

The Reydon Robin

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UKRAINE

PLEASE

HELP

Reydon Parish Council stand firmly behind the People and Government of Ukraine, against the unprecedented, destructive and illegal aggression of President Putin and his Russia. His actions are leading to the worst humanitarian disaster since World War Two.

Most charities prefer to receive money, as it can be used immediately where need is the greatest. The quickest, safest and most direct way to assist is to donate your money to well respected organisations. The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) represents 15 of the UK's leading aid charities, and The UK Government will match your donation.

Thank you.

DEC: Online www.dec.org.uk/

Telephone: 0370 606 0900



The Voluntary Help Centre (VHC), based at the Stella Peskett Millennium Hall, has been providing transport in Reydon and Southwold to those who need it, for over 30 years. Anyone is able to use the community car service for medical appointments, shopping trips or other journeys at a cost of just 45p a mile, with a minimum charge of £1.80. All mileage is paid directly to the driver.

Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to provide this non-profit making and invaluable service for The VHC, a facility that is especially important when public or alternative transport is unavailable.

We are always looking for more volunteer drivers to help us continue with this vital service, if you would like to join our pool of drivers, please get in touch with Flic or Sarah on 01502 724549.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME



Pamela Cyprien, Chair,
Reydon Parish Council

Hello and welcome to the spring edition of The Reydon Robin - the new, quarterly, complimentary news magazine for the community of Reydon. The Reydon Robin is hand delivered by local volunteers to all the homes in our village, some 1450 dwellings and nearly 2700 people.

I am Pam Cyprien, current leader of Reydon Parish Council, and I trust you will enjoy the variety of news and features, relevant to our daily lives in some shape and form. We live in an attractive and peaceful place, and our Parish Council is working on your behalf to improve our surroundings and make our large village a place we can all be proud of.

If you would like to have your say about living in Reydon you are most welcome to come along to our Parish Council meetings, held each month at Reydon Village Hall. The dates can be found on our website: reydon.onesuffolk.net or please e-mail The Reydon Robin for further details: reydon.robin@gmail.com

The Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm in Reydon Village Hall. There will be a talk by the inspiring local Naturalist Bill Hancock called: 'Local Wildlife and the Environment'. Entrance free. Please come along and meet The Parish Council.

Finally I'd like to draw your attention to our exciting plans to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **Please save the date Sunday 5th June** and we look forward to seeing you all at The Reydon Village Picnic on Jubilee Green from 12.30.

With best wishes, Pam Cyprien

REYDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Reydon Neighbourhood Plan was developed by The Parish Council and supported by residents. It was officially approved in May 2021 as it gives our community direct power to develop a shared vision for our Neighbourhood, in order to shape the development and growth of our local area.

The Neighbourhood Plan's policies now apply to all new developments in our Parish and it requires a) new housing to be occupied as a principal residence and b) that new affordable housing should be rented or offered as shared ownership, meaning these properties can never be sold, so stay affordable in the long term.

The Plan also sets unified design standards and has measures to protect the countryside, to improve provision for walking and cycling, to ensure safe access and adequate infrastructure for any large developments in the village. We are pleased that the 220 new dwellings planned for the Copperwheat Avenue site will follow these rules.

The Reydon Neighbourhood Plan can be found on: reydon.onesuffolk.net

LOCAL PLANNING

Reydon Parish Council receives and reviews every Planning Application that is submitted for the village, and submits its comments to East Suffolk Council (the Local Planning Authority) before ESC decides whether or not to approve any application.

We try to ensure that extensions and new buildings, which are mainly housing, do not have an unreasonable impact on neighbours and will enhance the village. All this has to be within the rules set by East Suffolk and our own Neighbourhood Plan. We encourage and listen to the views of those residents that might be impacted about any proposed plan, and we balance all comments with the aims of the applicant, before making our recommendations to ESC, within the rules.

For monthly details of all planning applications in Reydon please go to the Parish Council website: reydon.onesuffolk.net

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINTS IN REYDON

As electric cars are gradually becoming more affordable Reydon Parish Council is looking how to respond to the need for public charging points. For households with off road parking, a private charging arrangement is the most practical solution, but for many Reydon residents with no off road parking there will be a demand for EV charge points, as close as possible to where they live.

The Parish Council is actively exploring potential sites across the village, with partners East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councils. There is no doubt that residents will be more encouraged to replace their exhaust-fume-emitting vehicles if EV charging points are readily available.

Late News: Reydon Village Hall has just agreed to install four EV charging points outside their building for public use, and we understand Sole Bay Health Centre is in discussions to do the same.

