

The Reydon Robin

The quarterly, complimentary news magazine, for Reydon



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October - December

- 19th Oct:** Fun Wine Tasting Evening, Reydon Village Hall, 7pm. £15 per person. Booking essential. Jackie: 01502 723380 reydonchristmaslights@gmail.com
- 25th Oct:** Ceilidh Night at Reydon Village Hall, 7pm - 10pm. Tickets £15.00pp from Charlotte Clark: frogclock@hotmail.com or ticketsource.co.uk/reydonvillagehall
- 3rd Nov:** St Margaret's Church All Souls' Service 3pm. A service of commemoration for those who have died this year.
- 4th Nov:** Registration opens for Southwold Christmas Day Swim, Gun Hill. blythvalleyrotary.co.uk/christmas-day-swim/
- 8th-10th Nov:** Southwold Literary Festival: 14 distinguished authors discuss their works. Southwold Arts Centre. suffolklibraries.co.uk/resources/southwold-literary-festival
- 9th Nov:** Christmas Fair: Framlingham and Saxmundham Cats' Protection: 10am - 2pm. Reydon Village Hall.
- 10th Nov:** Remembrance Sunday at St Margaret's Church beginning at 10.50am.
- 15th Nov:** Family Bingo Night in aid of Reydon Christmas Lights at Reydon Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm.
- 21st Nov:** Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm Reydon Village Hall.
- 30th Nov:** Southwold Lights Switch-on + Stalls. From 2pm and Lights on at 6pm. Market Place. Light up Southwold with Blyth Valley Rotary.
- 7th Dec:** Christmas Bazaar, Reydon Village Hall. 10am-12.30pm. In aid of Reydon Christmas Lights.
- 7th Dec:** Christmas Tree Switch-on, 6pm, Jubilee Green. Reydon Lights, with Blyth Valley Rotary. Free.
- 12th Dec:** Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm, Reydon Village Hall.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME



Pamela Cyprien, Chair,
Reydon Parish Council

The poet John Keats wrote: ‘*Autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness*’ and **FLOODING!** (no mention of rain!)

Welcome to the Autumn edition of *The Reydon Robin*. No sooner have we slipped into Autumn than we’re cut off once again by two of our key roads being closed. There’s no surprise about the B1127 at **Potter’s Bridge** (page 11) but there is real disappointment about **Quay Lane** being full of dirty water again. (page 15)

Have you thought about joining the Parish Council? It is very rewarding being a member of a significant team, which helps to shape the future of our Village. A lot of funding will also be coming our way - levies from the various housing developments in Reydon, which needs to be spent effectively in our community. Come and have your say! (pages 7).

I’d particularly like to thank those who distribute *The Reydon Robin* to every home in the village. But we do need more help to ensure that *The Robin* can be delivered. If you can assist with this please contact: reydonrobin@gmail.com

If there’s a particular volunteer or team in our community who should be recognised for their work, then you could nominate them for a ‘Reydon Star Award’ - a scheme set up by Reydon Parish Council to reward those whose contributions often go unrecognized. (see page 10).

Finally, save the date for the switch-on of Reydon’s magnificent Christmas Tree on Jubilee Green on Saturday 7th December from 5pm. It’s sure to be a spectacular evening with lots of fun for everyone.

With best wishes to all, Pam Cyprien.

The Winter edition of *The Reydon Robin* will be published on Thursday 12th December. The copy deadline for all articles is Friday 29th November and we’d love to hear from you with any news or views about the village: reydonrobin@gmail.com

LETTER FROM SOUTHWOLD

Southwold has been busy this summer although footfall has been down 30% on last year.

The season of events, including the Summer Theatre, the Arts and Street Festival, the Harbour Festival, RNLI Lifeboat Day and the Music on the Green, have all been successful.

Looking ahead we have the much-anticipated Christmas Lights switch-on on Saturday 30th November and Blyth Valley Rotary are organising the traditional Christmas Day swim. Thanks must go to the tireless efforts of all volunteers behind the scenes.

