

The Reydon Robin!



1952 - 2022



Jubilee
Edition!



THE REYDON SHOW

IN THE
VILLAGE
HALL

Why not join in
and enter your
produce?

Sow your seeds in
good time for :-

6th. August 2022



CLASSES
FOR :-

Adult Art
Children's Art
Confectionary
Flowers
Fruit
Handicrafts
Photographs
Preserves
Vegetables



Are you a baker, an artist, a photographer, a crafter, a sewer, a knitter, a gardener or a flower arranger? Then why not enter the Reydon Show?

The show celebrates your talents, big and small, plus there are small cash prizes and trophies to be won.

Entries have to be in on the Friday night 5th August, or Saturday morning 6th August. So, plan you preserves, ready your radishes and corral your carnations!

The Reydon Show opens at 2pm on 6th August,
at Reydon Village Hall

Front Cover: Design by Mila Djahit, Year 5, Reydon Primary School.

Thank you to all the children from The School who designed covers for the The Reydon Robin, and posters to advertise Reydon's Jubilee Picnic. Some are on show around the village and all will be on display at The Picnic.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME



Pamela Cyprien, Chair,
Reydon Parish Council

Welcome to the Jubilee Edition of The Reydon Robin, the quarterly, complimentary news magazine for Reydon. We were delighted with the very positive response to our last edition, which like this one, was hand delivered by our valiant volunteers to all the homes in Reydon. This amounts to 1450 dwellings and almost 2700 people in our large village.

This Summer news magazine we are calling the Jubilee Edition in recognition of The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, which we will be celebrating at Reydon's own Jubilee Picnic on Sunday June 5th from 12.30. It will take place on the village's aptly named Jubilee Green, and you can find all the details of the event on the centre pages.

A special thank you to the children of Reydon Primary School, who submitted their entries for the front cover of The Reydon Robin. Many congratulations to Mila Djahit from Year 5, whose vibrant design was selected for its creative composition and great sense of fun. For me, it sums up the joy and conviviality the Nation is about to celebrate.

Thank you too to Leigh and Henry Turner at Barbrook Stores for sponsoring this Jubilee edition of The Reydon Robin. We are grateful for the tireless delivery work that Barbrook Stores did right through the pandemic. Your contributions to our community are most appreciated.

Finally, we were very sad to hear of the death of Cllr. Barrie Remblance on May 4th. Barrie served the community tirelessly for many years as Chairman of Reydon Parish Council. For his obituary please see p.10.

I look forward to seeing everyone at The Jubilee Picnic on June 5th.

With best wishes, Pam Cyprien

Important dates for your Diary: Page 14

URGENT - DRIVERS NEEDED FOR VHC AND 'MR BUS'



The Voluntary Help Centre and The Sole Bay Community Bus Service (affectionately known as 'Mr Bus') both provide vital transport for those in Reydon and Southwold who need it. However, both services are desperately short of drivers.

The Voluntary Help Centre provides a community car service for anyone to use to get to medical appointments, shopping trips or other important journeys. Anyone with a Driving Licence and their own car can volunteer to help.

The Sole Bay Community Bus Service connects residents of Reydon and Southwold to the Sole Bay Health Centre, town centre and other local amenities. At the same time, it provides a valuable opportunity for people to socialise with others using the service.

BECOME A DRIVER

All you need to drive Mr Bus is to be over 25 and under 80, with a D1 on your Driving License, and The VHC will organise training, free of charge. For more information about the service, or to volunteer for the community car service, please contact Flic or Sarah on Tel: 01502 724549.