NATURE NOTES



Most gardens are fortunate enough to have a resident Robin. We are told the male will defend his territory vigorously, but how do we know it is the male that does this, as the sexes are almost impossible to tell apart? The clue is in the song, as the males will sing from a prominent position, most of the year round - one of the few birds that do so.

Spring is one of the best times to observe Robins pairing off. You may notice a pair together, tails cocked high and bobbing towards each other. Whilst early behaviour rarely ends in a physical encounter, this could be the start of their courtship ritual, as the hens do their rounds of the male domains, checking out the local talent.

Once paired off the male will begin to feed the female, and this is quite charming. It's not often you observe two Robins together and this ritual means they are devoted and you could say 'engaged to be married'.

The devoted couple. The hen is in the foreground.

She will sit patiently on a post while he darts about looking for tasty morsels; no doubt she is assessing his capabilities as a good hunter. The extra rations will help get her into breeding condition and convince her that he'll be a good provider, able to help feed the hungry broods. Three broods in a season is not uncommon. Whilst nest building and rearing the family is a joint affair, they ignore each other, apart from the necessary nuptials.



Once the breeding season is over they promptly separate to establish their own territories again. It's unlikely that they pair for life (as their average life span is 3 years) and next season I dare say the hen will seek out the best songster, and the performance commences all over again.



A fledgling Robin starting out on its journey.



H M The QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

THE REYDON PICNIC ON JUBILEE GREEN

Sunday 5th June 2022 from 12:30pm onwards

As part of the historic, countrywide celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee this year, Reydon Parish Council is planning a special commemorative picnic for our community, with many different entertainments, to be held on Jubilee Green.

Dress up in 50's style, bring a family picnic and a rug, and enjoy an afternoon of: Music, Competitions, including 'best Crown', best Jubilee Cake, best Costume, best Hat etc. with fantastic prizes donated by Adnams. Most important of all, join in our village's toast to Her Majesty The Queen!

Tea, coffee and drinks will be available from The Randolph's mobile bar, and we are planning to have several other local stalls. We look forward to seeing you there!

SOLE BAY HEALTH CENTRE

Throughout the pandemic the Practice continued to offer a mix of face to face and telephone consultations. We managed to keep regular services running despite the inevitable absences caused by staff sickness, and isolation. At every stage our priority was to ensure patients continued to be looked after to the best of our abilities, in a safe and welcoming environment.

The Practice team rolled out the largest vaccination campaign we have ever undertaken for Covid and flu jabs to protect the community. We would like to thank our patients and the community for the help and support we received throughout, as we could not have done it without you all.

The Practice offers appointments outside the usual hours of 0800-1830hrs, indeed we now offer appointments 365 days of the year! This means those who may struggle to access services during the working day now have an increased number of evening and weekend appointments to choose from.

Telephone consultations are proving popular, as are video consultations, as for many patients they offer a more timely and convenient option, but we're also increasing the number of face-to-face appointments available as social restrictions continue to be eased. For the safety of patients and staff we will be continuing with our policy of asking patients and staff to wear masks.

Over recent years our team has been significantly enhanced with the addition of our own Clinical Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician, Paramedic, Physiotherapist and Social Prescriber as well as extra Practice Nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioner time. So maybe it's not always the GP you require.

Thank you again to all our patients, and the wider community for all the support you give us, it is very much appreciated!

Dr Castle & Partners

'Mr Bus', the community bus service for Reydon and Southwold, has been running with a mornings only timetable (designed for Autumn > Winter) and will continue to do so until April. There will be a slightly revised route for Spring > Summer. The new timetable is awaiting approval from the Licensing Authority and once approved, it will be advertised and new bus stop signs will be put up.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH:

Good news from one of the jewels in our community.

The Church has recovered well from the pandemic and we are pleased that most of our regular congregations have returned. We are also encouraged that we now have virtual worshippers who join us week by week, via our YouTube Channel - [St Margaret, Reydon](#). You are very welcome to join us at any time in person or on line.

Development has begun at the new ashes interment area in the Churchyard, adjacent to the Orchard, so that ashes interments can continue for those living in the parish for many years to come.

St Margaret's Church and churchyard is open daily 9am - 5pm for quiet contemplation, or just a visit.

Rev Alan Perry adperry64@gmail.com



JUBILEE GREEN

Jubilee Green is the social heart of Reydon. Situated alongside the Wangford Road, with The Randolph Hotel to the north and The Sole Bay Health Centre to the west, this protected green space is being used for more and more open-air gatherings.

Made available to the village by Hopkins Homes in 2016, Jubilee Green has been looked after by the Community Gardeners who maintain the shrubs, hedges and raised beds to provide a relaxing haven for both wildlife and humans. An additional raised bed is to be added next month.

