



## UPDATE ON PARISH CENTRE

*Both planning applications to redevelop the Youth Centre as a Parish Centre have now been approved: one by the District Council and one at appeal. In view of the concerns expressed by the residents of South Common cottages the Parish Council has decided to develop the second application which has a lower roofline. As the works are to be carried out on common land we have to wait until permission is received from the Secretary of State before we can proceed.*

### MINIBUS GARAGE

#### Can you help!!

The Care Group has obtained permission from the Fire Services to build a much needed garage for the minibus on the Fire Station site in Dunstable Road. They now require the services of a friendly architect to draw up plans for submission to the District Council for planning permission. They have in mind to build a construction similar to the much admired Cricket Pavilion on the Common. If you are able to help the Care Group Peter Fox, 01582 793303 would be delighted to hear from you.

### NOISY AIRCRAFT!

Are you troubled by noise from aircraft flying over Redbourn? We are looking for someone to keep a list of times and dates noisy aircraft fly over the village. Also, someone who can search the internet for information on flights using Luton Airport at night. Please contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor if you are able to help.

### "WARM AND WELL" GRANT

Free cavity wall and loft insulation is available for people aged 65 and over, who do not receive benefit, and whose main income is from a state pension.

The work is carried out by "Working Herts Ltd", which provides work-based learning for young trainees aged 16-18 who gain valuable training whilst carrying out this work.

Contact Andrew Scullion, District Council offices, 01727 819 450 for further information.



Parish Council Chairman Pat Schofield presents first prize to Sophie (Fledglings Nursery & Pre-School) for her poster in the Redbourn in Bloom Hanging Basket poster competition

## VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the resignation of Christine Cardy, who has moved out of the village, there is a vacancy on Redbourn Parish Council. If you are interested in helping us to improve facilities for the village and would like to be considered for the post of Parish Councillor please send a copy of your CV to the Clerk by 28th September. Provided there is no call for an election, applicants will be invited to meet the present councillors who will elect the successful candidate. The full council meets on the third Thursday of the month, Common Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month. The Planning Committee meets on Mondays, approximately every four weeks. The Finance Committee meets four times a year. The Parish Centre Development Committee meets as and when required. You will be given an opportunity to join Committees in which you have a particular interest. In addition to these Committees members also sit on outside bodies/village organisations and report back to full Council. Contact details for Parish Councillors are given on the back of this newsletter and any Councillor will be happy to explain what the post entails.

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.

**VILLAGE OF THE YEAR**  
**Congratulations to Redbourn!**

This year Redbourn received three awards in the CPRE Hertfordshire Village of the Year Competition. We won the Older People Category and received a commendation in the Environment Category and in the Information Communication Technology Category. All of these awards were richly deserved and are a credit to everyone working to improve facilities in the village.

