



REDBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

cordially invites you to the

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS of the OPENING OF THE REDBOURN BYPASS

on Saturday 19 December 2009

at 6.45 pm

in the Village Hall
63 High Street, Redbourn, Herts AL3 7LW

**Redbourn Museum will be showing a film
about the Bypass at 7.00 pm**

MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINES

*For catering purposes, please telephone 01582
794832 to let the Parish Clerk know if you are
intending to come along to this event.*



Cllr Colin O'Donovan presenting prizes to pupils at St Luke's School who produced stunning firework posters

VILLAGE FIREWORK DISPLAY

*A message of thanks from Cllr Colin O'Donovan,
Chairman of the Firework Working Party*

The Redbourn Firework Display this year was electronically ignited in conjunction with music. We felt this enhanced the display and hope to build on this next year.

We would like to thank Fantastic Fireworks for their wonderful display, St John's Ambulance and the Police for their support and to the local traders who donated prizes to our excellent raffle. A special thanks to all our helpers and stewards before, during and after the display; without their help it would not be possible to carry out the event. We would like to appeal for more stewards and helpers to come forward - without this support the display next year may be jeopardised. Please contact me on 0786061463.

We are pleased to report that with the generosity of our sponsors and people who attended the event, we will have in excess of £1000 to share amongst local organisations and good causes. Our sponsors included:

Fitzgerald Builder
Kris Cornish Publication
Phillips Funeral Directors
B&M Care
Jenni's Sandwiches
The Jarvis Harpenden Charitable Trust
RPM Builders

Finally, to see the fireworks again, go to the village website (www.redbourn.org.uk) and follow the links!



PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS Parish Centre

If no unforeseen circumstances prevail, EDF should be moving the electricity cables on Monday 14 December, and building works are due to commence in the middle of January 2010.

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REDBOURN REALLY DOES NEED YOU!

Vacancies on the Parish Council

Are you interested in our village? Do you have views about its future development? Want to make a contribution to its well-being? Think you could make a difference? Please apply for one of the two vacancies which currently exist on the Parish Council. All you need to do is write to the Parish Clerk explaining why you would like to be a Parish Councillor and enclose a copy of your curriculum vitae. If there are no calls for an election the Parish Council will co-opt two new members and interviews will be held on Thursday 21 January 2010.

Further information from the Parish Clerk (01582 794832)



***Redbourn Parish Council wish all our parishioners
a very happy Christmas and New Year!***

Bus News

Arriva are pleased to announce a new service linking Redbourn to London. The Green Line service will commence on 4 January 2010 and will offer a direct link to the capital. It offers a real alternative to the train with low prices and convenient stops. Departure times are ideal for commuting and days out in London.

Departure times from Redbourn are scheduled to be at 0550, 0635, 0705 and 1000 daily (Mon - Fri). Return journeys from London will depart from Victoria at 1600, 1700, 1810 and 1840. The service will call at Brent Cross, Finchley Road, Baker Street, Marble Arch, Hyde Park Corner and Victoria, which means connections with the London Underground will be easy.

Fares:

£9.50 - Peak Return
£7.50 - Off-peak return
£48.00 - Weekly
£1,490 - Annual



Concessionary bus pass holders will be able to travel free on the 10.00 am service from Redbourn and return free on all return journeys from London. For more information the new timetable and to book tickets, please visit www.greenline.co.uk.



BritishRedCross

Open your Garden for Charity

Do you and some of your neighbours have a collection of unique eye-catching gardens that you would allow the public to visit one Sunday? We currently have over 18 that open throughout the county, and last year they raised £30,964 for the British Red Cross who use the money to deliver emergency, medical, practical and emotional care for people throughout the UK and abroad. Crisis situations happen every day, and the Red Cross is able help people involved with care and understanding when there is no one else to turn to.

If you would like to help, either as a volunteer or by opening your own garden, please call:

Sarah Amexheta or Cas Lawson on 01992 586609.



REDBOURN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Good News on Local Crime

Reported crime in Redbourn is down by 27% on this time last year. Hopefully this is down to greater crime awareness and prevention plus the positive effect of Neighbourhood Watch and our dedicated police team.

