



## FIREWORK DISPLAY 2006



This year's display was our most successful yet - the weather was good and Fantastic Fireworks gave us their usual "fantastic" display. The event could not be held without the willing band of volunteers who spend a good proportion of Saturday and Sunday roping off the area, assisting during the display and clearing up after the event. The bucket collection raised £1997, ticket sales raised £2,058 and sponsorship raised £655. Donations from the profits will be made to local charities and organisations and a list of these will be published in the next newsletter. Many thanks to our volunteers and sponsors for helping us to make the event such a success.

The raffle prize winners were as follows



### POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Firework Poster Competition. As usual, the entries were extremely good. The posters were judged by Ernest Leahy, a local wildlife artist, and the winners are:

#### After Schools Club

- 1st Hannah Berry
- 2nd Harry Winch
- 3rd Victoria Fisher

#### St Luke's School

- 1st Daniel Boot
- 2nd Thomas Wilkins
- 3rd Steven Wilkins

Prize	Donated by	Winner
Mountain Bike	RPM Builders	C Hut
£50 Gift vouchers	Aro Ski	B Roberts
Vouchers	Recreation Centre	K Okato
Family Ticket	Herts County Show	L Matamala
Dinner for two	The Bull Public House	Mr and Mrs Cullen
Dinner for two	The Chequers PH	D Peacock
Lunch for two	The Hollybush PH	Monaghan
Voucher	R Marsh	Lawrence
Voucher	W Hall	P Radley
Flowers	Regency Bouquet	N Fitzgerald
Treatment	The Studio	Jefford
Voucher	Jones & Hall	C Fitzgerald
Voucher	Country Styles	K Nash
Voucher	Barber Shop	A Lawes
Wine	Bell & Shears PH	Cardy
Wine	George PH	Cooper
Wine	Romanios	C Fitzgerald
Wine	Co op Welcome	Cruickshank
Wine	Co op Welcome	M Fox
Quality Street	Co op Welcome	Lynch
Quality Street	Co op Welcome	J Swendell
Wine	Cricketers PH	Biggs
Wine	Bell & Shears PH	J Wylde
Wine	C O'Donovan	K Rollinson
Wine	C O'Donovan	S Mansell
Candle plates	Crown Pharmacy	C Dunn
Garden Gnomes	Nursery	F Coulter
Chocolates	George PH	Maria
Teddy Bear	Parish Council	S Bullen

Sponsors: A D Services, Cohen (Dental Practice), Colin Mason, James Fernley, Fine Fitted Kitchens, Hill Contractors, Jarvis, J & N Antiques, Interior Design, Little Revel End Kennels, Medivet, Oakbridge Homes, Per Pro, Phillips Funeral Directors, PJF Electrical, RPM Builders, Wall St Interiors, Wedlake Saints

For more information visit the village website [www.redbourn.org.uk](http://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.

## **4000 HOMES MAY BE BUILT ON THE GREEN BELT BETWEEN REDBOURN AND HEMEL HEMPSTEAD**

Are you aware that there is a very serious threat to our Green Belt from Government Policy to build a large number of new homes in the East of England Region. Large areas of land between Hemel Hempstead and the M1, along both sides of the Redbourn Road, have been earmarked as potential development sites to meet housing targets imposed on Dacorum Borough Council.

The East of England Regional Assembly (an un-elected body established by the government) produced a Draft Regional Plan that included housing targets up to 2021. The Draft Plan was considered by "an Independent Panel of Government Inspectors" in late 2005/early 2006. In the Draft Plan, St Albans District was set a target of 7,000 homes by 2021, and Dacorum a target of 6,300. Both could be achieved without any changes to Green Belt boundaries.

However, the Panel of Inspectors have just published a Report that recommends Dacorum's target be increased to 12,000 homes by 2021, and recommends that there should be substantial development to the east of Hemel Hempstead (i.e. towards the M1) which is within St Albans District Green Belt. Even worse, it also recommends Green Belt boundaries around Hemel Hempstead be revised to provide for longer term development needs to 2031. This implies a further 6000 homes, making a total of 18,000 homes for Dacorum. Proposals have already been submitted by landowners/developers that imply at least 4000 new homes being built between the M1 and Hemel Hempstead.

In mid December 2006 the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (presently Ruth Kelly) is due to issue the proposed changes to the Draft Regional Plan, taking account of the Panel's recommendations. A 12 week consultation period will follow in early 2007, with approval of the final Plan in late spring/early summer 2007.

Both St Albans District Council and Dacorum Borough Council oppose the recommendations but have to consider how their Local Development Plans will accommodate the likelihood that this massive development will be imposed.

In arriving at their recommendations the Panel of Inspectors have brushed aside issues such as traffic congestion, health provision (reduction of Hemel Hempstead Hospital facilities), demand for water that is depleting our aquifers and drying up our streams and rivers, loss of Green Belt, which is an environmental asset, the risk of another Buncefield Fuel depot disaster, and possible shortfall in educational provision. Some affordable and social housing would result, but the great majority will remain in the unaffordable category.

Finally, if Hemel Hempstead does eventually expand into land currently part of the St Albans District, as suggested, it will function as part of Hemel Hempstead and it may be seen appropriate to ask the Boundary Commission to transfer this land into Dacorum. Hemel Hempstead will then be closer to merging with Redbourn.

Redbourn Parish Council will keep residents informed. There will be an opportunity to voice concerns at the 12 week consultation period on the East of England Plan in early 2007. St Albans District Council also will conduct a consultation on its strategy for the overall planning framework for the District in the early part of 2007.

