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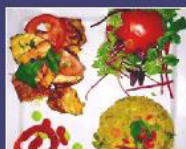
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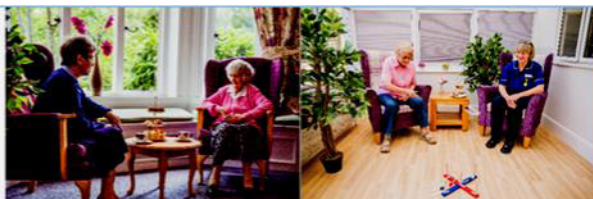
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	Autumn term	Wednesday 3 rd September - Friday 19 th December

Notable Renhold dates & events	RVH (Renhold Village Hall)
	CH (Chapter House at All Saints Church)
	ASR (All Saints Renhold)

Thursday 3 rd July	WI Talk on Watercolour painting	7:30PM	RVH	P16
Monday 14 th July	Creative Club	7:30 PM	CH	P16
Thursday 17 th July	Renhold Stitchers	10:30 AM	CH	P15
Friday 18 th July	Renhold Memory Cafe	11 AM	Chapel	P15
Saturday 19 th July	Churchyard Clearance	9:30 AM		
Saturday 19 th July	Rural bulky waste collection			P23
Tuesday 24 th July	Parish Council meeting	7 PM	RVH	P24
Thursday 7 th August	WI Talk on the North coast 500	7:30 PM	RVH	P16
Monday 11 th August	Creative Club	7:30 PM	CH	
Monday 15 th August	Renhold Memory Cafe	11:00 AM	Chapel	P15
Saturday 16 th August	Churchyard Clearance	9:30 AM		
Wednesday 20 th August	Childrens Holiday Afternoon		CH	P7
Thursday 21 st August	Renhold Stitchers		CH	P15
Saturday 13 th September	Bike 'N' Hike			P16
Saturday 20 th & Sunday 21 st September	Scarecrow Festival			P12

Church cleaning rota

4 th August	Judy Wootton and Pauline Capell
18 th August	Jill Barrell and Ingrid Lennox
1 st September	Sally Pool, Peter Pool and Tessa Wood
15 th September	Christine Smith and Jill Burrows

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EDITORIAL BY ANNE GRANT

Well, it was a big relief to see the printed version of last month's magazine and all credit to Ben and Larissa for doing such a good job. This month's challenge has been trying to streamline how I send them all the material, so instead of zillions of emails, we are learning about shared folders and shared files. Until I get to the end of this month's magazine, I can't really make a comment, but the early signs are promising.

That brings me to the next challenge. Once I have made the transition to the new way of doing things and am happy with handing it over, I would like to do just that and find someone who is happy to take on the editorial role. The main function of the editor will be to receive all the articles and send them on to Ben and Larissa for inserting. It has been a very interesting role for me for the last 17/18 years, and one big advantage is that you can choose when to work on it, whatever suits you, as long as you meet the deadlines. When I was looking after Forbes, my severely disabled husband, it gave me an interest outside my caring role, which brought an interest into his life also. We have a great team who are listed in the front of the magazine. I have particularly appreciated Teresa's help in this transition process, as an extra person to ask questions, and listen to the various problems and help solve them. So, if you can use a computer, like meeting people and are interested in the village and all its activities, please give me a call and we can have a chat. I am keeping my fingers crossed that I will be as lucky this month, receiving a response, as I was first time round with Ben.

It seems I was none too early changing the software for the magazine away from Publisher, as I find now, I can't open past Publisher files and have heard of others in the village who have had

the same problem. Fortunately, I have all past copies of the magazine saved as PDF files, but it is very irritating to lose the facility with no warning. I would be interested to hear from others if they have had the same problem and if they have managed to do anything about it.

