

RUNWELL ROUNDABOUT

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PARISH NEWS

- Runwell Hospital Site Housing Development – Countryside Developments have put up two large hoardings advertising the development of 575 homes together with community facilities and small business opportunities, work is expected to start in 2014. More information to follow next year.
- Brock Hill Traffic Calming - Essex County Council Mid Area Highways are responsible for the maintenance of the roads and footpaths in Runwell. (To report defects 0845 703 7631 or hazards 0845 603 7631.) The parish council has been chasing up the repairs needed to the traffic calming scheme and reported the concerns connected with the streetlighting being turned off at night.
- Footpath defects and loose kerbs – there are several areas in the parish in need of attention, repairs seem to be on hold, and perhaps there will be something to report in the Spring!
- ALLOTMENTS - What a great season we have had. A lovely crop of everything and our strawberries, sweet corn and tomatoes were the best ever. For the first time, even aubergines and melons did well. Next year sweet potatoes will be on the menu!! Winter crop of garlic, leeks and onions are looking good. We had our first beehive this year, the bees have settled in well, and we hope to have more next year. Plans have been submitted for our composting toilet and we will apply to the Big Lottery Fund for a grant. Watch this space!!

LATE NEWS – WE HAVE A COUPLE PLOTS AVAILABLE – FIRST COME FIRST SERVED Enquiries Linda 01268 732033

- **RUNWELL PARISH COUNCIL HAVE A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR** - If you have a few hours to spare and would like to get involved in your community then please apply by writing to The Chairman, Runwell Parish Council c/o 124 Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, SS11 7DP or e-mail jo@runwellpc.wanadoo.co.uk
- **RUNWELL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE -**

BOXING DAY WALK

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE BOXING DAY WALK - This year will be the 39th walk, each year we visit the 'Running Well' so if you have never been on one of the walks why not come on this years. We meet in the Car Park in the Park in Church End Lane at 10.30am on the 26th December. The walk will be about 4-5 miles and takes about 2-3hrs, with a stop at the Running Well. Since 2006 I have at the start of the walk collected for the Brain Tumour Charity, Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund. Last year we raised £75 thanks to all who came. Hope to see a lot more new faces this year and don't forget your boots were made for WALKING and your wellies if it's wet.

A Happy & Merry Christmas to all David De'ath.

DO YOU HAVE OR KNOW ANYONE WITH PARKINSON'S? - If so, are you aware that we have a very active and vibrant local group covering our area - The Billericay and District Branch of Parkinson's UK. The Branch was established in 2004 by local woman Diana Burton who has Parkinson's and Liz Williams, a NHS Parkinson's nurse. They realised there was very little support available in the community and wanted to provide a network for all local people who either had Parkinson's themselves or their family and friends. The Branch has 160 members and is run by willing volunteers. They organise meetings etc. throughout the year specifically designed for people with Parkinson's to have fun. They have singing and dancing lessons (which help with breathing and balance), organise fund-raising events, quizzes, fun walks ,coffee mornings, meals out, theatre trips and have regular meetings all year long.

To offer support or for more info contact Jo Wright on 07795071280.

BILLERICAY & DISTRICT BRANCH PARKINSON'S UK

Invite you to:

ESSEX POLICE CHOIR CONCERT

on Tuesday 17th December 2013

United Reform Church, Chapel Street, Billericay CM12 9LR

at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 each.

Ticket sales and info: Carol Berry on 07773 156125 or 01268 478287.

The Choir began in 1989 and has earned a fine reputation for wonderful performances both in this country and abroad. There are around 50 members comprising of serving and retired officers, support staff, and friends of Essex police. Their aim to enjoy singing and raise funds for charities and worthy causes they have raised around £250,000 so far for Essex based charities. They sing a wide-ranging repertoire which includes songs from shows, spirituals, popular music and traditional secular music.

JUST A THOUGHT - Growing old doesn't seem so bad when you consider the alternative. Oh and one word of advice.. don't give it.

RUNWELL AND ITS PARISH COUNCIL - HOW IT ALL BEGAN - A potted History

In 1894 a group of Land Owners and Farmers got together, so on the 4th December of that year at 6.00pm the first Parish Meeting was held. The Rev.H.K.Harris proposed that Lieutenant Colonel Henry Kemble be made Chairman this was seconded by Mr.C.Nott.

1895 - Parish Meetings were held at the Voluntary School House (I think this must be the Old School House opposite Runwell Church) Mr. Stephen Lewis of Flemmings Farm and Mr. William Denison of Southlands Farm were appointed overseers of the poor of the Parish.

1896 - By now it had been decided to hold all the meetings at the Voluntary School.

1897 - £12 was collected by the Rural District Council for extending the water supply to the Parish. The minutes at the time seemed to consist of who was going to be the Overseer for expenses for the incoming year.

1898 - The Overseer received a yearly income of £15 this was for collecting water charges from the whole of Runwell Parish paid to Chelmsford Rural District Council.

1899 - The meeting was held in the Voluntary School but retired to the Rectory at 6.30pm (obviously for drinks and refreshments) at the time the Reverend was Vice-Chairman. At another meeting it was agreed to pay the Assistant Overseer £4 a year for the collection of water charges throughout the Parish.

