



REDBOURN WINS VILLAGE OF THE YEAR WEST

Following a visit by CPRE† judges on June 11th when presentations were made by many of the village organisations, Redbourn was awarded Herts Village of the Year – West at a ceremony at County Hall on July 1st.

On 24th July there was a presentation of certificates from Calor Gas – the main sponsors of the contest - and unveiling of the Village of the Year West winning post on Redbourn Common. This was attended by The Lord Lieutenant of Herts, Simon Bowes-Lyon, The Mayor of St Albans, Gordon Myland, and the Chairman of Herts County Council, Keith Emsall, together with representatives from CPRE Herts, local organisations, and councillors.

This is the third time we have won this award – first in 2001, then in 2002, when Redbourn was overall winner for Hertfordshire. Many thanks to the organisers of our entry (Cllrs Jill Barnes and James Lowen) and to all those who took part.

† CPRE = Campaign to Protect Rural England



Photo by Robin Whiskin

Vital Village Survey Report

You will by now have received your copy of the Vital Village Survey Report giving the results of the questionnaires, which were circulated earlier this year. The survey was funded by a grant from The Countryside Agency and was produced using software from the University of Gloucester. An Action Plan for Redbourn has been drawn up based on the results of the survey and the Parish Council will be working with village organisations to implement the findings of the report.

Travel Plan for Redbourn.

Not content with undertaking a vital village survey, we are about to embark on a Travel Plan for Redbourn in liaison with Hertfordshire Highways and representatives from the village. The name is a bit of a misnomer as it is really a Travel/Traffic Plan, which will invite you to tell us about problem areas in the village. You may be thinking "Oh no not another questionnaire!" but there is an incentive to carrying out this study. We have been reliably informed that grants are available to help finance schemes to solve some of the problem areas which are highlighted as a result of the survey

Flamsteadbury Lane Play Area

The Parish Council is in the process of improving Flamsteadbury Lane Play Area. The entrance is being changed to permit the area to be fenced whilst allowing access to the farmer who has a right of way through the open space. A new piece of equipment is to be installed. Also, the Acorn Group has acquired a piece of secondhand play equipment, donated by Tesco's, which the Parish Council will install subject to its meeting health and safety requirements.

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 Bloom

Redbourn continues to bloom under the watchful eye of the Redbourn in Bloom Committee, ably assisted by a group of volunteers who help plant out the tubs which are much admired around the village. Many hands make light work! You can do your bit to help improve the village by adopting a planter and spending a few minutes each week keeping it weeded and dead heading the plants. Contact: **Isobel Wells 01582 794239.**

Although Redbourn did not enter the Anglia in Bloom competition this year the village has continued to bloom. The Open Gardens weekend gave a wonderful opportunity to budding botanists to explore some of the village's beautiful gardens and was a real inspiration to those of us who do not have natural green fingers. The following were the winners in the local competitions:

Public Houses: 1st – Cricketers; 2nd - Chequers; 3rd - Bell & Shears.

Businesses: 1st - J&N Antiques; 2nd - W H Hall; 3rd - Country House.

Business Gardens: Equal 1st - Data Logic and William Verry.

Best School: St Lukes.

Best Community Building: 1st - St Mary's Church; 2nd - Redbourn Recreation Centre; 3rd - St John Fisher; Highly Commended - Mount Zion Evangelical Church and Redbourn Village Hall.

Hanging Baskets: 1st - Michael King, 56 Church End; 2nd - Vic Henry, 51 Hempstead Road; 3rd - William Jones, 8 Snatchup; Highly Commended - Gordon Field 7 Snatchup.

Pots and Containers: 1st - Vic Henry; 2nd - Gordon Field; 3rd - William Jones.

Window boxes: Equal 1st - Michael King and Vic Henry; 3rd - Carol and David O'Grady, 14 Nicholls Close.

Sheltered Accommodation: 1st – Woollams; 2nd - New Forge Place.

Allotments: 1st - Jenny & Brian Corsbie, 19 Holts Meadow; 2nd - Tony and Sally Bartlett, 31 East Common; Equal 3rd - Maureen Pritchard, 6 Harding Close and Fred Minall, 1 Lords Meadow; Kevin and Judith Jones, 24 North Common; Highly Commended - John Harvey, 13 Snatchup; Stan Hunt, 24 Bettespoll Meadows; Jack Cosier, 63 Crouch Hall Lane and David Allen, 30 Tassell Hall.

Small Garden: 1st - Vic Henry; 2nd - Graham & Gloria Green, 45 Downedge; 3rd - Mrs Phillips, 39 Fish Street; Highly Commended - Mr and Mrs Alexander 35 Fish Street.

Large Gardens: 1st - Bruce and Kathleen Mead, Mansdale, West Common; Equal 2nd - Austin Trueman, Greenleas, North Common; Joanna and Jonathan Sheehan, Beesnest, North Common; Equal 3rd - Alan and Lilian Clarke, Brooklen, Chequer Lane; Don and Barbara Corbett, 27 North Common and Annette Greenwood, 7 Crouch Hall Gardens.