In this issue we have another suggestion of a lovely place to visit nearby, namely Clophill Lakes written by our roving reporter Pauline Capell. There was one omission though which I feel the need to remedy. If you have been playing table tennis in the morning and then, with limited energy, get invited to explore Clophill Lakes, be aware there are no benches as yet to slump on along the route! There is always the grass verge at the edge of the lake but at my age getting down there is easy, it is getting back up again that is the challenge! It is nevertheless a lovely place to visit (see page 8).

Please note the upcoming Scarecrow competition in September. The last one was great fun and people showed great ingenuity in their creations. There are many other exciting events planned which are mentioned in the Letter from the Vicar There is also a Festival of Autumn Walks coming in September.

If you are a member of one of the many clubs listed on p14, do send in an update from time to time, to let us all know how they are all going. If there are other things you would like to see in the magazine send in your ideas.

Also, if you have any comments on the new presentation of the magazine we would be glad to hear them. We could start up a "Letter to the Editor" page again. In the meantime, enjoy your read.

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otherwise

July

Wednesday 2 nd July	11:30 AM	Prayers for the community
Sunday 6 th July	11:00 AM	Parish Communion
3 rd Sunday after Trinity		
Sunday 13 th July	11:00 AM	Pet Service
4 th Sunday after Trinity	6:00 PM	Evensong BCP (Richard Deadman)
Wednesday 16 th July	10:00 AM	BCP Communion (Rev. Lynda Klimas)
	3:30 PM	Messy Church
Sunday 20 th July	11:00 AM	Parish Communion
Sea Sunday	1:00 PM	Baptism
Sunday 27 th July	11:00 AM	Parish Communion
6 th Sunday after Trinity		
Wednesday 30 th July	7:30 PM	Communion (Prayers for Healing)

August

Sunday 3 rd August	11:00 AM	Parish Communion
7 th Sunday after Trinity		
Wednesday 6 th August	11:30 AM	Prayers for the Community
Sunday 10 th August	11:00 AM	Café Church - Lammas
8 th Sunday after Trinity	1:00 PM	Baptism
	6:00 PM	Evensong BCP (Richard Deadman)
Sunday 17 th August	11:00 AM	Parish Communion
9 th Sunday after Trinity		
Wednesday 20 th August	10:00 AM	BCP Communion (Rev. Ian)
Sunday 24 th August	11:00 AM	Mattins BCP
St Bartholomew		
Sunday 31 st August	11:00 AM	Parish Communion (Rev. Atalie Gaines)
Sunday 7 th September	10:50 AM	Parish Communion (Bishop of Bedford)

Daily Offices:

Morning prayer
Night prayer/Compline
Evening Prayer

Mondays at 10:00 AM
2nd & 4th Wed. at 7:30 PM
Thursdays at 4:30 PM

Fellowship opportunities – All welcome Thursday 24th July and 28th August (4th Thursday) - Coffee & Cake Afternoons for those who would like change of scenery or just fancy a piece of cake! 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapter House - Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship Group

Tour of St Albans Abbey with tea and Choral Evensong - is being rescheduled due to an

event taking place at the Abbey - More details to follow when available.

Pop-Up Coffee Shop

10:00 - 12:00 every second Saturday in the month - Local sausages, and bacon in fresh baps available along with a selection of cakes and scones - 12th July and 9th August Not to be missed!

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Are you like me? When I was very young, life seemed to pass at a much gentler pace. School holidays lasted for ever, Christmas took so long to arrive and oh how I needed to be 17 years old, so I could learn to drive (or 18, so I could legally go to the pub in the village!). Today, I really wish that things would slow down, and I had time to do all I want/need to do and still have some time and energy left for myself and my long-suffering family. Thinking about it though, I am very fortunate in that last week I was able to go away with some Diocesan colleagues to a retreat house, where we really did get off the hamster wheel of life. We were told that we should do no work (right!), that we should find time and space for ourselves, read a book (that paper thing not the tablet), mobile phone use was frowned upon, and meals were taken in absolute silence. Once I stopped trying to be clever and find work arounds and move into the peace of the space, it was the most valuable of experiences. There were joys and challenges of course - we shared in the rhythm of prayer observed by the Nuns there, which was an absolute treat (shades of The Sound of Music). However, being up and in the chapel for 6:00am prayers reminded me that I am out of the early morning routine I had when I was working full-time... at least it was light and the sunrises were beautiful.

