



REDBOURN WINS HERTS ICT PRIZE FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING!

In the 2006 Herts Village of the Year Competition, Redbourn again won the ICT prize. This was due not only to the quality of the Redbourn website (www.redbourn.org.uk), maintained by Bob Boutland and Martin Cleaver, but also due to the computer training available at St. Luke's, run by Graham Harper, which was seen in action by the judges. Redbourn also won commendations for Environment, and Young People. Overall winners were Ickleford.



Above - Computer class in action at St. Lukes.

Below - ICT Winner's Certificate being presented by Mike Shevlane of Calor Ltd. (left) to Bob Boutland (centre) and Graham Harper (right).



Redbourn Day Centre's 20 Year Celebration

The 7th June was a perfect summer day and as volunteers and clients gathered in St. Mary's Church grounds waiting the arrival of the coach taking them to the Metropolitan Police Bushey Sports Club, the venue for the celebration, the warmth and happiness being shared was unmistakable. The group of 62 attendees enjoyed coffee and biscuits on arrival at the Club and mingled in relaxing surroundings - the lounge and terrace overlooking the beautifully landscaped sports grounds. A three course lunch was served in the main dining room with musical entertainment and a sing along at the end of the meal. A free raffle was drawn, a celebration birthday cake was cut and served and a gift marking the occasion was given to each person. All returned to Redbourn having shared a very happy day together and looking forward to the future. A big thank you for the donations received which helped The Day Centre to celebrate in style.

OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND A GREAT SUCCESS




Redbourn in Bloom's OPEN GARDENS on 15th & 16th July was probably the best yet, no doubt helped by the fine weather, with 22 gardens opened. Many locals and visitors, catalogue in hand could be seen navigating from one garden to another over the weekend. Quite a few of the gardens offered refreshments, and other items for sale. A big thank you and well done to the organisers, and to all those who were brave enough to offer their gardens for inspection!

For more information visit the village website www.redbourn.org.uk. Here you can view Council agendas and minutes and send your comments. The website is full of useful information about life in the village. It includes advice about clubs and societies, local birdlife, walks, events, history and so much more. If you wish you can attend our meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. (December's meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month). Meetings of the Common Footpaths and Open Spaces are held on the first Thursday of the month.

£4,000 REWARD OFFERED IN CONNECTION WITH A5 BURGLARIES

A REWARD of up to £4,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction, or judicial disposal, of offenders linked to a series of burglaries committed along the A5 corridor in June and July.

Since the beginning of June there have been three spates of offences in the Grovehill/Woodhall Farm, Flamstead/Markyate and Redbourn areas. Several offences have been committed during the early hours of the following three nights:

-  5/6 June (Flamstead/Markyate and Redbourn)
-  22/23 June (Flamstead/Markyate and Grovehill/Woodhall Farm)
-  1/2 July (Woodhall Farm)

The team of offenders tends to target property with undeadlocked UPVC front doors as a point of entry. The offender/s then make off with goods such as handbags, wallets, laptops and cash – and also look for keys with view to taking any cars linked to the premises.

Detective Chief Inspector Nathan Briant, of the Western Area Crime Unit, said: “This is a disturbing series of burglaries in what is usually a quiet rural environment, and these offences are causing particular distress to the residents of Grovehill/Woodhall Farm, Markyate/Flamstead and Redbourn. That is why we have taken the step of offering a £4,000 reward in connection with this series of crimes, as we are determined to bring these offenders to justice.”

He continued: “We would like anyone with information regarding these offences to contact us. Did you see suspicious individuals at the time of the burglaries in these locations? Did you see any suspicious cars in the area? Were you targeted but didn’t think to report it at the time?”

“We would also urge residents to be vigilant in their home security by checking that they deadlock their doors every evening and do not leave windows open during the hot summer evenings. We also ask people to safely store away their car and house keys and any valuable items they keep in the home. Furthermore, please remember not to leave PIN numbers with your credit and debit cards as this can and will be exploited by unscrupulous offenders.

“We need your help to catch these criminals. No piece of information is too small, so call us today and you could be in line for a cash reward.”

Hertfordshire Constabulary is offering a reward of up to £4,000 to anyone who provides police with information that leads to the arrest and conviction, or judicial disposal, of these offenders.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area Crime on 01923 472069 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. For further information on the terms and conditions of the reward, please contact 01923 47 2069.

REDBOURNBURY WATERMILL BAKERY OPENS



The new bakery at the Mill was officially opened on July 20th. Among those attending was guest speaker Bruce Alexander (Supt. Mullet in “A Touch of Frost”)

Redbournbury Watermill & Bakery have been nominated for UKTV Food’s “LOCAL HERO” award. This is a search for Britain’s ultimate food hero - people who create great produce for your plate! The mill is a true local producer, with most of the wheat for its flour coming from nearby Hammonds End Farm.

To vote for Redbournbury Watermill,
access www.uktvfood.co.uk on the internet.
The closing date is 21st August 2006.

