



RUNWELL ROUNDABOUT

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Keeping you informed about issues affecting Runwell Residents.

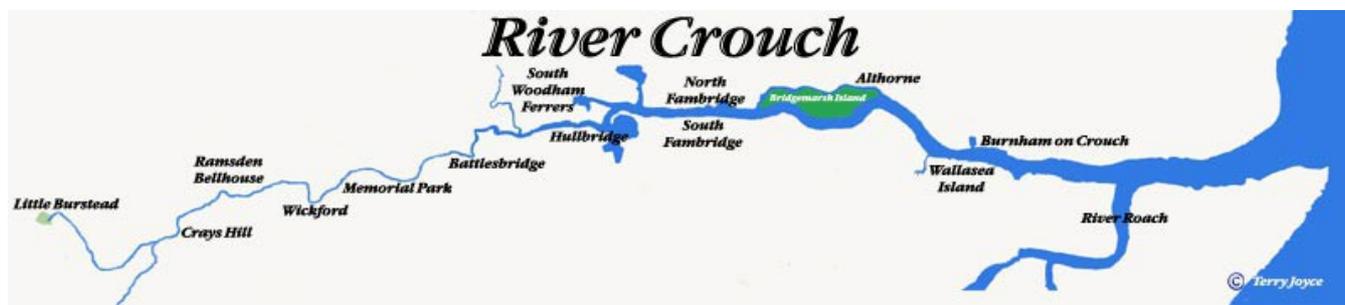
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WELCOME to this Spring Edition of the Runwell Roundabout, now in its fourteenth year in this format. For those of you who can remember, the original Roundabouts were published once a year, now we have a Spring, Summer and Autumn/Winter edition. Hope you will find something of interest on the following pages.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Monday 18th April 2016

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 18th April 2016 in the Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane, Runwell, SS11 7JE at 8.00pm.

Bill Lansdale, Chairman of Runwell Parish Council invites residents to the Annual Parish Meeting, an opportunity to meet some of the Parish Councillors together with members from the Village Groups. Do come along and let us hear your views. The guest speaker this year will be a representative from the River Crouch Conservation Trust.



THE 41st BOXING DAY WALK - thanks to all who came, there were 63 of us which included 4 Parish Councillors plus 6 dogs. We met at 10.30am in the Runwell Park Car Park, everyone signed the attendance book and a collection was made for the Brain Tumour Charity (The Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund) which raised £176.80 a big thank you to all. By now it was 10.45 so we set off across the park to Foot Path No.7 and down to Runwell Road near the Quart Pot. Here we turned left and walked along the Runwell Road to FP No.10 on the left, this path goes to Warren Road and passes the Runwell Hospital site now being built on. At Heathfield there was a muddy area and again just past the wood at the bottom of the hill. At Warren road we turned left to join FP No.7 at Giffords Farm House, then down the lane to Poplars Farm House Gates through the gap in the hedge to the end of the garden, where at the bottom is the start of FP No.5 across the field to the overgrown entrance to the field with the Running Well in the corner on the left. Some of the walkers went down to drink water from the well, others took photos, after a short chat about 'Runwell History' we retraced our steps. When we got back to Poplars Farm some took FP No.4 to Brockhill while the rest continued along FP No.7 down to the Car Park. It took about 2 hours, everyone said they had enjoyed themselves, a good walk, thank you. - David De'ath Walk Leader.

ALLOTMENT UPDATE - It is that time of year again when the plot is looking a little bare, although I am still

picking cabbages, leeks and spinach. The autumn planted garlic and onions are doing well and the beds are all raked and ready for planting. The early potatoes are sprouting well, we just need a little bit of warmth then they can go in. At the moment there is one vacant plot any enquiries ring Linda 01268 732033.

RUNWELL HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION - Meet Second Monday in the Month at 8.00pm in the Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane, Runwell.

There is a Trading Hut at the rear of the Village Hall, well stocked with plenty of compost and other gardening items. Open Sundays only 10.00am-12noon. February to July and September. Closed for the whole of August. Volunteers are still needed once a month to help man the Trading Hut.

