



The Litter Pick

Sunday 5 April 2009

An ironing board, mattress and a pair of wellies were items of rubbish collected by those that took part in the annual litter pick at the beginning of April. Volunteers spent the morning litter picking in Dunstable Road and the road leading to the Millenium Site at the entrance of the Village and collected 12 sacks of rubbish. Satisfied with their mornings work, the litter pickers were invited by the manager of The Bull PH to relax with a free cup of tea or coffee.

Grateful thanks to all volunteers who took part, plus a special thanks to students from the Transition Programme, Oaklands College, who litter picked around the Recreation Centre on Friday 3 April.

Can you think of a humourous caption for the photograph? Please send any suggestions to the Parish Clerk at the Village Hall, High Street, Redbourn, AL3 7LW. There will be a small prize for the caption judged to be the funniest.

How is your carbon footprint doing?

Advice from the United Sustainable Energy Agency

If you follow this advice you could be travelling a lot further on a tank of fuel. No new car is required - just a change to smarter driving.

Try these tips:



Shift up the gears earlier (between 2000 and 25000 rpm).

Cruising comfortably in 5th gear is the best place to be

Cut your top speed. Wind resistance increases significantly with speed. The optimum speed for fuel efficiency is 45-50 mph

Avoid unnecessary braking by anticipating the traffic ahead. Fluid motion is better than stop start.

Stay in gear when slowing down, and take your foot off the accelerator as early as possible. This reduces fuel consumption to near zero.

Plan your route to avoid congestion or getting lost.

Smarter driving could save you about one month's worth fuel each year. For more money saving tips, contact the **Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012.**

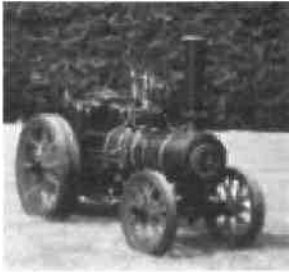
SPEED LIMIT

We have received notification from Hertfordshire County Council that there will be a 10 mph speed limit on the B487 Hemel Hempstead Road/B487 Redbourn Bypass, from its junction with Holtsmere Lane north eastwards to its junction with the A5183 St Albans Road/A5183 Redbourn Bypass roundabout. The purpose of the speed limit is to enable highways maintenance work to take place, sometime during the period 18 May 2009 and 30 December 2009 when signs are in place. Queries to Project Engineer, 01438 757857.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Redbourn Youth Parish Council has recently reformed and aims to represent the views of young people in Redbourn. Look out for publicity and further news over the summer as they begin their grand launch!

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.



REDBOURN IN STEAM

Redbourn Village Museum is pleased to invite you to their local steam experience on Saturday 14 June. You will note that this is not on Father's Day, as in previous years. Visiting traction engines will be in steam from 11 am to 3 pm and make a magnificent site as they arrive and depart from the Museum. As usual, there will be plenty of toys for the boys, large and small! The Museum hopes to have The St Albans Model Engineering Society in attendance once again. Entrance fees will be £2 for adults, £1 for children, and 50p for Friends of the Museum.

CUMBERLAND GARDEN

If you can spare an hour or so on the first Wednesday morning of every month at 10.00 am, volunteers are needed to help with weeding at Cumberland Garden. We have received many compliments about the way it is looking, and the spring flowers have been a real delight. Sadly, the weeds are now coming through and the beds need some serious attention. If you can help, we'd (no pun intended) be delighted to see you. Just come along with a trowel and/or a hoe, and perhaps, a kneeler. We will be delighted to see you! The Landlord at The Bull PH has offered free tea and coffee to volunteers.

We are hoping to make this a regular event, so please make a note in your diary.

Access to Hertfordshire Libraries from Home

Did you know some library services are accessible from an Internet connected computer, wherever you are? Log on to www.hertsdirect.org/libraries. From here you can join the library, search the library catalogue, request and renew your books, and find information for homework or private study. It also offers access to county and district council services, details of local clubs and organisations, and a wide variety of recommended websites. The Online Reference Library offers a range of online titles, including the full Oxford English Dictionary, Encyclopaedia Britannica, national newspaper and journal articles and the Grove dictionaries of art and music. These titles, only available on subscription are offered free to library members. All you have to do is just follow the instructions on the screen.

Whether you want to join the library, find your nearest squash club, the answer to a quiz question or do your homework, give the library pages a try.

RECREATION CENTRE

Sincere thanks to **Inger Cooper** for the time, enthusiasm and energy she has devoted to the Recreation Centre both as the Company Secretary and the Gardner!. She has been a great supporter of this village facility, and we wish her all the best and hope that she enjoys the extra time and space that she now has available.

Following Inger's retirement we are looking for a volunteer for the post of **Company Secretary** at the Recreation Centre. If you would like to take on this important position, please contact Pat Schofield on 01582 793096. Duties include attending a monthly meeting, keeping records of the directors and shareholders, dealing with correspondence, and making returns to the Charities Commission and Companies House.

Gardeners are also required to help maintain the beds around the car parking areas. Pat would be pleased to hear from anyone who may have one or two spare hours a week to help keep this area looking good.

If you are simply interested in using the Centre, and would like to find out more about its facilities and activities please phone 01582 626202.

DOGGIE BAGS



Thanks to all the dog owners who are responsible and pick up after their dogs. However, we are still receiving some complaints about dog litter being left on pavements, grass verges and pathways. As well as being unpleasant, this is a

health hazard. We do have a supply of free doggie bags in the Parish Clerk's Office, so do please drop by and get some.

Easter Arts and Craft Show

A very sincere thank you to all those volunteers that helped at this successful event. Thanks to the sponsorship and advertising by local businesses, plus the work of the artists and crafts people, a magnificent sum of £1700 was raised. This will go towards the purchase of new equipment for the Recreation Centre.

