



REDBOURN FIREWORK DISPLAY 2007

As ever, Fantastic Fireworks gave Redbourn a wonderful display. The weather was unusually warm which probably helped bring out the crowds. The Scouts sold out of hot dogs and the Infant School sold out of light wands which is an indication that a good time was had by all. We would be pleased to hear from any organisation that would like to join us next year and use this opportunity to raise funds. Thanks to the rattling of the bucket collectors, generosity of the sponsors, and hard work of the ticket sellers, we managed to raise £5,264.40 which leaves a balance of £2,647.50 after deductions. This has enabled us to make donations to Redbourn Care Group, Cancer Research (in memory of Keith Peyton who worked staunchly on the Firework Working Party), Redbourn Day Care Centre, Redbourn Museum, Recreation Centre, Good Companions, Redbourn Pop In, Junior School, Infant School, St Lukes, Tiddlywinks, Scouts, Brownies and Redbourn in

Raffle prize winners were as follows:

Prize	Donated by	Winner
Mountain Bike	RPM Builders	J Hubbard
Dinner for Two	Ramada Jarvis	S Bourne
Dinner for Two	The Bull	Mrs Henderson
Dinner for Two	The Chequers	P Murray
Dinner for Two	The Cricketers	Mrs Holmes
Dinner for Two	The Hollybush	R Rolfe
Voucher	Aroski	Mrs Churchill
Voucher	W Hall (Butchers)	J Bourne
Voucher	The Studio	A King
Voucher	Jones & Hall	N Brown
Voucher	Redbourn Barbers	T Back
Flowers	Regency Bouquet	R O'Donovan
Whisky	A E Swendell	D Cutmore
Drambuie	A V Bull	Mrs Gunson
Wine	O'Donovan & Sons (Plumbers)	Mrs Palmer
Wine	Indian Knights/ Romanios	B Gilliam
Wine	The George	C Back
Wine	Bell & Shears	Maria
Art Set	Crown Pharmacy	J Curry
Tin of Biscuits	Co-op Welcome	J Way
Tin of Roses	Co-op Welcome	L Emmins

Sponsors:

AD Builders, J R Hills, Jarvis,
Oakwood Homes, Little Revel End Kennels,
Phillips Funerals, Mannedge Construction,
RPM, J&N Antiques, Wedlake Saints,
Redbourn Dental Practice, DC Surridge

POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Many thanks to everyone who entered the firework competition. This year they were judged by Barbara Corbett, a founding member of Redbourn in Stitches.

ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

- 1st Daniel Cullin
- 2nd James Franklin
- 3rd Shannon Harvey

INFANT SCHOOL

- 1st Amy Kirk
- 2nd Ralf Murray
- 3rd Gina Whiteing



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.

CUMBERLAND GARDEN OPEN AT LAST!

After protracted legal difficulties the keys to Cumberland Garden were received from Miller Homes at 12.30pm on Friday, 9th November and the gardens were immediately opened to the Community. The garden was officially opened slightly later, by the Deputy Mayor of St Albans, on a very wet Saturday and was followed by a warming glass of mulled wine and a mince pie in The Bull.

Take a stroll through the garden, which connects the High Street to Hawkes Drive car park and the Health Centre, and enjoy the wonderful asset given to Redbourn. Any suggestions you may have on improvements to the garden would be very welcomed and it is hoped that you will help us with both suggestions and maintenance.

The garden is intended to be a peaceful haven; not to be used for sports, cycling, skateboarding or other games. Young people using it for sports should be directed to an area on the Common, opposite the Methodist Church, which is kept short for ball games. Needless to say alcohol is banned. We need to ensure that the garden is not fouled by dogs. We know that most dog owners are responsible, but unfortunately, there are a few who do not clear up after their dogs. It is to be hoped that they will mend their ways as this anti-social habit is a serious health hazard for our children.

