

The Reydon Robin



The quarterly, complimentary news magazine for Reydon
Winter 2022

ISSUE 5

THE GREAT REYDON SWITCH ON

Hundreds of people turned out at Jubilee Green, the heart of the village, on a chilly but dry evening for the annual lighting of the Reydon Christmas Tree on Saturday December 3rd.

Pam Cyprien, Leader of Reydon Parish Council, initiated the countdown to the switch-on and the Rev. Alan Perry led the Carols, the Prayers and the Blessing of the Tree.



There was musical accompaniment from The Band of The Royal British Legion, Leiston, Reydon Primary School gave their superb rendition of 'Santa Claus in coming to Town', and The Southwold and District Rotary Club arranged the whole, joyous event, for which the community is very grateful.



(The cover and inside photographs courtesy of Jon Hadgraft)

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME



Pamela Cyprien, Leader,
Reydon Parish Council

The Reydon Robin has been going for a year now, and this is our fifth edition, with news of the village at this festive time of year. Welcome to the Christmas edition of The Reydon Robin, the free, quarterly news magazine, hand delivered to all the homes in the village by our esteemed volunteers - a readership of almost 2700!

Accompanying The Reydon Robin this month is your Parish Council's comprehensive 4-page leaflet 'Better Together', with all you need to know about dealing with the Cost of Living Crisis in our area, put together by Councillors Jess Gregson and Madeleine Senior. Thank you Jess and Maddy for this very helpful supplement.

Also a very heartfelt 'Thank you' to The Reydon Christmas Lights Committee, who has been raising money, tirelessly, all year to bring us such joy, with the festive sparkle of Christmas, lighting up the whole village. The switch on of the community Christmas Tree was witnessed by hundreds of people at a superb event on Jubilee Green, organised faultlessly by Southwold & District Rotary Club.

There are a number of articles in this edition about getting out and about in this, the season of short days and long nights, to enjoy our beautiful, natural surroundings. I'm sure that exercise in fresh air and sunlight is one of the best ways to lift our spirits and mood.

Finally a big 'thank you' to Nick Elvin and the superb Redcap Farm Tree Services for sponsoring this edition of The Reydon Robin.

Wishing you all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

Pam Cyprien

The next edition of The Reydon Robin will be published on Maundy Thursday, 6th April, sponsored by The Southwold & Reydon Society. If you'd like your news included or have a topic you'd like to see in The Reydon Robin, please email us at: Reydon.robin@gmail.com

REYDON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It's December and we are really pleased, that with the support of the local community throughout the year, we have been able to light up the village once again.

Our fundraising efforts start at the beginning of each year, with such a large amount to raise. We have held Family Bingo Nights, Quizzes, Coffee Mornings and The Scarecrow Trail. We have had stalls at several events throughout the summer and also held our 'Sponsor a Bulb' initiative to help add to the total.

To date we have also been very lucky to have received donations from **The Reydon Trust, Southwold Autos, Duncan and Son (Southwold) Ltd, Micropress, RJ Home Improvements, Global Chairs, East Coast Funerals, AJP Electrical, Ironbridge Furniture, The Randolph Hotel, Sole Bay Bowls Club, Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club, Reydon Parish Council, Southwold & Reydon Society, Adnams, Valerie & John Baker and The Doy Family** along with others who wish to remain anonymous. For this we thank each and every one of you who has supported us in any way throughout the year. Enjoy the lights and have a very Merry Christmas!

Please watch out for our fundraising events during 2023! *Fiona Cooper*

Walking for Health and Wellbeing in Reydon

The wellbeing walkers of Reydon continue to be out and about! We were delighted to welcome three new walkers to the group following the last posting in The Reydon Robin. Our short walking routes are fine whatever the weather and give newcomers the opportunity to see parts of Reydon they never knew existed!

The walk leaders check out the longer routes each month to make sure they are safe for all to take part. It's always good to see the walkers arrive on Jubilee Green each week and to catch up with whatever they have been busy with. We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at the Randolph again this year - and thanks to the Randolph for their continued support. If you would like to join us just turn up on a Thursday morning at 10.30, we never walk too fast or leave people behind. Our walks are suitable for people with mobility issues and in some cases, for wheelchair users.

