



# Runwell Roundabout Spring 2018

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## **The Annual Parish Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 8pm**

**Will be held in the Village Hall, Church End Lane SS11 7JE. The Chairman calls this meeting once a year, it is the opportunity for any issue to be raised by you the residents and to meet your local councillors. Mr Hoss Atri will be the guest speaker from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Team followed by question time and some light refreshments.**



**Message from the Chair** There are a couple of things to report in this edition. The withdrawal of the number 15 bus service through the Village was a big disappointment to the residents who relied on it. Thank you, to those who turned up at the March meeting of the Parish Council to have their say on the subject. I recently attended a meeting at Essex County Council with the bus operators, along with other Parish Councils who have had similar issues. I am confident of some positive news very soon.

Removal of the bus service has highlighted the need for a pedestrian crossing at St Mary's Church, especially as the bus stop to town is outside the Church - on the other side of the very busy Runwell Road. Looking back through minutes of previous Parish meetings the PC first requested a crossing to ECC in 2002, just after the new A130 was opened. The PC have consistently kept the pressure on and it looks like the crossing will now actually be built. Progress in dealing with these authorities is far too slow. We recently informed the Leader of Chelmsford City Council that this was unacceptable, pointing out the

crossing was a condition of the planning application for St Luke's Park development, prior to its commencement.

We have agreed to purchase some picnic tables for Runwell Park before the summer season, if it proves popular a BBQ facility may be added. It has also been agreed to add 4 new bench seats in the Park. If anyone would like to dedicate one of the benches in memoriam the cost is £400+vat, this would include a dedicated plaque on the seat. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Finally, the 2018/19 Precept for Runwell Parish has increased by 4%, this means the Band D properties' contribution from your council tax bill will rise from £49.41 to £51.39, an increase of 3.8p per week per dwelling.

Kind regards

**Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a spectacular  
Fun Day for all the Family on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
See back page for more information**

**The Boxing Day Walk:** With a chilly South West wind but the sun on our backs, 54 walkers, accompanied by 6 dogs commenced our annual walk. Prior to the start £165.12p was raised for The Brain Tumour Charity - Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund.

We commenced by walking up footpath (FP)7, into Meadow Lane, glad of our wellies! From entering the farm land keeping to the "old green lane" we continued up FP4 turning right at Poplar Farm on FP5, help was at hand for anyone who had problems climbing over fallen trees etc. At the "Running Well" refreshments were taken with some of us enjoying the fresh water from the Well. With an excellent view on offer many took the opportunity to take photos while enjoying the fresh air.

Back along FP5 to FP7 passing Gifford Farmhouse, then down FP1 grateful for the gradient. At the bottom we entered the lane, walking along the edge of the field. At this point we had an excellent view of the Thames.

Continuing along the farm track, over the footbridge, with the old pond to our right and looking towards Moorgarden Wood, we could just see two beautiful Oak trees. At the bottom where FP4, FP3 and FP2 converge, we went over the bridge reaching South Hanningfield Way after collecting large clods of mud around our wellies. We continued to the Runwell Park carpark.

A lovely walk, a chance to chat and meet new people. Our leader had a wealth of knowledge which he was happy to share, thanking everyone for the contribution to the charity.

For further information re The Sarah Kitchener Perrow Fund go to

[www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/supporter-groups/groups/the-sarah-kitchener-perrow-fund/](http://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/supporter-groups/groups/the-sarah-kitchener-perrow-fund/)

**Runwell Horticultural Association** We had a social get together to welcome in the New Year in January and in February we hosted an 'Inter-society Quiz' where 11 teams from 8 local horticultural and garden clubs battled to win the Annual Cup. Unfortunately, none of our 3 teams were successful in winning either the first or last prizes but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the cakes at half time were much appreciated. Thank you to all the members who contributed to both the teams and refreshments.

