

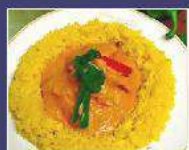
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JUNE '25



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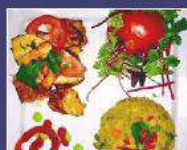
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School dates	Summer term	Wednesday 23rd April - Tuesday 22nd July			
	Half-term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May			
Notable Renhold dates & events	RVH (Renhold Village Hall)				
	CH (Chaper House at All Saints Church)				
	ASR (All Saints Renhold)				
Thursday 5th June	WI Talk on Save the Children	7:30PM	RVH	P26	
Friday 6th June	Trip to Panacea Museum	1:00PM		P6	
Monday 9th June	Creative Club	7:30 - 9PM	CH		
Saturday 14th June	Pop Up Café	10AM - 12PM	CH		
Thursday 19th June	Parish Council Meeting	7:00PM	RVH	P26	
Friday 20th June	Renhold Memory Café	11:00AM	Chapel	P8	
Saturday 21st June	Churchyard Working Group	9:30AM			
Saturday 28th June	Midsummer Garden Party	2:00PM	Vicarage	P12	
Saturday 19th July	Rural Bulky Waste Collection			P23	
Saturday 26th July	Tour of St Albans Abbey			P6	

Church cleaning rota

9th June	Judy Wootton and Pauline Capell
23rd June	Jill Barrell and Ingrid Lennox
7th July	Sally Pool, Peter Pool and Tessa Wood
21st July	Christine Smith and Jill Burrows

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EDITORIAL

You may have noticed a slight change in the layout of the magazine this month. This is due to some very hard work by two students studying Graphic Design at University. Their names are Ben and Larissa and they are hoping to gain some useful experience by helping us with the Renhold magazine. I am sure we will encounter some hiccups along the way, but for a first attempt I think you will agree they have done an amazing job. We were facing the challenge of changing the software we use from Publisher as it will be shortly withdrawn from the market. Initially they are stopping doing any updates and then it will not only be impossible to purchase, but users will not be able to open publisher files they have saved on their computers, and are advised to save them in a different format. We are now using Adobe InDesign software, and I am hugely grateful to both Ben and Larissa for taking it on and I hope they find the experience very valuable. We will no doubt in due course fill you in on these two delightful individuals, but you can appreciate this month we have been pretty stretched to get the magazine done in time.

There have been some stunning flower arrangements in church this last month with Easter (p17) and then VE 80 closely following (see p19). The displays in church have been impressive with many different groups in Renhold offering to arrange a display in each of the windows. I wonder if the sharp eyed amongst you spotted VE 80 spelt out in one of the flower arrangements with red flowers. It was really striking. Fleur of Flower Angel fame who lives in the village prepared that one, and the stunning arrangement around the church porch was created by Lucy of Howbury Farm flowers. We are so lucky to have such talent in the village. The raising of the flag was performed during a short service, and that was probably the only time this week there was not a single breath of wind, which made it a singularly unimpressive photo opportunity, as it hung limply unmoving. The service conducted by Rev. Ian was very moving

and the children from the school sang for us. There were few dry eyes amongst us. It was just beautiful (p17). The service at the War Memorial was attended by the Lord-Lieutenant and her deputies and was a very moving occasion (see front cover). Many people came to join in the service, and the Last Post played by Christine Smith at the beginning created a very poignant atmosphere. Many wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by different groups in the village, and also by the LeFanu family for Anthony LeFanu and the Pool family for Peter Pool, both killed in the war. Both families also remembered them with special flower arrangements in the church.

The candles of peace lit during the evening service can be seen forming the shape of the cross (p19), and with the dimmed lighting in church as darkness fell was incredibly atmospheric. Altogether a day of remembrance and celebration and unforgettable.

There are new fellowship opportunities starting up at church open to everyone, with proposed visits to the Panacea Museum and St Albans Abbey and also weekly opportunities for cake and chatter every Thursday (See p6 for details). The Pop Up Café is incredibly popular on the 2nd Saturday of the month and, if you time it right, a sausage bap and a cake can avoid the need for lunch later!!

There is a Garden Party planned in the Vicarage Garden on 28th June. A lovely poster on p12 has been created by Elisa from the school, which tells you all the wonderful games, stalls and entertainment available. So don't miss it. Any help for this will be gladly received. Aren't we all lucky to live in Renhold.

Enjoy your read.