If you'd like to know more about these walks in Reydon and in other locations you can go to the OneLife website: www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk Walks are free and there's no booking in advance, just turn up and go!

Sally Cracknell, Health Walk Leader

POTTERS BRIDGE - why does it flood?

The natural springs in Potters Bridge Marshes, inland of the B1127 Reydon to Wrentham Road, continually produce fresh water. Together with the rainwater it all drains under Potters Bridge into Easton Broad, across the beach and into the sea.

There is a need to maintain a regular level of fresh water in the Marshes and Easton Broad to sustain nesting bitterns and the reed habitat. Normally the water finds its own level - approx 1.1 metres Above Ordnance Datum, (AOD is scientifically known as sea level) and any excess water above that level should drain into the sea, via a natural channel, an outfall.



With an increasing number of storms and surge tides, the outfall can often get blocked with sand. Then the water level rises in the marshes, and the B1127 is vulnerable to flooding, because, critically, the road surface is below sea level at the highest tides.

Because less water rises in the marshes in Summer and there's less rainfall, the outfall can get blocked, because there's not enough water flowing to keep the outfall open. So when the rains come in the Autumn, the fresh water is trapped by the sand bank and the road floods.

To prevent the flooding the outfall must be cleared, mechanically. Due to local difficulties it could not happen this year until November, so the road flooded to a depth of 20cm (1.7 AOD) in October and a Ford Fiesta got swamped.

The depth of the broad is regularly monitored and reported daily on my social media during flooding:

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*David Beavan,
East Suffolk Councillor*

The Sole Bay Health Centre - Enhanced Appointments Service

We are now offering Enhanced Access arrangements to all registered Patients. For those who struggle to access services during regular working hours, there will now be a wide range of appointments available from 1830 - 2000 Monday to Friday and from 0900-1700 on a Saturday.

Additional appointments will be made available for things that people struggle to get during the working week, and for those with a particularly high patient demand, such as Phlebotomy appointments.

There will be a combination of additional telephone and face-to-face appointments to reflect the varied access needs of patients.

We also plan to extend the range of appointments offered to include additional clinical Pharmacist Complex Medication reviews, Ear Micro-suction Clinics, Vaccinations and NHS Health Checks as well as more specialist clinics for coils, implants, joint injections and minor surgery etc.

You can access these services by contacting The Surgery in the normal way. The Receptionists have access to all the clinics being offered and can book you in at a time that suits you.

Rigby Whittaker

MR BUS

Mr Bus is not just for our older population, it is a great facility for everyone to use in Reydon and Southwold! Journeys are a £1.00 for Adults, 50p for Children over 5, and free for Bus Pass holders. It's also available for community hire. Passengers can stop/hail Mr Bus, hop on and off anywhere on route where safe to do so.



Mr Bus starts at The Sole Bay Health Centre, looping around Reydon and into Southwold Market Place.

There are bus stops at Fat Face, the Library, the Pier, the Caravan Park, and back. Mr Bus is funded by The Sole Bay Care Fund, and supported by Halesworth Area Community Transport. (HACT)

We rely on volunteers to drive Mr Bus. All our drivers have passed the Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training. If anyone would like to be a driver or a 'bus buddy', please email sbcfund326@gmail.com or call HACT on 01986 875900. It's also a god way to combat social isolation.

Timetables are available at many outlets around Reydon and Southwold and on line at www.solebaycarefund.uk We would like to thank our drivers for their commitment to this service, and those businesses and organisations who have sponsored Mr Bus. Happy Christmas! *Cathy Ryan*

GREEN POWER CONNECTIONS, BUT AT WHAT COST?

You may have received a leaflet from National Grid Ventures (NGV) outlining a consultation they are running for the proposed Eurolink and Sea Link projects.

Briefly, Eurolink involves a sub-sea electricity cable between Britain and the Netherlands to connect offshore wind farms to both British and Dutch electricity grids. Four sites have been identified in the countryside between Leiston and Saxmundham for a 5 hectare Converter Station.

There will also be cables coming ashore, and the shortlisted sites for landfall are at Easton Bavents, Walberswick, Dunwich or Thorpeness, some of the most serious coastal erosion sites in the whole of The UK. It is also proposed that the underground cables taking the current to a proposed interconnector at Friston, will be buried in trenches carved through our countryside.

