Parish Council*



## News from St Mary's Church, Runwell

Hello again from St Mary's. I hope that by the time you read this there will have been a bit more rain and that we will have something to show in our latest environmental response initiatives. During the summer, before the grass could be cut again, we 'fenced' off an area of the North Churchyard, which contains many unmarked graves, to leave a place where we can encourage wildlife, beginning with nature's own planting, in order to encourage the tiny creatures to visit. We should also have our new bug hotel in place, with the children helping us to install the necessary fixtures and fittings to provide a welcoming place for the bugs to rest. We have other plans but this is a first step in aiming to become an Eco-Friendly Church.



In October we are returning to services in all three of our churches in the parish of Wickford and Runwell Team Ministry. St Mary's will be reverting to a 9.30am service every Sunday. On each third Sunday of the month this will be an All-Age service, as we aim to attract younger families with their children to come along and find out a bit more about God and his family of the Church. We are also introducing different types of services and the best way to find out what is happening each week is via our Facebook pages or our website.

['Wickford & Runwell C of E Churches'](#), ['St Mary's Church, Runwell'](#) and [www.wickfordandrunepparish.org.uk](http://www.wickfordandrunepparish.org.uk)

We will also be using our beautiful old church for Quiet Days, on different themes, taking advantage of the history, the art and architecture, the quiet prayerfulness and sacred space that it provides. Information on these can be found via the above and in church.

Before long Christmas will be upon us and we *plan* to have all the usual services back in place this year. Look out for our Carol Service for those who have lost someone and wish to have a quieter service ('Blue Christmas' Service, 11th December, 6.30pm). This year we pray that nothing will stop our two Crib Services on Christmas Eve, 2pm and 4pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm. These are the services when we really look forward to welcoming our community, as we remember again the great gift received in the birth of Jesus Christ.

See you there!

With every blessing,

*Revd Sue*



### Avian Influenza update – housing order to be introduced across England

The Government announced that mandatory housing measures for all poultry and captive birds are to be introduced to all areas of England from 7th November, following a decision by the United Kingdom's Chief Veterinary Officer.

The housing measures legally require all bird keepers to keep their birds indoors and to follow stringent biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease, regardless of type or size.

The order will extend the mandatory housing measures already in force in the hot spot areas of Suffolk, Norfolk and parts of **Essex** to the whole of England following an increase in the national risk of bird flu in wild birds to very high.

The Chief Veterinary Officer is encouraging all bird keepers across England to prepare for the measures, including taking steps to safeguard animal welfare, consulting their private vet and expanding housing where necessary.

### Men's Shed

Gentlemen of Runwell

- Are you fed up with sitting at home watching television?
- Tired of doing the same thing day after day?
- Want to develop or show-off woodworking skills?
- Enjoy a tea/coffee and a chat?
- Would like the opportunity to mix with other men with similar interests?

Then perhaps the Runwell Men's Shed may be just the place for you!

We are a very small group with the support of Runwell Parish Council and the Essex Shed Network that have converted the old Cricket Pavilion into a compact woodworking workshop. In doing so we have provided somewhere that you could use to make/repair wooden items for your personal use or for the benefit of the community and enable the shed to become self-sufficient.

Just the sort of place you need to get out of the house and make friends.

We meet at the Cricket Pavilion in Runwell park off Church End Lane, currently on a Wednesday between 10am and 2pm (but this could be expanded depending on demand).

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Terry Horsley (shed lead)*





## 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.parish.council@gmail.com](mailto:runwell.parish.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

Have you got a few hours to spare?



**VOLUNTEERS WANTED  
TO HELP MAINTAIN  
(WEED/MULCH/WATER)  
THE NEW JUBILEE  
PLANTATION IN  
RUNWELL PARK**

If you are interested please email  
[runwell.parish.council@gmail.com](mailto:runwell.parish.council@gmail.com) or  
Tel 01268 735152

### Runwell Allotment Beekeeper

In Essex honey show (Orsett) I was awarded various prizes for my honey including a 1st place for soft set and very highly commended for clear honey. With all the awards it gave me the highest marks for a novice and hence novice of the year.

At National show I was placed 3rd for set honey and very highly commended for clear honey.

Finally I received a 1st for novice honey, two x 2nd places for clear honey and a 3rd for set honey and The Stuart Mitson Novice Award from Braintree Beekeepers Association.

Overall a great year.

*Tom Smith*



Please join us for ...

### The Boxing Day Walk 2022

**The 48th Boxing Day Walk will take place on  
Monday 26th December 2022**

Meet at the car park, Runwell Park,  
Churchend Lane, Runwell

**Arrive from 10.15am for a 10.30am start**

The attendance book will go round and there will be a collection for the Brain Tumour Charity via the Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund.

All are welcome. Wellies and appropriate clothing essential particularly if wet. Please keep dogs under control at all times.

The walk will take approximately 2¼ to 2½ hours with the usual stop at 'The Well'.

Hope to see you on the day.

Wishing you all good health, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023.

Yours, *David De'Ath*

### Allotment update

It has been a really good harvest this year. Aubergines, butternut squash, chillies, peppers, sweetcorn and tomatoes were excellent. Our bees have thrived and our Beekeeper had a very good yield of honey. He then went on to win several national awards, so well done to Tom.



Enquiries

*Linda 01268 732033*

Linda Cook, founder of Hedgehogs R Us, has written to all Councils, Parishes, Towns and Wards in the UK to ask them to take part in this amazing project. Runwell are taking part!

### Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project

With Hedgehog numbers in decline and Hedgehog awareness on the rise, there has never been a better time to get involved in Hedgehog conservation.

A Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence and is essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends. This gap allows them access to forage for food and meet mates. A Highway surround raises awareness to their plight and encourages others to take part.

Runwell Parish Council are offering free Hedgehog Highway surrounds to our residents and our schools.

You get a surround, window sticker and leaflet.

Please join us in this wildlife conservation project.

To apply for a Hedgehog Highway set please email [runwell.parish.council@gmail.com](mailto:runwell.parish.council@gmail.com) or leave a message on 01268 735152.

*Let's help make this a success!*



Wickford and Runwell  
Team Ministry

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 25th November  
9am – 12pm  
St Andrew's Church  
London Road, Wickford

Why are Christmas trees  
so bad at sewing?...

*Because they always  
drop their needles!*



### 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](mailto: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.

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Vice Chair	Mike Rogers			
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	Linda Payne	Bill Lansdale	Steve Davis	

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