The AGM was held Monday 14th March and a new Chairman was elected – The committee welcome Mrs Marianne Smith, at the end of the meeting there was cheese and wine. Membership of the Horticultural Association entitles you to use the Trading Hut and receive the Newsletter. Come along to a meeting (we have regular talks by guest speakers) and find out what outings are planned. The Spring Show was a great success, report to follow.

JUST MOVED INTO THE AREA OR RECENTLY RETIRED? - or perhaps fed up with doing the same old thing, there are several clubs that meet on a regular basis in the Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane, that you might be interested in. Full list available: www.essexinfo.net/runwell-parish-council

GAMES CLUB - Meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm come along and join us for a game of cards, darts and other board games even a chat. We have a raffle and provide tea and biscuits or coffee if you prefer. If you are interested for more information ring 01268 765282

Or for those who want a bit more activity:

GET IN SHAPE WITH KATE - Do you want to feel fit and look fabulous then this is for you Monday's 10am-11.30am for exercise and advice on diet. Contact Kate West 01277 651185 or Mob. 07932 691419 [E-mail:kate1west@talktalk.net](mailto:kate1west@talktalk.net)

ACTION FOR FAMILY CARERS - Information and Support for Family Carers.

A Carer is someone who without payment provides help and support to a husband, wife, partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without their help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. We are a charitable organisation and can offer all sorts of help Call us on: 01621 8511640 or

[Email:info@affc.org.uk](mailto:info@affc.org.uk) Free and Confidential Service or come and see us in Wickford Community Centre at 10.00am - 12.00noon the 4th Monday in the Month.

MEMORIAL PARK BOWLS CLUB - a small friendly club which until a few years ago was known as the Royal British Legion Bowls Club; because we are a small club members can be confident that they will get all the games they want. We are looking to welcome new members for the 2016 Season. Free tuition given and bowls can be borrowed. For more information ring 01268 781226 mobile 07802 814249 or 07772 262937.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!!! St. Mary's Church will be putting on an Art and Craft Exhibition, Tuesday June 14th - Saturday 18th June 2016. The Focus is Love and Friendship. If you would like to take part or for more information please ring Lynn Bear on 01268 421685 or Val Harris on 01268 571933. Exhibits to be erected on Monday June 13th 2016.

RUNWELL VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE

Church End Lane, Runwell, SS11 7JE.

**Weddings, Parties, Children's Parties, Dinner Dances, Presentation Evenings,
Dances, Barn Dances, Line Dances – Charity Functions, Quiz Nights, Bazaars/Fetes.**

**[We do not hire for teenage parties]
Large Main Hall with Stage, Tables and Chairs
Committee Room**

**Fully equipped Kitchen (crockery/cutlery not included) For more info and bookings
contact: Mrs Jo Pharez Clerk Council 01268 753152 email jo@runwellpc.wanadoo.co.uk**

A PEARL OF WISDOM - The more you give, the more you get
The more you laugh, the less you fret.

RUNWELL PARISH COUNCIL ARE STILL IN NEED OF ANOTHER COUNCILLOR

Due to the retirement of a long standing hard working Councillor in 2015 there is a vacancy on the parish council. Parish or town councillors have a long tradition of promoting wellbeing and a sense of pride in the local community. If you feel this is you then why not become a councillor? Do Councillors need special skills other than common sense? **NO** then why not put your name forward!!!

To be a Councillor you need to:-

- * Care about getting the best for your community
- * Want to make a difference
- * Adhere to a code of conduct
- * Have the time
- * Be committed and enthusiastic

COULD THIS BE YOU? - If so for further details contact Mrs Jo Pharez Clerk to the Council 124 Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, SS11 7JE email jo@runwellpc.wanadoo.co.uk or telephone 01268 753152.

RUNWELL PARK - SPRING 2016

The Park slowly comes to life as the fields dry out and starts to be used again. The early months of the year have seen the County Council do drainage works down the West side of the park to remove the risk of flooding, particularly to properties in Church End Lane. The Parish Council hope that during these works your enjoyment of the park was not spoilt.

A new disabled swing seat has been ordered for the swings as has a Basketball Rebound backboard, both I hope will be well used. A suggestion has been made for a Petanque pitch in the park, your views would be appreciated.