The year seems to be passing so quickly, we are now over halfway through 2025 and the pace after the holidays is not going to be easing up either. We have several events being planned for the second half of the year which we hope will be enjoyed by the Parish and our local community. On Wednesday 20th August we are planning a second "Children's Holiday Afternoon" where they can enjoy a variety

of crafts and games, then be joined by parents, carers and members of our regular congregation for a mini-BBQ. More details will be available shortly on our social media pages and posters around the parish. As you will see elsewhere in this edition, the "Scarecrow Festival" plans are taking shape for the weekend of 20th & 21st September and conclude in our Harvest Celebrations. Our popular "Remembered with Love" service at All Souls tide is being planned for Sunday 26th October. This is when we remember and give thanks for the lives of those who we love and see no more, and the service concludes with the planting of bulbs which will bloom in the spring and adorn the church ground in colour.

I hate to say it... but! We are planning a Christmas tree festival to be held in church across the weekend of 5th, 6th & 7th December, and are inviting individuals and organisations across the Parish and local community to decorate a tree and display it for all to enjoy. From previous festivals and the recent VE80 celebrations, the Parish is not short of incredibly imaginative and gifted people, and I look forward to seeing what you come up with this year. It is early days (thank goodness!) but please put your thinking caps on and let your mind run free! I know of a couple of people already who have decided upon their themes— it is going to be great, and more information will be available after the holidays!

Our "Fellowship group" held its first trip recently which was enjoyed by all - future events are being planned and will be advertised across the parish, with everyone being welcome to take part - As I have said in the past, this group is open to those

of all faiths or none and not restricted to our church community. 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 while it lasts!

God bless - Rev. Ian

CLOPHILL NATURE RESERVE

Have you discovered the Nature Reserve that opened in Clophill at the beginning of April this year? I enjoyed my first visit so much I introduced it to 3 different friends on 3 consecutive days over a bank holiday, and they then spread the word. It is a wonderful place to commune with nature - very tranquil, and peaceful with lakes, wetlands, reed beds, a skylark meadow and a cow meadow, wild flowers and lots of bird song to be heard. There are wooden bridges over the River Flit and the local wildlife includes otters, dragonflies, kingfishers and sand martins, whose nest holes can be seen in what, previously, was a sand pit area.

Gravel paths, all on the flat, make it readily accessible to all, one such path going past the site of Cainhoe Castle, a motte and bailey structure, where the mounds and ditches can still be seen. It is managed by the Greensands Trust on a not for profit basis, and is on the site of a former Fuller's Earth Quarry. Fuller's earth was otherwise known as bleaching or whitening clay, and was used for cosmetics, special effects in films such as dust clouds and explosions, and for decontamination after exposure to chemical or biological agents.

The Reserve is open daily from 9:00-17:00, only closing on Christmas Day. There is a Riverside cafe open daily from 10:00-15:00 with picnic tables and some indoor seating. I can personally recommend the bacon baps. Card payment only.

The car park is accessible from the A507 to Shefford. Up to 3 hours is £3.50, and over 3 hours - £5.50. It is a number plate recognition

system - payment by card or scan QR code on exit. Alternatively you can walk up the High Street in Clophill where there are some lovely houses and gardens to look at, and take the path beside the school and through a gate. It is wheelchair accessible with more gravel paths planned, and there is a wheelchair accessible toilet and gender neutral toilets by the cafe. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead, but there is also an off-lead area.

