



Congratulations to Redbourn in Bloom! **Redbourn wins Silver Gilt and Best Community Project**

Redbourn was awarded Silver-Gilt in the Small Town category for the second year running at the Anglia in Bloom Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday 16 September at Gorleston. We were also awarded 'Best Community Project' for Cumberland Garden. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Membership of Redbourn in Bloom is £5 per year, and besides participating in weeding sessions on the first Saturday of the month, (meeting at 9.00 am outside the Fire Station), members also enjoy a variety of social events including trips and talks. Another voluntary group meets the first Wednesday morning of every month at 10.00 am to do weeding in Cumberland Garden. Extra help is always welcome. Further details from Redbourn Parish Office 01582 794832.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

We win the People Category Award!

Cllr Elaine Warren masterminded the entry this year. Judges had the opportunity to chat to village representatives over home made cake and coffee, enjoyed a ride by steam traction engine to Cumberland Garden and then watched the planting of two apple trees at the new village orchard site (see page 2 for further details about the orchard). Cllr Warren said she was delighted the village won the People Category Award. She said: "A community is as good as the people in it, and the award is a recognition of the many caring volunteers who work hard for others in the village".

SAVE THE GREEN BELT IN REDBOURN

Cllr Chris Brazier, Portfolio holder for Planning and Cllr Robert Donald, Leader of the District Council, came to Redbourn on 18 September to talk about the new Local Development Framework, which will be used for all future planning decisions. A packed meeting of Redbourn residents told the District Councillors that building 100 houses on a flood plain was unacceptable. Cllr Brazier said that the consultation would end on 28 September. If enough residents write to him opposing the choice of H7 East of Redbourn for housing development, it would be removed from the final document, which would be available for further consultation in November. Redbourn Parish Council oppose this release of Green Belt land, and will continue to fight inappropriate development. ***To keep track of the consultation please contact the Planning Department on 01727 866100 for a copy of the planning document when it is completed or visit the District Council website planning pages on www.stalbans.gov.uk/environment-and-planning.***

Good news for Bus Users!

Earlier in the year, the withdrawal of some routes by one bus operator caused problems in Redbourn for those who needed to get to Hemel Hempstead. Negotiations by County Council Transport Officers led to a temporary resolution with Routes 46 and 620 (Centrebus and Uno). The new September timetables will continue these arrangements with an increase to hourly buses, although the 46 will no longer serve Woodside and there are no buses running on Sunday. On the 620 route only one bus in the morning and two in the afternoon go as far as Hemel Hempstead. Parish Councillors asked if Herts County Council could arrange for later running buses from Harpenden to Redbourn but were told that bus companies are reluctant to put services on this late in the day, and any bus routes running later 3.30 pm have to be heavily subsidised. We are hopeful that the problem of cancelled routes has now been resolved, and that people will continue to use the buses. A fall in the number of users will undoubtedly result in further cuts, with no guarantee that County Transport Officers will be able to restore them in future.

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.



Barry Welch, Chairman, writes about the Care Group

Founded in 1980 to support Redbourn people, this valued and successful organisation continues its voluntary work to protect and enhance the quality of life of ALL

residents. It is a registered charity, and was honoured with the Queen's Jubilee Award in 2003. Next year the Group celebrates its 30th Anniversary!

What is it for? To provide friendly help to any resident who may be ill, lonely, had a recent accident, bereavement, finds their life impaired by loss of mobility, or would simply like to enjoy recreation in the company of others.

Who are the Redbourn Care Group? Throughout the week volunteers fulfil roles of drivers, escorts, street contacts and organisers of transport and activities using the Care Bus and personal cars.

How does it work? The Care Office in the Village Hall is staffed weekday mornings (Tel 01582 794550), and staff put together those who need help with those who can help. There is an answering service for out of hours help.

What sort of things can the Care Group do? It endeavours to respond to genuine requests for help, and provides transport to visit hospitals, dentists, doctors and clinics for treatment; collection of medical prescriptions; transport to and from Redbourn Day Centre and trips three times a week to a nearby supermarket and local shops. The Group runs an afternoon Monday Club, provides transport for other Clubs such as Good Companions and the Macular Degeneration Society and frequent outings in the Care Bus.