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE '25

Services led by Rev. Ian unless stated otherwise

Week One

Sunday 1st June	11:30am	Parish Communion
Sunday after Ascension		
Wednesday 3rd June	11:30am	Prayers for the community

Week Two

Sunday 8th June	11:00am	Family Communion for Pentecost
Pentecost	6:00pm	Evensong

Week Three

Sunday 15th June	11:00am	Parish Communion
Trinity Sunday		
Wednesday 18th June	10:00am	BCP Communion
	3:30pm	Rev. Sarah Burrow Messy Church

Week Four

Sunday 22nd June	11:00am	Parish Communion
First Sunday after Trinity		

Week Five

Sunday 29th June	11:00am	Parish Communion
Feast day St Peter & Paul		
	6:00pm	Evensong

Daily Offices:

Morning Prayer	Mondays at 10:00am
Night Prayer /	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Compline	at 7:30pm
Evening Prayer	Thursdays at 4:30pm

Fellowship opportunities – All welcome
Friday 6th June – Fellowship Group –
Panacea Museum, 1.00pm
Thursday 26th June (4th Thursday) –
Coffee & Cake Afternoon for those who
would like change of scenery or just fancy a
piece of cake! - 2:00-4:00pm in the

Chapter House - Everyone is welcome!
26th July (TBC) – Tour of St Albans Abbey
with tea and choral evensong – More details
to follow.

*Further details and Orders of service can be
found on achurchnearyou.com/church/7680/*

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

When I was very young there was a programme on TV called “That was the week, that was”, and I can honestly say that this week has been one of the most exhilarating weeks I have experienced in parish ministry. It has been a joy, pleasure and a privilege to be part of the VE80 commemorations within the parish, and I have to say yet again, that I am blessed to be here with you. From our early morning Church service on 8th May with a Deputy Lord Lieutenant in attendance, where the Proclamation was read and the Union flag raised, and the school choir sang beautifully, through our Civic Remembrance at 11:00am with the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire leading the wreath laying, to our final evening service when we lit a cross of 102 candles for Hope and Peace and joined with the nation in singing I vow to thee my country, it was an amazing day. In addition to these services there were the most amazing floral displays in church, and the church bells rang out with church bells across the country on a beautiful early summer evening... “what a day that was” and one that will live with me for a long time to come – Thank you to all who contributed in any way to making this possible, and marking this historic occasion in a way that few other villages, towns or cities were able to do – Thank you Renhold!

In the same week we held our first “Fellowship Group” meeting with cheese and wine where there was a real “buzz” of conversation in the room, along with a general discussion on how those in attendance saw the group developing. Several potential trips and local activities were suggested and 3 events pencilled into diaries, the first being a visit to the Panacea Museum in Bedford on 6th June at 1:00pm; again this is not a closed group, it is not an exclusive “church group” but is for the Parish, its residents and community and is open to all. It has been one of my greatest desires for a group like this to be born and I am keen to see how it will grow – My next dream is a Youth Group which I hope will not be too far away now - Cake & Coffee Sessions on the

4th Thursday in each month continue to be well supported with 15 – 20 people spending a couple of hours socialising over cake and a never-ending supply of tea & coffee. As with the Fellowship Group and our “Pop-Up Coffee shop events”, the buzz in the room with the various conversations taking place is a joy to be part of. Anyone and everyone are welcome to any of these events, no age or status qualifications are needed, so why not drop in on 26th June and join us for a “cuppa” and a piece of cake.

As you will see elsewhere in this edition of Renhold News, we are holding a “Garden Party” at the vicarage on Saturday 28th June between 2-5pm. This is primarily a fund-raising event to help the church to meet its financial responsibilities which equate to around £1,000 per week, but it is also an opportunity to join as a community to share time and enjoy the various musical entertainments throughout the afternoon. Personally, I am delighted the school choir, Renhold Quartet and the Ukulele Band are able to join us and thank them for their support. There will be various stalls and side events for families to take part in, and I can assure you there will be tea and cake available (as you would expect with me!) throughout the afternoon. Once again, this is a community event not just “for church people” and I hope that no one will feel excluded – Everyone really is welcome!

Details of all services are listed within this magazine, and these will be live streamed where possible using the All Saints Renhold Facebook page, with service sheets being available on our website achurchnearyou.com/church/7680/ for those unable to attend in person. Take care, stay safe and enjoy the sunshine!! -

God bless - Rev. Ian

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RENHOLD MEMORY CAFÉ, TERESA MOON



If you are affected by memory loss or dementia, do join us at **Renhold Chapel on Friday 20th June from 11am to 12.30pm** for our Memory Cafe. We guarantee you a warm welcome and a relaxed place to chat and share experiences. Enjoy homemade cake and a cuppa, and take part in some fun activities (like the one in the photo!), including quizzes, games and music, in a safe and supportive environment.