- Pauline Capell





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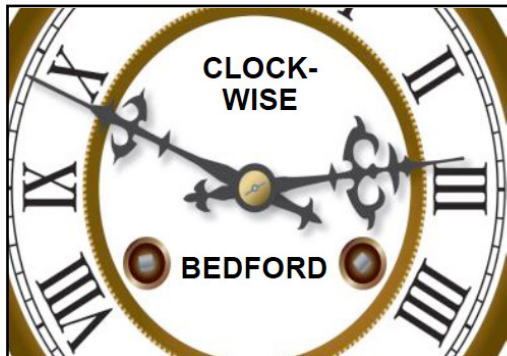
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To enter, please complete the Form below, as soon as possible and **by Sept 7th** at the latest. Return, **with £2 fee**, to Renhold Vicarage; Church; Jill at 9 Primrose Fields, MK41 0FG; or Alan at 17 Asgard Drive, MK41 0UP; Pam & John at 6 Pedley Way, MK41 0GF.

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July Walks

- 5th AM "Ramble", Wilstead, 5 miles
PM Wootton Upper School, 6 miles
- 12th AM Castle Ashby, 12.18 miles
PM Silsoe, 6.5 miles

- 19th AM Riseley, 7 miles (Followed by Lunch)
- 26th AM St Ives, 10.5 miles
PM Bolnhurst, 7 miles

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Group	Contact	Tel.	Day	Time	Place
Bridge Club - No fear	David Israel	078166685798	Every Mon. & Fri.	9:45 AM - 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 PM - 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 pm - 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

RENHOLD MEMORY CAFÉ

Teresa Moon

If you are affected by memory loss or dementia, do join us at Renhold Chapel on Friday 18th July from 11 AM - 12:30 PM for our Memory Café, or next month on Friday 15th August. 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, including quizzes, games and music, in a safe and supportive environment. We are run by Tibbs Dementia Foundation, a Bedford-based charity dedicated to helping people with cognitive issues to live enriching lives. No booking required -If you're intrigued to know what these items are all doing on the same table in the picture, then do come along to our next Memory Café at Renhold Baptist Chapel.

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



RENHOLD STITCHERS

Jackie Croot

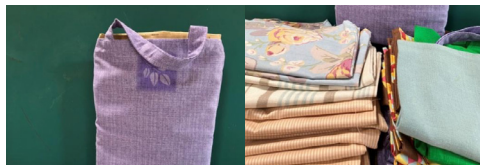
Renhold Stitchers are a long established group who meet once a month in the Chapter House of Renhold Church, and we are very grateful to the church for allowing us to use this facility.

Each year we try to have a balanced programme of making items both for members and for charities. At the April and May monthly meetings, members have had a new project, making tote bags at the request of Bedford Hospital Breast Surgical Unit. These are to take paperwork and medication home by patients on discharge. In the past Stitchers have made dozens of heart shaped support cushions for post mastectomy patients and bags for drainage bottles for the same unit. Stitchers, in trying to support local charities and organisations, have made quilts for the premature baby unit, Linus quilts, "fiddle" cushions, aprons and muffs for dementia patients in Care Homes and full sized quilts which have been raffled to raise funds for Renhold Church, Papworth Hospital, Sue Ryder and the British Legion.

Throughout the year, one member sells items

that they and we have made at Craft Fairs and Car Boots to support Sue Ryder. Going back a few years, although we are not a knitting group, one of the saddest requests we have had was for baby tops, knitted to the simple pattern we were given, for "Fish and Chip babies" in Africa, so named because after birth these babies were sent home wrapped in newspaper. We are always happy to receive donations of unwanted fabric we can use. Any surplus fabrics and accessories are sent to Africa so they are not wasted. If you would like to join us, please come along to one of our meetings in the Church Chapter House on the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 AM. Contact number 01234 870271.

- Jackie Croot



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Saturday 13th September

This year, why not give it a try? It's now possible to go by car!

Many churches are open to visitors on this day that sadly are normally kept locked. It is a nationwide event, to help raise funds to preserve our church heritage. An opportunity to look at the architecture, the stained glass, enjoy a cuppa – or sign the list and quickly move to the next.

