



BOWLING GREEN OFFICIALLY OPENED

The new all-weather bowling green at Redbourn Recreation Centre was officially opened on Sunday 16th October by Rt. Hon. Peter Lilley MP, The Mayor of St. Albans Cllr Malcolm McMillan, and Cllr. Sheila Burton.

A bowling club has been set-up jointly with Redbourners and bowlers from Markyate. Membership will cost £60 per year, (£50 if you join before January 2006). One rink will normally be available for casual users, charged at £1.50 an hour, or £2.50 for 2 hours. Bowls will be available for hire.

To join, or for more information, contact:

Martin Smith (Chairman) (01582 849093),

Joan Vardy (01582 792303),

or Gill Howe (01582 793440),

or call the Recreation Centre on 01582 626202



The Commemorative Cake



The Mayor of St Albans (Malcolm McMillan) tries his hand, watched by Rt. Hon. Peter Lilley MP, Cllr Sheila Burton, and Greg Harlow (England International bowler)

REDBOURN IN BLOOM

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make Redbourn Bloom. Your efforts were well worthwhile – the village was awarded Silver in the recent Anglia in Bloom award ceremony. The judges' comments were as follows:

"Redbourn proudly welcomes the visitor with an Anglia in Bloom sign and a stunning display in multi-tiered planters. There are many groups and societies, which unite in improving and enhancing Redbourn. The refurbished beds at the junction with the fire station are impressive. The 30 acres of common are well maintained. St Mary's churchyard sports a nice herbaceous border. The pupils at St Luke's School were very enthusiastic and knowledgeable and keen to explain their work to us"

The judges were particularly impressed by:

- The entrance planters
- The refurbished beds by the fire station
- Several front garden displays
- The hanging basket demonstration day
- The number of competitions for floral displays
- The good effort made by the small industrial area
- The continued planting of shrubs
- The proposed Cumberland house Community garden
- The Spring bulbs
- Community involvement, especially the Acorn Group.

If you have been impressed by the colourful planters and the improvements that have been made why not join this enthusiastic group. You do not need to commit too much time – an hour or two every now and then to help with the planting in the Spring and Autumn would be much appreciated.

Alternatively, if you live near one of the planters you may wish to take over watering and/or weeding the tub. Please contact Diane Whiskin 01582 794832 if you are able to help.

Left: Redbourn in Bloom get on with the Autumn planting



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.

FIREWORK DISPLAY Poster Competition Winners

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Poster Competition to design a poster for our Annual Firework Display. The entries were judged by Ernest Leahy, a local artist. The results were as follows:

Infants School

- 1st Sophie Saleh
- 2nd Sophie Morehen
- 3rd Jamie Statham
- Highly Commended Tara McCormick

Junior School

- 1st Nathan Clarke
- 2nd Katie Murphy
- 3rd Zachary Avedian
- Highly Commended Alonis Holmes

St Luke's School

- 1st Sara Ngonga
- 2nd Richard Franklin
- 3rd Mathew Wakefield
- Highly Commended Charlie Smith



Above – Poster Competition winners from Redbourn Infants School, with Parish Clerk Diane Whiskin, Ernest Leahy, who judged the entries, and Parish Council Chairman Tony Bull.
Below - Winners from Redbourn Junior School, with Cllrs Bull and O'Donovan

A Cleaner District Campaign

A new hotline number

0845 125 8000

has been launched by St Albans Council so that residents can quickly report eyesores, including abandoned cars, graffiti, litter, dumped rubbish, dirty streets, grass cuttings on pavements, dog fouling, stray dogs, overgrown hedgerows and weed-strewn public areas, spills from refuse collection, accumulation of leaves, damaged street furniture, overgrown trees obstructing the highway, empty/derelict property, air pollution.

Take a pride in Redbourn – report eyesores to the District Council



RIVERSIDE PATH ALONG THE MOOR

Following a request from Redbourn Care Group, Countryside Management Service is drawing up a design for a footpath along The Moor by the River Red (Chequer Lane).

If this is acceptable to the Environment Agency, construction should commence next year. The path would connect with the one that was laid this year from Woollams to The Jolly Gardener, and will give disabled access around the Common.

Right: The Moor, earlier this year after pruning the willows.



VILLAGE TRAVEL PLAN

The Travel Forum has been meeting regularly throughout the past year discussing the results of the survey undertaken in Redbourn and the implementation of proposals to make our roads safer. These include traffic management in Hemel Hempstead Road, Lybury Lane and improvements for pedestrians crossing the Bypass to access the definitive footpaths, and various proposals for alterations to the High Street and its parking arrangements. An exhibition is to be held in the Village Hall in the new year when you will have an opportunity to respond to the proposals. The next meeting of the Forum is at

4pm on Tuesday November 29th
at Redbourn Recreation Centre

NEW POSTS ON THE COMMON

A new finger post has been erected on the triangle at the bottom of Lybury lane. This shows the way to The Museum, St. Mary's Church, and High Street.

You may be wondering what the wooden post by the war Memorial is for. This is a 'place-holder' for the Village of the Year totem pole, and we intend to add brass plates to it, recording our successes in the Competition. A Redbourn Coach & Horses plaque will be added to top it out.



SHORT WALKS

on the flat from 20 minutes to an hour or so.