No booking required - just come along on the third Friday of the month to Renhold Baptist Chapel in Woodfield Lane.

All are welcome - people with memory issues, carers and former carers, and also anyone who would like to volunteer their help. *For more information, email teresa.moon@tibbsdementia.co.uk*

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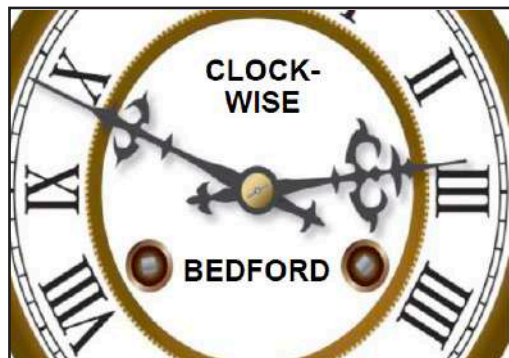
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Saturdays twice a month in morning for
approx. 12 miles

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morning each month - slightly shorter, slower
pace

June Walks

7th pm Wootton, 6.5 miles

14th am Priory Country Park, 10 miles or pm
Mowsbury Park, 7 miles

21st pm Sharnbrook, 7 miles

28th am Ivinghoe Canal Walk, 10.5 miles or
pm Kimbolton, 6.5 miles

Contact; Margaret Sawyer 07780933729
Facebook; North Beds Ramblers

FOR THE LOVE OF WALKING

I first contacted your editor Anne on 12th
March 2023, with a view to advertising
North Beds Ramblers walks in the village
magazine. This was also with a view to
advertise the Bedfordshire Festival of
Autumn Walks, which takes place every year
at the beginning of September.

In the last two years I have been
corresponding with Anne on a monthly basis,
and I hope that some of your readers have
seen the dates for our walks which are
included in the magazine each month.

As part of North Beds Ramblers we are
always looking for good local walks, and
spend many hours recceing walks to that
end. It was lovely to be asked by one of my
colleagues to do just that as she was putting
together a walk for her retired walking group
and North Beds Ramblers. The walk started
in Mowsbury Park and we walked through
Putnoe woods passed Howbury Hall and
up to Renhold, Ravensden and returned to
Bedford. A lovely walk through your village,
and on this occasion, we simply passed by
the church without pausing. Imagine my joy,
as I love a church, when we actually led the



same walk for the intended audience on 29th
April, we found the church open and the
Village Magazine people just coming out!

I got my chance not only to see your
beautiful church from the inside, but also to
thank the magazine personally for supporting
us and to pick up a copy of your magnificent
publication!

You are all so lucky to live in such a lovely
village in Bedfordshire and, if anyone would
like to experience the walk for themselves,
North Beds Ramblers are doing it all again
on June 14th. Just turn up at Mowsbury Park
car park (off Kimbolton Road) at 1:30pm and
join us for a 7 mile walk. Sadly, the bluebells
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*Sandra Kelsey – Publicity Officer
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String Quartet

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Artwork by Elisa - Renhold Primary School

Transporting Bedford 2030 – Greyfriars Junction

As part of the Transporting Bedford 2030 project, funded by the Towns Fund, changes are being made to Greyfriars Junction to improve connectivity, make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians, and support future development at the old police station site.

Plans include replacing the existing large roundabout with a signal-controlled junction, along with the introduction of new cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings. These improvements are designed to promote active travel, improve safety, and encourage economic growth in this key area of Bedford. The £2.31million project is also supported by £250,000 in funding from Bedfordshire Police.

PONDERISMS

Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke. Go ahead and try it.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to “put your two cents in”... but it’s only a “penny for your thoughts”? Where’s that extra penny going? (taxes?)

Once you’re in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Midland Road Regeneration - Public Realm Improvements

The northern side of Midland Road was completed before Christmas 2024. Construction on the southern side began in early January and is now well underway. The project remains on track for completion on 11 June.

Over the coming weeks, the bulk of the pavement and public realm improvements will be finalised. Once these are complete, works will continue into Alexandra Road, Alexandra Place, and Woburn Road, while resurfacing of Midland Road is scheduled to take place during May.

Why is it that people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you’re ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They’re going to see you naked anyway.

Why is “bra” singular and “panties” plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

HOW DID THE MAN WHO MADE THE FIRST CLOCK, KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS?