With the success of the 'Brass on the Grass' concert last summer and the lighting up of the village's magnificent tree at Christmas, it is very fitting that Jubilee Green is where the community will join together to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday June 5th.

THE WORLD WAR ONE PILL BOX - *can you help?*

This is possibly Reydon's best-kept secret. To the side of Mights Bridge by Buss Creek is the broken shell of a First World War 'Pillbox', a small, partly underground concrete fort built as a defensive position between 1914 -18, in case of enemy invasion. Remarkably it has survived for over 100 years and is a precious example of local history in action. Or it could be.

The community have tried to rescue this significant wartime building on many occasions over the years, but these attempts have been a minefield, so to speak. The structure stands on private, marshy land to the west of the main road. Public footpaths run up and down the private land, but the pillbox cannot be repaired without the owner's permission.

It has no value in its present condition, and shortly it will become a public liability, as deterioration and collapse could be imminent. Recent attempts by Reydon Parish Council to contact the owner have been ignored. This is a great disappointment, as the historic structure could be a valuable heritage asset for the community. Reydon firm Cooper and Denny have carried out a full structural evaluation and Suffolk Wildlife Trust has visited the site and recommends the building is suitable as a bat roost. We're ready to go!

If you would like to support this initiative for the community please e-mail your name to: reydon.robin@gmail.com by the end of May.

Thank you.

THE RANDOLPH HOTEL

The Randolph is over 100 years old and is the only pub-hotel in the village. That means it's a valuable social centre, so it is important to know what's going on. The Reydon Robin asked owner Jenny Knights for their latest news:

“We have recently finished refurbishing 2 more bedrooms and we have been receiving great feedback from guests. We have 3 more original bedrooms left to transform, but before we do those, we are concentrating our attention on creating our fabulous Churchill Suite in what was the old function room. Randomly we have discovered the ‘other-side’ of the old pub sign. We can't wait to share further developments with you!”

For special Mothering Sunday and Easter weekend menus visit: therandolph.co.uk



SAMARITANS

There are over 200 branches throughout The UK and Republic of Ireland, providing such a valuable and confidential listening support to thousands of emotionally vulnerable people every day, whatever they are going through.

The nearest Samaritans Branch is 12 miles from Reydon, in Lowestoft, where they have been providing emotional support to callers since 1967. Would you like to become a Listening Volunteer and receive free and comprehensive training? The next recruitment will begin in autumn this year. Be there for people who desperately need someone. Get in touch with The Lowestoft and Waveney District Branch. Thank you.

Contact: www.samaritans.org/branches/lowestoft/

For help call: 116 123

REYDON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

There is no question that the lighting of Reydon's Christmas tree, situated for the first time on Jubilee Green, was a great success. The evening was mild, there was no rain and a great many people gathered together to see the tree lit. Wrentham Brass Band was playing carols and Southwold Rotary Club provided hot soup and soft drinks.

An extraordinary 2300 lights covered the tree, which was 25ft high, with 3ft in the ground. It came from Stephenson's in Holton. Because no power was available at that point on Jubilee Green all the lights were battery powered, and had to be re-charged every other day. Fortunately power will be available on Jubilee Green this Christmas.

Every year The Reydon Christmas Lights team raise the money for all the Christmas trees in Reydon, except for the crib at Reydon Corner, which is sponsored by Southwold (Solebay) Lions. If any company, organisation or family would like to sponsor a tree in the village please contact Reydonchristmaslights@gmail.com for more information.

Future fundraising events include a Quiz on 29th April at Reydon Village Hall, and The Scarecrow Trail returns on 10th and 11th September.



For more information about getting involved, please contact reydonscarecrowtrail@gmail.com



NEWS from SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Suffolk's programme to replace LED lights in streetlamps has successfully installed 12,000 out of 43,400 lights in the county. These lanterns use less energy and produce a more natural and focused light than the traditional orange glow of streetlights.

The project, which is due to complete by the end of 2022, supports Suffolk County Council's ambitions for becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030. The benefits include: supporting a reduction in carbon emissions by saving energy and reducing light pollution, as well as providing clearer images on CCTV, traffic cameras and dashcam footage for the benefit of public safety.

Suffolk residents, who are struggling to keep their homes warm, can contact a new project that offers funding and free advice at:

www.warmhomessuffolk.org

Suffolk County Council led the funding bid, on behalf of all councils in the county. Michael.Ladd@suffolk.gov.uk

In the Reydon Robin's summer edition: News from David Beavan, East Suffolk Councillor

REYDON'S GREEN SPACES

Following feedback from the community and a successful grant application to the East Suffolk Community Partnership, a new picnic area is to be put in place at the village Recreation Ground on Cox's Lane (IP18 6QJ) where there are child's swings, adult exercise equipment, goal posts and a basket ball hoop.

