



Runwell Roundabout

Winter 2024

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Parish Council Report

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Roundabout.



The Parish Council offer their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Cllr Ian Grundy, our County Councillor, who sadly passed away in October following illness. A by-election will be called at some point in December, to elect a new County Councillor for this Division of Stock.

The Parish Council has requested a meeting with the Head of Essex Roads Policing Unit, to discuss the traffic calming measures in Brock Hill, following the serious collision a few weeks ago. We are yet to receive an acknowledgement of this request and will be escalating the matter.

Work continues in Runwell Park football changing rooms, the refurbishment is being carried out by Wickford and Runwell United who currently use the pitches.

The outside of the Village Hall has been painted and some remedial work will continue in preparation for a busy period over Christmas and the 100 year celebration of Runwell Parish Council, in March 2025. We are currently planning events to mark this milestone.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council may I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kind regards

Cllr Paul Clark, Chair

Celebrating 100 Years of Runwell Parish Council!



SAVE THE DATE ...
Sunday, 16 March 2025

We would love your input - do you have anecdotes to share?



Runwell Parish Council is proud to mark a century of community service and development. We're celebrating this milestone on **Sunday, 16th March 2025**

What's in store?

- **Centenary Ceremony and refreshments:** In March, a special service to commemorate 100 years of service to the community
- **Exhibition at the Annual Parish meeting date tbc in April:** A fascinating display of Runwell's history, showcasing the journey of the parish council and the village's growth over the past century
- **Time Capsule:** Through May, involve the children of the parish to take photographs for the time capsule. Making more memories to share. A vision of the next 100 years
- **Centenary Garden:** In June rename the Village Hall Garden and bury the Time Capsule
- **Runwell Roundabout Special Edition:** July

Boxing Day Walk 2024

50th Boxing Day Walk Thursday 26th December 2024

Assemble Runwell Park car park, Church End Lane SS11 7JG (off A132) from 10am for a 10.30am start.

This walk started in 1975.

An attendance book will go round with a collection box before the start of the walk. The collection is for the Brain Tumour Charity via the Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund.

As always we will stop at 'The Running Well'. The walk will take up to 2¼ hours and is about 5 miles in total. It starts and finishes at Runwell Park.

Weather appropriate clothing and wellies if wet and muddy. All dogs on leads. Everyone is welcome.

Since starting in 2011 and up to January this year a grand total of £350K has been raised for this Brain Tumour Charity, my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated.

See you on the day.

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

David De'Ath



Runwell Hospital outdoor Bowls club

A very successful ladies open day was held on Tuesday 20th August. 24 teams of 3 ladies from local clubs attended and played 3 games. Lunch was supplied by RSSC.



The weather was perfect and the day was enjoyed by all. The winners were South Benfleet and Canvey who were presented with the trophy and collected cash prizes.

The season has now ended and trophies for the winners will be made on presentation night 6th December at Runwell Sports & Social Club.

Thanks to all who took part throughout the season. The finals took place at the end of August on a lovely sunny weekend.

We have had to renew the roof of our ladies changing room and also the kitchen, which was a huge cost. We hope to hold some fundraising events during the winter to raise funds. The first being a race night on 25th October.

Our AGM will be on 26 November at 8pm to discuss the next year and elect the new committee.

Judith

Runwell Art Club

What a fantastic morning!



On 11th October Runwell Art Club held a Fund-raising Coffee Morning, all the members brought cakes, either home-made or bought, and then paid for the privilege of eating them with a cup of tea or coffee.

Friends and family were invited and the event, which was very well attended, raised a total of £218.00. The Club is donating this to the Southend Hospital Spotlight Appeal which is raising money for specialist cancer treatment machines.

The club is involved in an exciting project and everyone is painting like crazy to depict 'Wickford through the ages'. This work will be shown under the railway arches in Wickford, on the opposite side of the road to the Guiding display. Wickford Council are sourcing permission from the Railways and Roadways Authorities for us to do this.

Watch this space!

Runwell Art Club are always looking for new members to join our fantastic club, so if you are interested in Art at any level, come and give us a try. Look on Facebook for details. Contact [Carole](#) on [01268 560005](#) or just pop into Downham Village Hall on a Friday between 10am and 1pm.

Runwell Womble report

Hi – It's the [Runwell Litter Womble](#) here and I just wanted to make everyone aware of a few litter facts!

Now all the leaves are falling from the trees and shrubs, it is leaving the hedgerows and verges very bare, the areas in and around our properties become exposed and the dreaded litter appears!

Did you know that plastic has only existed for just over a century – only becoming really popular in the 1960's? It takes over 400 years for a plastic bottle to decompose. Our seas are being swamped with micro plastic through our drainage systems. A study by Portsmouth University has found 100 times more micro plastics in the coast around the United Kingdom than there was six years ago!

Of course we also have glass, metal and paper being thrown around Runwell. I try to get out and about in our area litter picking, but cannot do as much as I would like due to aches and pains that have come with getting older **but** if everyone in Runwell picked up any litter on the pavements outside their homes, it would really help to keep our area looking better. It would also help our children to realise that all the litter they see wherever they go – **is not right.**

Thank you for your help and support.



Runwell Allotments



... and the winners of this year's pumpkin competition I to r
3rd Rob & Lee
2nd Alan
1st Johan
Well done to all!

Letting Officers report: After a bad start weather wise this year, there was a good harvest. Plots are now being made ready for the next season.