RENHOLD VILLAGE CLUBS 2025

Group	Contact	Tel.	Day	Time	Place
Bridge Club - No fear	David Israel	078166685798	Every Mon. & Fri.	9:45 - 1 PM	St. Marks Church Brickhill
Carpet Bowls	Chick	838651	Every Mon. & Wed.	2 - 4 PM 7 - 9 PM	RV Hall
Chapel Coffee morning	Albert Browning	772689	2nd Tues.	10 AM - 12 PM	Renhold Chapel
Creative Club	Teresa Trangmar	07788402441	2nd Monday	7:30 - 9 PM	Chapter House
Dance classes	Sarah Higgins	Sarahhiggins18 @yahoo.com	Saturday	9 AM - 10:30 AM	RV Hall
KT Yoga		07977467967	Every Thurs.	7 PM - 8 PM	RV Hall
Luncheon Club	Yvonne Potter	771495	2nd Wed.	12:30 PM for 1 PM	
Mini athletics		07985 520232	Every Sun.	9 - 11:30 AM	RV Hall
Pudding club for carers	Anne Grant	771811	1st Tuesday	2 PM - 3:30 PM	4, Brookside
Reading group	Pauline Capell	771858	1st Friday	4 PM	1, Church Close
Renhold pre- school group	Vicky Thompson	771724		Term time	
Stitchers	Jackie Croot	870271	3rd Thurs.	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Chapter House
Table tennis	Ian Smith	07989470093	Every Mon. Every Wed. Every Fri.	1:30 PM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Church Ln. Community Centre
Tang Soo Do	TBA	07591266614	Every Mon.	6:30 - 8 PM	RV Hall
Total Warrior Kickboxing	TBA	07450235946	Every Tues.	5:45 - 8:15 PM	RV Hall
W.I.	Jan Tozer	297456	1st Thurs.	7:30 PM	RV Hall
Yarn Craft Group	Marion Sutton	217647	Alternative Fridays	10 AM - 12:30 PM	Wilden Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES JUNE & JULY

Location of Mobile Library	Time	June	July
Renhold - Green End	10:00 - 10:15	10, 24	8, 22
Lay-by - Salph End	10:20 - 10:35	10, 24	8, 22
Renhold - Home Close	10:40 - 10:55	10, 24	8, 22
Renhold - Ravensden Road	11:00 - 11:15	10, 24	8, 22

Times will vary slightly due to traffic conditions, etc. For further information about the mobile library service please contact Kempston Library tel. 01234 276453

KITE & MOTORING FESTIVAL



Bedford Kite & Motoring Festival returns for spectacular weekend of family fun

Bedford Borough Council has announced the return of the Bedford Kite and Motoring Festival, a biennial celebration of community spirit and family entertainment, taking place on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June 2025 across Russell Park, The Embankment, and Mill Meadows. This free festival promises vibrant kite displays, vehicle exhibitions, live music, fun on the river, and hands-on activities for all ages

THE FYNNIAS FOGG NIGHT

What a fabulous night! A huge thank you to Tony, Bernie, Jamie, Luke and Colin (aka the legendary Fynnius Fogg), our sponsors, raffle prize donors and to everyone of you who joined us at the Village Hall on Sunday May 4th for an evening of nostalgic music, lively banter and crazy dancing. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £3000 on the night; much needed funds for Neuroblastoma UK's vital research into discovering more effective and kinder treatments and ultimately a cure for every child diagnosed with this rare and life threatening childhood cancer. **Renhold Rocks! Amanda Quince**



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS IN JUNE

PAULINE CAPELL

8th June - World Oceans Day

This year's theme is the importance of appreciating the wonder of our oceans and recognising the absolutely crucial role they play in sustaining life on earth. It calls for decision makers to prioritise the well-being of our oceans and inspire solutions. Oceans cover over 70% of the Earth's surface with most of them being unexplored or mapped, they produce over half of the world's oxygen, plus providing food and livelihoods for millions of people. All of us have a role to play, and maybe we could resolve to watch David Attenborough's new film 'Ocean' and hear him say that "After almost 100 years on this planet, I now understand the most important place on Earth is not on land but sea."

14th June – King Charles's Official Birthday and Trooping the Colour

The tradition for British monarchs to have 2 birthdays dates back to George II. His actual birthday was in November, but he thought this was too cold a time for outdoor birthday celebrations, so declared an official birthday to tie up with the annual summer military parade known as Trooping the Colour. There is some speculation that as Prince William's actual birthday is on June 21st there will be no need for him to have an official birthday when he is monarch.