**REDBOURN IN BLOOM**  
**Local Competition Results**

Public Houses	1st: Cricketers PH	2nd: Chequers PH	3rd: Hollybush PH
Businesses	1st: Little Revel End Kennels	2nd: Datalogic	3rd: Orchard Farm Cattery
Shops/Restaurants	1st: Romanios	2nd W Hall (Butcher)	3rd: Indian Nights
Schools/Nurseries	1st: Redbourn Pre-School Play Group (Methodist Church)		
Community Buildings	Joint 1st: St John Fisher/ Redbourn Museum		3rd: Recreation Centre
Hanging Baskets	1st: V Henry, 51 HH Road	2nd: S Andrews, 33 Ver Rd	3rd: B Jones, 8 Snatchup
Pots	1st: V Henry, 51 HH Road	2nd: S Andrews, 33 Ver Rd	3rd: B Jones, 8 Snatchup
Window Boxes	1st: J Swendell, 6 Monks Cl	2nd: M King, 56 Church End	3rd: S Andrews, 33 Ver Rd
Sheltered Accom	1st: New Forge Place	2nd: Woollams	3rd Gertrude Peak Place
Allotments	1st: C Rush, 77 Tassell Hall	2nd: J & B Corsbie, 19 Holts Meadow	3rd: F Chapman, 7 Aysgarth Road
	HC: Bishop R Smith, 7 Aysgarth Road		
Large Gardens	1st: P and A Brown, Beesnest North Common	2nd B & K Mead, Mansdale West Common	3rd D & B Corbett 27 North Common
Medium Gardens	1st: V Henry, 51 HH Road	2nd: S Andrews, 33 Ver Rd	3rd M Kerry, 11 Lynsey Cl
Small Gardens	1st: G & G Green, 45 Downedge	2nd: B & S Foster, 22 Wheatlock Mead	3rd: E & P Ditchfield 14 Brooke End
Drought Gardens	1st: S Bradley, 25 Ben Austins	2nd: V & C Allen, 40 Silk Mill	Joint 3rd: W Cruickshank, 41 The Park Mr and Mrs Fox 29 Wheatlock Mead
Overall Winner	V Henry, 51 Hemel Hempstead Road		



First a big THANK YOU to all in Redbourn who supported our Annual Fete on a very wet Saturday in June. In spite of the rain we raised over £1,500 which replenished some of our funds following recent large expenditure on the refurbishment of the Scout Hut.

Redbourn has a thriving Scout Group, with Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections. The Scout Hut has been newly refurbished with new electrics, plumbing, insulation, kitchen, toilets etc. We have our own minibus to provide the "OUT" in scOUTing and a full range of equipment with tents and all that is needed for camping.

There is always a BUT!! The Group is short of leaders, especially in the Cub section, 8 to 10 ½ years, both boys and girls. Could you spend the time to get involved and help? Please contact Pieter France, Scouter in Charge on 01582 793305 or pieter.france@anritsu.com, or any of the leaders. Help is also needed behind the scenes eg Executive Committee, grounds maintenance, handy person etc. Contact Richard Capaldi on 01582 794556 or capaldi@onetel.net or myself to find out more. We often hear, "I was in the cubs/scouts". Now is the time to put something back if you are able to ensure that Redbourn Scouting continues to flourish. Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

Geoff Woodhouse 01582 792668

Redbourn  
Recreation  
Centre



# KIDS CAMP

October 1/2 Term 2007

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October

FOR CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS

**NOW BOOKING!!**

FULL DAY (9am - 5pm)

£15

HALF DAY

(9am - 12.30pm or 1.30-5pm)

£8.00

OFSTED Registered

CHILDREN WILL DROPPED OFF

AT 8.30am or 1pm

AT THE COST OF AN EXTRA FEE

THIS SERVICE MUST BE BOOKED

IN ADVANCE

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED.

Please make sure you book AT LEAST ONE WEEK in advance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE STAFF AT

REDBOURN RECREATION CENTRE  
ON 01582 626202



Redbourn Care Group  
Registered charity 297955

If you are in need of help please contact the Care Group.

The Care Group is a local voluntary organisation which can help with collecting prescriptions, library books, and shopping. It can arrange voluntary private transport to hospitals, doctors, surgeries, dentists, opticians, and clinics. It provides a minibus for transport to shops, Clubs, and Day Centres.

The Care Group Office (Tel. No. 01582 794550) is in the Village Hall. Opening hours are 9:30 to 12 noon Mondays to Fridays.

We also welcome new volunteers who can spare a few hours every month.

## CUMBERLAND GARDEN

We hope that by the time this newsletter is published the Cumberland Garden will (at last) be open. The most recent delay has been caused because EDF is negotiating an easement with Miller Homes to permit future repairs to be carried out to its electrical equipment which is located in the garden. The Chairman of Miller Homes has assured us that the legalities should be completed, and that the garden transferred to the Parish Council, by the end of August!!