Our local team normally aim to visit 12 churches – but enthusiasts are known to clock over 50! You can of course design your own route, but we are happy to advise or provide maps if necessary.

Sponsors should be found in advance. Start asking several weeks beforehand.

Half the proceeds go directly to Renhold Church, the other half to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust (a grant awarding body for conservation work on old church buildings). The sponsors are there (some wishing they were physically capable of taking part – others very pleased to pay not to!), A warm welcome greets you at the churches you visit.

For further details and a sponsorship form please ring Jill Barrell on 870461 or email: jbarrell251@gmail.com

RENHOLD WI

Our June meeting was a fascinating talk about Save the Children, by Nora Butler. We learnt that not only is this organisation one of the first on the scene in times of disaster, but is also acting pro-actively with children's education and running health clinics.

Our next meeting is Thursday 3rd July when you are invited to try your hand at Watercolour Painting, lead by Teresa Trangmar. All materials supplied.

Our meeting on Thursday 7th August is about Britain's most beautiful road, the North Coast 500, when Nick Cooke, an excellent speaker, will be recounting his experience of travelling through this stunning part of Scotland. Guests welcome at both meetings. Admission £6 including refreshments. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at Renhold Village Hall.

See you there,
Jan Tozer, President.

THE ALMA SINGERS

The Alma Singers is a community choir based in Great Barford near Bedford. The Alma singers performed in All Saints Church Renhold on Friday 16th May. They started from a small group founded by a local lady, Alma Tebbutt, in 2010, and have now developed into a three-part choir.

Their main aim is to enjoy their singing and that certainly communicates itself to the audience. They fit as much music into rehearsals as possible so, with a wide repertoire, they sing music ranging from songs from the shows, through classical Rutter to African tribal music - there is something for everyone.

It was a most enjoyable evening and helped us raise some money for the upkeep of our church.

- Anne Grant



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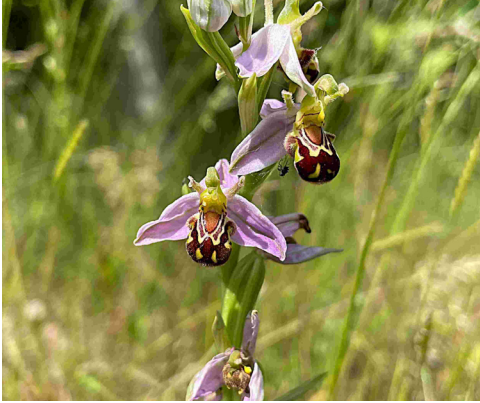
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WILD ABOUT RENHOLD

Tony Ploszajski



Leo Bateman spotted a number of these beautiful Bee Orchids flowering in the rough grass north of Aspire. The Bee Orchid gets its name from the shape of its flower, which had evolved to mimic a female bee. Drawing them in with the promise of love, male bees attempt a mating. As they land on the velvet-textured lip of the flower, the pollen is transferred and the poor bee is left frustrated. Sadly, the right species of bee doesn't occur in the UK, so Bee Orchids are self-pollinated here. Bee Orchid is apparently the County Flower of Bedfordshire, but I've never seen one in Renhold before so many thanks to Leo for his discovery.

The Brimstone Moth is a medium-sized, mainly night-flying moth that is on the wing between April and October when it frequently comes to lights in the garden. Teresa Trangmar photographed this one on her wall in broad daylight. Like the Brimstone Butterfly, its wings are mostly a sulphur-yellow (or 'brimstone') colour. It can also be found in woodland, scrub and grassland habitats. The twig-like caterpillars feed on a variety of shrubs in the rose family, including hawthorn, blackthorn and rowan. Brimstone moths hibernate as a dense cocoon, usually on the ground.