15th June – Father's Day

This is said to have originated in the US in 1909 when Sonara Smart Dodd wanted to honour her father, who, following her mother's death, had raised 6 children through hard work and dedication. It is said that the popularity of a specific Father's Day in the UK grew post WWII, influenced by American troops stationed in Britain, yet wasn't officially recognised here until 1972. Traditionally roses were given to the fathers – red for those still living and white for those who were deceased, so you can always return to tradition if you are agonising about

what to get your Dad on Father's day.

23rd June – International Women in Engineering Day.

This dates back to 1919 when the Society of Women Engineers was formed, although an international day was not launched until 2014. During WW1, many women had been trained to fulfil engineering roles, and when the war ended they wanted to continue their careers in this field. After the Armistice, a Bill for the Restoration of Pre-war Practices threatened to make it illegal for any engineering firms to employ women if they had not done so before the war. At 11%, Britain now has the lowest percentage of women engineers in Europe. This is surprising when the UK was one of the first countries to allow women to study and receive certification at an academic level in maths and science. There are many examples of women in engineering in our history such as Henrietta Vansittart who, in the 1900s, developed the propellers for the Lusitania, Dame Caroline Haslett who created a fully electric home to free women from time consuming household chores, Beatrice Shilling, an aeronautical engineer, who invented a type of metal washer to prevent the engines of Hawker Hurricanes, Spitfires and Rolls Royce Merlins from stalling on tactical manoeuvre, plus Ailie MacAdam who was the engineer heading up the ambitious engineering project for the refurbishment of St Pancras Station and Crossrail.

25th June – National Writing day

The National Literacy Trust found that last year, only 3 in 10 children and young people (8-18) enjoy writing in their free time, which is one of the lowest levels ever recorded, and yet half of children enjoy writing in school, which is 22% higher than last year. So here is a challenge - what is better than the sound of a 'real' letter landing on your doormat? Why not put pen to paper and send someone a real letter on 25th June, even if you may have to take out a mortgage to afford the stamp and it may take a while for it to be delivered!



Renhold village sign with addition for VE80 Day | *Photo by Judy Wootton*



The children from Renhold Primary singing beautifully in church on VE 80 Day.

EASTER AT ALL SAINTS



The Easter Flowers at All Saints Church depicted the Easter story, from the Easter Garden beautifully displayed by the church entrance, (1) followed through by the Easter lilies displayed on window sills in shiny brass containers. A special arrangement showing yellow roses in the shape of a cross surrounded by white tulips and carnations (2). The final part of the Easter story the wooden cross changed from the Crown of Thorns of Good Friday to the resurrection of Easter Day (3). Our thanks to all involved for such a magnificent display. Rosemary and Colin Albon

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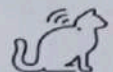


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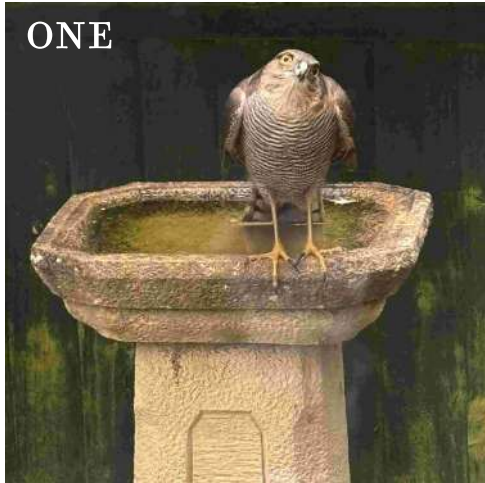
Some of the beautiful flower arrangements done by many of the groups in Renhold to remember and celebrate VE80.

Photos by Anne Grant and Pauline Capell





WILD ABOUT RENHOLD



WILD ABOUT RENHOLD

One: Sparrowhawk

Claire Boardman photographed this female Sparrowhawk on the birdbath in her back garden on The Spires. Female Sparrowhawks are around 25% larger than males and can weigh almost twice as much. Due to their size, female sparrowhawks are capable of successfully hunting and catching larger birds than males. While males commonly prey on tits, finches and sparrows, females target more substantial birds such as starlings, thrushes, blackbirds and even magpies and pigeons. The extra size and weight means that females move slower than males, so tend to hunt slower-moving birds. Claire's photo has captured the piercing yellow eye and the razor-sharp talons of this apex predator.

