



Runwell Roundabout

Autumn and Winter Edition 2017

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WELCOME to this new revamped Autumn/Winter Edition of the Runwell Roundabout, now in its fifteenth year. Who can believe it is so near to Christmas with 2018 in hot pursuit. So, grab yourself a mince pie, a warm drink and enjoy the Runwell Roundabout.

Update from the Chair

As we approach the end of 2017, the Parish Council (PC) can reflect on a few events this year. The Village Hall as part of our maintenance programme has been redecorated and looks splendid, thanks to all involved. The Hall itself is an asset of the Community and used by many groups, there are still opportunities to hire it for a range of events, please contact the Clerk for details or view the website at <https://www.essexinfo.net/runwell-parish-council>. The kitchen is about to undergo a complete refit, we have applied to the Essex County Council, Community Initiatives Fund for a grant, the remainder will be funded from reserves.

In the Park, we have agreed with Chelmsford City Youth FC for them to use the football pitches for this season, and it provides revenue to help the PC to maintain the Park for everyone to use. The play equipment needs replacing, this is a major and expensive project. Whilst we are looking at various routes of funding, the PC are very frustrated that none of the £11.5 million proceeds from the St Luke's Park S106 agreement (a development levy), signed back in Nov 2013, were allocated to the only Public Open Space in the Village, namely Runwell Park. We are currently seeking more information and a possible solution from Chelmsford City Council. The intention is to have "state of the art" play equipment for all age groups and abilities.

Our Village is increasingly being used as a rat-run for commuter traffic at peak times and causes problems for Runwell School and public transport, not only in the Church End Lane/Brock Hill area but also Runwell Road. We have recently written 3 times to our County Councillor Ian Grundy, who is also Cabinet Member for Highways requesting a traffic survey, but are still awaiting a reply!! The PC will continue to pursue this, since we are concerned for the safety of the children and parents using the school. The replacement School Crossing Patrol Officer at Swan Lane is welcome in that respect. Finally, can I on behalf of everyone at Runwell Parish Council wish you all the very best for the Festive Season.

Regards, **Cllr Paul Clark, Chair of Parish Council**

The 43rd Boxing Day Walk

The Boxing Day Walk will take place on Tuesday 26th December at 10:30am from the car park in Runwell Park off Church End Lane. We will be walking about 5 miles and it will take us around 3 hrs. All donations are welcome, with proceeds going to "The Brain Tumour Charity" via The Sarah Kitchener Perron Fund.

Walk Leader
Mr D De'ath

All welcome dogs, wellies and all!



Dog Bins: The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents that took part in the survey regarding the placement of Dog Bins. Two new bins have been agreed. One is to be placed in Ethelred Gdns / Locarno Ave junction and the 2nd on the central verge in Egbert Gdns by Windsor Gdns and Canewdon Close. It is hoped that we will be able to add further bins in the future.

Tidying up near our roads

As the weather turns colder anyone with land or trees bordering the roads is being asked to ensure that ditches and hedges are cleared. Blocked ditches can cause flooding, which in the winter may result in dangerous ice on the roads. We don't want to put pedestrians and motorists at risk



News from Runwell Community Primary School



We are now well into the Autumn Term at the school. We have admitted two new classes into Reception and, very excitingly, we have opened our new Nursery provision. We still have spaces, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to get in touch.

We are delighted with our new facilities which are now fully in use following the building work which seemed to go on forever! Two very talented members of staff have been painting time-line murals on our new corridor walls and they are looking good!

We have had visits from Essex Fire & Rescue Service to Year 3 who learned about safety in the home and to Year 6 who learned about staying safe online. The

Services will be back again soon to talk about Halloween and firework safety.

Years 5 and 6 recently visited Walton-on-the-Naze to look at the cliffs and learn about erosion. A small group of our Netballers visited the O2 Arena to watch a match between Loughborough Lightning and Team Bath. It was a very close game.



We are looking forward to our Harvest assemblies, where we take time to be thankful for what we have and welcome opportunities to share with others less fortunate. Christmas preparations will shortly be upon us when the whole school prepares for events throughout December.