In August the long awaited skatepark at the Klondyke was officially opened. A very special mention is given to the Community Skatepark group which made this happen.

The new 'Visit Southwold' website is now live and provides information for both residents and visitors. The new Tourist Information Centre in the Craftco Shop, in the High Street has now opened. Craftco are still selling their usual wide range of handmade crafts, ceramics, glassware, jewellery, art work, textiles and cards.

The Station Yard Hub had its official opening on 1st October. Menta the operator is helping the community to promote their businesses and have hosted a recent business meeting. STC also organised a 'Clean Up Southwold' event on 13th October to support the various volunteers who have been working hard to retain the appearance and cleanliness in the Town.

STC is very pleased to announce all these activities have culminated in winning an award of 'Suffolk Council of the Year' presented at the Suffolk Community Awards Ceremony. This prestigious recognition is a fitting tribute to all the commitment and hard work of the councillors and staff at Southwold Town Council, and the support of the community in improving our Town and surrounding area.

Simon Flunder, Town Mayor

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM - GUN HILL BEACH

The Christmas Day swim is being organised by Blyth Valley Rotary and will take place at 10.30am at Gun Hill Beach. All the proceeds will go to charity.

All swimmers must register before the day, with Blyth Valley Rotary:

<https://blythvalleyrotary.co.uk/christmas-day-swim/>

LION LINK - THE THREAT INCREASES

Thank you to Fiona Gilmore, Charlotte Fox and Glynis Robertson from Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (SEAS) for the latest about Lion Link, one of two proposals by National Grid Ventures to bring electricity ashore from the North Sea Wind Farms and from Europe.

One of the two sites being considered for landfall is just north of Southwold Pier car park, where an interconnector station might be built! From there cables are to be buried under our Areas of Outstanding Beauty (AONBs) through farmland around the north of Reydon.

Reydon Common Marshes



Photo Credit: Jonathan Hadgraft

This will be the Northern Cable Route which continues under the Blyth Valley and south to a huge distributor site near Saxmundham. The South Cable Route proposal is to bring cables ashore at Walberswick.

SEAS have been campaigning relentlessly for an alternative, less destructive plan, keeping all the cables undersea until they reach a brownfield site nearer to London, where the power is really needed.

In June 2023 National Grid Ventures served notices to local residents and landowners, threatening fines of £1,000 + law suits if access for surveys were obstructed. Quite clearly landowners had no alternative but to agree to permit access for invasive surveys on their land.

Between now and January National Grid Ventures' surveys are being carried out for the Northern Cable Route. This involves sinking bore holes 15 metres deep (almost 50ft) to analyse the structure of the soil. Similar surveys are being carried out on the Southern Route at Walberswick.

The next phase, depending on the choice of route, will be more invasive involving archaeological digs in 90m long (nearly 100yds) trenches, having a far more serious impact on the local environment.

Yes, we need vital new sources of clean energy, but at what cost?

To object to the destruction of our countryside please follow www.suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk/ and support the important work of SEAS.

For even more information please look at SEAS new, excellent website: www.Offshore4sure.com

LIGHTHOUSE LADIES

The Lighthouse Ladies meet on the third Tuesday of each month in Reydon Village Hall at 7.30pm and enjoy talks, demonstrations and activities from a variety of speakers. Anyone can join and recently we have had an exciting influx of new members.

If you think you'd like to see who and what we are, please bring yourself down to the Village Hall and you will be sure of a very warm welcome. Or if you prefer, please call Linda, our Chairman, on 01502 722699 or 07909 567818 to chat about the Lighthouse Ladies' activities.

Linda Coe

1st Southwold and Reydon Scout Group

The Scout Group would like to congratulate our first two Beavers to have been awarded The Scout Association's Bronze Chief Scout Award. Jack Hurr and Arthur Westall were presented with their awards at our AGM in July - the result of a great deal of effort and hard work. I would like to congratulate Beaver Leader Siobhan Busby for achieving this milestone.

Then in September one of our number received the Gold Chief Scout Award, after four years of hard work and personal challenge. This Award was presented by the Town Mayor of Southwold, Cllr Simon Flunder.