Two: Red Campion

Red Campion, also known as red Catchfly, is a perennial plant, which means it can live for a number of years, growing and blooming in spring and summer and dying back in autumn. It has rose-red flowers with five petals, each deeply notched and almost divided into two; its leaves and stems are hairy. In places where it grows alongside white campion, the two may hybridise to produce pinky or white blooms. It generally flowers about the same time as Bluebells and where the two species mix it creates a vibrant display of colour. Primarily a woodland plant, the one in the photo was in a slightly unusual habitat in an open field on the edge of the village.

AMAZING ANAGRAMS SENT IN BY G. GREENWOOD

1. ELECTION RESULTS: When you rearrange the letters: LIES - LET'S RECOUNT
2. SNOOZE ALARMS: When you rearrange the letters: ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S
3. A DECIMAL POINT: When you rearrange the letters: I'M A DOT IN PLACE
4. THE EARTHQUAKES: When you rearrange the letters: THAT QUEER SHAKE

Three: Cuckoo Flower

Cuckoo Flowers, also known as Ladies Smock, Mayflower or Milkmaids, gets its main name from the timing of its flowering in mid-April, just as Cuckoos return here. The flowers are usually veined with darker violet but in some areas pure white forms can be found. It is an important food plant for the caterpillars of the Orange-tip and the Green-veined White butterfly. It grows wherever there is damp ground - wet grassland, damp meadows, pond margins and along the banks of streams. It may also found on road verges and in ditches. It has been quite prominent in these habitats around Renhold in the past few weeks.

Four: Sunbeams

These striking sunbeams appeared through broken clouds towards sunset one evening, looking towards Ravensden from opposite Renhold Village Hall. They are formed when particle-scattered sunlight is projected through gaps in the clouds. Whatever the causes, it created a very celestial effect!

STAGECOACH ROUTE 28A (FROM MARCH 2025)

Monday - Friday

Bedford (Beds), Bus Station	-	08:50	12:50	16:30	17:50
Renhold, Green End	-	09:05	13:05	16:45	18:05
Salph End (Renhold), Brookside	-	09:12	13:12	16:52	18:12
Ravensden, Horse and Jockey	-	09:16	13:16	16:56	18:16
Wilden (Bedford), Village Hall	-	09:20	13:20	17:00	18:20
Colmworth, School Farm	-	09:26	13:26	17:06	18:26
Little Staughton, Grays Grove	7:30	09:31	13:31	17:10	18:30
Pertenhall, The Old Vicarage	07:35	09:36	13:36	17:15	18:35
Keysoe, Hatch End	07:43	09:44	13:44	17:23	18:43
Bolnhurst, School Lane	07:48	09:49	13:49	17:28	18:48
Colmworth, School Farm	07:52	09:53	13:53	-	-
Wilden (Bedford), Village Hall	08:00	10:01	14:01	-	-
Ravensden, The green	08:04	10:05	14:05	-	-
Salph End (Renhold), Brookside	08:08	10:09	14:09	-	-
Renhold, The Green	08:12	10:13	14:13	-	-
Bedford (Beds), Bus Station	08:27	10:28	14:28	-	-

Saturday

Bedford (Beds), Bus Station	-	08:50	12:50	16:30	17:50
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No Sunday service

RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL MAY UPDATE

Rural Bulky Waste Service 19th July In Renhold

Bedford Borough Council have now confirmed the schedule for 2025, and Renhold Parish Council are pleased to report that they have taken on board the Parish Council feed-back, requesting that the service is more accessible for Renhold residents than last year, which saw just one, one hour slot allocated.

We have carried out as suggested and increased Renholds allocated time to 1.5hrs.

Renhold	19 July 2025	Lay-by outside 3-9 Wilden Road	11.45-13.15
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For reference, times are allocated based on numerous factors including previous years tonnages/use of the site/ size of area etc.

Please remember bus services changes and how to send your feedback

Please be aware that Bedford Borough Council have introduced some changes to new timetables for six rural bus routes from Monday 31st March. The affected route concerning Renhold is: *28A - Bedford – Renhold – Ravensden - Colmworth – Keysoe – Little Staughton – Wilden*

To view the new timetables at bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/public-transport/bus-timetables-and-maps the local authority understand that changes can sometimes cause confusion and signage at the relevant stops will be updated. These changes have been made following a review of the demand for these routes.

Bedford Borough Council are inviting feedback on the local bus service. If you have any you would like to share then please send to the following email address which is already setup and is available to utilise should you have any concerns over bus services: businfo@bedford.gov.uk The Parish Council have been advised that this email is monitored by several Borough Officers.