We certainly need more renewable energy if we are going to get anywhere near our climate change targets. However, if these proposals go ahead as they stand, the impact on our local area will be considerable (particularly given the cumulative impact of other onshore infrastructure projects such as Sizewell C and the Friston substation). The initial consultation runs until 18th December and we would urge everyone to have their say.

Sea Link is a sub-sea cable to link Suffolk and Kent, with landfall and another converter station at Friston.

A third project, Nautilus, is a proposal to link Britain and Belgium that might also involve a further connection at Friston. However, NGV are now considering siting the proposed interconnector at the Isle of Grain in Kent.

Reydon Parish Council questions whether these projects could be better co-ordinated or co-located, whether more infrastructure should be out at sea rather than in the AONB, and whether brownfield sites could be used for infrastructure onshore.

You can find out more information and take part in the consultation process (>18th Dec) via the National Grid's Sea Link and Eurolink websites. There are letter templates on the Suffolk Energy Action Solutions website you might find useful, should you wish to register objections to the proposals.

Fiona Taylor, Parish Councillor

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NATURE NOTES

Winter is Mother Nature's time for slumber. However there's still plenty of activity to be seen out and about.

A few moths are on the wing during winter. This is a December Moth, with a furry mantel.

Our Winter Moth should be on the wing now, and is one of the few species that can cope with Winter temperatures. (not illustrated)



Here is a lonesome Lapwing, sporting icicles on its legs



Do look out for our overwintering migrant birds. A favourite has to be the Brambling, in competition with our Chaffinch.



Some owls hunt during the daytime in Winter. This hungry, keen eyed Short Eared Owl has just arrived.

Merry Christmas All!

Bill Hancock

Walking: THE CURIOUS HISTORY OF REYDON QUAY



The River Blyth, with Reydon Quay in the distance (photo credit: David Panther)

This has been well told in Rachel Lawrence's *Southwold River* (Suffolk Books 1990). Built around 1740 as an alternative to Blackshore for loading and unloading goods in the coastal trade, thereby avoiding harbour dues at Southwold, Miles Barne of The Sotterley Estate ensured it was a viable enterprise.

The old Quay Inn was reputedly a smugglers' haunt, the two narrow windows in the gable end used to give the all-clear if a light was seen shining from them.

A.B. Jenkins records a story told by William Hurr, who as a boy was left to watch the ship, *Hope* moored at the Quay. During the night a smugglers' boat landed 300 - 400 tubs of contraband or crop. Hurr was told to go below and say nothing, for which service he would be paid.

When the Customs men finally caught up, the boy duly feigned ignorance, even though the smugglers' boat had been found abandoned at Blythburgh Flats. A tub of gin duly found its way to Hurr's house.

Bob Jellicoe is author of *'Shorelines, Voices of Southwold Fishermen'* Oct. 2021

DISTRIBUTING THE REYDON ROBIN

The continuing production of the free, quarterly, *Reydon Robin* news magazine is only possible if it can reach all the homes in the village. If you would like to join the team of esteemed volunteers that take *The Reydon Robin* out to letterboxes near you, please contact us either by e-mail at: Reydon.robin@gmail.com or by phone: 07768 395465. We'd be delighted to hear from you . . . and it is good exercise!

Walking: REMARKABLE TREES IN REYDON

Reydon residents have a passion for trees, with many gardens home to fine specimens. I am always mesmerized by the brilliant white bark of the Himalayan Birches in a driveway at Reydon Corner, whilst a Ginko along the Wangford Road is a wonderful example of an ancient group of trees which have existed since dinosaur times.

On a stroll along Keens Lane you pass through old Oaks and towering Holly trees, not to mention the fascinating weaving branches of an old Box tree at Laurel Farm.

Our local landscape is full of remarkable oaks, hundreds of years old. Just imagine what they have witnessed in their life-time. For a longer circular route with a challenge, take a long tape measure with you. Follow the footpath from St. Margaret's Church across the fields and on up beside Grove Farm, turning left along the bridleway to Wash lane and back to Grove Farm. The route is lined with Oaks.