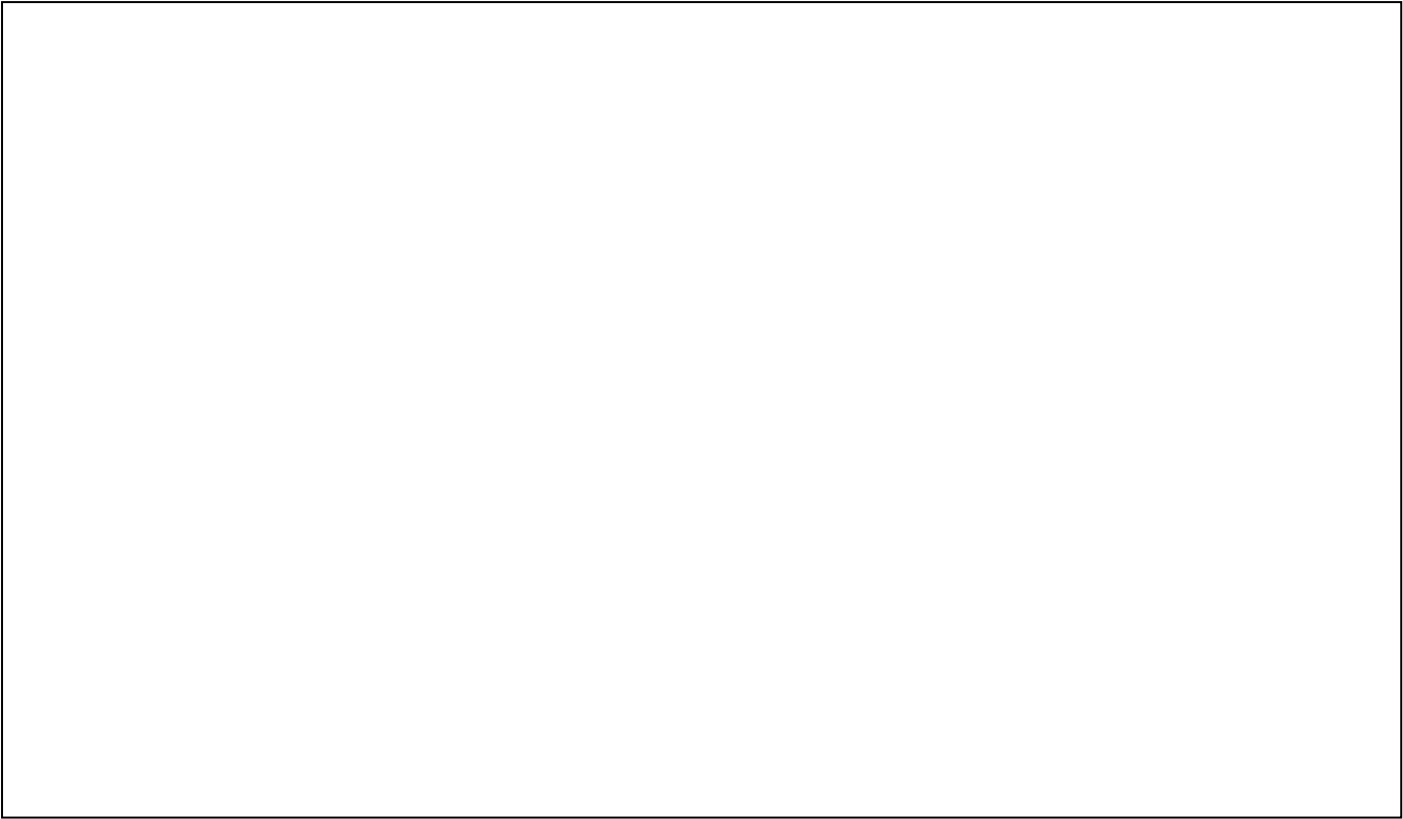
On the 12<sup>th</sup> March we had our AGM. You can still join up or renew your membership by contacting any Committee Member or popping down to our Trading Hut behind the Village Hall. This is open on Sunday mornings 10.00am till 12.00 noon and is well stocked with good quality compost and other gardening items.

Our Spring Show was held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm till 4.00pm and was open for any member to submit entries. On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July we have an outing to Great Comp Garden and Polhill Garden Centre. Tickets are £20 per person which includes coach and entry fee. If you are interested just contact any Committee Member or visit the Trading Hut – non members welcome.

Looking forward to seeing some old and new faces over the next year and to some good growing weather this spring! For more further information see Parish Council website

[www.essexinfo.net/runwell-parish-council](http://www.essexinfo.net/runwell-parish-council)

**Allotments:** At the time of writing this, the allotments look as though rice would be good to to grow!! However I am hopeful that the weather will soon improve, so we can get on with Spring planting. We have had some unwanted visitors with their dogs on the plots. If you see anyone acting suspicious at the allotments please call Linda 01268 732033



## **I Mobile Customer Information Service**

**I** The Mobile Customer Information Service visit Runwell every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the  
**S** month between 1:30 and 3pm and are located in the Village Hall. The service is free and  
**v** is provided by Chelmsford City Council to give residents access to all relevant information  
including; advice on how to seek help with housing benefit or Council Tax, reporting

## **Are you a Ballroom Dancer ?**



Would you like to learn new steps? If so why not join the Dance Class on Tuesday evenings 8pm – 10pm in Runwell Village Hall. Beginners and Improvers welcome, lovely friendly atmosphere For more information contact; Alan 01268 761526

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## **Runwell Based Chiropractor wins National Quality Award**

Congratulations to Rebecca Willard who received the Clinical Management Quality Award (CMQA) from the Royal College of Chiropractors on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. She achieved "excellent" in all areas of practice including; clinical audit, incident reporting and patient satisfaction.



Rebecca stated "The award of the CMQA recognises this clinics commitment to operating in a professionally managed environment. The aim or our clinic team is to continually improve and the award encourages us that we are achieving this "



## **Have you got what it takes?**

Runwell Parish Council are seeking community minded people to join the parish council. If you have 1 or 2 evenings per month free

to attend meetings and are prepared to do a little bit of voluntary work a few times a year – we would love to hear from you. There are currently 4 vacancies.

We are particularly keen to have representation from new residents who are now living at St. Luke's Park, but of course anyone from the Parish would be most welcome to apply.

"No experience necessary as training can be provided"

Please contact the Clerk Mrs Jo Pharez 01268 735152 or email [runwell.parish.council@gmail.com](mailto:runwell.parish.council@gmail.com) for an application form and more information



## 50th Birthday Fun Day

16th June 11am - 3pm

Runwell Park, Church End Lane

Including:

Selling stalls

BBQ and refreshments

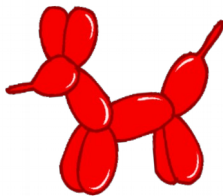
Bouncy castle

Face painters

Prize Draw

Licensed Bar

And much much more



### Council Meeting Dates:

Come along and see your Parish Council in action, it is also an opportunity to have your say. All meetings are held in the Village Hall in Church End Lane on the first Monday of the month unless it is a Bank Holiday

Dates are as follow:

9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 8pm -10pm

14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 8pm-10pm

**23<sup>th</sup> April 2018 8pm-10pm Annual Parish Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 8pm-10pm

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 8pm -10pm

Articles for the editor; if you have any articles for publication especially on the history of Runwell please send them to [Yvonnewaterhouse@aol.com](mailto:Yvonnewaterhouse@aol.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 or post to Jo Pharez at the Village Hall

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