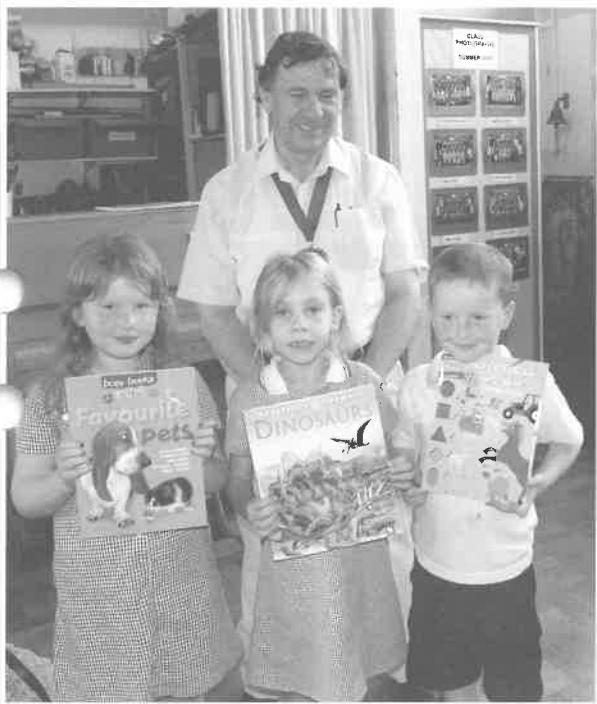
REDBOURN IN BLOOM POSTER PRIZES PRESENTED



Above: The Chairman and Parish Clerk with the winners from St. Lukes School of the Poster Competition for the RIB "Open Gardens Weekend".

Below:

The Chairman with the winners from Redbourn Infants School who were asked to design posters for the RIB "Hanging Basket Competition"



CONGRATULATIONS

To the staff and governors of REDBOURN INFANTS SCHOOL in coming out of "Special Measures". It is now rated as a "good" school in nearly every category.

WELL DONE!

NEW VILLAGE SIGN

You may have noticed a new Village Sign by the Nickey Line bridge. The Parish Council intend to install similar signs at each entrance to the Village.

The post was provided, and installation carried-out by courtesy of RPM Builders Ltd.



Redbourn Museum

**Saturday 30th September 2-5 pm
and Sunday 1st October 12-5 pm.**

Gordon Beningfield Exhibition

During this weekend, there will be an exhibition of paintings, prints, books and stamps by the late Gordon Beningfield, countryside and wildlife artist and former Patron of Redbourn Village Museum.

The items on display are all on loan from local residents, friends family of the artist, and most have not been exhibited before.

There will be information and items for sale from wildlife and conservation charities that Gordon Beningfield supported and a chance to win a signed print by the artist.

For children, there is a painting competition, with the theme "The Countryside and Wildlife".

Entry forms and further details are available from:
Pauline Ridgwell on 01582 626055 or
Pauline-r@ntlworld.com.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners in each age group.

Your village museum is on the Common, next to the Cricketers and is open every weekend.

Saturdays (2-5pm) and Sundays (12-5pm)
Entry £1 adults, 50p children and Friends of the Museum

CUMBERLAND HOUSE GARDEN

Many of you have been asking why the garden is not yet open to the public. While the garden has been complete for some time, it has still not been handed-over to the Parish Council. There is a four-way legal agreement to be signed-off between the developer, Herts County Council, St. Albans District Council, and the Parish Council. Until this is completed, the garden is not ours to open - nor is it covered by our insurance. We are as anxious as anyone else to resolve this situation as soon as possible.

ACCOUNTANT REQUIRED

by Parish Council

Following the retirement of our current part time accountant, we are looking for a replacement. The role mainly involves preparing the Annual Accounts and notes based on information taken from the Sage accounting package. The exact number of hours involved would vary annually depending on the complexity of the Accounts, in that particular year, but it is envisaged that it will be c. 20 (+/-5) pa. This is a paid role, that would be suitable to either a working professional accountant or a retired / house wife (or husband) with an accounting background.

Please call Cllr Lowen (Chairman of the Finance Committee) on 794039 or Diane Whiskin (Parish Clerk) on 794832 to discuss this role in more detail.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th September

REDBOURN HORTICULTURAL SHOW

2.15pm at The Village Hall

Contact: Richard Morgan 792166

Monday 11th September

Redbourn in Bloom

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm at The Centenary Suite, Village Hall

Saturday 30th September 2-5 pm
and Sunday 1st October 12-5 pm.