To find the oldest tree simply measure your Oak around the girth at 1.3m above the ground in cms and divide the answer by 1.8 to give an estimate of the age of the tree. Happy Tree hunting!

Denise Faulkner is a freelance gardener and Reydon's Tree Warden.

TREE PLANTING ON THE REC

A huge thank you to the 30 or so amazing volunteers who braved a damp and chilly Saturday morning to plant trees on the Recreation Ground in November.

We planted more than 200 saplings from The Woodland Trust, all with canes and protective spirals. We hope these will become a 40m hedgerow of Elder, Rowan, Hazel, Dog Rose, Blackthorn and Crab Apple, as well as a separate copse of Silver Birch, Rowan and Wild Cherry. Thanks to the weather they were well watered in after planting. It was a fantastic effort from all involved, and all being well . . . a wonderful legacy for the future.



*"The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.
The second best time is now" (Chinese proverb).*

Fiona Taylor

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, REYDON

Peace and goodwill!



On Sunday December 18 at 4pm we will hold our **Candlelit Carol Service** with traditional readings and carols to prepare us all for the joy of Christmas, which seems particularly needed this year.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December at 4pm we will be holding our all age **Crib and Christingle Service** with a topical World Cup theme. Do come along with all the family. At 11.00pm we will be welcoming in Christmas with our **Midnight Communion Service**.

On Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December at 9.30am we will celebrate Christmas with a **Family Communion Service**.

On New Years Day, Sunday 1st January at 11.00am there will be one service for all from **Sole Bay Ministry** to welcome in the New Year, at St Edmund's Church, Southwold.

On Sunday 8 January we will celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany**, when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child, with a **Family Communion Service** at 9.30am.

A very warm welcome to all our services and a Happy Christmas to you all!

Rev. Alan Perry

REYDON VILLAGE HALL

For all bookings please contact Anita Freeman
on 01502 723746 or by email: H_Freeman1@sky.com

Reydon Village Hall will be 50 years old in 2027! It was opened by Simon Loftus in 1977, after a long, hard-fought fundraising campaign. The Village Hall Trustees and Management have begun a structural evaluation of the popular facility, led by conservation architect Alan Greening.

It's too early to confirm what improvements are being considered, as yet, but in the meantime the Hall remains open for all events and uses, as usual. Please make use of the Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the grounds, where there is free, unlimited off-road parking available.

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CLIMATE CHANGE - Cop or Cop Out?

Cop 27, the international meeting to agree measures to curb climate change, recently concluded in Egypt, to general disappointment.

There was worldwide agreement to restrict the increase in **Global warming to 1.5°C** However the UK's current targets to cut greenhouse gases are too weak to achieve this. The UK is not alone.

We need to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels.

A provision was made to boost “low emissions energy” from wind and solar power to nuclear reactors and coal power stations fitted with carbon capture and storage mechanisms. However using gas, which has lower emissions than coal, is still a major fossil fuel.

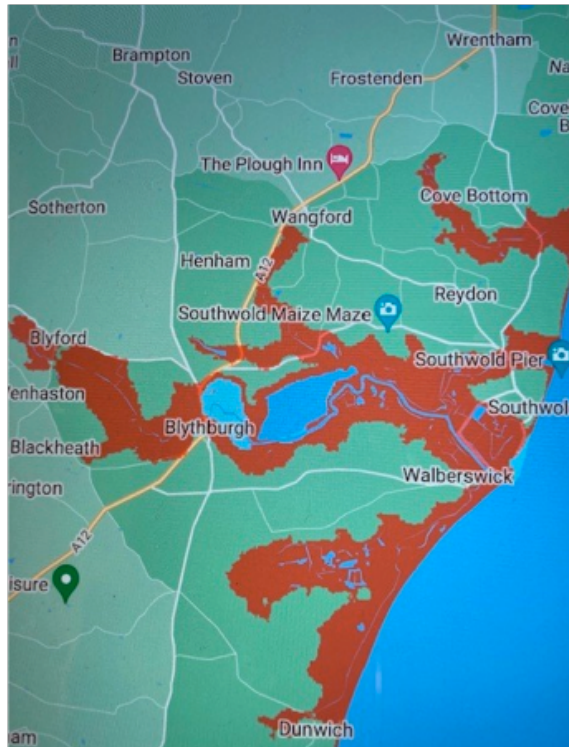
Specifically, every measure we take locally and around the UK will have an impact on how we tackle climate change which, as is well reported, will have potentially catastrophic outcomes for future generations.

