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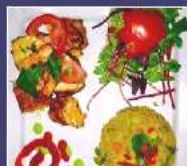
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Wed. 4th Sept.—Fri.20th Dec.
Mon.28th Oct—Fri.1st Nov.

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

Thurs.1st Aug.	WI Grief , Sleep and Dreams RVH	p10
Sat. 10th Aug	All Saints Family car treasure hunt 11am	p17
Mon.12th Aug.	Creative Club 7.30pm CH	
Sat.17th Aug.	Churchyard Clearance 9.30am	
Sun.25th Aug.	Polden Cricket Cup Wilden	p26
Thurs.5th Sept.	WI Anecdotes from the Auction Room RVH	p10
Mon.9th Sept.	Creative Club 7.30pm CH	
Sat.14th Sept.	Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike	p8
Sat.21st Sept.	Churchyard Clearance 9.30am	

Church cleaning rota:

Mon.5th Aug.	Sally Pool, Peter Pool and Tessa Wood
Mon.19th Aug.	Christine smith and Jill Burrows
Mon.2nd Sept.	Judy Wootton and Pauline Capell
Mon.9th Sept.	Jill Barrell and Ingrid Lennox
Mon.23rd Sept.	Sally Pool , Peter Pool and Tessa Wood
Mon.7th Oct.	Christine Smith and Jill Burrows

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Frontispiece: photo of the Alma Singers concert from Jane Ferguson

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EDITORIAL By Anne Grant

Well the election is now over and life is settling down again, Nicky Gribble our Borough Councillor has given details of the two MPs who have been elected for Renhold, Richard Fuller and Mohammed Yasin depending on which part of Renhold you live in.

Our summer still seems a little confused as is my wardrobe. It is hard to know some days if it is summer clothes or winter woollies needed! Wimbledon has provided some amazing entertainment. I know not everyone is a tennis fan but I love it. Every year I wonder how they can continue to get more agile, faster, and more powerful. The only downside seems to be the increase in injuries, although when you see what they put their bodies through it is hardly surprising.

By the time the magazine lands on your doorsteps the Renhold Post office will have closed, but Robert will continue to man the shop for a while longer. In last month's magazine I included details of the two nearest post offices at the Co-op in Church Lane and the Putnoe Street post office.

You will see on p19 that the proposed Fun Fest which was being planned at the Village Hall has had to be cancelled. Let's hope something else may be planned in the near future. We are lucky to have the Village Hall, with all its facilities in Renhold, though, located as it is up Wilden Road at the top of the village, it may not be apparent to those at the other end of Renhold.

There was a very enjoyable evening's entertainment with the Alma Singers in All Saints Church (see front cover). What's more the grand sum of £572 was raised for church funds. There is further musical entertainment planned by the WI on 5th October when a fundraising concert will be held in the Village Hall. This time it will be folk songs and sea shanties with "Freddie's Barnet" and "Chalk and Cheese" (see p19 for details).

We have some more contributions from the children at Renhold Primary which I am very pleased about. There is a "spot the difference" puzzle which they invite you to try, and some really useful hints about how to stay safe on line (pp12&13). This must be something that occupies all parents and grandparents, knowing how mobile phones and other electronic modes of communication have become an integral part of all children's lives from a very young age. I shall certainly send a copy of their thoughts and suggestions to my grandchildren. Well done to them for putting it together.

On p10 there is information about the monthly activities meeting run by the Tibbs dementia support group, as well as a list of many other events happening over the summer.

If you are at a loose end on a balmy summer's afternoon, you could try visiting a local tea shop. There are 4 suggestions put forward by Pauline Capell, together with a photo and postcodes so you can find them easily (pp16&17). If you have discovered a place worth visiting and would like to share it please send in the details and, if possible, a photo. It would be much appreciated.

Meanwhile enjoy your read and if there is anything you would like to share please do write in and let us know. I especially appreciate some good jokes!!

STOP PRESS I have just received the great news that another Ukrainian family have arrived in Renhold (p 20). Lets do all we can to make them welcome.



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All Saints Church Services for August & September 2024

Services led by Revd Ian Smith except where stated

Sunday 4 th Aug. TRINITY 10 (Lammas)	11:00 am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 7 th Aug	11:30am	Prayers for the community
Sunday 11 th Aug. TRINITY 11	11:00am 6:00 pm	Café Church Evensong (BCP) with hymns
Wednesday 14 th Aug	7:30pm	Night Prayer
Sunday 18 th Aug. TRINITY 12	11:00am	Parish Communion <i>Revd David Powell</i>
Wednesday 21 st Aug.	10:00am 3.45pm	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd David Powell</i> <i>Messy Church</i>
Sunday 25 th Aug. Trinity 13	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) with hymns
Wednesday 28 th Aug.	10.00am	Compline (BCP)
Sunday 1 st Sept. TRINITY 14 (Red Ensign)	10:45am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 4 th Sept.	11:30am	Prayers for the community
Sunday 8 th Sept. TRINITY 15	11:00am 6:00pm	Family Worship Evensong (BCP) with hymns
Wednesday 11 th Sept.	7:30pm	Night Prayer
Sunday 15 th Sept. TRINITY 16	11:00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 18 th Sept.	10:00am 3.45pm	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd David Powell</i> <i>Messy Church</i>
Sunday 22 nd Sept. TRINITY 17	11:00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 25 th Sept. Thursday 26 th Sept.	7:30pm 6.00pm	Compline (BCP) Taize Worship-New!-
Sunday 29 th Sept. HARVEST	11:00am 6:00pm	Parish Communion for Harvest Harvest Songs of Praise followed by seasonal refreshments
Wednesday 2 nd Oct.	11:30am	Prayers for the Community

DAILY OFFICES – Revd Ian says the Daily Office in church at the following times.
You are warmly invited to join him at this short service.