The council is funding a 'Play in the Park' during the school Summer Holidays on the 4th August between 13.30 and 15.30 will include sports, Arts, crafts, games and free play for children aged 3 - 11, the Village Hall and pavilion will be available in the event of inclement weather. ***Please support this day.***

The council are always seeking ways to improve the park's facilities and are continually seeking funds to make this happen. However we need the ideas of all the residents across Runwell, please feel free to contact us with any ideas you may have to improve this open space.

Don't forget the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance have placed a clothing bin by the entrance to the park, for any old clothes you no longer need. Please support this very good cause. Thank you.

WHEN NIGHT BECAME DAY - UPDATE - In the Autumn/Winter edition I asked if anyone remembered the fixed searchlights used in WW2. I have since found out that these lights were known as 'Flood Lights' and

there were more than 5 and formed part of WW2 defence sites across the area. David De'ath.

THE HELEN ROLLASON CANCER CHARITY SHOP WICKFORD - Are looking for staff so if you have a couple of hours spare a week and are looking for an opportunity to be part of the local charity community in the morning or afternoon please contact Alison Matthews email: alison.matthews@helenrollason.org.uk or ring 0798 404 9973.

MIDDLE AGE - When your broad mind changes with your narrow waist!!!
ANYONE SEEN OUR DEFIB? - OR WHO HAS NICKED IT?

After Stella Varney's 12 months of hard work and dogged determination a Defibrillator was at last installed by the front entrance to the Runwell Village Hall. Whilst it is owned by the NHS Trust and maintained by them, Runwell Parish Council are the custodians. The Defibrillator was housed in a Special Metal Box that Stella had to go to West Horndon to collect. These units are designed to be accessible to members of the public and give instructions on how to use them to restart the heart of someone in cardiac arrest. So it was with some disappointment that on Monday 29th February when opening the box I found it empty. My first hope was it had been used to help save a life. It didn't take long to realise that the box had been forced open and the contents removed. I couldn't understand how anyone could do such a selfish thing, the equipment was there for the whole community to maybe one day save a life, anybody from a young child or elderly person, even maybe a relative of the person who removed it, their life may have been saved. If anyone reading this has seen it or has an idea regarding its whereabouts please contact Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. Hopefully a replacement will be found, the box repaired and this vital lifesaving equipment will once again be available for the whole community..... Yvonne Waterhouse.

WICKFORD COMMUNITY ARCHIVE EXHIBITION - A date for you diary, Saturday 21st May at Christ Church Hall Wickford, open from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Free entry, light refreshments all day. As usual in aid of the Brain Tumour Charity. Come along and see photos of old Wickford and other local areas, old maps and other artefacts. If you have any photos and/or memories of events past you would like to share, then have a chat with one of the committee on the day. Please come along and give your support. David De'ath (Committee Member)

I will share a memory, all the roads leading into Wickford were built in the days of the horse and cart, most side roads in Wickford/Runwell were unmade until about 1960s and Wickford was a village with quite an attractive High Street, very hard to believe now. Wickford did have the Carlton Cinema until the 1950s. Who else remembers Captain Bartlett of the Salvation Army walking along in Wickford followed by a Goose?

“WANTZ CORNER” The junction of Swan Lane, Brock Hill and Church End Lane, where the mini roundabout is - There used to be a sign to this effect, possibly removed by Basildon Council who will not replace unless positive proof can be obtained, will not accept word of mouth. Does anyone have any photos, this is Runwell's Heritage and we want a sign to reflect this!!

Runwell Parish Council has 12 members (one vacancy). The Chairman Mr. Bill Lansdale, Vice Chairman Mr. Robert Lerwill and Councillors: Mr Paul Clark; Mr. Matt Grummett; Mr. John Martin, Mrs Sandra Martin; Mrs Linda Payne; Mr. Mike Rogers; Mr Jim Sloane; Mrs Stella Varney; Mr. Tim Waterhouse and Mrs Yvonne Waterhouse

FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONER - My young grandson called to wish me Happy Birthday, he asked me how old I was, I told him 62. He was quiet for a moment and then asked "Did you start at 1?"

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