The new Bus timetable for May to September is now out. More details of the route and fares etc. are on the website: reydon.onesuffolk.net

Summer – 1st May to 30th September

Sole Bay Health Centre	09:45	10:45	11:45	13:45	14:45	15:45
Reydon, The Drive	09:46	10:46	11:46	13:46	14:46	15:46
Halesworth Road	R	R	R	R	R	R
Lowestoft Road	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reydon, Oaklands	09:50	10:50	11:50	13:50	14:50	15:50
Reydon, Covert Road (Boydens)	09:53	10:53	11:53	13:53	14:53	15:53
Reydon, Pitches View	09:56	10:56	11:56	13:56	14:56	15:56
Wangford Road	R	R	R	R	R	R
Southwold, Market Place	10:04	11:04	12:04	14:04	15:04	16:04
Southwold, Fat Face Bus Stop	10:06	11:06	12:06	14:06	15:06	16:06
Southwold, The Pier	10:09	11:09	12:09	14:09	15:09	16:09
Southwold, Red Lion	10:12	11:12	12:12	14:12	15:12	16:12
Southwold, Caravan Park	10:16	11:16	12:16	14:16	15:16	16:16
Southwold, Market Place	10:21	11:21	12:21	14:21	15:21	16:21
Southwold, Fat Face Bus Stop	10:23	11:23	12:23	14:23	15:23	16:23
Reydon, Oaklands	10:27	11:27	12:27	14:27	15:27	16:27
Reydon, Covert Road (Boydens)	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reydon, Pitches View	10:31	11:31	12:31	14:31	15:31	16:31
Old Hall Farm (via The Drive & Halesworth Road)	10:36	11:36	12:36	14:36	15:36	16:36
Sole Bay Health Centre	10:40	11:40	12:40	14:40	15:40	16:40

NATURE NOTES

Two harbingers of Spring and Summer, are Nightingales and Swifts. Both species are in a perilous state and are suffering catastrophic population crashes due to loss of vital habitats and nesting sites. **Nightingales** spend their winters in Guinea, West Africa, which is a round trip of some 10,000 kilometres to The UK and back.

This year our Nightingales arrived two days early on the 14th April and the male promptly burst into song, 2 days later I was lucky enough to capture this image:



Normally Nightingales are evasive and skulking. You are hard pressed just to get a glimpse of one. The scrub behind St Felix School provides a perfect habitat, and for many years they have successfully nested there. All this could be about to change with the proposed housing development on the playing fields to the east of St Felix School, which will undoubtedly result in habitat disruption. We can only hope that any developer will adopt a sympathetic view towards Britain's most revered songster, and minimise its habitat disturbance, as much as possible.

Swifts breed from 4 years old, they pair for life and over-winter across Southern Africa - a round trip of 20,000 kilometres to the UK and back! The average life span is only 6 years, by which time the bird will have flown some 5 million miles consuming millions of insects on the wing. They return to the same nesting site each year.

Our Swifts arrived on the 8th May exactly the same day as 2021. Swifts do not build nests, unlike Swallows and House Martins, they prefer to occupy crevices, and like our pantile roofs.

They are clean and tidy neighbours, no whitewash on walls or cars.

Competition for a good home can be brutal - a minor skirmish here:



REYDON VILLAGE HALL

Bookings have recovered from the pandemic. In fact The Hall is busier than ever, providing for a wide variety of activities and age groups, ranging from 5 to 85.

Reydon Village Hall can now boast of four 7kw Electric Vehicle Charging Points, the first public facility of its kind in Reydon! With 24 hr free parking available whilst charging, we hope that this facility will become increasingly popular with both residents and visitors, where no off-street charging is available.

We are also very pleased to be having a state of the art Defibrillator fitted at the end of May, available to all-comers outside the Front Doors of the Hall, and can be used at all times of day and night.

Please see 'Dates for your Diary' (p15) for details of our Coffee Morning and Quiz, to raise funds to replace the old heating system in the Hall.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

The charging points are fully up and running and are registered on Zap-Map '22, the Register for all UK Charging Points. The points are accessible using a standard, contactless debit or credit card.

The EV points were made available by a generous grant from the 'Plug In Suffolk

Network' - an initiative run by Suffolk County Council, and managed by Peter Frost.

Peter Frost wrote: *"I have already visited The Village Hall and charged my Electric Vehicle, while I had a really nice chat with a chap I met there. I really liked the way that one unit is at the front and one at the back, giving maximum versatility to visitors."*



The Jubilee Edition of The Reydon Robin is sponsored by Barbrook Stores.