GORDON BENINGFIELD EXHIBITION

at Redbourn Museum

Saturday 4th November

FIREWORK DISPLAY

on Redbourn Common

Stewards and helpers wanted - please contact
Diane Whiskin or Colin O'Donovan

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November

Redbourn in Bloom Craft Fair

at The Village Hall

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Beaumont Ward

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Christine Cardy
16 Cumberland Drive 01582 794744

◆
James Lowen (Chairman Finance)
2 Mulberry Place - 01582 794039

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2 High Street

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Colin O'Donovan (Chairman Commons)
7 Ver Road - 01582 792382

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Ron Stent
10 Saberton Close - 01582 793151

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Tony Swendell
6 Monks Close - 01582 792076

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Nicholls Ward

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Anthony Bull (Chairman)
10 Crouch Hall Gardens - 01582 793756

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Scout Farmhouse, Dunstable Road - 01582 794259

◆
Stan Pierpoint
4 Wheatlock Mead - 01582 792117

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Philip Rosen (Chairman Planning)
1 Pondsmeade - 01582 792585

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Pat Schofield
82 The Park - 01582 793096

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1 Coopers Meadow - 01582 626351

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Parish Clerk

Diane Whiskin
Village Hall, 63 High Street Redbourn AL3 7LW
01582 794832

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District Councillors

Colin O'Donovan, Tony Swendell
(Addresses etc. as above)

Susan Carr
103 Dunstable Road - 01582 794475

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County Councillor

Derek Hills
01582 629433

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Member of Parliament

Rt Hon Peter Lilley
01582 834344

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It is intended that REDBOURN news will be printed quarterly. If there are any subjects you would like to see in the newsletter or if you have an article/letter you would like published please write to the Parish Clerk Diane Whiskin, or e-mail redbournpc@talk21.com

"Your" Redbourn Recreation Centre

Tel: 01582 626202

Who's Centre Is It Anyway ???

Way back in 1950 the Parish Council received a letter from Redbourn Football Club seeking help in securing a permanent football pitch in the village. They had played at several locations around the village and eventually were granted permission to play Sunday football on the Common.

During the Swinging Sixties the village survey showed interest in every type of sporting activity and the residents of this vibrant village recognised that facilities would need to be provided.

However it wasn't until the end of the decade that a number of village residents got together to form the group of like minded individuals which was to become the Redbourn Playing Fields Trust. A "body" which is still in existence today.

From this bright spark of light came the only fully self funded Recreation Centre in Hertfordshire and possibly the Country. The building, its grounds and equipment is fully funded by the income from activities held at the Centre. No subsidies, no grants from Local Authorities for running costs, just the hard work and enthusiasm of the villagers, for the villagers.

But how many people now living in the village know this ?

This newsletter is intended to provide a little insight into the history of the Centre, but more importantly a glimpse of the future plans, some of which are coming to fruition as the Bowling facility is now completed. This facility is open to new players as well as the village's bowling club.

Would you like to play a part in this success story ? You can help in many ways, from helping in the bar to joining a project team to make a future plan a reality. One of the projects



Redbourn Recreation Centre

- A Community Facility
- Created by the Village
- Run by the Village
- Fully Self Funded

under consideration is the construction of all weather, floodlit football pitch. Yes Redbourn still has an enthusiastic football team, as well as a number of indoor 5 aside enthusiasts.

Contact any of the duty managers and they will put you in touch with someone who will be happy to have an informal chat with you. Your help will be gratefully appreciated, no matter how small a contribution you feel you can make.

Don't forget your Centre is always looking for ways to fund its future.

From room hire for meetings, to birthday parties and quiz nights. This commercial activity is vital to our continued success, so if you need a venue contact the Centre Management Team.





Something for Everyone

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Centre yet, why not go along and see what is happening? Amongst the sports currently enjoyed are Football, 11 aside and 5 aside (why not get together with some friends and enter a team in the Thursday competition). Badminton, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Martial Arts, Short Mat Bowls, Table Tennis, Skittles and much, much more.

Musical Toddlers ?

Would you like to start up a toddlers music group? Why not talk to the Centre Manager, lots of other people in the village may also be interested.

Wednesday Clubs!

We are offering a chance to enjoy a number of indoor activities for beginners and enthusiasts alike.

No need to bring a partner — just turn up and play.

Short Mat Bowls, Badminton and Table Tennis will feature from 10am—12noon, Skittles and Table Tennis from 2pm—4Pm.

These open sessions will cost just £1.70 per member.

(Plus admission fees for Non Members)

Fitness Suite

The Centre has a small but well equipped fitness suite, ideal for the beginner. A full induction programme is offered and advice is always available.



Our newly constructed Outdoor Bowls facility has six rinks, one of which will always be available for public use.

If you want to play any other sports just come along and talk to a member of our management team.

What is recreation?

The grounds around the Centre are a popular venue for the villagers to exercise themselves and their dogs. But don't forget the space can equally be used for kite flying, jogging etc.

All we ask is that you leave nothing behind, and if you use the car park you leave in good time before closing of the centre. Otherwise you will find yourself locked in! If in doubt pop in and ask the duty officer.

Royal Patron-

One of the first people to make a donation to the original Redbourn Recreation Centre Fund, launched in 1984, was HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The Bowes-Lyon family home once stood where Gertrude Peake Place now is.

She was reminded of her frequent visits to Redbourn and was pleased to make a donation to the fund with the proviso that the amount must never be divulged.

Many fund raising events were supported by the great and the good. **Henry Cooper** opened the first "fun day" which was a great success. The **Lords Taverners** Cricket team played Redbourn to raise funds.

But the efforts of ordinary villagers will always be the bedrock of support. Two of whom, David Scott and his namesake grandson, raised £592 (a sizable sum in those days) by cycling from Sittingbourne in Kent to Calender in Scotland a trip of just 1260 miles!



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