

The Reydon Robin



The quarterly, complimentary news magazine for Reydon
Spring 2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 14th April | Communities Together, Chinwag
Social group for the over 65's
Reydon Village Hall | 2:00 - 4:00pm |
| 21st April | RNLI Southwold Quiz
Reydon Sports & Community Centre
To book call/text 07710 631917 | 7:00pm |
| 27th April | Southwold Community Cinema - 'The Outfit'
Southwold Arts Centre
£5.00 including refreshments | 2:30pm |
| 29th April | Quiz Night in aid of Reydon Rainbows
Cardinal Newman Hall
Contact Charlotte 07715 388916 or
frogclock@hotmail.com
Teams of 4, £3 per person, bring drinks/snacks | 7:00pm |
| 30th April | Old Hall Grand Makers Market
Old Hall Southwold, Halesworth Road
Celebrating the best of the region's artisans
and craftspeople. Over 50 exhibitors. Free entry,
live music, ample onsite parking | 9:30 - 4:00pm |
| 7th May | Special Commemorative Service
St Margaret's Church, Reydon | 9:30am |
| 7th May | Coronation Big Picnic
Jubilee Green, Reydon | 12:30 - 4:00pm |
| 12th May
and | Communities Together, Community Cuppa
Reydon Village Hall | 2:00 - 4:00pm |
| 9th June | Pop in, enjoy a cuppa and chat and find out how the
Later Life Community Team can help.
For people aged 65+ living in Reydon, Southwold
and surrounding areas. | |

Save the date! Reydon Christmas Lights Quiz: Friday 23rd June
Reydon Show: Saturday 5th August

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME



Pamela Cyprien, Chair,
Reydon Parish Council

Welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of the Reydon Robin, the free quarterly magazine for Reydon delivered to all the homes in the village by our brilliant local volunteers. In this edition, we have tried to share some of the many different activities and events that take place in our lovely village and bring you up to date with some important local issues and news, such as the start of the Community Pantry at the Village Hall.

I'd like to remind everyone that our Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 27th April at 7:30pm. Please come along to find out what the Council has been up to over the past year, our ideas for the future and to have your say on what you would like to see in the village. Currently, we are busy preparing for our Coronation Big Picnic, which will take place on Jubilee Green on Sunday 7th May, 12:30-4pm. Bring a picnic and join us!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to two of our Councillors, Brian Bailey and Roger Cracknell, who have both done so much for the Council over many years. They will both be greatly missed.

Finally, I would like to thank the Southwold and Reydon Society for generously sponsoring this edition of the Reydon Robin.

Pam Cyprien, Chair, Reydon Parish Council

East Suffolk Council District and Parish Council Elections Thursday 4 May 2023



If you are not already registered to vote, the deadline for applying is Monday 17 April. You now need to show photo ID to vote in person. Accepted forms of photo ID include a passport, driving licence, Blue Badge or bus pass. You can still use it if it's out of date, so long as it looks like you. If you do not have any form of accepted ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate via a paper application form or online at: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

Applications must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.

A favourite Reydon walk from the Well-being Walking Group

We start from Jubilee Green, but you may wish to start from St Margaret's Churchyard. You follow the footpath through the fields behind the Church. Once out onto Rissemere Lane East you turn right and follow the lane (a designated Quiet Lane). It is normally very peaceful, with excellent views and hedgerows full of primroses or fungi depending on the season. You pass a spectacularly wonky barn and continue to follow the lane until you see a sign taking you off the road and through another field, eventually out at School Lane and back to Jubilee Green. The walk is about 2.5 miles long.

Our walks go every Thursday, leaving Jubilee Green at 10:30am, there is no need to book in advance, and the group is always keen to welcome new walkers. You can find out more about the walks in our local area on the website www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk

Sally Cracknell

SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 13th - 28th May 2023

The festival launches on Saturday 13th May, and then runs for two weeks with over 70 guided walks through Suffolk's natural landscape and built heritage. More details, and how to book, are available on the website www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

For those of us gardeners who feel they want to do more for wildlife, may I take this opportunity to offer some thoughts.

Let a little untidiness into your garden. Allow some 'weeds', seedheads and fallen leaves to remain, pile up hedge and tree prunings - these all provide food and shelter. Let some grass grow long, valuable for insects which form the basis of the wildlife pyramid.

Please keep off the insecticides, herbicides and fungicides; a varied ecosystem is essential. Caterpillars, whilst munching your brassicas, also get eaten by the Tit family and anyway, without caterpillars you don't get butterflies or moths. Learn to love slugs and snails - I know this is hard, but they are a valuable food source for hedgehogs and song thrushes amongst other things.