If you would like your young person to try Scouts please email us on: gsl@1stsouthwoldandreydonscouts.org or call Luke on 07900 982836 or leave a message on our Facebook page.

If you are interested in volunteering with our group - whether it be an hour a week or an hour a month in any capacity, be it a Team Member or on our Trustee Board, please contact me.

Luke Winter, Lead Team Volunteer

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Being a Reydon Parish Councillor is a rewarding experience for those who want to help our community and would like to make a difference. Parish Councillors are volunteers.

Part of the role is to take part in and contribute to monthly meetings, where agenda items covering a range of topics are discussed. You help make the necessary decisions. It is hoped that you join one or more of the Working Groups or Committees.

If you would like to get a sense of how it works, please attend one of our monthly meetings as a member of the public. The dates are on our website: reydonvillage.org/



Some of the key responsibilities:

- Decision-making - the Parish Council works as a team so it is helpful that you attend as many monthly meetings as you can.
- We are a main consultee on all Planning Applications for Reydon. At the meetings you have the opportunity to give your views on those applications and any other proposals that will affect the residents in our parish.
- Communication - Councillors are responsible for reporting back to residents on issues affecting the parish, and communicating Council decisions.
- Planning for the future - We need your help to get better services, facilities, open spaces etc. These issues are discussed in smaller Working Groups. . . are then reported at the next full Council Meeting where, if applicable, decisions will be made by all the Councillors.
- Housing developers make payments, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), to the Parish Council to support projects that benefit the community. The Parish Council prioritises the allocation of the CIL income to ensure that community benefits are realised. There are to be a significant number of new houses built within Reydon in the next few years. The CIL income will be substantial.

The Chair and the Parish Clerk are always more than happy to advise new and inexperienced Councillors - you only need to ask! We are all on the same side and have the same aim, to improve the quality of life in the Parish and support the residents of Reydon the best way we can.

If you are interested, or would like more details, please get in touch with Ann Dobson, Parish Clerk, on reydon.pc@gmail.com *Thank you.*

REYDON SCARECROW TRAIL 2024

Yet again we had perfect weather for this year's Scarecrow Trail on 14th and 15th September. The theme was 'Olympics and Paralympics' which was fully embraced by all those who made a scarecrow. There are some very imaginative and clever people living amongst us in Reydon! In 3rd place was No.8, Waiting to Dive, in 2nd place was No.35, Tom Four-Yearly and our winner of the luxury hamper (including a voucher for Afternoon Tea kindly donated by Southwold Boating Lake and Tearoom) was No.13, Lakeside entry for the Olympic Diving Team.

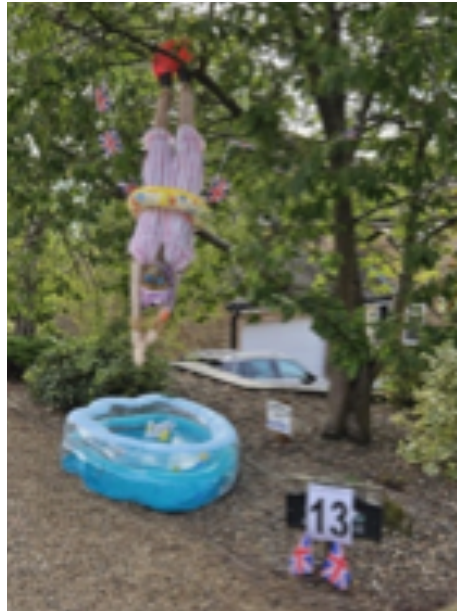
Note: a bit of a theme there!

Over the weekend we raised a fantastic £1,300 before expenses, which will help enormously with our lights' costs.

We were also very generously given two Team GB official Kit Tops to auction by Robbie Grabarz, former Olympic high jumper and now Team GB Coach, and these are now with their new owners.