The garden will be locked at nights between 6pm and 8am for security purposes and also to protect those living around the garden from nuisances which may occur after dark. Signs will be kept to a minimum.

The Hawkes Drive Car Park will be maintained by the District Council. A number of parking spaces are to be allocated to the Health Centre and the District Council have agreed to install a small, discreet, CCTV camera for security purposes. General parking will be restricted to three hours per session during the day (with the exception of the Health Centre spaces). The Parish Council is aware that parking in the village and the High Street is at a premium. We must all acknowledge that it is not always possible to park within yards of our destination, particularly if we wish to keep the traffic flowing through the High Street. There are plenty of marked parking bays in Dunstable Road which is within easy walking distance from the High Street.

Cumberland Garden belongs to us all and we want everyone to enjoy the garden. This will not be possible if people are intimidated by anti-social behaviour. A tight rein needs to be kept on this from the beginning to ensure that the garden is used for the purposes for which it is intended. The police have been asked to pay particular attention to the garden and we would also ask for your support. Should you happen to witness any incidents in the garden kindly report these immediately to the police on 0845 33 00 222, or serious incidents on 999.

At the moment we have a rota of councillors and volunteers who are kindly locking and unlocking the gate on a weekly basis. There are six volunteers in all so each volunteer takes a turn every six weeks. Obviously the more volunteers we have the better. If you would be willing to take assist us with this task perhaps you would kindly telephone Diane Whiskin, Clerk to the Council, on 01582 794832.

Please do pay the garden a visit and enjoy a tranquil repose from the busy High Street.



Handing-over of the Keys



Official Opening by the Deputy Mayor of Sr Albans

FRIENDS OF THE NICKEY LINE

Walks:

Discover Redbourn, Sunday 17th February 2008, 2pm

A (less than) 2 mile walkabout of Redbourn, led by Doug Nevell (01582 762120 for queries), largely for the uninitiated, incorporating the Nickey Line, with titbits of local interest and an option to visit the Village Museum. Meet at the Common car park, by the cricket pavilion, for a 2pm start. It would be as well to anticipate Winter conditions and dress appropriately.

Walk the Nickey Line & Rothamsted Estate, Thursday 6 March 2008, 10:00

Join the Countryside Management Service on this varied approx 2hr circular walk taking in part of the Line to look for early signs of Spring and discover some of the heritage of the line. Please wear stout footwear and meet on the Nickey Line at the Roundwood crossing, the top of Park Hill. Contact CMS West and Southern 01727 848168 Grid Ref 512478E 214772N (TL 124 147)

Circular Walk, Sunday 16 March, starting 2pm by Redbourn

Meet at the bottom of Harpenden Lane by the Redbourn bypass, grid reference TL 112 128 for a 4 mile circular walk via Hammonds End and Redbournbury Mill, looking at the wildlife on route. Wear stout footwear. Contact Roger on 01582 763560 for details.

Why not visit Friends of the Nickey Line website at www.nickeyline.org

STOP PRESS: There has been a delay in works on the Nickey Line pending the contractors obtaining permission from the utility companies to carry out works near existing supplies. The contractors anticipate that works should recommence shortly.



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.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Please let us have your views on whether Redbourn should pay for a PCSO by completing the form below and returning it to the Diane Whiskin, Clerk to the Council, Redbourn Village Hall, 63 High Street, Redbourn, AL3 7LW.

You have probably heard that our PCSO, Alli Dewer, has moved to Yorkshire and Redbourn is now sharing a PCSO with Wheathampstead. Hertfordshire Constabulary has said Redbourn may have its own dedicated PCSO if it is prepared to pay 50% of the costs ie £7,500. This would mean increasing the Precept (the money Redbourn Parish Council raises through rates) by an additional 6.26%. This would cost each household in Redbourn an extra £3.14 per annum over and above the tax you already pay for policing.