Never a welcome sight when it's in the middle of your lawn, the seedhead of a Dandelion (also known as a 'clock' because of the children's game of counting the number of puffs that it takes to blow the seeds off as a way of guessing the time) is nonetheless an attractively intricate structure. The seeds are attached to light filaments that catch the wind and carry them some distance from the parent plant.

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WILD ABOUT RENHOLD



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Tony Ploszajski

One - Hawthorn Webber Moth Caterpillars

One notable feature this spring has been the number of large white webs draping trees and bushes around Renhold (and elsewhere), giving a rather spooky Halloween effect. Several different types of moth are involved in creating these structures, but the caterpillars in the photo are the larvae of Hawthorn Webber Moth. As their name suggests, they are known for spinning extensive white silken webs on hawthorn, blackthorn and cotoneaster plants. The moths lay eggs on the foliage of hawthorn and other suitable plants. The hatched caterpillars initially mine into the leaves and then emerge to spin the webs and feed together. After feeding, they pupate within the webs and the adult moths emerge later in summer, typically in July.

Two - Dog Rose

Dog Roses have been flowering in hedgerows around Renhold for the past few weeks, their delicate pink blooms providing some lovely colour as the earlier spring blossom like Blackthorn and Hawthorn finished. A climbing rose, Dog Roses clasp on to other shrubs with curved spines to grow. It can grow up to 3m tall when well supported. The Dog Rose is a common symbol in medieval heraldry. It has a less regal connotation in Germany where it is linked to the devil and its fruits were said to be used by fairies to make themselves invisible. A woodland plant, the one in the photo was in a slightly unusual habitat in an open field on the edge of the village.

Three - Yellow Flag Iris

This clump of Yellow Flag Iris has established itself in the Renhold Brook. The outer petals in its distinctive flower heads have a characteristic 'droop' which is believed to be the inspiration for the fleur-de-lis symbol, which is used in heraldry. It thrives in a range of still-water and moving water aquatic habitats and can become quite invasive.

Four - Tufted Vetch

Tufted Vetch, also known as 'Cow Vetch' or 'Bird Vetch', is a member of the pea and clover family. It is widely used as a forage crop for cattle, and is beneficial to other plants because it enriches the soil in which it grows by its nitrogen-fixing properties. The flowers in the photo appeared in one of the fields that is currently set aside, and were attracting a steady stream of bees as I was photographing them.

Five - Oak Eggar Moth Caterpillar

This much larger solitary caterpillar, which I photographed on a path across the road from Renhold Village Hall, will eventually hatch into an Oak Eggar Moth. These caterpillars hatch in mid-late summer, are inactive over winter, then, like this one, they start feeding again in spring. In early summer, they pupate on the ground, amongst vegetation, in a tough brown cocoon. Despite their name, Oak Eggars don't have much of an association with oak trees, though the caterpillars will sometimes feed on them. It is thought they may have earned the name because their cocoons look a bit like acorns.

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Monday - Friday

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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	-	-
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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 reminder

Please remember that Bedford Borough Council having taken on board the Parish Council feedback for an extended service in the village, have had it confirmed that the service will be in the layby outside 3-9 Wilden Road on 19th July from 11:45 AM -1:15 PM.

To find out more about the facility and what it is able to take, head to:

bedford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/household-bins-and-recycling/bulky-waste

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
- 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.

Average speed camera data - April

As detailed previously, the Parish Council are reliant on this speed data being shared by Bedford Borough Council from Bedfordshire Police. With there now being a more timely sharing on this data, it can be included in the Parish Council update for the local community. So, the latest data for some of the cameras in Renhold for April 2025 showed there was one vehicle travelling at 50mph and five travelling at 39mph and under, so a total number of six tickets were issued for Norse Road.

