



Maintenance of The Moor (River Red)

In future maintenance of the River Red has to be agreed with the Environment Agency. The River Red is a tributary of the River Ver and flows through the southern part of the Common. Water levels in the river are partially maintained by a balancing tank in Hemel Hempstead. The stream enters the Common from culverts underneath the Hemel Hempstead Road and run off from local roads also contributes to the water supply. The bridge across the stream has become a favourite place for children to play "pooh sticks". The area is a beautiful part of the Common and the stream is bounded by magnificent willows. The recent high winds have proved too much for the willows and a number of them have suffered damage. To ensure the future protection of the trees it is necessary for the height to be reduced and some of the branches to be removed. This will allow the wind to pass through the trees without causing damage. Permission has been received for the trees to be reduced and this work will be phased over the next few years.

In recent years the undergrowth along the margins has been severely cut back and the banks of The Moor strimmed. The Environment Agency feels this practice leads to a sterile environment and is drawing up a revised, environmentally friendly, management plan to encourage wildlife.



Flamsteadbury Lane Play Area

The Acorn Group successfully applied to Tesco for two pieces of redundant, secondhand play equipment manufactured by Kompan Ltd. The company has confirmed that both items conform to current safety standards and that they are able to repair and install them. They have drawn up a scheme for the play area which includes fencing the site, installation of new swings and a springy item for toddlers. Unfortunately, the total price for these works is more than the budget provision and we are looking at ways of reducing the costs e.g. using local contractors to undertake the fencing of the site.

Fun Nights at Redbourn Recreation Centre

Skittle Night - 29th October 7.30pm for 8.00pm
£16 per team of 4. Tickets from: Pat Schofield - 793096,
Joan Vardy - 792303, or John Picken - 792093

Quiz Night - 26th November 7.30pm for 8.00pm
£18 per table (max 6 people per table)
Book your table from The Recreation Centre - 626202

**Have fun, and support your local
Recreation Centre as well!**

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 Parish Travel Plan

The project

Redbourn Parish Council is working with Hertfordshire Highways to write the first Redbourn Parish Travel Plan and to do this we need your help!

If you feel that there are problems with the roads, rights of way, or public transport services that need to be addressed in Redbourn, then this is your opportunity to tell us about them so that we can try to help.

The questionnaire

We would like residents of Redbourn to complete a questionnaire and help us identify your local transport problems. The questionnaire is available online at the following address:

www.hertsdirect.org/redbournptp

or follow the link on

www.redbourn.org.uk

If you are not able to access the Internet, then there are copies of the questionnaire available at the following locations in Redbourn:

Redbourn Village Hall
Crown Pharmacy
W Hall (Butcher)
Health Centre

Jones & Hall (Post Office)
W Marsh & Son (Butcher)
Redbourn Hardware Store
Redbourn Library

The closing date for questionnaires will be the 15th November 2004

The Parish Travel Plan process involves the identification of local transport issues through research such as the travel plan questionnaire, and developing solutions through the participation of local residents' in working groups.

Who to contact

If you would like any further information about the Redbourn Parish Travel Plan then please contact us using the information below.



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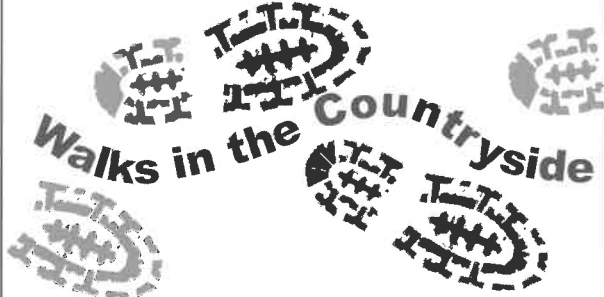


Parish Centre

The journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step and we are now one step nearer the new Parish Centre. Initial approval has been received from the Planning, Conservation, Landscape and Highway officers. The second step is to have the site surveyed to ascertain site levels. An outline design will then be drawn up and if this meets with the Planning Officer's approval Architects will be appointed to draw up detailed plans and cost the proposals.