The Risks: The whole of the East Coast of The UK, from Aberdeen to the Thames estuary, is at risk of flooding. Global warming and subsequent sea level rise is likely to lead to more extreme weather events and a much greater risk of flooding, even if global temperature rise is limited to 1.5°C.

There are many maps available projecting Sea Level rise. This local map (from The Climate Central website) is one view, showing the land projected to be below annual flood level in 2050 with a 1.5°C degree increase in global temperatures. (not including any flood mitigation)

It is very alarming.

Roger Cracknell is Deputy Leader of Reydon Parish Council



THE SAINT FELIX SCHOOL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



The Saint Felix planning saga started in 2014, when after years of uncertain management, high debt and falling school numbers, Saint Felix proposed to raise money by selling its St George's playing field for housing development. This was controversial because it would be a major development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, outside the Reydon village envelope and would result in the loss of a sports field, also used by the community.

After 5 years the School gained outline planning permission for 69 houses, but first had to provide a new playing field on the school's old equestrian course (part of a County Wildlife Site).

In 2021, the charity, which had previously run Saint Felix, sold the School and its 45 acres to a commercial school operator, Inspired Learning Group (ILG). ILG in turn sold the playing field to a developer, Hill Residential.

Following further planning applications, ILG/Hill now has planning permission to build 55 houses on the Halesworth Road site, which should include 19 affordable properties. However there are local concerns that many of these new properties may become second homes or holiday lets.

Work on the replacement playing field is expected to start in the Spring.

Most recently, ILG has applied for planning permission for a new artificial turf playing pitch at the western end of the school site, which would be floodlit by 15m high towers and ILG also wants to build a large illuminated plastic dome over the tennis and netball courts to the rear of the school.

Stephen Chessher, Chairman, The Reydon Action Group for the Environment

Footnote: The Parish Council, on behalf of the Reydon community, have always raised major concerns about the impact of this development on both the County Wildlife site, and the soon to be busy access opening onto the Halesworth Road. The Parish Council recommended the addition of a mini-roundabout at Keens Lane to slow approaching traffic and to feed vehicles safely in and out of the new development. Sadly this was not adopted.

The Reydon Robin Christmas Cracker



You are pulling your cracker; there's a bang (or maybe not) but no joke is inside. Grasping your glasses, you turn to your Reydon Robin and read out:

- What do you call a cat sitting on the beach at Christmas? *Sandy Claws!*
- What happened to the thief who stole a calendar? *He got 12 months!*
- What do you get when you cross a Snowman with a Vampire? *Frost bite!*
- How did Scrooge win the Football match? *The Ghost of Christmas passed!*
- Why are Christmas Trees so bad at knitting? *They drop all their needles!*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022 - 2023

18th December	Christmas Party at The Randolph, with The Austin Beats, booking essential	7pm
31st December	New Year's Eve Quiz at The Randolph Food from 7pm, booking essential	8.30pm
22nd January	Kalvyn's Quiz in aid of the Reydon Sports and Community Centre at the Centre, Green Lanes: £5 entry Bring your own bottle and nibbles	7.30pm

REYDON PARISH COUNCIL IS ON FACEBOOK

Please like our new Facebook page, for information about local matters



CHRISTMASTIME AT SOUTHWOLD ARTS CENTRE

Sun 27 Nov 3.30 pm £14*

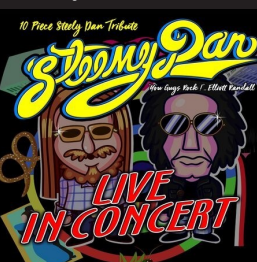


Shakespeare His Wife and the Dog
by Philip Whitchurch,

Presented by Bated Breath Theatre Company and We Are Team. This one hour production has attracted critical acclaim. It is followed by an interval and short Q and A

Sat 3 December
19:30 pm £16.50*

10 Piece Steely Dan Tribute



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Merry Christmas

We'd like to wish all our customers a very happy festive season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!