Please let us know whether you would approve of this increase. You should be aware that if it is agreed that Redbourn should partially finance a dedicated PCSO there is no guarantee that the officer will always work in the village. He/she may be called upon to work elsewhere in the District should the necessity arise. Also a PCSO is not trained to the same standard, and does not have the same powers, as a Police Officer.

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Name.....

Address.....

I do/do not* agree to partially finance a Police Community Support Officer

*Delete as appropriate

EASTER ART & CRAFTSHOW

Village Hall

Sat 22nd March - 10-4pm

Sun 23rd March - 11-4pm

Mon 24th March - 11-4pm

- * original paintings
- * craft stalls
- * children's colouring competition
- * refreshments and raffle

If you are interested in showing paintings, having a craft stall or helping at the event please contact Pat Schofield 01582 793096

In aid of Redbourn Recreation Centre and Playing Field Trust

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Can you spare a few hours every now and then to help with planting or weeding around the village? Is there an area near you that could be improved? Is so, Redbourn in Bloom Horticultural Society would be very pleased to hear from you.

Contact Diane Whiskin, 01582 794832.

REDBOURN SCOUTS

Redbourn has a thriving Scout Group with Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections. The Scout Hut has been newly refurbished and we have our own transport, a full range of camping equipment and all that is needed for adventurous outdoor activities. Since we last wrote in the September issue of Redbourn News a number of people have come forward to help with the Beaver section of the Group (6 to 8 years old). However these young people move into the Cubs and this is where we are short of leaders and helpers at the present time. This age group ranges from 8-10½ years (boys and girls) and is both challenging and rewarding.

To find out more about this and various vacancies on the Group Executive Committee please contact Geoff Woodhouse on 01582 792668. Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

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

Thursday Pop-In - Village Hall 9.30 to 11.30am

Why not join your friends for a cup of tea
or coffee and a friendly chat

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

27th Feb, 7.30pm, RIB talk on

"RHS Gardens of Wisley, Hyde Hall and Rosemoor"

by Alan Sawyer in St Mary's Transept

Tickets £4.50 members £5.00 non members

Contact: Pat Schofield 01582 793096

or Rita Green 01582 626542

23rd March 10-4pm, 24th March 10-4pm

25th March 11-4pm - Easter Art Show in Village Hall

9th April, 7.30pm, RIB Talk on

"Gertrude Jekyll - her place in garden history"

by Rosamunde Wallinger in St Mary's Transept,

Tickets £4.50 members, £5.00 non members

Contact: (see above)

8th May, 7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting

Redbourn Village Hall

12th to 16th May - RIB Horticultural Show

Trip to Salisbury - Cost £385 (hurry - only

A few places left Contact Rita Green 01582 626542

RIB Open Gardens Weekend, 28th/29th June

If you are interested in opening your garden

Contact Rita Green (tel no above)

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Beaumont Ward

Roger Gray

"Stoneleigh", Blackhorse Lane 01582 76914



James Lowen (Chairman Finance)

2 Mulberry Place - 01582 794039



Maria Maynard

2 High Street



Colin O'Donovan (Chairman Commons)

7 Ver Road - 01582 792382



Ron Stent

10 Saberton Close - 01582 793151



Tony Swendell

6 Monks Close - 01582 792076



Nicholls Ward



Anthony Bull

10 Crouch Hall Gardens - 01582 793756



Liam Beere

"Greyfriars", The Common - 01582 793692



Maxine Crawley

14 Saberton Close - 01582 793760



Vacancy

Pat Schofield (Chairman)

82 The Park - 01582 793096



Vivienne Windle

1 Coopers Meadow - 01582 626351



Parish Clerk

Diane Whiskin

Village Hall, 63 High Street Redbourn AL3 7LW

01582 794832



District Councillors

Maxine Crawley, Tony Swendell

(Addresses etc. as above)

Susan Carr

103 Dunstable Road - 01582 794475



County Councillor

Derek Hills

01582 629433



Member of Parliament

Rt Hon Peter Lilley

01582 834344



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