The project is to be partially financed from monies received for rights of ways to properties on the Common. Applications are to be made to grant-aiding bodies for the remainder of the funding.

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



Blow away the Winter cobwebs and get fit by joining CMS in two easy walks in and around the village

Walk No 1

Thursday 9th December 2004 - 10am to 12.30
approximately 5km/3miles (may be muddy)

This guided walk will take you around the beautiful Redbourn countryside, along the River Ver.

Walk No 2

Monday 21st March 2005 - 1.30 to 2.30 pm
Approximately 2km/1.25 miles

A short jaunt around the village, the River Ver, River Red, Nicky Line and Redbourn Common.

For either walk, please meet in the car park by the Cricket Pavilion, Redbourn Common



Remember, remember, the 5th of November - or in our case the 6th! Join us for an evening of fun and fireworks!

The firework display is the highlight in the village calendar. As well as fantastic fireworks, and all the fun of the Fair you can enjoy a tasty hot dog from Redbourn Scouts and a welcome cup of hot soup from the Playing Fields Trust.

Our aim is to raise enough money to pay for the fireworks so please give generously to the bucket collection and buy a prize draw ticket (a bargain at £2!) which gives you a chance to win one of the many prizes kindly donated by local businesses. If there are any profits these are donated to local clubs and organisations.

Tickets are available from various venues including the Library, Post Office and Redbourn Hardware Stores. Also, a group of volunteers will be selling tickets door to door. If you are unable to attend this does not prevent you from entering the draw. Put your name and address on the ticket and give it back to the person you bought it from or post it through the door of the Village Hall. We shall make sure it is entered into the draw.

Many thanks to our sponsors:

Co-operative Welcome, Country Styles, Colin O'Donovan & Sons (Plumbers), Crown Pharmacy, Little Revel End Kennels, Jarvis Group Ltd, Jones & Hall, J Hill & Son, J R Hill (Contractors) Ltd., RPM Builders, R Marsh & Son, Ramada Jarvis, The Chequers, Bell & Shears, The Cricketers, The George, The Studio, Village Barber, Third Floor Ltd., Universal Salvage

Please support this village event.

NEW PCSO

You may have noticed a new Police Community Support Officer pounding the beat. We welcome Lisa Garrity to Redbourn and wish her well in her new post. If you have any policing problems Lisa or PC Alan Thorpe can be contacted on 01727 796119.

Faulty road surface/lights/pavement problems

All highway faults may be reported by calling 01438 737320 or 01923 471320 or via the web on <http://www.hertsdirect.org.uk>

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.

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.

PART TIME ASSISTANT REQUIRED

to work with the Clerk to the Council
8 hours per week (two mornings)

Please send your CV to
Diane Whiskin
Redbourn Parish Council
63 High Street
REDBOURN
Herts AL3 7LW (01582 794832)

VACANCY

Councillor Paul Finigan has resigned from the Parish Council after ten years of dedicated service to the village. We wish him well in his "retirement". If there is no call for an election the vacancy will be filled by co-option and the closing date for applications will be 20th November 2004. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

TULLOCHSIDE GYPSY CARAVAN SITE

The court case over Tullochside gypsy caravan site did not go ahead after the Secretary of State and St Albans City & District Council withdrew from proceedings. The Secretary of State said he would not defend the refusal of planning permission because in coming to his original decision he had provided inadequate reasons to explain why he considered that the disruption to the education of children at the site, caused by a likely return to roadside camping, would not be significant.

As the Secretary of State has withdrawn from the case his original decision will be quashed and the case will be returned to him for reconsideration.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Beaumont Ward

Jill Barnes
17 Brooke End - 01582 626698

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 (Chairman)
10 Crouch Hall Gardens - 01582 793756

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Stan Pierpoint
4 Wheatlock Mead - 01582 792117

Philip Rosen (Chairman Planning)
34 Bettespole Meadows - 01582 792585

Pat Schofield
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

Colin O'Donovan, Pat Schofield, Tony Swendell

County Councillor

Derek Hills
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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