Horticultural Association

Our Autumn Show in September saw more entries into the various classes and it was great that several new members were successful in winning. The monthly meetings have been interesting, especially our visit to the Allotments.

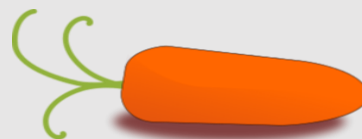
The two coach trips to Wisley and Cambridge, which were open to non-members, were very successful. It's been a good year with our November meeting and December Christmas Social still to come!

We have a 'Welcome in the New Year' light-hearted quiz arranged for January (15th) We are in the process of drawing up our programme for 2018. If you have any ideas please let us know.

Contact details and more information about us is on the Parish Website:
essexinfo.net/runwell-parish-council

Allotment Update

I have just spent a few hours on the allotment, the birds are singing and the bees are buzzing, lovely! It has been a really good harvest this year, well worth all the hard work. I still have beetroot, carrots, leeks, pumpkins and swede to pick. The cabbage and brussels sprouts are all doing well. Most of the beds are now dug and raked ready for the next planting. I have already put in garlic and onions to grow over the winter. Any enquires regarding an allotment please contact Linda 01268 732033



Lady: (standing in the middle of a busy street) Officer, can you tell me how to get to the hospital ?

Officer: Just stand where you are!!!!!!

New Flag and Flag Pole

After the theft of the Union Flag and destruction of the pole from outside the Parish Hall, a new pole has been purchased and a Runwell Parish Flag. A protocol has been established to ensure that the Union Flag is raised on the appropriate days.

Runwell Village Christmas Festive Activities and Celebrations		
When	What	Where
Saturday 11 th November 2017 Doors open 11am - 2pm	Runwell Village Pre-School Christmas Shopping also Lou Sutton Festive Photography	Runwell Village Hall Church End Lane SS11 7JE
Saturday 25 th November 2017 Doors open 1.30pm	St Marys Church Christmas Bazaar meet Father Christmas and his elves	Runwell Village Hall Church End Lane SS11 7JE
Saturday 2 nd December 2017 12noon	Runwell Community Schools Christmas Bazaar and festivities activities	Runwell Community Primary School SS11 7BJ
Saturday 16 th December 2017 4pm	St Marys Church and Runwell Parish Council, Carol singing with the Salvation Army. Refreshments provided	Runwell Village Hall Church End Lane SS11 7 JE
Sunday 24 th December 2017 3pm	Crib Service	St Mary's Church Runwell Road Runwell
Sunday 24 th December 2017 11:30pm	Midnight Mass	As above
Monday 25 th December 2017 9:30am	Eucharist	As Above
Tuesday 26 th December 2017 Starts 10:30am	The Boxing Day Walk	Car park, Runwell Park Church End Lane

**DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON PLEASE GIVE A THOUGHT TO OTHERS .
THERE ARE FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINTS
AT ST MARYS CHURCH AND OUR LOCAL SUPERMARKETS**

The shortest distance between two people is only a smile



Runwell Village Hall the Centre of the Community



How things change! This is a picture of the Village Hall in approx 1935, which inspired me to investigate its history. I was able to identify it was originally owned by the Village Hall Company. However, it wasn't until January 1946 that a submission to the Ministry of Health and

Essex C.C was made to borrow £3,000 for the purpose of establishing a Village Club and Social Centre for the community. It took a further 9 years to purchase. (Information taken from an article by Mr Roy Dockerill, in the 1992 Roundabout)

The Village Hall has certainly lived up to its purpose of bringing the community together. After

numerous refurbishments, we have an excellent venue for social events, community exhibitions, shows and celebrations. Being in a prime position it is an asset to be proud of, as you will see from the picture on the right:

For further information or if you would like to hire the Village Hall please contact; Mrs Jo Pharez 01268 735152 or email runwell.parish.council@gmail.com



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 for an application form and more information



Council Meeting Dates: Come along and see our 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:

4th December 2018 8pm – 10pm

5th February 2018 8pm -10pm

8th January 2018 8pm – 10pm

5th March 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 by 28th February 2018 or to Jo Pharez at the Village Hall