THE WORLD WAR ONE PILL BOX, MIGHTS BRIDGE

Thank you to all those who contacted The Reydon Robin with offers of help via reydon.robin@gmail.com We have some good news at last!

For many years local groups have been trying to save this historic monument just alongside Buss Creek. Round pillboxes were put up to defend the East Anglian Coast from invasion in WW1, and these days only a few still stand. It is rare and the only one of its kind in our parish. Unfortunately it's been badly vandalised over the years, to the extent that it's now unsafe for any use.



The structure is privately owned so no work could be carried out without the landowner's permission, and after an exchange of correspondence with the land owner The Parish Council recently received a reply. He said:

"I am committed to helping with the future of the pillbox. All things considered I think it is best for all concerned if we go down the lease or transfer of ownership route."

If the Pill Box is transferred into the ownership of Reydon Parish Council then the Council would be in a position to seek funding to make it safe and carry out restoration work, so that the Pill Box could be used for the community's use.

If you have any suggestions for the building's future, or if you'd like to help with the restoration, please get in touch via e-mail: reydon.robin@gmail.com



THE REYDON JUBILEE PICNIC
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 12:30 to 4:00pm,
JUBILEE GREEN

Dress up in 1950's style, bring a family picnic and a rug, and join us for an afternoon together to celebrate H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will be music throughout the event, thanks to Winston Hendrickson and his team, and special live performances. Refreshments will be available from the Randolph's mobile bar, plus Dimascio's Ice Cream van will be along during the afternoon. There will be Stalls from local organisations, and Competitions with fabulous prizes. These include:

- Best Crown
- Best Dressed Teddy or Soft Toy (please bring your teddy / soft toy to the Competition Tent at 2:00pm)
- Best Jubilee Cake (the cake can be of any sort, but should be decorated with a Jubilee celebration theme)
- Best Decorated Hat
- Best Costume

All competition entries should be brought along on the day. Judging will take place between 2:00 and 3.00pm.

If you have any special 1950's music requests, please let Winston know in advance at: socasalsa@hotmail.co.uk
or on 07890 527424

Everyone welcome - we look forward to seeing you there!

PROGRAMME



12:30pm - Welcome to the Reydon Jubilee Picnic: Cllr. Pamela Cyprien, Chair of Reydon Parish Council
Followed by a performance from The Southwold Ukes

1:10 to 1:45pm - Winston Hendrickson '50s Music

1:45 to 2:00pm - Performance from Bojangles

2:00 to 2:45pm - Winston Hendrickson '50s Music

2:00 to 3:00pm - Judging of the Competition Entries

2:45 to 3:00pm - Performance TBA

3:00pm - Announcement of the Competition Winners
The formal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen
proposed by Cllr. Roger Cracknell, Deputy Chair, RPC

3:10 to 4:00pm - Winston Hendrickson '50s Music

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon from the Randolph Mobile Bar. The Randolph is also offering **Randolph-made picnics to order**, to enjoy on Reydon's Jubilee Green, including finger sandwiches, Randolph famous sausage rolls, scones and a variety of home-made treats! £12.50 per person.

Please place your orders by calling 01502 723603
by 5pm on 3rd June.

COUNCILLOR BARRIE REMBLANCE 1941 - 2022

We were saddened to hear of the death of Barrie Remblance, who held active roles on the Parish Council, both as a Councillor and Chairman over many years.

Barrie was born in Windsor Rd, Reydon and grew up locally. Work took him away from the area, but he returned to Reydon in the mid 1990s with his beloved wife Dee who pre-deceased him.



Barrie was a lover of sport and was particularly involved in Sole Bay Football Club. He greatly enjoyed preparing and marking the pitches each week. He was also involved in the project to build the Sports and Community Pavilion in Reydon, being one of the originators of the plan, and was excited at the prospect of seeing The Pavilion come into use later this year.