Have you thought about joining the Parish Council.....?

The Parish Council currently has Councillor vacancies and would be very interested to hear from residents who want to get involved and have their say on village matters. You might:

- Like to see improvements to your local area
- Or have an interest in improving certain local provisions or services
- Have ideas on enhancing the village environment
- Want to be involved, when Bedford Borough Council allocate new housing through the Local Plan process
- Maybe are really concerned about traffic and highways safety in the village
- To learn more and wish to become involved in the local East West Rail project stakeholder group

The Council really would like to have greater representation to make sure your voice is heard. There is also lots of support available for new Councillors as well. **If you are interested in taking a more active role in the village, supporting with parish improvements and have ideas on how to help move Renhold forwards**, then the Parish Council would really like to hear from you. Do please make yourself known to the Clerk, Lizzie, parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk or any current Parish Councillor whose contact details are in the Magazine.

Universal Studios Announcement

Following the recent announcement by Universal Destinations and Experiences, a unit of Comcast NBCUniversal, that it intends to build and operate the company's first-ever theme park and resort in the United Kingdom, located in Bedford, pending planning consent approvals. The Parish Council were grateful to receive invitations to attend the recent announcement event in Bedford.

The proposed plans include an entertainment resort complex with a world-class theme

park with several themed lands featuring Universal's distinct brand of immersive storytelling, thrilling rides, innovative attractions and exciting entertainment. Initial resort plans also feature a 500-room hotel and a retail, dining and entertainment complex. It will be the first Universal-branded theme park in the UK and Europe.

The projects will have a transformational impact for Bedford, the wider region and the UK, generating nearly £50 billion of economic benefit, unlocking significant local transportation upgrades, and creating thousands of new, high-quality jobs. Local residents received a letter containing more information, as well as more being available on their website universalukproject.co.uk. The Parish Council will continue to engage and monitor the development of this project as it moves forwards and starts to take shape.

Parish Council meeting dates

Whilst the Parish Council keep their website up to date, you can find the latest Parish

Council minutes here:
renhold-pc.gov.uk

It is always more interesting to attend a Parish Council meeting in person to see what goes on and the range of items covered in trying to move improvements for the Renhold community going forwards. Forthcoming dates are: 19th June and 24th July to be held in Renhold Village Hall from 7pm.

Contacting the Parish Council

Please remember everyone is welcome to contact the Clerk or any Councillors about local matters. A full list of contact details is available as usual in the Magazine directory, so do make a note. The best way now to contact Lizzie, Parish Clerk is on: parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk.

For Parish Councillors the pattern is place their forename followed by [@renhold-pc.gov.uk](https://twitter.com/renhold-pc)

SOME CLEVER PUNS FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT

Sent in by Pauline Capell

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
4. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
5. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
6. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
7. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.

8. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
9. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
10. I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
11. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
12. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
13. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT, MAY 2025

Hello everyone, what a run of good weather we are having, spring has most definitely sprung.

There has been lots going on in Renhold over the past couple of weeks, the VE80 commemorations have been so well attended. The wreath laying service on May 8th was attended by well over 50 people. We were lucky to have the Lord Lieutenant, Susan Lousada, lay the first wreath on behalf of HM The King, followed by all the other village organisations. The children from Renhold School did particularly well with laying a wreath and sprinkling poppy petals on the walkway. The church looked magnificent with wonderful floral displays of varying ideas on VE80. Thanks to everyone who attended or contributed in some way to making this commemoration week such a success. Events like this really show us what a strong community we have.

The charity event at the village hall on May 4th was well attended with over £3000 raised for Neuroblastoma Charity, a type of rare cancer that unfortunately affects children. Again, thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the band, Fynnius Fogg who generously gave their time for this good cause.

By the time this is published, our annual village litter-pick will have been and gone,

hopefully as well supported as last year and lots of rubbish picked up.

There are lots of things going on in Bedford town as well, for example at half term: Families in Bedford Borough are invited to ignite their creativity this May half-term. *Print It is a series of exciting workshops for children aged 5-12 years, inspired by the upcoming exhibition 'Edward Bawden Printmaker'. Hosted at The Higgins Bedford, these workshops offer a unique opportunity for young artists to explore the world of printmaking and create their own masterpieces to take home. This event runs from 27th-30th May and must be booked in advance. The cost is £5.50 per child.*

Don't forget our lovely parks, river and Priory Marina for an afternoon out as well, and you don't have to spend any money, well apart from ice creams maybe. The John Bunyan boat is certainly worth a trip to see the town from a different perspective and the Panacea Museum is somewhere that I visited a couple of weeks ago. I'm a Bedfordian and sorry to say that I had never been inside. Do go on a guided tour, it's free and so interesting with a wonderful garden. A lovely cup of tea as well!