PARISH CENTRE DIG

An archaeological dig has taken place at the site of the proposed new Parish Centre. No ancient relics were found, but the digger used by the contractors did manage to find and damage a water pipe and an electricity cable which led to a 2 hour power cut for some residents who live close by, and for other even more unfortunate residents it was much longer. We apologise on behalf of the contractors for the inconvenience caused to those residents affected.

NEW PLANTER

Redbourn in Bloom volunteers have erected a new planter by the Chequers roundabout. It replaces the previous one, which was decimated by an errant motorist early one morning last year. The picture shows the early stages of construction. Topsoil will be added soon, before the summer planting in early June. The planter was funded partly by a street scene improvement grant from St. Albans District Council. The village Coach & Horses sign, which was also destroyed, will be replaced soon.



SSAFA

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association

A period of service in any of our Armed Forces is all that is needed to qualify for assistance from SSAFA Forces Help. This includes those who serve in our Armed Forces, those who used to serve, the families of both, those who serve in our Reserve Forces and anyone who did National Service and their dependent relatives. Each year SSAFA Forces Help provides a reliable, caring and trusted service to more than 50,000 people..

Although no two people have exactly the same experience whilst serving their country, they are all entitled to the support of **SSAFA Forces Help** if they face difficulty in civilian life. Our trained caseworkers operate through a regional network of nearly 100 branches to support members of the Ex-Service community. They visit people in their own homes to learn about and help with the problems they face. **Anyone who approaches us will be treated with dignity and respect.**

Our volunteers provide experienced, non judgmental and friendly advice, help for those with additional needs for equipment or home redevelopment, and financial assistance, in association with other charities and benevolent funds.

SSAFA Forces Help has been supporting the military community since 1885. Further information is available from

Mrs Pat Andrews

Secretary for St Albans and Harpenden

Tel No: 020 8441 3607.

BUS SERVICE CHANGES IN REDBOURN

Major bus service changes were made on 20 April 2009. These are summarised below:

Uno - 320: This has become the 620, and for most of the time only runs from Lybury Lane and Redbourn to St Albans via Harpenden and Wheathampstead, and most journeys now continue to Hatfield. Times of buses have changed to allow for better co-ordination of services elsewhere on the route. On Mondays to Fridays two journeys each way continue to run to and from Hemel Hempstead at peak times with arrivals there at 0847 and 1714 and departures at 0857 and 1720.

Centrebus - 46: As a result of discussions with Herts County Council, there will be extra 46 journeys between Luton and Hemel Hempstead via Redbourn on Mondays to Saturdays to keep an hourly service throughout most of the day.

Arriva - 46: No change.

Centrebus - 34/343: No change for services between St Albans and Dunstable.

Buses in the village are run as commercial businesses and operators can change routes and times at 8 weeks notice. Hertfordshire County Council does not have legal powers to resolve bus timetable issues. They are aware of the 2 hour gap from Harpenden to Redbourn on schooldays between 2 pm and 4 pm but hope this will get resolved in September when school services are revised.

There is no ticket inter-availability between the bus companies, and return tickets will only be accepted on the same company's service. This issue arises because Arriva only run at some times of the day and other operators do not get a share of the income for accepting their passengers for return travel.

Full timetables are posted on the Intalink Website (www.intalink.org.uk) and at roadside stops.

Timetable information is also available from Traveline* on 0871 200 22 33 (0700-2200 daily).

If you would like to comment on any of the above, then please contact the relevant operator customer service as follows: Arriva 0844 800 4411, Centrebus 0844 357 6520 and Uno 01707 255764.

STOP PRESS

The sudden change of the timetable recently caused chaos for some schoolchildren. This was raised recently on Steven Rhodes program on 3- Counties Radio, by Redbourn residents Katrina Semaine and Cllr. Maxine Crawley, resulting in HCC and the bus company agreeing, on air, to talk to one another to resolve the problem.

DATES for your DIARY

Monday Club for the over 60's
Methodist Church - 2 to 4pm - friendly atmosphere,
Light refreshments served (Transport available)
Contact: Joan Maunders 01582 7792897

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

4th-8th May - Redbourn in Bloom
Trip to York - Contact Rita Green 01582 626452

Sunday 17 May, 10.00 am - Beating of the Bounds
Meeting Point: Harpenden Lane Roundabout

Friday, 23rd May - Redbourn Village Museum
Mr Heather's Film Night - Village Hall
Adults £3, Friends £2.50

Thursday 28 May - Redbourn Parish Council AGM
Village Hall, 7.30 pm

Sunday 14 June - Redbourn Museum
Redbourn in Steam
Adults £3 Friends and children £1

28th and 29th June - Redbourn Open Gardens

Saturday 4 July - St Mary's Church,
Churchyard/Transept - Dance Event -

Thursday, 4th September - Redbourn Museum
Annual Coach Outing to Stoke Bruerne
Narrowboat trip on "Indian Chief" to Blisworth and
Visit to Canal Museum - £25

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting will take place on Thursday 28 May 2009, 7.30 in the Village Hall. It's your opportunity to find out what the Parish Council has achieved over the past year and what projects are proposed for the coming year. Refreshments are served at the end of the meeting, and there is an opportunity to talk with councillors informally. If you would like any further information please contact Diane Whiskin on 01582 794832.

St Albans City & District Council – Regeneration and Town Centres Officer

Maria Cutler from St Albans City & District Council has responsibility for ensuring that all the town centres within the District remain vibrant and healthy. If you are a local business, and would like to discuss any issues contact Maria on 01727 836781 or Mobile 07900134188.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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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



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9 Millers Close - 01582 462737

Pat Schofield (Chairman)
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