REDBOURN, ASHRIDGE,
BERKHAMSTED COMMON, FRITHSDEN,
LITTLE GADDESSEN, MARSWORTH,
TRING RESERVOIRS, and WHIPSDAEN.

by Haydn Davies, illustrated by Ernest Leahy.

Price £5 from

The Redbourn Care Group Office
9.30 am to 12 noon. Tel: 794550

Proceeds to Charities, including
The Redbourn Care Group

Do you know where and when the last
great battle of Redbourn was fought?

Would you like to know
what birds and wildlife can
be seen in the village?

Would you like to know the
location of the wartime
airfield in Redbourn?

Do you know that our Common
is home to one of the oldest
Cricket Clubs in the country?

Would you like to know where there are some very interesting
short walks on the flat in Redbourn and in and around local

If you would like the answers, then we recommend
that you buy the limited edition book written by the
Honorary Keeper of The Common.
It is amusing and an "excellent read" – Redbourn Website.

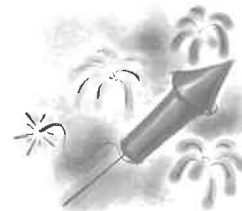
PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

The Parish Council is in the process of appointing an architect to carry the design through to the planning-approval stage. Rather more detail is required than usual for this because of its position in a conservation area (on the site of the old Youth Centre). Once planning-approval is obtained we can obtain quotations for the construction phase, but before we can go ahead with the building we have to obtain permission from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), because it will be on The Common. This apparently cannot be done before planning approval.

REDBOURN FIREWORK DISPLAY

Redbourn Common

Saturday 5th November 2005



DISPLAY BY FANTASTIC FIREWORKS

Fun Fair

Hot Dogs/Hot Soup: 6.30 pm

Fireworks: 7.00 pm approx

Raffle: £2.00

Tickets available from:

Post Office, Hardware Store, and other local shops

BE SURE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS

Proceeds go to village organizations and help to pay for the
fireworks

Full lists of sponsors and Raffle prize winners will be published
in the next issue of REDBOURN news

ZENA SKINNER'S CHRISTMAS HOSPICE SALE

Redbourn Village Hall

8.00 am until 1.00 pm

on

Saturday 29th October

Saturday 5th November

Saturday 26th November

Saturday 3rd December

Something Different each week

Gifts, Handicrafts, Tombola, Unusual items etc.

Free admission and a warm welcome



Another Bike Found

A bicycle was found near the War Memorial recently. If you think it might be yours, please contact Diane Whiskin on 794832

Faulty Road Surface, Pavement Problems, or Street Light Faults

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

Are you interested in youth work?

Can you spare a few hours in the week to invest in Redbourn's up and coming youth? (Other locations are available) If so, then a vacancy has become available for a part-time youth worker with Herts County Council. Why not give Martin Cooke (Area Manager) a ring for an informal chat on 01727 753100 to find more about this very exciting and highly rewarding opportunity.

DATES for your DIARY

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER

Our firework display will be on Saturday November 5th this year. Volunteers are needed for stewarding, bucket collecting, and raffle-ticket selling. If you can help, please Contact Diane Whiskin or Colin O'Donovan.

COMBINED CHARITIES FAIR

REDBOURN VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 12th November 10.00am – 12 noon

Contact June Farmer - 792016

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Service of Remembrance will be held at 11am on Sunday 13th November at the War Memorial on The Common. Join in the act of remembrance for those who gave their lives in two world wars.

REDBOURN VILLAGE TRAVEL PLAN

The next meeting of the Travel Plan Forum is at 4pm on Tuesday November 29th at Redbourn Recreation Centre

REDBOURN IN BLOOM CHRISTMAS CRAFT

2pm-6pm on Friday 2nd December &
9.30am-2pm on Saturday 3rd December
at the Methodist Church Hall
Contact Barbara Corbett – 792738 or Rita Green - 626452

Public Exhibition of Travel Plan Proposals

It is expected that Herts Highways will exhibit the various proposals derived from the Forum meetings in The Village Hall on Saturday 28th January 2006 – yet to be confirmed. Villagers will have a chance to vote on these options.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Beaumont Ward

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Christine Cardy
16 Cumberland Drive – 01582 794744
◆
James Lowen (Chairman Finance)
2 Mulberry Place - 01582 794039
◆
Maria Maynard
2 High Street
◆
Colin O'Donovan (Chairman Commons)
7 Ver Road - 01582 792382
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Ron Stent
10 Saberton Close - 01582 793151
◆
Tony Swendell
6 Monks Close - 01582 792076
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Nicholls Ward

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Anthony Bull (Chairman)
10 Crouch Hall Gardens - 01582 793756
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Scout Farmhouse, Dunstable Road - 01582 794259
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4 Wheatlock Mead - 01582 792117
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Philip Rosen (Chairman Planning)
34 Bettespol Meadows - 01582 792585
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Pat Schofield
82 The Park - 01582 793096
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Vivienne Windle
1 Coopers' Meadow - 01582 626351
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Parish Clerk
Diane Whiskin
Village Hall, 63 High Street Redbourn AL3 7LW
01582 794832
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District Councillors

Colin O'Donovan, Pat Schofield, Tony Swendell

County Councillor

Derek Hills
01582 629433

Member of Parliament

Rt Hon Peter Lilley
01582 834344
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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