Some standing water is also very important to encourage diverse wildlife, even something as simple as a bowl of water.

What we need to do in essence is provide food, shelter and water for as many creatures as possible. I think those of us lucky enough to have a green space need to share it with as varied wildlife as we can - we all depend on each other.

A note to end on, feeding garden birds is important, even to a limited extent, in summer. However, with Avian Flu rife it is essential to clean your feeders weekly with dilute disinfectant.

Pam Cyprien, Councillor

RESILIENT COASTS PROJECT



Houses falling off the cliff at Hemsby last month followed an erosive winter at Thorpeness and Pakefield. We are not immune here as the recent picture of Covehithe above shows. The cliffs at Easton Bavents are eroding metres every year threatening to outflank the seawall above the Pier and flood Buss Creek. Sea level rise will eventually destroy the harbour which will erode the beach and South Green. Southwold will become an island. What about the sewage works? It is not happening yet but is probable in the future.

But why wait until disaster strikes? Why not prevent what we can and prepare for what we can't? This is why I set up the local flood and coastal erosion board two years ago, to engage agencies and local people to jointly make provisions and a plan.

We were given a boost last year when we were chosen to pilot a £9 million project to build resilient coastal communities. We held an exhibition in the Conservative Club before Christmas - for more information, please go to <https://southwold.exhibition.app>

Many local people saw the film on the anniversary of the 1953 floods and we hope you will engage with our project this summer and work together to plan our response and strategy.

Potter's Bridge is an example of what can go wrong when different parties do not work together. In the end, nature took a hand and breached the beach. The broad is likely to be tidal now in the winter. We have installed a remote depth gauge to warn drivers when the road is flooded - the depth reading from each morning can be viewed on the reydon.onesuffolk.net website.

Councillor David Beavan

Remembering the Great Flood of 1953 - seventy years on

Low-lying parts of Southwold were most affected by the inundation of the sea on the night of 31st January 1953. Ferry Road was overwhelmed, a mother and son lost, and the houses badly damaged.



The marshes at Reydon were also flooded as can be seen from this photograph looking towards Reydon Corner. Two electricians, Harry Chapman and Ted Goldsmith, made a lucky escape from their Eastern Electricity van.

The day after the storm is my older brother's first memory. Taken to see the devastation

at Ferry Road, he remembers a clear blue sky and the sun glinting brightly off the waters.

The definitive images of the storm were made by a Reydon artist, Frank Forward (1901 - 1974). Born in Reydon, he studied at Ipswich Art School and later at the Slade. After the War, he returned to Reydon and worked as a free-lance artist, teaching and running an evening art class.

He made two paintings of the Flood. One shows the sea overwhelming Ferry Road and of this he wrote "The scene was absolute tragic despair. One could hear a desperate chorus of "Help, Help!" coming from one couldn't tell where".

The other painting, on display in Southwold Museum, is taken from the cliff at North Parade, looking down towards the pier. Spectators look on helplessly. Beach huts and fishermen's sheds are being knocked about, the Buss Creek marshes are flooding, and a huge wave is breaking over the Pier Pavilion. There is a great destructive energy in the painting that vividly captures the ferocity of the storm. Both images were used by The Illustrated London News to appeal for relief funds.



Robert Jellicoe, Southwold Museum

Robert Jellicoe, Southwold Museum

Images courtesy Southwold Museum

Breaking news! Reydon & Southwold Community Fridge & Pantry

From April, Reydon Parish Council will trial a new Community Fridge & Pantry, after the initiative received unanimous support at February's Parish Council meeting. The project is being run in conjunction with Southwold Town Council.

The Reydon & Southwold Community Fridge & Pantry will be situated in a room at Reydon Village Hall. It will be open in the morning and late afternoon each Friday. The launch date and exact opening times will be announced on our website and Facebook page shortly.

Our pantry and fridge will stock both fresh and dried goods, based on what we're allocated or donated from local businesses. The food will be free, and the pantry is open to everyone, although the number of items per household may be limited.

We would like to invite our gardening community to bring any surplus fruit or vegetables from allotments or gardens along to us. This is exactly the sort of thing we'd love to distribute at the Pantry. We will also provide pet food, donated by the RSPCA, and over time we hope to extend the range of items on offer.

Could you help? We need a team of volunteers to help us run the project, so please get in touch if you think you could lend a hand. This could be the occasional local food pickup if you drive, or perhaps helping during opening times for a few hours. Volunteers working at the Community Pantry will receive free training in Food Hygiene level 2, paid for by the project funding. We hope to limit the time needed to one Friday per month per person, although of course anyone wanting to help more is welcome.