The OWL Scheme

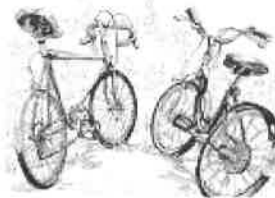
The OWL Scheme connects residents with the Neighbourhood Watch and police by sending out information about crime in the village and gives advice regarding actions to be taken. Messages come to your home via telephone and e-mail messages. There is no personal cost. All you need is a phone (land line) or a home computer. If you want to connect with OWL, contact any of the following:

PCSO Alli Dewar on 01727 796143 or allison.dewar@herts.pnnpolice.uk;

Stella Brimblecombe on 01727 796087 or stella.brimblecombe@herts.pnn.police.uk;

Barry Welch on 01582 626443 or barrywelch@ntlworld.com).

Make sure you are not a victim of pedal cycle theft



Please note that across Redbourn and Harpenden area there has been a dramatic increase in pedal cycle theft. If you have a pedal cycle, make sure it is

locked up securely and do not leave unattended at any time. Note the make and frame number, and take a photo so if stolen it is easily identified. You may consider getting a relatively cheap shed alarm from a DIY shop as an extra deterrent.

Calling All Young People in Redbourn!

Are you always looking for something to do? Do you want to make a difference and have fun in the process? If so, Redbourn Youth Parish Council (RYPC) is here for you to join and make changes for young people in Redbourn.

We recently held our launch event at the firework display on the Common and in the new year we're looking forward to taking part in Redbourn 900, aiding in the design of the new youth centre on the Common and going on a residential to write our constitution. If you are interested in joining, please contact

Mrs Alex Ferguson on 01442 454060 or e-mail alex.ferguson@hertscc.gov.uk.

Nick Pullinger, Chairman RYPC

Personal Safety and Home Security

PCSO Alli Dewar recently visited residents at Woollams to give them personal safety alarms. The alarms were supplied by the Crime Reduction Officer for St Albans City and District Council. Easy to use, these hand held alarms are quickly activated and draw immediate attention to anyone in difficulty by their piercing tone. Alli talked to all residents about their safety in and out of the home. If you would like information about personal alarms or advice about crime prevention in the home, please contact PCSO Alli Dewar on 07845 219523.



Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

by Cllr Vivienne Windle (Chairman)

A large number of Redbourn residents attended the exhibition staged in the Village Hall by the District Council, and the public meeting with District Cllrs Robert Donald and Chris Brazier. What concerned residents and parish councillors was the identification of Area of Search H7, East of Redbourn, in the consultation document. Parish Councillors, residents and local organisations responded on line using the questionnaire forms, or returning leaflets delivered by parish councillors, the parish clerk and members of local organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch. The overwhelming message from the village was that the site, located by the River Ver and an existing flood plain, was inappropriate for the building of 100 new homes.

Following the Local Development Framework (LDF) consultation, Redbourn's Parish Council received a document by e-mail, asking for responses by 5th October - an extremely short deadline, and one which did not allow any time to call a public meeting or distribute leaflets. The Chair of the Parish Council, Vivienne Windle, went through the document and identified a large number of sites being considered for housing development, including H7, the Recreation Centre, St Luke's School, the fire station, the Millenium garden and the gardens of several larger houses. Her report went to the Planning Committee and enabled a speedy response back to the District Council.

Our District Councillor, Maxine Crawley, made enquiries and was told that the original idea had been to put the SHLAA out for consultation to get public opinion on all the proposed housing sites. It was intended that after this, they would produce the LDF document which suggested sites included. However, they ran out of time, and decided on H7 East of Redbourn before they had published the SHLAA for consultation. The SHLAA document was only available on-line, and officers were telling people who visited the exhibitions to look out for it when it came out by searching the District Council website, but did not explain how important it was. This could not have resulted in a very good response from the public.

The Parish Council thinks that this is very unsatisfactory. Although we have been reassured that the only site in Redbourn chosen for inclusion in the new LDF is H7 East Redbourn, the other sites are now in the public domain, having been outlined in the SHLAA document. The document sets out all the strengths and weaknesses of developing the sites, and how obstacles might be overcome. It is our experience that such documents encourage speculative developers to submit planning applications, and they are likely to point to the SHLAA document in any appeal against refusal of planning permission. The other concern is that if Redbourn is successful in getting H7 removed as an area of search for housing in the LDF, the District Council will then look for an alternative site from its list in the SHLAA document.