Always a staunch supporter of the community, Barrie had been score-master for Reydon Community Quiz since its start, helping to raise hundreds of pounds for local good causes over the years.

His warmth, smile, hard work and love for the village will be much missed, and we send our sincere condolences to his sister Pauline, his family, and friends.

Amanda Humphrey

Barrie's Funeral will take place at The Waveney Memorial Park and Crematorium, Beccles on Monday 30th May at 4pm and afterwards at Reydon Sports and Community Centre.

ENERGY SAVING. . . WHAT WORKS FOR YOU?

THE REYDON ROBIN'S INFORMAL ENERGY SAVING FORUM

As energy bills soar and unfortunately will continue to rise, and as concern continues about climate change, we thought it might be helpful to start an informal forum in this edition of The Reydon Robin. To begin, here are some top tips focusing on the home. Many of these have already been widely publicised, and may already be in use, but they are offered as reminders.

These suggestions will only save a small amount of money on your bills, relative to the energy cost increases, but it all helps to make savings!

Bathing and shower use: By limiting the time in the shower to 4 mins savings can be substantial over a year. One estimate suggests £70 per annum for the average household. If you prefer baths, then swapping one bath a week for a 4 minute shower can save money.

Washing and drying clothes: By washing on a 30 degree cycle and by cutting the use of the washing machine by one cycle per week, and avoiding the use of a tumble drier (drying outdoors when possible or indoors on lines or racks) total savings can reach £90 per year.

Dishwashers: Only use the dishwasher when it's full to maximise water use, and reduce use by one cycle per week. Estimates suggest £14 per year can be saved.

Kettles: Kettles are the most commonly used appliance in the kitchen. Overfilling the kettle is easy to do, which uses unnecessary energy. Match the volume of water in the kettle to the amount you will need.

DIY Draught-proofing: Only the newest homes are likely to be free of draughts. Heat will be lost in older properties through draughts around windows, doors, gaps in floors and skirting boards, or through the chimney, if you have one. Draught-proofing materials can be purchased relatively inexpensively.

Insulation: An additional layer of loft insulation will always make a difference. Insulation of the Hot Water Cylinder is essential. The BS Cylinder Jacket is 80mm thick; it is estimated that as much as £45 a year can be saved just with an efficient cylinder jacket.

Lights and Appliances: Websites advise turning your appliances off standby mode, the so-called ‘Vampire Devices’. This can be done without upsetting their programming, but it’s best to check individual appliances first. Some websites recommend a ‘standby saver’ or smart plug, which allows you to turn all your appliances off standby in one go. Finally, remember to switch lights off as you leave a room.

Has anyone any helpful experience/expertise to share?

We’ll be running a further item in the next issue, concentrating on some major investment options such as Triple Glazing, Air Source Heat Pumps, and Solar Panels. But for now please let us know how you reduce energy costs by contacting The Reydon Robin on

reydon.robin@gmail.com

Roger Cracknell

References: A number of websites offer advice. Both Suffolk County Council www.suffolk.gov.uk and East Suffolk Council www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk have useful information on their websites.

THE SOUTHWOLD AND REYDON SOCIETY

This local Society is open to all those interested in protecting and enhancing the amenity and character of Southwold and Reydon - which it sees as one community sharing many services, important countryside and coast, and wholly inter-dependent.

It costs a whopping £2 a year to join! With almost 400 members, the Society is a strong voice on issues ranging from: Getting action to reopen Potters Bridge after the recent flooding, opposing plans for a seaweed farm outside Southwold Harbour, tracking local services such as Health and Education and challenging the Town and District Councils on the state of Southwold High Street.

The Society’s voice is only as strong as its membership and we would encourage you to join via its website sandsoc.org.uk

The Jubilee Edition of The Reydon Robin is sponsored by Barbrook Stores.

NEWS FROM DAVID BEAVAN, EAST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR

Finally the loophole that allows second homes to avoid Council Tax and Rates will close next year, and we now have the Residence clause in Neighbourhood Plans to stop people building new holiday homes. But locals are still being priced out of the area with ex-council houses on the market at £900 per month rent and “affordable” shared ownership at the Old Hospital site for £500k!