Email us on: reydonandsouthwoldpantry@gmail.com

A number of organisations have all generously donated to help us get this initiative off the ground. Reydon Parish Council (also a funder) would like to give huge thanks to: The Reydon Trust, Southwold Town Council, East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and Adnams.

See you at the Pantry!

Jess Gregson and Maddy Senior, Councillors

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NATURE NOTES



Bon voyage to our winter visitors who have been with us since last autumn. Particularly welcome and anticipated are the Waxwings that feast on ripe Rowan berries. Several trees along The Drive and Nightingale Avenue are well known as good places to spot these birds - and camouflaged birders sporting binoculars and cameras are always a good sign they are back!

There can be fierce competition for these berries, especially from another welcome winter visitor, the Redwing.

Interestingly, the Welsh Wave Moth Caterpillar overwinters in Rowan berries, so the birds may sometimes get a protein bonus.



This blackbird also seems to find the berries irresistible.

Rowan was once planted near houses as a protection against witchcraft and enchantment. This may be due to the tiny five-pointed star on each berry, or to their colour, red being considered the best colour for protection against magic.

Now, we can look forward to welcoming back some new arrivals, such as our Swifts, whose home from home is a pantile roof with a chipped tile. Swifts eat midges and airborne spiders, and can consume thousands of insects daily. Who needs insecticides? Let's have more birds!

Dog owners take care - remember when walking across the marshes to keep dogs under control to protect ground-nesting birds.





Sunday 7th May 12:30-4:00pm
Jubilee Green, Reydon

We hope that you will be able to bring a picnic and join us at Reydon's Coronation Big Picnic for a fun afternoon with:

- music
- live performances from the Southwold Ukes and Bojangles
- birds of prey static display by Lavenham Falconry
- 'have a go' archery with Eastern Archers
- circus workshop
- coronation crafts
- stalls
- ice cream van, cakes

The Parish Council would like to thank East Suffolk Council for grant funding from its Enabling Communities Budget towards this event.

If anyone could spare some time during the afternoon of 6th May or first thing on 7th May to help us put up bunting and the gazebos, that would be fantastic. Please email us at reydon.pc@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Picnic! *Fiona Taylor, Councillor*

News from The Randolph

The Randolph is offering a Randolph Royal Picnic to order and enjoy on Jubilee Green on 7th May, £15 per person. To pre-order, call 01502 723603 or email reception@therandolph.co.uk

There will also be a St George's Day Garden Party on 23rd April, 1:00 to 5:00pm. This will celebrate the 'official' opening of The Randolph's new patio and the Visit England 4-star award.

WHAT'S ON AT REYDON VILLAGE HALL

Weekly:

- **exercise classes** open to adults of all ages and fitness levels. Mondays, kettlebell class. Thursdays, stretch class. For more information contact Imogen Hall on 07702 859454 or by email: imogenhall210@btinternet.com
- **keep fit class**, exercise to music, everyone welcome. Wednesday mornings. Contact Barbara Warren by email: barbara-warren@hotmail.co.uk
- **Marguerite Club**, Monday afternoons. Chat, conversation, refreshments and games. Contact Anita Freeman on 01502 723746 or by email: anitafreejoy17@gmail.com
- **Carpet Bowls**, Tuesday mornings. Open to new members, no previous experience needed. Contact Linda Seall on 01502 586087 or by email: lindaseall0@gmail.com
- **Wiggle and Giggle Youth Theatre Group**, for young people aged four years upwards, Tuesday afternoons. Contact Louise Harrison on 07387 392509 or email: loucath@icloud.com
- **Reydon Art Group**, Wednesday mornings. For more information contact Lesley Fisher on 01502 724638
- **Southwold Art Circle**, life class, Thursday afternoons. For more information contact Lesley Fisher on 01502 724638
- **1st Reydon Rainbows**, Monday afternoons. Contact Charlotte Clark on 07715 388916 or frogclock@hotmail.com

Monthly:

- **Chinwag or Community Cuppa**, run by Communities Together East Anglia. A Chinwag is a social group with refreshments and entertainment for the over 65's.
A Community Cuppa is a chance to find out how the Communities Together team can help you or your community. For more information call 01284 334516 or email: llc@communitiestogether-ea.org
- **Lighthouse Ladies**, third Tuesday evening each month. A vibrant group with varied talks and activities. Contact Christine Cook on 01502 723764 or 07904 356742
- **Reydon WI**, first Wednesday of every month at 2:30pm, apart from August. Contact Mrs Noreen Taylor on 01502 723021

Reydon Village Hall update

The new Management Committee for Reydon Village Hall met on 16th March, following the retirement of former Chair, Anita Freeman, who was thanked for all her work in managing and maintaining the Village Hall over the years.