A brochure (available from the office and other locations in the village) gives further information. Please visit the office or telephone 01582 794550 any weekday morning from 9.30 am.

Drivers, Couriers and Others Wanted!

We need drivers for our silver Mercedes minibus as well as escorts and couriers to care for our passengers. Training will be provided and you will accompany an experienced crew. Enjoyable and rewarding, if this is something you would like to do please call the Care Group Office on 01582 794550 without delay.

PEOPLE IN REDBOURN

Our thanks and very best wishes to **Mrs Catherine Cannon** who recently retired after 36 years as the Clerk to the Trustees of The Redbourn Charities. Mrs Cannon has been a wonderful asset and worked tirelessly for the charity which looks after the Alms Houses in Redbourn.

Derek Hills has recently retired from his position as County and District Councillor. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for the work he has done on behalf of Redbourn Village.

Congratulations to **Maxine Crawley** on her election as County Councillor for Redbourn and Wheathampstead. We look forward to working with her during her term in office

We welcome **Brian Hirschfield** to the post of Managing Director at Redbourn Leisure Centre, and wish him well in his new position.

Good luck to **Phillip and Pat Rosen** as they move out of Redbourn. We wish them much happiness and thank them for everything they have done for the village whilst living here. We will miss them.



REDBOURN HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Once again, Redbourn in Bloom Horticultural Society held a very successful show on 12th September in the Village Hall. Strangely, the number of entries was exactly the same as last year - though the mix was different. Prizes were presented by our own TV cook, Zena Skinner, seen here with Vic Henry and his grand-daughter Genna. Vic was winner of The Championship Trophy (and several others), and Genna won The Children's Cup.

REDBOURN ORCHARD

Redbourn will soon have its own orchard at the Millennium Site, adjacent to the Nickey Line. At least 12 trees have been sponsored, (including a plum, a pear and apples), and these will be planted on 21st October - National Apple Day. If you would like to sponsor a tree in Redbourn's Orchard please contact Diane Whiskin, Clerk to Redbourn Parish Council on 01582 794832. Did you know apples originated in the Middle East, and have been cultivated in the UK since Roman occupation? This year is the 200th Anniversary of the Bramley apple. Mary Brailsford planted pips in her Nottinghamshire garden. Mathew Bramley bought the cottage in 1846 and ten years later he gave a cutting to his friend, Henry Merryweather, a nurseryman, who received awards for the Bramley cooking apple at the Royal Horticultural Society in 1876. The original tree still survives and bears fruit.

**Redbourn Youth Parish Council
Calling all teens in Redbourn**

Nothing to do now summer is over? Nothing for teens to do in the village? Do you want to meet new people and learn useful new skills? You may not know that there is a group of young people trying to make things better for you in Redbourn. We are the Redbourn Youth Parish Council, and we are looking for more members. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month in Redbourn Village Hall. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October, and you can get more details from Alex Ferguson at Youth Connexions on 01442 454060.

Free insulation for over 70s

Did you know that you can get 100% grant funded loft and cavity wall insulation if you are aged 70 years and above. This offer is made irrespective of your income and savings and whether or not you are in receipt of benefits. The only requirement is proof of age, name and address. For more information on insulation grants and discounts, contact: **Cocoon** on **0800 8048 777** (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm).

AGEING WELL IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Hertfordshire County Council's Adult Care Services have produced a booklet packed with information and helpful advice. It covers all sorts of issues such as where to find support, keeping fit, preventing accidents, staying financially secure, and care homes. The booklet is aimed at anyone over 50, and free copies are available from ACS Communications, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DP, telephone 01992 556306, or online at www.hertsdirect.org/acs, using the Adult Care Services publications link on the right of the page.

COULD YOU BE ENTITLED TO A WINDFALL?

Are you a member of a local community group or charity which would benefit from a funding boost? If so, help could be at hand in the shape of the Locality Budget scheme from Herts County Council. Cllr. Maxine Crawley, (County Councillor for Redbourn and Wheathampstead), along with other Herts County Councillors, has been given a £10,000 Locality Budget which she can spend on worthwhile projects in the community that promote social, economic or environmental wellbeing.

To submit an application for a grant please contact www.hertsdirect.org/localitybudget. Maxine would be very happy to hear from you personally before you make a formal submission to discuss your needs so please do contact her at MaxineCrawley@aol.com or by phone on 01582 793760.