Parish Councillor annual appointments

At this time of year the Parish Council elect Councillors for the year end. Nicky Gribble has been elected as the Parish Council Chair for the coming year, with Martin Warwicker elected as the Vice Chair. The Parish Council also appointed individuals to represent the Parish Council in other organisations. The Parish Council are extremely grateful for all the volunteers who work tirelessly giving their time to support the community in a wide number of ways. Please remember if you would like to get involved or find out more about any way you can possibly help out, whether it is just a small amount of time sporadically, or if you feel you have time to kindly give on a regular basis, the Parish Council would like to hear from you. So please do contact Lizzie, the Parish Clerk at: parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council work updates

Parish Councillors remain grateful for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group who continue to work tirelessly to take this very important local planning policy document forward to help shape the future of Renhold, each Parish Council meeting receiving a report updating the Parish Council on the latest work undertaken.

- Arrangement of annual parish electors meeting being undertaken
- Parish Council providing support to a grant from Renhold Chapel being made to the Rural Fund held and managed by Bedford Borough Council

- Follow up communications with Orbit pursuing actions to improve the local area
- Actions being followed up regarding the Speed Indicator and community safety camera devices in the parish
- Planning applications continue to be carefully considered at Parish Council meetings, with Parish Council responses submitted to Bedford Borough Council as the local planning authority
- Internal audit report received for 2024/25 financial year presented to the Parish Council. The internal auditor who is totally independent of the Parish Council, fed back - there were no matters arising.

Planning information - Where to find it

If you wish to view current planning applications, previous planning applications, see planning decision notices or submitted comments on any application, then all information is retained on the Bedford Borough Council Planning Portal, which has an enormous amount of resources available to you. For more information do head here:

bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications

The Parish Council are aware that the planning process can appear to be complicated. In order to try and explain more about the different planning systems, depending on the planning matter being considered, the Parish Council decided to collate a guide document to try and assist residents. To access a copy of this document please head to: <https://renhold-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/minutes-agendas-other-documents> and you will see a document titled 'RPC Planning Guide June 2024' which gives an overview of planning. There is also a link to the Borough Council planning portal on the Renhold Parish Council website as well for ease.

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 The next Parish Council meeting date is 24th July starting at 7PM at Renhold Village Hall on Wilden Road. As always everyone is most welcome.

A CONSIDERATE DOG OWNER

By Julie Roberts

A considerate dog owner does...

- Take enough poo bags with them on every walk.
- Carries the full bag home (if they don't like carrying it, they wear a dog bag, or bum bag, or have large pockets, to put the filled bag into) and then places the bag into a suitable bin.
- Puts their dog on a lead when approaching other people, or dogs. They are aware they love their dog, but others might not, and for many reasons some dogs are better off not to have direct contact with other dogs.
- Ensures their dog sticks to the footpaths.

A considerate dog owner does not...

- Leave the house without adequate poo bags.
- Allow their dog to poop anywhere & not pick it up.
- Fill a poo bag & discard it on the verge/in a hedge/on or at the side of a footpath
- Bag all the dog poop from their garden, put it in an outer bag, & put the whole lot in a community dog poop bin – it's just not playing the game!
- Allow their dog to run through the fields, which are private property, disturbing birds & wildlife.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT, JUNE 2025

Hello again. We are now well into early summer and looking forward to the long, sunny days and maybe holidays if we are lucky. I had a very interesting morning the other Friday as I was lucky enough to be shown around behind the scenes of the A428, Black Cat construction scheme. It was very interesting to see the complicated works coming together and the technical challenges that are being overcome. There is a real focus on the environment and looking after the area whilst work is being carried out, with an aim to restore and enhance the environment once finished. I was photographed standing up high on the eastern side of the overbridge that will take the A428 onwards to Cambridge - the concrete had only been poured the day before! The site offices are just the other side of the Tesco roundabout in St Neots, and were a very impressive modern workspace that just looks like portacabins when driving past. I really appreciate the chance to see and understand further what is happening, and have requested another visit next year when progress will be even more advanced. The scheme is due to open in spring 2027, and will provide us with a quick, efficient link to Cambridge and beyond - no need for a destructive railway then?