If you are interested in having a plot please contact [Linda 01268 732033](mailto:Linda.01268.732033)

Wickford at Christmas
STREET FAYRE
 High Street & Market Road
12noon until 5pm
SUNDAY
24th NOVEMBER
 Parade, Fairground rides, Entertainment,
 Father Christmas, Over 45 stalls
WE LOVE WICKFORD

RUNWELL VILLAGE
PRE-SCHOOL'S
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE
 Runwell Village Hall,
 Church End Lane.
23rd November 2024
11am - 2 pm
 BBQ, refreshments, crafts, stalls, professional
 christmas photographer and much more.

Charity Number: 114996

Runwell Village Hall Regular Activities

Name	Day/Time	Description	Contact details
Runwell Village Pre School	Monday mornings 9am – 12noon Tuesday all day 9am – 12noon plus Lunch Club 12–1 plus Afternoons 1 – 4pm Wednesday mornings 9am – 12noon Thursday all day 9am – 12noon plus Lunch Club 12 – 1 plus Afternoons 1 – 4pm Friday mornings 9am – 12noon	Pre School Group	Lyn or Hayley 07909 834546
Runwell Indoor Bowls	Monday 1pm – 4.00pm	Short mat bowling	Keith 01268 733336
Runwell Parish Council	Monday 7pm – 9pm (1st Monday of the Month) (3rd Monday of the Month)	Council meetings Planning meetings	Jo or Jurgita 01268 735152 Mobile 07895 234650
Seitou Ryu Karate	Tuesday 6pm – 9pm	Children, Teen & Adult Traditional Goju Karate All levels	seitouryukarate.com
Runwell Games Club	Wednesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Social Club for over 55's. Chat, play cards, darts and other games with a cuppa	Pauline 01268 767810 or Sue 07746 795296
Runwell Rainbows	Wednesday 4pm – 6pm	Activities for 4–7 years	Margaret 01268 574416
Super Troupers Line Dancing	Wednesday 6.45pm – 10.45pm	Line Dancing Classes	Richard 07740 360554
1st Runwell Brownies	Thursday 5pm – 7pm	Activities for 7–10 years	Denise 07900 380683
Strollercise	Thursday 7.20pm – 9.20pm	Dance/Fitness	Lynne 07952 791183
Private Hire/Quiz/Charity Nights	Friday 6pm – 11pm	Enquiries to:	Jo or Jurgita 01268 735152 Mobile 07895 234650
Private Hire/Kids/Family Parties/Weddings	Saturday between 10am – 11pm	Enquiries to:	Jo or Jurgita 01268 735152 Mobile 07895 234650
Tiny Toes Ballet (Essex West)	Sunday 9.15am – 12.15am	Ballet classes 6 months to 7 years	Gabrielle 07557 102204 tinytoesballet.co.uk/wickford

Sunday afternoons closed



News from St Mary's Church, Runwell



As I put pen to paper (or should I say fingers to keyboard) the sun has made another appearance, as the September weather, changeable as ever, is having a good day. We did have a summer, albeit it seemed shorter than usual, and often quite wet. During this time we were able to hold our annual Patronal Festival Afternoon Tea and celebration service in the garden of the Vicarage. In fact, it was so hot, that we had to decamp to the shaded side to keep out of the sun. The Diocese had recently had some of the trees 'tended to' so we were left more exposed than usual.

We are continuing with our quest to reach the Eco Church Silver award. Thanks to Linda, we have been able to harvest some of our own rhubarb and potatoes, and have been planting bee-friendly foxgloves in the south churchyard.

The north churchyard wild area still needs some work, as the grass is far too established, and as yet it hasn't been possible for me to get any yellow rattle planted to help keep it down.

Our good friends at Wickford Wildlife held a 'Moth Night' outside the hall and in the north churchyard, and found 31 different species of moth, and a few other interesting bugs, including many 'Acorn Weevil'. I went out to see and the moths were everywhere. I understand that the bats had been about too, no doubt reaping the rewards of the gathering. (They certainly make their presence known in the church).

Our thoughts and plans now turn to Christmas and the round of services we offer. Thankfully this year we will be celebrating midweek, which is slightly less of a whirlwind than when the usual services also have to take place. You are very welcome to join us at any time, but particularly for: Our 'Blue Christmas' service 15th December for those who have lost a loved one and want a gentler, more reflective service and the chance to light a candle; or either of our *two Crib Services* on Christmas Eve, at 2pm and 3.30pm; or *Midnight Mass* at 11.30pm. It won't be long now!

Blessings from [Revd Sue \(Team Vicar\)](#)

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



Jersey Tiger Moth



Elephant Hawk Moth
(photos by
Martin Singleton)

Runwell Village Hall

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

For information, bookings and availability
Contact Jo Pharez/Jurgita Norinkeviute
01268 735152 mobile 07895 234650 / or
email runwell.parish.council@gmail.com
Website <https://www.runwellpc.org>

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



Runwell Parish Council

Comprises of 13 members representing 3 Wards of Runwell – East, West & St. Luke's.
email runwell.parish.council@gmail.com

Chair	Paul Clark			
Vice Chairs	Mike Rogers, Steve Davis			
Councillors	Angie Ellis	Dawn Hutson	Geoff Redway	One vacancy
	Chris Evans	Bill Lansdale	Jim Sloane	
	Gerry Gould	Linda Payne	Ken Tarplett	

Chelmsford City Council Representatives for Rettendon & Runwell

Paul Clark email paul.clark@chelmsford.gov.uk

Steve Davis email steve.davis@chelmsford.gov.uk

Essex County Council Representative for Stock

Position to be filled by election – details to follow

Member of Parliament for Maldon

Rt. Hon John Whittingdale OBE MP john.whittingdale.mp@parliament.uk

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