Members of the new Committee are: Sally Bird (Secretary), Pam Cyprien, Philip O’Hear, Edwina Palmer, Irene Robertson, Dorcas Rogers (Bookings Manager), Ray Rogers (Maintenance Manager) and Laurence Vulliamy (Chairman). Philip O’Hear agreed to be a Trustee of the Charity.

An extensive fund-raising campaign will be underway soon to refurbish and enhance the much-loved building before the Village Hall’s Golden Jubilee in 2027.

Bookings - call: 07388 516024 or 07508 510732

email: reydonvillagehall@gmail.com

Laurence Vulliamy, Councillor

Highways update

The Parish Council has been working with Suffolk County Council Highways to find ways to encourage people to drive more safely in the village. Recent traffic surveys have shown that Halesworth Road is the busiest route and has the poorest compliance with the 30mph limit. One possible measure is to create a 40mph ‘buffer zone’ before the start of the village. This may also help to improve safety for pedestrians at the Hen Reedbeds crossing. We welcome your views on the idea of a 40mph buffer zone.

The Speed Watch team is currently not operating, due to a lack of volunteers. We would dearly like to support a resurgence of the team. Volunteering for speed watch only requires a few hours each month and training can easily be arranged. If you would like to volunteer, please contact:
reydon.pc@gmail.com

Some residents have recently raised worries about safety when using mobility scooters and wheelchairs on pavements in the village. You can report pavement issues by using the Suffolk County Council online reporting tool at www.suffolk.gov.uk. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Parish Council with details of the issue and location and we will report it on your behalf.

David Panther, Councillor

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Keeping football at the heart of our community



Photo courtesy of UK Aerial Photography Ltd

For more than 30 years Sole Bay United Juniors Football Club has been giving local children a chance to play football in their community. The Club is run on a voluntary basis and now has more than 130 registered players across nine teams.

“Our club exists to give local girls and boys a chance to learn new skills, make friends and develop as players and people”, says club chairman Joe O’Shea. “That’s only possible because of the dedication of our amazing coaches, committee members and parents who volunteer week-in week-out, come rain or shine. And we’re so grateful to have the long-term support of our sponsor East Anglia Competitions, which allows us to keep the fees affordable for local families.”

Many local children have progressed to play football for their schools, Southwold Town FC and even professionally. The Club is especially proud that former players Finley and Harry Barbrook recently signed their first professional contracts with Ipswich Town FC.

The Club is always looking for help with refereeing, serving refreshments or coaching, and currently has a vacancy for a coach for the U8 age group.

If you might be interested, please contact Joe on 07900 244951 or for more information go to www.solebayfc.org

Joe O’Shea, Club Chairman

Please support Mr Bus!

Mr Bus will be running its summer timetable from 1st May, so the service will be all day Mondays and Thursdays (mornings only Wednesday, Friday and Saturday).

The bus is available for everyone to use, of any age, and don’t forget you can stop Mr Bus anywhere on the route and hop on, providing it is safe to do so!

Timetables are available at outlets around Southwold and Reydon, or online at www.solebaycarefund.co.uk



REYDON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

After the successful Switch On event, hosted by Southwold & District Rotary Club last year, we have started our fundraising events for 2023 so we can light up the village again this December.

We are looking at the possibility of having an Open Gardens weekend in Reydon later in the year as another fundraising event, depending on the level of interest. Would you be willing to open your garden and help raise money for the Lights? It doesn't have to be a miniature Kew Gardens, just something to look at and you are proud to share. If you might be willing to take part, please email Carole Ladd before 23rd April at: caroletamdhu@gmail.com

We will have a Spring/Easter Boredom Buster during April for a donation of £1 in our collecting boxes at Barbrooks and Boydens Stores. We will be at the Coronation Big Picnic on Jubilee Green in May, and we have another Quiz Night on Friday 23rd June. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at one of these events. *Fiona Cooper*

Reydon Sports and Community Centre

A number of groups meet regularly at the Centre:

Monday 09:00 - 12:00: Southwold and Reydon Table Tennis Club

Tuesday 10:30 - 12:00: Singing for lung health (Sole Bay Care Fund)
19:00 - 21:00: Sole Bay Singers Choir

Thursday 09:30 - 11:30: Sandcastles Baby & Toddler Group

Sunday 09:00 - 14:00: Sole Bay United Juniors home fixtures

Last Tuesday each month 14:00 - 16:00: Dementia accessible singing session (Sole Bay Care Fund)

Holistically Teri & Hocus Pocus Apothecary run monthly dates for guided meditation and crystal healing energy workshops. Glasshouse Dance started off with their first amazing Dance Jam session in March, and more dates will soon be released. Please see our social media or noticeboard for more information.