1901 - This meeting records the members protest against one of Wickford's drainage schemes of which the sewage of that Parish would be discharged in a field little more than a quarter of a mile from the Church and School. The minutes of these meetings consisted mainly of who was there and confirmed who was in charge of the Parish, led by Lieutenant Colonel Kemble and local farmers.

1902 - Intended Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII on 26th June. A committee was formed to arrange for the celebrations. Subscriptions collected amounting to £16.6.6d. A Barn was given by the Rev. Harris to use for the festivities and 2lb of beef was given to the over 40 year olds. Although the King was very ill he said that festivities could carry on so they did, Coronation Mugs and Books were given to boys and girls entitled 'King Edwards Realm'. Church End Farm loaned by Thomas Kemble for Sports. The occasion was favoured by fine weather. The Coronation Ceremony took place on the 9th August. The Parish was given a tree to mark the Coronation by the Rev. H.K. Harris to be planted in front of the school. (When the road was widen the tree disappeared)

1905 - It came to the attention of the Parish Meeting that stiles and planks had disappeared from land belonging to Mr. J. Allen.

1906 - Witham was to be taken into the Borough of Chelmsford, there was opposition to this from the Rural Districts who were worried that the rates would rise.

1907 - The Rev. Henry Kingsford Harris was elected Rural District Councillor for Runwell. It would seem that all accounts for Runwell Parish were proposed by Lieut. Col. Kemble and seconded by Rev. Harris so our Parish was run by Land Owners and the Church.

1907 - Applications received for Smallholdings and Allotments were dealt with.

1908 - The formation of a committee of ratepayers was asked for. (What happened to Runwell Ratepayers Association! My mother belonged later).....Bob Croot

Thank you Bob hopefully we will have room for more in another Roundabout.

INFIL - When you've a hundred and one things to do, take it easy.

RUNWELL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Meet in the Runwell Village, Church End Lane, at 8pm. Forthcoming talks: -

9th December 'Wisley Garden' speaker Andrew Babicz;

13th January 2014 'Organic gardening of veg' speaker Brian Carline,

10th February 'Bedding plants their uses' speaker Mrs Margaret Willis,

10th March AGM.

FARLEIGH HOSPICE NEWS: - On Friday 27th September Farleigh Hospice launched a new addition to their Information Service, a brand new 'Info Pod' in the Atrium of Broomfield Hospital(just past M&S) The 'Info Pod' is a collaboration of Farleigh Hospice, Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support and will provide valuable info and advice to people affected by cancer and other life limiting illnesses, and their families, regarding treatment, management of side effects, return to work, benefit entitlement, psychological support and general well being. The Pod will be staffed by members of the Farleigh Hospice Information Service Team Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm, and by the Macmillan Carers Support Team Fridays 9am-4pm. If you need any help please feel free to 'drop in' and speak to a member of the 'Info Pod' team.

CALLING ALL KEEN QUIZZERS!! - The famous **Farleigh Hospice Annual Quiz**, with the title '**Lets go shopping**' is on sale now. The quiz is made up of 75 questions with the answers relating to shopping. If you manage to crack the quiz you could also be in with a chance of winning a £100 prize! You can order a copy online via our website by visiting www.farleighhospice.org and clicking on the 'Annual Quiz' button. Copies cost £1.50 each plus a small postage cost. Quizzes can also be purchased from the main Farleigh Hospice site at North Court Road, Chelmsford.

THINGS TO DO

RUNWELL GAMES CLUB - has vacancies for new members, if you are over 50 and fancy something different on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-3.45 come and join us. If you have just moved into the area and want to meet new people come along, we play all card games, darts and other board games. We have tea, coffee and biscuits and hold a raffle. For further info ring 01268 765282.

MEMORIAL PARK BOWLS CLUB - a small friendly club which until a few years ago was known as the Wickford Royal British Legion Bowls Club; because we are a small club members can be confident that they will get all the games that they want, be it friendlies, league games or inter-club. We are looking forward to welcoming new members for the 2014 Season. Free tuition given and bowls can be borrowed. For more information ring 01268 781226, mobile 07802 814249 or 07772 262937.

GET IN SHAPE WITH KATE - Burn fat, get fit & have fun.....

Monday 10am - 11.30am diet & exercise
(exercise only welcome too 10.30-11.30am)

*Class includes optional weigh in and
health/fitness related talk*

Our fun, friendly, easy to follow diet and fitness class will help you to get fitter, increase your energy levels, lose weight and tone up at your pace. Suitable for ages 18-80+ - come along and join the fun! **Class fee just £5.50 per week**

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

For more information or to book your space contact Kate West

Fully qualified & insured instructor 10+ years experience

Tel: 01277 651185 Mob: 07932 691419

*E-mail: kate1.west@talktalk.net Facebook at **Get in Shape with Kate**.*

RUNWELL VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE Church End Lane, Runwell SS11 7JE
Weddings, Dinner Dances, Dances, Parties, Quiz nights, Bazaars or Meetings All
Enquiries & Bookings to: - Mrs Jo Pharez Clerk to the Council Tel: 01268 735152 or email
jo@runwellpc.wanadoo.co.uk

**THE SEASONS GREETINGS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU
AND A HEALTHY 2014**