I continue to push East Suffolk to build more social housing.

I have set up the local Flood and Coastal Protection Board as a multi-agency partnership, to look at everything from Southwold Harbour to Potters Bridge.

David.Beavan@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

REYDON’S OWN ‘REPAIR SHOP’

Reydon Parish Council would like to set up a monthly drop-in session at The Village Hall, where household items that need mending or restoring, can be brought to The Village Hall - to a group of non-professional experts, who would be able to carry out simple repairs.

Items could include clocks, chairs, mirrors, china, garden tools, drawers, cutlery, picture frames, lampshades etc. but not electrical goods. Repairs would ideally be carried out free of charge, or negotiated if necessary, but the customer would pay for materials and replacement parts.

Estimates and advice can be given. Tea and coffee would be served and it is hoped that these sessions would help towards reducing social isolation in the village.

If you would like to become a ‘repair specialist’ or a helper of any kind, or even if you’d be prepared to bring something to a workshop like this, please let us know via: reydon.robin@gmail.com so that we can see if this proposal would be popular enough to organise.

SPEEDWATCH

Earlier this year Councillor Brian Bailey stepped down after twelve years as co-ordinator of The Reydon Parish Speedwatch Group. Brian continues to be a member of the Group, and will maintain the Digital Speed Indicators on the roads in the Parish.

The Group currently monitors seven points within Reydon. In just three sessions we have reported nine cases to Suffolk Police, whose speeds have ranged from 38 mph to 47 mph, all within the 30mph limit.

Recently The Parish Council has set up a Highways Working Group, which is made up of four Parish Councillors and myself. The group has drawn up fresh proposals for speed controls in Reydon, and soon hope to meet with County Councillor Michael Ladd and Suffolk Highways.

Finally I'd like to draw your attention to the very effective road safety poster, produced by Reydon Primary School, on the next page!

Raymond Dunn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

5 th June	Jubilee Picnic 12.30 - 4pm	Jubilee Green
10 th June	Family Bingo Night <i>in aid of Reydon Christmas Lights</i>	Reydon Village Hall
18 th June	10.30 - 12.30 Coffee morning <i>in aid of The Village Hall Heating Fund</i>	Reydon Village Hall
8 th July	7pm Quiz <i>in aid of The Village Hall Heating Fund</i>	Reydon Village Hall
23 rd July	Coffee Morning and Table-top Treasures <i>in aid of Reydon Christmas Lights</i>	Reydon Village Hall
6 th August	The Reydon Show	Reydon Village Hall
10 th & 11 th Sept	The Scarecrow Trail <i>in aid of Reydon Christmas Lights</i>	around the village



Reydon Primary School Junior Road Safety News 2022

Hello, we are Ollie, Eliza, Bethany and Tess and we are Reydon Primary School's Junior Road Safety Officers. It is part of our job to help keep our school and community safe.

We would like you to think about whether you need to always jump in your car? Could you maybe walk or bike on smaller journeys?

We feel that this could help to reduce the traffic on our roads meaning less accidents and also pollution.

"We would like to remind you and your family when you are out and about on bikes and scooters that it is important to wear a safety helmet and bright or fluorescent clothing if it is on darker mornings or evenings. Lights on your bike are very important too."

Tess & Bethany, Junior Road Safety Officers.



SPEED CHECK

"We went with PC Green to a road near the school, we used a police speed camera to check how fast people were driving around our school. Luckily, we found that nobody was speeding. We really enjoyed ourselves." Ollie, Junior Road Safety Officer

Can we please ask you all to drive carefully and keep to the speed limits around our school and local community to keep us and our families safe.



Thank you to all our lovely customers for supporting us,
since we took over Barbrook Stores in September 2016
. . . especially these last two years!

We are starting to make some exciting additions
to the shop so that we can provide more space,
and therefore more choice.

Our aim is to provide something for everyone
in these challenging times,

Watch our space!

Henry & Leigh Turner