We have to thank all the wonderful people who helped make the weekend a success. Thank you to those who made a Scarecrow - as without you this event could not take place! The Lighthouse Ladies baked lots of delicious homemade cakes and savouries for us to sell at the Village Hall, and who also helped in the kitchen through the day.

Thank you also to The Randolph Hotel, who donated some of their fantastic sausage rolls for us to sell; to Global Chairs for advertising in our Programme, and to all who helped with the setting up of the trail, putting all the signs out and manning the Village Hall over the weekend.



The Scarecrow Trail will take a well-earned rest in 2025, but hopes to return in 2026. We would really love to have a few more people participating in the 2026 Trail, so if you would like to take part please let us know by emailing: reydonscarecrowtrail@gmail.com.

Fiona Cooper, Reydon Lights Committee



NATURE NOTES

A cold, wet late September day surprised these migrating House Martins, who managed to find temporary sanctuary in Southwold, literally in their hundreds. Sadly very few nest in our locality, so it was quite something to witness so many, birds of a feather flocking together!



A pair of Sanderlings, one with the remains of a mollusc, (below left) the other hoping to share the meal. These enchanting shore birds have a unique feature - no hind claw - which is believed to allow them to run faster and they can easily outpace a fast incoming tide.

Finally we have Dartford Warblers nesting in our locality. This wet and bedraggled Dartford Warbler was spotted at the end of September and really is a great sight on record for our area. *Bill*

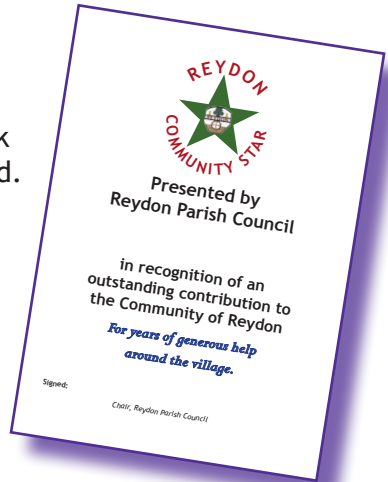


THE REYDON STARS

These are annual awards, created by Reydon Parish Council, to recognise local people who have made outstanding contributions to the Reydon community, and whose voluntary work has, more often than not, gone unappreciated. The awards are presented each April at the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting.

Past winners include The Reydon Christmas Lights Committee, Charlotte Clark, Blyth Valley Rotary, and Anita Barbrook.

Coming up to its third year, The Parish Council is looking to award those people who should be recognised for their work for the community. If you would like to nominate a volunteer or a team who you think should be considered, please contact Ann Dobson, Reydon Parish Clerk on reydon.pc@gmail.com



SOUTHWOLD AND REYDON COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Community Pantry celebrated its first anniversary three months ago, and continues to go from strength to strength. Recently we have increased our number of volunteers, some who collect short-life items from local supermarkets and take them to the Pantry, and some who staff the Pantry every Friday.

We have also noticed an increase in the number of people who visit us and help prevent waste, by taking these items home to enjoy, all free of charge. As a sustainability initiative we are open to everyone - no vouchers, no questions, no money . . . please just come along and help yourselves to ten items from our fridge, freezers and shelves. At this time of year, we also have a wonderful amount of fresh produce grown by our local allotment holders, for which we are very grateful.

To those unsure of where we are, you can find us at the back of Reydon Village Hall from 9am to 3pm every Friday. We look forward to seeing our regular visitors and welcoming new customers.

Linda Coe

THE POTTER'S BRIDGE SAGA

As I write the road is flooded at Potter's Bridge and closed to all vehicles. I am exasperated that the landowners Mr and Mrs Jones have been allowed to get away with causing so many problems in our district, and I am calling on the Environment Agency to take court action. Hopefully our new MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter will help.

For years the outfall was kept open by one man and a shovel. It all worked as well with an Environment Agency digger until Mr Jones refused access a few years ago. He said he would keep it open with his smaller digger but his efforts do not last long. He also does not dig the channel when it is needed, so the beach has been breaching to drain the broad and clear the road. This means that the freshwater habitat of the reedbeds is being lost to the sea and we are not only damaging vehicles but also hindering access to vital destinations e.g. The James Paget Hospital.