Drought Gardens: 1st - Steve Bradley, 25 Ben Austins; 2nd - Martin and Belinda Dawson, 6 Peppard Close; 3rd - John and Susan Jefferies, Birchway, Crown Street.

Overall Winner/Premier Award: Vic Henry

Special Commendations: The Acorn Group for improvements to Downedge and Stephens Way; Inger Cooper for works to the Redbourn Recreation Centre; Sigrid McFadyen for works to the section between Bettespoll Meadows and Crouch Hall Gardens; and Bob Alldritt for works to the Rose Garden and the Puddingstone Garden.

Photo by Diane Whiskin



Redbourn in Bloom - Overall Winner Vic Henry, with Barbara Corbett and Pat Schofield

Redbourn Youth Council

Congratulations to members of the Youth Council who participated in the Young Pavement Artists Competition

and raised over £50 for Muscular Dystrophy.

One of Redbourn's contestants was a finalist and his work was exhibited at Tate Britain from 9th to 11th July.

Redbourn Youth Council meets on the second Tuesday of the Month in Redbourn Village Hall at 6pm. If you are between the ages of ten and eighteen and are interested in joining the Youth Council why not pop along to one of the meetings.



Photo by Tony Bull

Redbourn Horticultural Show

Saturday, 11th September 2004 2.15pm
Redbourn Village Hall Entrance 50p.

Why not participate by entering something into the show? You do not have to restrict yourself to flowers, fruit or vegetables but could consider entering one of the craft categories which include a knitted or crocheted article, item of needlecraft, sugarcraft or handicraft. Contact: Richard Morgan, 01582 792166

The presentation of prizes: 4.30pm.



www.stalbanscsp.org.uk

Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 (permitting sale of alcohol) transfers powers to grant such licences from the magistrates to local authorities. Operators will choose their own opening and closing times. Under the new Act Licensees must meet four Licensing Objectives

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

The Council must automatically grant all applications unless it receives an objection relating to the Licensing Objectives in which case these will be considered at a hearing. A consultation on the District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is taking place between 17th August and 16th November 2004. The Draft Policy is available from The Licensing Section, Civic Centre, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE or Tel 01727 819454, email l.cameron@stalbans.gov.uk, or via the website www.stalbans.gov.uk.

Your local guide
to community safety
is just a 'click' away

To find out what St Albans Community Safety Partnership is doing about crime and disorder and how you can help, visit us at www.stalbanscsp.org.uk



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Redbourn Parish Council

Are you interested in what is happening in the village? Why not attend a meeting of the Parish Council. These are held on the third Thursday of the month in the Council Chamber, Redbourn Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Beyond the Double Rainbow

By Dolly Christmas



Helping to raise funds for
St Luke's Hospice
Kenton Grange

This book has been compiled by a local writer, Annie Manning, and is being sold to raise funds for St Luke's Hospice which cared for Annie's mother. This is an emotive collection of poetry, snippets on the subject of bereavement, romance, friends and family. Copies are available from Jones & Hall or direct from The Editor, 12 Rose Acre, Redbourn, Herts AL3 7JS.

DELIVERERS WANTED

This newsletter is delivered by Councillors and volunteers. We have 2000+ to deliver four times a year. If you would be prepared to deliver to one or two roads each quarter, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01582 794832.

Bus Service 343

Markyate Parish Council is spearheading a campaign to provide an evening 343 Bus Service and would like to hear from any residents willing to attend a meeting to discuss this. Please inform the Clerk if you are interested.

Faulty road surface/lights/pavement problems

All highway faults may be reported by calling 01438 737320 or 01923 471320

Cumberland House Development

The development on Cumberland House site is now well underway and the houses should soon be ready for occupation. Construction of the Medical Centre was scheduled to begin in the first week of August and we look forward to completion by early 2005.

Firework Display 2004

REDBOURN FIREWORK DISPLAY 6th NOVEMBER 2004

This year's display is to be held on Saturday, 6th November 2004. The Firework Committee is looking for eager volunteers to help with the many tasks necessary to make the event successful. These range from selling tickets before the event to roping off the firework area and stewarding on the day. If you are willing to help us to ensure the success of this very popular local event please complete and return this form as soon as possible.

NAME

ADDRESS

Tel No

I am willing to assist with stewarding from 6pm YES/NO

We also need a small number of helpers to help with the following: (please tick as appropriate)

- i) finding sponsorship before the event to help finance the fireworks YES/NO
- ii) selling tickets door to door before the event YES/NO
- iii) bucket collection YES/NO
- iv) roping off firework arena (from 10 am) YES/NO
- v) setting up tables at the event (from 5pm) YES/NO
- vi) arranging lighting for the stalls (from 5pm) YES/NO
- vii) selling tickets at the event (from 6pm) YES/NO
- viii) clearing up after the event YES/NO
- ix) litter picking and collecting rope and stakes on Sunday morning YES/NO

Please complete and return to: Diane Whiskin, Clerk to Redbourn Parish Council, 42 Crown Street, Redbourn, Herts AL3 7PF (or post through Village Hall letter box).

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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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