## VANDALISM

Unfortunately, there has been a considerable amount of vandalism in the village recently. In particular the glass in noticeboards in Long Cutt, Lybury Lane and Hemel Hempstead Road is continually being smashed, play equipment in Long Cutt has been vandalised, road signs have been ripped off supports and/or stolen and the sides of the bus shelters have been pushed out. If you see anyone causing damage please report this to the police.

## PAYMENT OF COUNCIL BILLS IN POST OFFICE

The District Council has recently sent out letters giving a list of Post Offices where Council bills may be paid. Unfortunately, Redbourn Post Office was missed off the list. **Please note that you can still pay your Council bills at Redbourn Post Office.** If we are to retain local services it is important that we continue to use our local shops.

## PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

A little thought on where you park your car could help prevent accidents.

Remember that if you park on the pavement you may be preventing access for a parent with children, forcing them to walk onto the road and into a potentially dangerous situation. Do not block driveways or park in such a manner that would prevent access for emergency vehicles. This is a particular problem in Pondsmeade where vehicles regularly block the access. Remember, your five minute trip to the shops could be life threatening if it prevents emergency treatment for some poor soul.

Do not park on blind bends. This puts motorists overtaking your parked car in potential danger if they cannot see oncoming traffic. There have been a number of reported near misses in particularly in Lamb Lane.

If you spot a car which has been parked in a dangerous manner please inform the Parish Council of the registration number.

## REDBOURN RECREATION CENTRE

**DUTY OFFICER Full Time (37 hours on average per week)**

Salary from £13k - £15k dependent on qualifications and experience

**ARE YOU a self motivated individual, hardworking and flexible**

**DO YOU HAVE OR ARE YOU PREPARED TO TRAIN TO GET a first aid qualification; fitness training qualifications; an NVQ (level 2 or 3) in childcare/playwork or equivalent; experience of working with young people.**

*A vacancy exists for a person able to take charge of our 'Kids Camp' holiday play scheme or our fitness room operation, as well as sharing in the shift rotas of the Centre. This is a responsible position offering an opportunity for independent working as part of a small team, including working evenings and week-ends and, of course, most school holidays. You will, whilst on duty, be responsible for the daily operation of the Centre including promotion of activities, health and safety, bookings, cash handling and security.*

To apply please send an up to date CV stating your current salary with a handwritten letter of application to The Manager, Redbourn Recreation Centre, 75, Dunstable Road, Redbourn, Herts AL3 7PP. Informal enquiries may be made to Debbie Hickman, Manager (Tel: 01582 626202) **Closing date for applications: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

## FIREWORK DISPLAY

This year's firework display is to be held on Saturday, 3rd November. The Firework Working Party would welcome volunteers to help organise/steward the event. Please contact Colin O'Donovan 01582 792382.

## DATES for your DIARY

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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 - Tea Coffee & Biscuits

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

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15 September - Redbourn in Bloom

Horticultural Show, Redbourn Village Hall  
pick up a programme detailing categories  
you can enter from Post Office

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22 September - Redbourn in Bloom visit to  
Sissinghurst Garden

Contact Pat Schofield 793096 for information

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3 November - Redbourn Firework Display

Redbourn Common Stalls 6.30

Fireworks 7pm approx

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## YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

### Beaumont Ward

◆  
Maxine Crawley

14 Saberton Close - 01582 793760

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James Lowen (Chairman Finance)

2 Mulberry Place - 01582 794039

### VACANCY

◆  
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

◆  
Liam Beere

Greyfriars, The Common - 01582 793692

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Anthony Bull

10 Crouch Hall Gardens - 01582 793756

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Kevin Maidment

Scout Farmhouse, Dunstable Road - 01582 794259

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Maria Maynard

2 High Street

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Pat Schofield (Chairman)

82 The Park - 01582 793096

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Vivienne Windle

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

Maxine Crawley, 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](mailto:redbournpc@talk21.com)