Last February, Natural England agreed to create a bund to protect the reeds above the bridge, but nothing has happened yet. Suffolk Highways also promised to inspect the bridge and clear the tidal



Photo Credit: John Huggins

flaps, which has not been done though they have cleared the road drains. Our community faces an avalanche of threats from an increasingly erratic climate with sea level rise looming. We need our statutory agencies to get their acts together to build resilience and protect us, and fast!

David Beavan, East Suffolk Councillor

Editor's Note: *Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP visited Potter's Bridge recently with John Huggins and Rebecca Clatworthy to inspect the flooding level and the alternative road route.*

She took considerable interest, and is contacting The Environment Agency and the Landowners. The local petition to save Potters Bridge has reached a total of 5,668 signatures.

At time of going to press, the water level at Potter's Bridge is falling. It's not known whether the outfall on the beach has been cleared, but the water is definitely draining away and the road should be passable again.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, REYDON

At the beginning of September we celebrated Harvest Festival in the new Interment Garden for the first time. The weather was beautiful and we were able to reflect upon the beauty of God's Creation, and our ever more urgent responsibility to care for it. When walking through the Churchyard please take a moment to relax in the new Interment area and enjoy its peaceful ambience.



On Monday 26th August, two of our parishioners Richard and Helen Cook, celebrated 67 years of marriage and to mark their amazing achievement The East Anglian Daily Times wrote a full-page article on them both. We wish them many more happy years to come!

Future Events: *to which you are all invited*

3rd November at 3pm: All Souls' Service
- we will be holding a simple service of commemoration to remember all

those loved ones, who have died in the past year, and to bring comfort and support to grieving families. The service includes the lighting of candles in memory of a loved-one. All are invited and if you would like the name of a loved-one to be read out please email your request to our Administrator Amanda Savory: admin@solebaychurches.org.uk.

10th November at 10:50am: Remembrance Sunday - our service will begin outside in the churchyard where there will be the Last Post, a two-minute silence and the laying of wreaths. The service will then continue in the church. All are welcome to attend the service to remember our war dead and those who continue to live with life changing injuries.

Rev. Alan Perry

Reydon Village Hall

. . . at the heart of the community.

Thanks to everyone's support of our fundraising events, the Reydon Trust and Reydon Parish Council we have begun to make some great progress on our plans to repair, renovate and refit Reydon Village Hall. We now have our new heating, repainted foyer & exterior and newly fitted out meeting room, The Loftus Room, that can be booked for separate use to the main hall. Coming up in Autumn/Winter 24/5 we will have a fully refitted disabled toilet with baby change, new hall lighting, new curtains and blinds plus the start of the interior redecoration of the hall.

We have been touched by how many people have supported our efforts and come to our fun fundraising events like Bingo, Beetle Drives and Quizzes. Next up we have another of the brilliant Ceilidh nights with the Once Bittern -Ceilidh Band. This takes place on Friday 25th October from 7-10pm and it's £15 per person including bottomless soup, cheese and bread. Bring your own alcohol but we have soft drinks and snacks available to buy. You can book your tickets in advance with Charlotte 07715388916frogclock@hotmail.com or online www.ticketsource.co.uk/reydonvillagehall. Watch this space for more events coming soon!

It's been lovely over the recent months that Reydon Village Hall has been a community hub for events like the Reydon Scarecrow Trail, in aid of the Reydon Christmas Lights, and the Fit Villages dance session on a Tuesday afternoon, as well as being the home for the Reydon Pantry.

If you have an event, course, group, meeting or activity coming up you can hire either the hall space or The Loftus room. We have a wide range of activities going on from work training courses, kids' clubs, exercise classes, music nights, performances, social groups, adult and kids' parties, dancing groups and much more. To check out availability visit reydonvillage.org/about-reydon/amenities,

email reydonvillagehall@gmail.com or phone 07508 510732.

Charlotte Clark, Chairman



HOW GOOD IS YOUR MEMORY?