Congratulations to Peter Hildebrand who wins a bottle of wine for his winning caption for the photo competition in the last newsletter. You may remember the picture was of three litter pickers in front of a pile of rubbish including a pair of wellington boots which stuck out from underneath. Peter's winning caption was: "I thought there was four of us in this team".

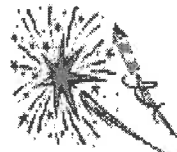
AIRPORT NOISE

You should complain to London-Luton Airport about aircraft noise if you think an aircraft is either excessively noisy, too low or off-track. There are complicated rules about noise and track keeping, but in general you will need to rely on your own awareness of what is "normal" for Redbourn. Although complainants should not over complain, it is important to keep reporting noisy incidents in order to help press for long term solutions. To report noise pollution to London-Luton Airport call 01582 395382 or complete a complaint form at <http://www.london-luton.co.uk/en/noisecomplaint>.

REDBOURN VILLAGE FIREWORK DISPLAY

Saturday 7 November, 7.00 pm

This year's firework display will take place on Saturday 7 November on the Common. There will be stalls, a raffle and a fun fair. Come along and enjoy these from 6.30 pm onwards, and the firework display at 7.00 pm.



This event has become a village tradition enjoyed by many. If we are to succeed this year we need your help. If you are a business (or know one) that would like to sponsor the fireworks please send a donation to the Parish Council. All donations will be acknowledged in the programme and publicity material for the event. Also, volunteers are urgently required to steward the event. If you can spare an hour or two on the night please contact either Colin O'Donovan 07860 631463 or Diane Whiskin 01582 794832.

Walk in to see a GP 8am to 8pm

Did you know that you can now see a doctor (GP) between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays, with or without an appointment? This new service is provided by the West Herts Medical Centre at Hemel Hempstead Hospital, Jubilee Wing, Hemel Hempstead. Ring 03000332233 for more information.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

You may be wondering why nothing seems to be happening with the demolition of the Youth Centre and building of the new Parish Centre. There has been a hiccup with an electricity cable which runs under the building site, and the re-siting of this is causing the delay.

New U3A Opens its Door to Members

If you're retired or nearing that milestone and seek to use your time more effectively your local U3A could provide the answer. The recently formed Ver-Colne Valley U3A meets every third Thursday in the month at Greenwood Park Leisure Centre in Chiswell Green at 10.00 am. To learn more about what's on offer simply go along to one of the monthly meetings, or telephone 01923 673437.

DATES for your DIARY

Every week - Monday Club for the over 60's
Methodist Church - 2 to 4pm - friendly atmosphere,
Light refreshments served (Transport available)
Contact: David Violet, 01582 712097

Every 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

Sunday 4th October - Table Top Sale
Redbourn Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Contact 01582 792822 for further details

Tuesday 6th October - Good Companions
Village Hall, 2.00 - 4.00 pm
(Transport available if required)
Contact 01582 792822 for further details

Friday 9th October - Redbourn in Bloom
Trip to Stourhead
Contact 01582 792738 for details

Saturday 17th October - Party Night
Fat Walter's Band
Village Hall, 8.00 - 11.00 pm
Details and Tickets - 01582 792822

Friday 30 October - Tea Dance
Village Hall, 4.00 - 7.00 pm
Further information and tickets - 01582 792822

Saturday 7 November
Village Firework Event/Fun Fair
The Common,
6.30 pm (Fireworks 7.00 pm)

Saturday 7 November - Barn Dance
Village Hall, 8.00 - 11.00 pm
Tickets - 01582 792822

Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th November - RIBHS Craft Fair
Village Hall

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent or Shared-Carer?

As a **foster carer** you could offer stability and support, to a child or young person at a crucial time in their life. In return you'll receive full training and support, plus a fee and allowance of up to £392 per child per week. Alternatively, you could become a **shared-carer** to children and young people with disabilities looking after them regularly for a short time giving their parents a break from full time caring. If you are interested in finding out more call **0800 917 0925** or visit, **www.hertsdirect.org/fostering**.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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2 High Street



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7 Ver Road - 01582 792382



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District Councillors

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Susan Carr
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County Councillor

Maxine Crawley
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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