Time to sign off now, any issues, please contact me via email: Nicola.gribble@bedford.gov.uk

Enjoy the sunshine, Cllr Nicola Gribble.



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Parish Council Meeting dates & venues for 2025

Parish Council meetings now start at 7 PM.
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*As always, if you wish to raise any ideas or make
comments to the Parish Council, then please contact*

*one of the Parish Councillors (see above or the new
Parish Council website (renhold-pc.co.uk) for contact
details) or contact Lizzie, Parish Clerk on 771702.
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RENHOLD WI

The speaker for our May meeting was David Duker who seems to be very popular in this area, with good reason. His topic was the life of Squadron Leader Victor Ekins who flew Hurricanes during the Battle of Britain. The talk was both fascinating and heartbreaking, triggering lots of memories for some members of the audience.

Our next meeting is on June 5th when Nora Butler is coming to talk to us again. Her subject this time is the organisation "Save the Children" and its history. Nora is an excellent speaker who knows her topic really well. We are looking forward to meeting Nora again. We meet at Renhold Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thurs, 5th June. Guest admission £6 including refreshments. Raffle and Book Sale.
Jan Tozer, President.

SAYINGS SENT IN BY JULIE ROBERTS

1. You can't control what others do, only your own reactions.
2. What we think determines what happens to us, so if we want to change our lives, we need to stretch our minds.
3. Fair? The fair is two weeks in the fall.
4. One man's trash is another man's treasure.
5. Early to bed and early to rise makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise.
6. A rising tide lifts all boats.
7. The early bird catches the worm.
8. Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbon.

RENHOLD CHAPEL

Sunday services

Chapel Preachers

1st June	10:30 AM
8th June	10:30 AM
15th June	10:30 AM
22nd June	10:30 AM
29th June	10:30 AM

Mr S Elphick
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Mr G Hicks
Mr R Crane
Mr B Ashton

Renhold Chapel notes

A There are lots of lovely flowers and blooms in our gardens at the moment, and it is a lovely time of year for colours. The embankment in Bedford was beautiful earlier this year with the array of tulips. One small flower that tends to get overlooked is the tiny forget me not. There are a number of legends about how this flower got its name, but one German legend says that when God named the flowers he had created, one worried that it would be overlooked and cried out "forget me not O Lord", and that was the name God gave it. This is only a story of course, but the humble forget me not has become a symbol for remembrance.

Our nation has recently remembered 80 years of peace since the end of the second world war in Europe, and we in Renhold joined the nation by paying tribute on VE day by remembering those who fought to give us freedom in this world.

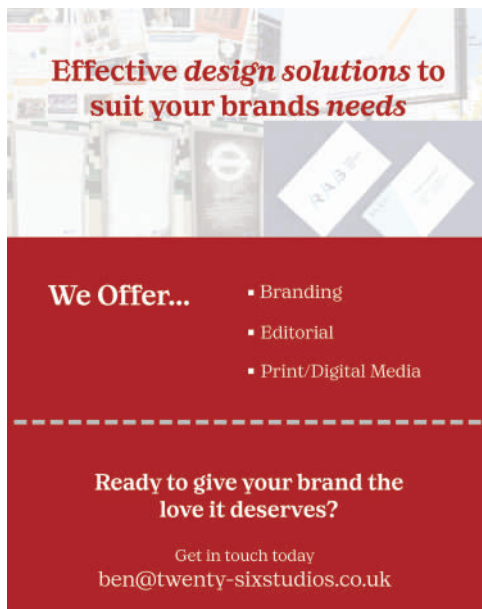
Remembering is also mentioned in the Bible. In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, God said that he would remember his covenant when he puts a rainbow in the sky. At Easter we remember Jesus's death and resurrection. He died to give us a greater freedom. He loves us so much he died to pay the price for all the wrong that we do, so we could have a future with Him for ever. At the crucifixion, one of the thieves on the cross said "Lord remember me" and was told he would be with him in paradise. God says that if we truly believe in what Jesus did on

the cross he will remember our sins no more, walk beside us each day and then take us to be with Him for ever one day.

A verse of a hymn says:

*Can a woman's tender care,
Cease towards the child she bear,
Yes she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.*

How wonderful that we can never be forgotten by God.



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