Are you concerned about losing Green Belt? Find out more about the above proposals by attending a

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

Redbourn Village Hall - Centenary Suite on  
Wednesday, 6th December, 2006, 7.30pm

District/Parish Councillors and Planning Officers will be present to explain the proposals and answer your questions

## Responsible Dog Ownership

Dogs are wonderful pets and they bring a lot of pleasure to their owners - the deposits they leave behind are not so wonderful and bring considerable displeasure - especially to parents having to clean up after their children have inadvertently trodden in a smelly pile. Please help us keep the environment safe for our children by clearing up after your dog and using the dog bins provided by the Parish Council.

## Inconsiderate Driving

Complaints have been received about speeding, driving and parking on pavements. If you spot someone behaving in this anti-social manner please report the registration number to the Parish Council. Blocking pavements, causing people, particularly mothers with young children, to walk into the road is not only inconsiderate but puts lives in danger. Urgent matters should be reported on 999 and matters requiring police response on 0845 33 00 222. Ali Dewar, the Community Police Support Officer's number is 07845 219523 and PC Christine Clayton's is 07736 225305.

## Redbourn Care Group

At its 26th AGM on 26th Peter Fox was elected Chairman, Barry Welch Vice-Chairman. The existing executive committee was re-elected en bloc. Publicity was given to the Lions International initiative to save lives of vulnerable people with its "message in a bottle" scheme. The Care Group has special containers, stickers and detail forms and would urge all residents not yet in the scheme to contact them. They can provide expert, confidential help to get it properly installed in your home. It is simple, unobtrusive, costs nothing and saves lives.

One of the main aims of the Care Group is to help fight loneliness. They have many contacts with groups who offer friendship and support and would like to know of anyone who needs a little help. Information on shopping trips, the New Year party and outings may be obtained, and seats booked by contacting Annie Lowe on 794615 or the Care Group office on 794550.

The Care Group would welcome new volunteers to help them to respond to the growing number of requests for a helping hand. Like so many others, you may well find that getting involved with the local caring effort brings its own rewards, such as new friendships and the inner glow of a job well worth doing; there is clear evidence that such involvement helps keep you young at heart.

## Subsidised Energy Efficiency Measures for Your Home

St Albans City & District Council have recommenced their energy efficiency scheme that could benefit people living in 'hard to treat' homes.

The council are able to provide solid wall or un-insulated properties with **insulating radiator panels** at the greatly subsidised price of £6.00 for a pack of 8 panels, or for **FREE** if you are over 60 or in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

### Insulating Radiator Panels

#### WHY?.....

- \* **Increases warmth and comfort levels**
- \* **Heats homes up faster**
- \* **Reduces heat loss through external walls by up to 10%**
- \* **Saves you money on your energy bill**
- \* **Quick and simple to install**

#### HOW?.....

- \* **Heat that is normally lost through the external wall is radiated more efficiently back into the room**

#### HOW MUCH?.....

- \* **FREE to households over the age of 60, or in receipt of a qualifying benefit**
- \* **£6.00 for all other households**



The scheme is open to all private households in the St Albans district with solid or un-insulated cavity walls. This scheme is strictly DIY only and panels should be fitted behind radiators on external walls to get maximum benefit.

If you would like to benefit from insulating radiator panels, or know someone who would be interested, please contact the Sustainability Team at the district offices on 01727 819380 or 819446.

## REDBOURN RECREATION CENTRE

Now that the bowling green is up and running the Centre is turning its thoughts towards a new project and would welcome your suggestions.

The initial thoughts are for a facility for younger people. Suggestions received to date include a crazy golf pitch or a children's play area.

If you have any ideas that you would like to be considered please let the Parish Clerk know and we will pass them onto the

### Missing Tea Urn

If you recently hired the village hall and brought your own tea urn would you please check that the one you took home is yours. A new tea urn was recently purchased for the village hall and it seems to have been inadvertently swapped for an older model! Contact Janet Few 792822.

## DATES for your DIARY

### Monday Club for the over 60's

St Mary's Transept 2 to 4pm - friendly atmosphere,  
light refreshments served (Transport available)

Contact: David Viollet, 01582 712097

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### Thursday Pop-In

Village Hall - 9.30 to 11.30 am - Tea Coffee & Biscuits

Stalls: Plants, Books, Cards, Bric-a-Brac

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### Table Top Sale

Redbourn Recreation Centre

Sunday, 3rd December - 10am to 3pm

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### OPEN MEETING

Development in Green Belt

between Hemel Hempstead and Redbourn

Wednesday, 6th December at 7.30pm

Centenary Suite - Village Hall

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### REDBOURN PLAYERS - "A Christmas Carol"

Redbourn Village Hall - 7th to 9th December

Tickets from Hardware Stores/Ashtons

Contact: 01582 792783

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### Redbournbury Mill - Christmas Open Day

Sunday, 10th December - 10.30 to 5pm

New Years Day - 11am to 4pm

Tel: 01582 792974

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## YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

### Beaumont Ward

Christine Cardy

16 Cumberland Drive 01582 794744

James Lowen (Chairman Finance)

2 Mulberry Place - 01582 794039

Maria Maynard

2 High Street

Colin O'Donovan (Chairman Commons)

7 Ver Road - 01582 792382

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10 Saberton Close - 01582 793151

Tony Swendell

6 Monks Close - 01582 792076

### Nicholls Ward

Anthony Bull (Chairman)

10 Crouch Hall Gardens - 01582 793756

Kevin Maidment

Scout Farmhouse, Dunstable Road - 01582 794259

Stan Pierpoint

4 Wheatlock Mead - 01582 792117

Philip Rosen (Chairman Planning)

34 Bettespole Meadows - 01582 792585

Pat Schofield

82 The Park - 01582 793096

Vivienne Windle

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### Parish Clerk

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### District Councillors

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### County Councillor

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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](mailto:redbournpc@talk21.com)