The Parish Council has also been given a 'talking bench', part of an East Suffolk initiative to provide spaces for people to meet and talk, to avoid isolation. We are delighted that the bench is to be installed under the trees at the front of Reydon Village Hall.

Last December around 300 bulbs were planted around the village, including at The Recreation Ground, on the Halesworth Road junction with Lakeside Park Drive, and at the island at the junction of Lowestoft Road and Covert Road. Over the next year the Parish Council plan to enhance our green spaces and verges further, with tree & hedge planting and re-wilding. Please look for further information on Reydon Village website: reydon.onesuffolk.net

LOCAL FOOTPATHS

There is no doubt that regular exercise, particularly walking, is a great boost to mental health as well as physical wellbeing. In Reydon our local footpaths are easily accessible and can offer such great opportunities to walk in sunshine and fresh air, and enjoy such beautiful views.

Reydon Parish Council Footpath Group is ensuring that local footpaths remain open by walking them regularly and reporting concerns such as fallen trees and damage to the surfaces caused by vehicles. Our objective is to promote leisure walks around the area using the network of paths, all for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

The group also met representatives from The Environment Agency recently, which agreed to repair e.g. damage to paths caused by flood prevention work alongside The Blyth Estuary. If anyone comes across a blocked path it can be reported to Suffolk County Council, using the online reporting tool (via suffolk.gov.uk) or please call 0345 606 6171.



QUIET LANES

A recent achievement of The Parish Council is the successful designation of local Quiet Lanes. Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads, typically C or unclassified routes, which have been designated by Suffolk County Council Highways, to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users, and to offer protection from speeding traffic.

Our countryside means a great deal to our community and we want to make it easier to reach our local nature reserves by foot or cycle. The 55 hectares of The Hen Reedbeds make up part of the Suffolk Coast National Nature Reserve and provide freshwater habitats for many species, including Bitterns, Dragonflies and Marsh Harriers. It is a favourite place to see large roosts of starlings.

So far Rissemere Lane and part of Wood Farm Lane (as far as Reydon Wood) and Mardle Road have been designated as Quiet Lanes. They link the Hen Reedbeds and Reydon Wood with each other and the village, via the riverbank and footpaths.

THE FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK TORCH RELAY

A symbolic torch will tour the county of Suffolk from Friday 13th May until Wednesday 1st June, in order to herald the start of the Festival of Suffolk and the celebrations to mark H M the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Communities across Suffolk are invited to nominate worthy individuals to carry the torch. These could include local heroes or notable characters chosen in recognition for their service to the community. The torch-bearers will be transported by an electric rickshaw which is equipped to carry passengers of all ages and abilities.

The torch will come through Reydon and Southwold on Saturday 28th May, starting in Lowestoft and ending up in Halesworth, before going on to Aldeburgh on Sunday 29th May.

Please send your suggestions for our local torch-bearers to reydon.pc@gmail.com by Friday 25th March.

For more information please see: festivalofsuffolk.org/

IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

CLIMATE CHANGE, FUEL ECONOMY, and HOW TO AVOID SCAMMERS

In the summer edition of The Reydon Robin, we will have a special feature about Climate Change, and how households in the village can reduce their carbon footprints.

With the cost of gas, electricity and fuel increasing so rapidly, we'll suggest how to save energy at home, and whilst driving our vehicles.

And we'll discuss how best to keep completely safe when dealing with those ever more skilful and persistent telephone scammers.

Thank you to our correspondents: *Roger Cracknell, Perry Djahit, Bill Hancock, Jenny Knights, Michael Ladd, Delyth Owen, Philip O'Hear, Rev. Alan Perry, Fiona Taylor and Rigby Whittaker.*

Finally, a huge thank you to all our delivery volunteers, without you this publication would not be possible.

PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR: reydon.robin@gmail.com

- If you'd like The Reydon Robin to feature anything in the village, tell us about a special cause, or even give us your feedback as to how we can improve The Reydon Robin. Please send us an email.
- The Reydon Robin does not rely on advertising, however if you are a business or organisation in Reydon and would like to sponsor a future edition of The Reydon Robin please get in touch. You will get prominent mentions as 'the sponsor' and a back page with your company's details.
- If you would like to join the dedicated team of volunteers that deliver The Reydon Robin to all the households in the village, please let us know. Your help will be most appreciated.
- The next edition of The Reydon Robin will be published on Monday 30th May and delivered to all homes. The copy deadline (by email) is Monday 16th May.

Thank you

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW REYDON?

See if you know where these features are.
The answers are at the bottom of the page.

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