Do you recognise the team, the date and any of the players?

If so please email The Reydon Robin: reydonrobin@gmail.com

Asking for a reader.

SOLE BAY HEALTH CENTRE

Winter Vaccination Programme 2024.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccination

- **Eligibility:** Patients aged 75-79 between 01/09/2024 and 31/08/2025, NHS England have placed a strict criteria for patients who can receive the RSV vaccine.
- **Booking:** All eligible patients have been invited by the Practice. When you receive the invitation, please call the reception team to schedule your appointment.
- **Turning 75 Soon?** Patients who turn 75 during this period will be invited to receive the RSV vaccine around their 75th birthday.

Influenza and COVID Vaccinations

- **Start Date:** The vaccination programme begins no earlier than October for most eligible patients. This is on advice from NHS England.
- **Invitation Process:** Sole Bay will invite eligible patients via letter or text message.
- **Contact:** Please wait for an invitation before contacting the practice.
- **House-bound:** Vaccination for these will begin mid-October and patients will be contacted advising when the nurse will visit.

Childrens' Flu Vaccinations

- **Under 5 Years Old:** Sole Bay will invite eligible children under 5 years old for the nasal flu immunisation.
- **School-age Children:** Vaccinations for children in school or home-schooled will be managed by the School Nursing Team. They will provide direct guidance on receiving the immunisation. The practice is unable to offer vaccination to this cohort.

Thank You for Your Support!

Rigby Whittaker

We appreciate your co-operation and look forward to a busy and successful vaccination period.

QUAY LANE FLOODING - local feedback:

There's consternation and disappointment about the flooding of Quay Lane, only months after it was cleared by a contractor for Suffolk Highways. This single-lane road may seem insignificant on the map, but it is an essential route for farm machinery, delivery drivers and private cars. It cuts down the large number of vehicles coming through the village, and saves nasty emissions and journey times.

One local farmer observed: 'Quay Lane used to fill with water regularly during heavy rain, but it always cleared within a few hours. Since the pig farm arrived, the run-off seems to block the drains.'

Another local resident said: 'It was noted at the time that the debris from the flood clearance was left on the verges by the contractor and when it rained it was being washed back on to the road.'

Last year the pigs were moved to a different field. A local driver noted:

'I was passing the site on two occasions in heavy rain and noticed that the water was running down the Wangford Road, into Quay Lane and then into the drain. At that time I saw no evidence of silt coming off the field where the pigs had been.'

Whatever the reason for the flood, it is disappointing for everyone using Quay Lane that it takes an unusually long time to clear the lane once it is blocked. However it has been said:

'Compared to the A12, the A14 and other trunk roads in Suffolk, Quay Lane is a lower priority . . . it doesn't even have a road number.'

The Parish Council is trying to get this matter resolved as soon as possible, and Suffolk Highways have responded to say that they are dealing with it.

REMARKABLE TREES IN REYDON

Please do not get rid of your fallen leaves, if you are lucky to have any! Autumn's leaf fall is triggered by the release of a hormone, initiating a cascade of chemical reactions. These break down and release mineral compounds within the leaves, which are subsequently transported back down to the roots.

As the reclaiming of these nutrients is never complete, fallen leaves still contain a significant amount of potential plant food. When the leaves are gradually broken down by soil organisms these nutrients are released back into the soil, in a form where they can be used by plants once again.

This re-cycling of natural fertiliser supports soil health, structure and biodiversity, all of which helps to ensure the health of the plants themselves. So this Autumn please bear this in mind before you throw away Nature's precious gift.

Denise Faulkner, Reydon's Tree Warden

The back page of The Reydon Robin is donated to The Southwold RNLI in recognition of their 200th Anniversary.

WE ARE RECRUITING VOLUNTEER CREW



Lifeboats



If you live or work in Southwold or Reydon and could attend training on Thursday evenings, we have volunteer opportunities for operational lifeboat crew, no experience required. For more information please email: southwold@rnli.org.uk or visit: RNLI.org/volroles



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