Please rest assured that the Parish Council is continuing to argue against the building of 100 homes on the H7 site East of Redbourn. In addition, the Parish Council will continue to monitor events closely to make sure that withdrawal of that proposal will not result in an even more inappropriate housing development elsewhere in the village.

Rural Vision Seminar

by Cllr Vivienne Windle (Chairman)

Earlier this year, a company called Urban Practitioners was employed by the District Council to carry out a consultation exercise in the villages, which they called 'Rural Vision'. Approximately 40 Redbourn residents visited the exhibition which was held on a sunny day in the summer outside the village hall. Interestingly our village had the best turnout! In September, they sent out their finished document, which was not attached to any consultation process. Invitations were then sent out to District Councillors to attend a seminar where Urban Practitioners presented their findings. Representatives from local parish councils were not asked to attend, but thanks to the efforts of Redbourn's District Councillor, Maxine Crawley, a separate seminar was arranged for parish clerks with one parish councillor.

Vivienne Windle, Chair of Redbourn Parish Council, attended the seminar and reported back to the parish council. Urban Practitioners reported on each village individually, and the issues they had taken back from Redbourn included affordable housing, better bus services, better access to secondary schools, protection of the Green Belt, action to keep thriving businesses in the High Street, and a car park for the village centre.

Not all the issues in the Rural Vision document can be dealt with by the planning element in the new Local Development Framework. However, the meeting was assured that all of the issues would be taken forward. Most would be put before the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). This is a body which includes District and County Councils, Primary Care Trusts, and many other public and elected bodies responsible for providing services within the District.

Urban Practitioners also recommended that villages produce a Village Plan, for proposed new services and facilities, and a Village Design Statement, to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document by the District Council. These will both involve extensive consultation by Parish or Town Councils. Redbourn has already agreed to do this, and arrangements for both consultations will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The Rural Vision report is available from the District Council and on their Planning and Environment website.

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: Redbourn Care Group
01582 794550

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

Cumberland Garden
Weeding first Wednesday every month at 10.00 am
Bring your own tools! Stay as long as you like.

First Tuesday every month - Good Companions
Village Hall, 2.00 - 4.00 pm
(Transport available if required)

Contact 01582 792822 for further details

Coffee on the Common
Mon to Fri, 9.00 am - 11.00 am

Cricket Pavilion

Coffee/Tea and Cake £1

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Beaumont Ward

Roger Gray
"Stoneleigh", Blackhorse Lane 01582 762914

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

Elaine Warren
9 Miller Close - 01582 462737

Pat Schofield
82 The Park - 01582 793096

Vivienne Windle (Chair)
1 Coopers Meadow - 01582 626351

Parish Clerk

Diane Whiskin
Village Hall, 63 High Street Redbourn AL3 7LW
01582 794832

District Councillors

Maxine Crawley
10 Saberton Close - 01582793760

Tony Swendell (details as above)

Susan Carr
103 Dunstable Road - 01582 794475

County Councillor

Maxine Crawley (details as above)

Member of Parliament

Rt Hon Peter Lilley
01582 834344

Liam Bere and Maxine Crawley have recently resigned from the Parish Council. We wish to acknowledge the contributions both have made to the Parish. Maxine will continue to work for Redbourn in her role as a District and County County Councillor.

REDBOURN RECREATION CENTRE

Your local facility

A new programme of activities starts January 4th

Mums and Toddlers Play Time and Coffee Mornings

£3 including coffee;

4 o'clock Club

Sports/Fun/Games for the under 11's

£2 including biscuit and drink;

Morning Spin Classes

£3 including hot or cold drink;

Baby Band and Toddler Troupe

Music sessions from £40 for 10 week class;

January Sale

of fitness classes and gym usage

(Gym (including classes) from £20 per month (min 3 months)
AND no joining fee AND free membership of the Centre -
includes FREE off peak badminton, short tennis, basketball and
5-a-side. All classes only £3 with half price Centre Membership
if you join in January)

Drop by or telephone **01582 626202** or e-mail
redbourntrust.co.uk or visit www.redbournrecreation, or
see the enclosed news sheet for times, days and activities.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR IDEAS FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

CAR SHARING SCHEME (Herts Lift Line)

If you would be interested in joining a car sharing scheme, please register your support by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01582 794832.

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