I would encourage you to follow Bedford Borough Council on FaceBook or via their website, as it is very good, with loads of useful information especially regarding upcoming summer activities in town and beyond.

It does seem that Bedford is picking up, although town is a different place to when I was younger, but things move on and evolve and we need to embrace and support our town. Bedford is a traditional market town and it is good to see that both Bedford & Kempston markets are attracting new stall holders - do pay them a visit! As I write this, Midland Road has been reopened after a number of months of closures due to much needed refurbishment of the area. St Pauls and town centre is on going and Greyfriars

will be undergoing a face-lift in the autumn. I am still trying to arrange a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Ravensden Parish. Dates to suit us all are proving a little tricky but as soon as anything is confirmed, I will let you know.

On a final note, I have had confirmation of my Ward Fund amount for this year, so any community groups that would like to benefit from a bit of financial help, please let me know. In the past two years I have supported the Church, the Chapel, Tibbs Dementia, bought bulbs for the parish, donated to water quality test-equipment to name but a few, but this may give you an idea. I look forward to hearing from you!

My very best wishes and enjoy the summer,
Nicky (Cllr.Nicola.gribble@bedford.gov.uk)



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Parish Council Meeting dates & venues for 2025

Parish Council meetings now start at 7 PM.
The next date is:
Thursday 24th July - Renhold Village Hall

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. or email parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk

GRASS CUTTING IN RENHOLD

As we are now well into the grass-cutting season, I thought it would be useful to explain how we manage grass and hedges in the parish:

Cranbourne Gardens - this area is cut by the Borough usually every three-four weeks and includes significant areas of non-cutting to encourage wildlife. The areas are usually cut once a year in the autumn once the grass and flower seeds have naturally fallen.

The Spires- grass is cut by the Borough every three to four weeks.

Aspires- the grass and open space is managed by Orbit Homes

Old Renhold- the Parish Council manage the grass and hedges by using a local contractor.

The grass verges adjacent to homes are cut by hand, usually every three to four weeks during the season. Roadside verges up to the 30 mph area are cut by tractor. They receive a 'swathe cut' twice a year - May and July; this is a metre width for road safety and allows wildflowers to flourish and a 'full width cut' back to the ditch in autumn.

Any overhangs are cut back when they arise, and the hedges receive a cut in late winter once berries have been eaten by birds. This cut may look drastic at the time, but it is essential to encourage the hedge to thicken up and provide shelter for birds and animals. Any questions, please contact the Parish Council.

Nicky Gribble, PC, Chair.



RENHOLD CHAPEL

Chapel Preachers for July/August 2025

July			August		
6 th July	10:30 AM	Mr. S Guest	3 rd August	10:30 AM	TBA
13 th July	10:30 AM	Mr. R Keech	10 th August	10:30 AM	Mr. M Popplestone
20 th July	10:30 AM	Mr. A Dinnie	17 th August	10:30 AM	Mr. P Sands
27 th July	10:30 AM	Mr. R Smith	24 th August	10:30 AM	Mr. A Palmer
			31 st August	10:30 AM	Mr. Roger Smith



RENHOLD CHAPEL NOTES

It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways. I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings. I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself

looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem. Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city.

I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for – thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150). There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of Creation?

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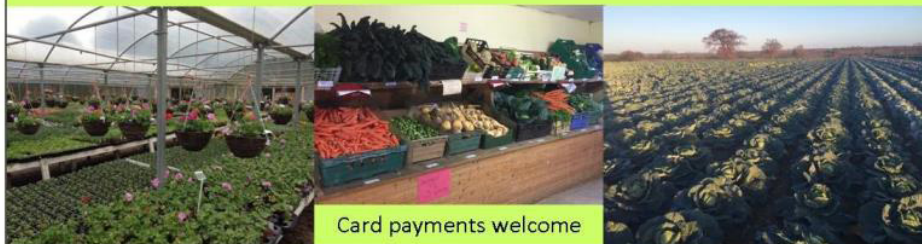
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