If you would like to volunteer some time to join our friendly committee and support this wonderful local charity, we would love to talk to you. The charity really needs both an experienced treasurer, a booking secretary and anyone keen to help with fundraising. Please email: secretary.rpf@hotmail.com *Zoe Hutchinson*

WANGFORD QUARRY UPDATE

Breedon, the owners of Wangford Quarry, have now completed extracting gravel from the current workings. Restoration of the site is progressing, with the establishment of mainly mosaic grassland habitat that is well-suited to reptiles and invertebrates. New permissive footpaths have been created around the borders of the site.

Now that the current workings are exhausted Breedon are preparing to submit a planning application to extend workings to the south. This will bring the quarry adjacent to the Hen Reedbeds nature reserve. Breedon hosted an exhibition in Wangford in February to inform the community of their proposals. For those who missed the exhibition, there is an online version at www.breedongroup.com/wangford-public-consultation

Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) have been working with Breedon, advising on the restoration plans for the southern extension should the new planning application be successful. If the quarry extension is permitted, Breedon have pledged to transfer ownership of the restored site to SWT. This does not imply that SWT support the plans for the extension. A position statement can be found on their website www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/news

David Panther, Councillor

LATEST NEWS FROM DR CASTLE & PARTNERS - GP SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Following the recent national publication of the GP patient satisfaction survey we are pleased to report that the practice scored higher than the local and national average achievements in all the areas measured. Given the recent concerns about patient access to services, I am pleased to report that compared to a national average of 53% the practice scored 93% for ease of access getting through to the surgery on the telephone. 99% of patients felt their needs were met during their last general practice appointment. 92% of patients described their overall experience of this practice as good compared to a figure of 72% nationally.

These are exceptional achievement figures and reflect both the hard work of the team in wanting to provide the very best service to our patients, but also the recognition and support we receive from the patients - a true partnership.

Rigby Whittaker, Practice Manager

NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, REYDON

Holy Week & Easter at St Margaret's Church, Reydon

Palm Sunday 2 April at 9.30am Holy Communion

Monday 3 and Wednesday 5 April at 7pm Night Prayer (Compline)

Tuesday 4 April at 7pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 7 April at 2pm The Last Hour (Meditation, Music and Address on the last hour of Jesus' life).

Easter Sunday 9 April at 7.30am Sunrise Service on Walberswick Beach, and at 9.30am Parish Family Holy Communion Service.

A very Happy Easter to you all!



We have been busy preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Our services (see left) are also streamed via our YouTube channel St Margaret, Reydon for those who would like to join us from home.

Work continues to prepare our new ashes internment

area next to the orchard and churchyard. This will provide families who live in the parish with an area to lay their loved one's ashes for many years to come. The Bishop of Dunwich, Mike Harrison, is planning to come and dedicate the new area on Sunday 20th August.

We have been working with the Reydon Trust and Reydon Primary School to help support some families with the cost-of-living crisis, thanks to the generosity of members of our congregation.

Finally, we have a lunch club on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm for anyone who lives in the parish - please contact the Rev Alan Perry at adperry64@gmail.com or 01502 453624 for more details.

Rev. Alan Perry

The Holm Oak

Large evergreen Holm Oaks are a common sight in Reydon and are obviously thriving on our light soils. You might, therefore, be forgiven for not realising that the Holm Oak is in fact a naturalised species introduced from coastal regions of the Eastern Mediterranean in the 1500s.

Although they do not support the wealth of wildlife that native oaks do, their catkins are a valuable source of pollen for bees and their acorns provide winter food for several of our birds and mammals.

In their native area the Holm Oak is one of several species that are used in the creation of truffle orchards because the tree forms an association with the mycorrhizal fungus that produces truffles as it's fruiting body. Now there's a challenge for enterprising gardeners of the Parish!

Denise Faulkner, Reydon's Tree Warden

SOUTHWOLD AND REYDON SOCIETY



- We have been speaking for the community for over 50 years
- We aim to retain all that makes Southwold and Reydon attractive for residents and visitors
- We campaign to improve local amenities and services
- We support independent shops, local jobs, affordable housing and a thriving harbour
- We oppose inappropriate development
- We campaign to protect the coast and surrounding countryside
- We donate to local activities and groups.

With more members, we have more lobbying power.
Please join us, membership is only £2 per annum.

Details on our website: sandrsoc.org.uk
or email us: admin@sandrsoc.org.uk



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