EACH MONDAY – 9:30am Morning Prayer
EACH THURSDAY – 4:30pm Evening Prayer

FROM THE REGISTERS

26 th June 2024 –	Funeral	Annie Joan Wheeler
27 th June 2024 –	Burial of Ashes	Michael Lennox
11 th July 2024 –	Burial of Ashes	Janet Pullinger
TBA – Albert Gurney –	Burial of Ashes –	Should be early July?

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Life in Renhold Parish is wonderful and I am so blessed to be here with you as we journey through the changes and chances of this busy world around us. As I walk the footpaths with my two dogs I cannot cease to be amazed by the wonders of creation in the fields and hedgerows, and as I sit and find space for myself in the churchyard the song of the birds is stunning. How lucky we are!

I begin this month by apologising to anyone who has been upset by my article in the June magazine regarding the churchyard regulations and the restrictions on what is allowed at loved one's graves and memorials in any churchyard. I can assure you that changes will be made progressively and in consultation with families where possible. Can I also clarify that bulbs, annual plants and cut flowers are permitted and any kerbed edges etc. that are removed will be "Laid -up" elsewhere within the church grounds and not disposed of. Finally, vases for cut flowers should be placed close to the headstone and not made of glass or porcelain. My apologies if this response does not seem timely, but I have only recently been made aware of the posts on social media. A copy of the 2023 Churchyard Regulations is available to read in the porch or I can supply a soft copy if you email Renhold.rev@gmail.com

This week we, All Saints and our Primary School, have completed a pilot project for the Diocese of St Albans called the "Alban Way," where we have been developing spirituality with our year 6 children. The project was over 8 sessions in school and a day in the Parish, and has provided the children with techniques to find space in their lives, and use prayer (irrespective of their faiths) to help them find a life-balance as they change schools and in the busy world of their future. It has been a most enlightening and enhancing time which I will be continuing with next year, and it is being rolled out further across the Diocese and further in the Church of England. Renhold is a traditional Parish but active in the future.

Continuing with our initiatives to work with our young people, the team at All Saints are starting a monthly "Messy Church" which we hope will appeal to families. The sessions will last up to 90 minutes and include multiple activities for all ages (up to 11yrs), games, a short act of worship and refreshments. The sessions will take place in the Chapter House at 3:45pm on the third Wednesday of each month and are open to anyone, please see posters around the Parish for more details. In addition to this I am hoping to begin a "Youth group" initially for year 6/7 children after the summer holidays – I hope this will give the children who have changed school a safe space to continue friendships when they now attend different schools or are in different class groups.

You may remember earlier in the year that I made an appeal for old/new/unwanted candles which were collected and recycled into new candles for shipping to Ukraine. I have been asked to be involved in this project again for this winter and am using September as a focus month for us in this Parish. A box will be available in the church porch to deposit your donations, and these will be sent for processing before the winter in Ukraine takes hold – I really appreciate your support with this. Thank you. (continued overleaf).

Finally before I run out of space – Renhold is a “rural and agricultural” Parish so it is only fitting that we mark the gathering in of the harvest each year. Sunday 29th September is our Harvest Festival this year, where we will be holding a festival communion service in the morning where we would like to receive your donations for our local foodbank; and a harvest themed “Songs of Praise” at 6:00pm which will be followed by seasonal refreshments. As I said at the beginning of this article we are so lucky to be living in this wonderful place, and we would love to welcome you to give thanks for “our harvest” on 29th September. Details of all services for August and September are listed within this magazine, and these will be live streamed where possible using the All Saints Renhold Facebook page. Due to major issues with our website we are currently using a national church facility at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7680/service-and-events/events-all/> to post information of services and accompanying service sheets.

Take care, stay safe, enjoy the summer sunshine and God Bless...

Revd Ian



Sponsored Bike ‘n’ Hike - Saturday 14th September

Visit churches by foot, on a bike or by car.

Many are open to visitors this day that sadly are normally kept locked – this is a nationwide event, to help raise funds to preserve our church heritage.

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

All Saints’ Church. Renhold



Sunday 29th September 2024

11.00am Harvest Communion Service

6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise

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in the Chapter House

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Forthcoming dates for your diary:

- Friday 16th August 11am - 12.30pm
- Friday 20th September 11am - 12.30pm
- Friday 18th October 11am - 12.30pm
- Friday 22nd November 11am - 12.30pm

Just turn up, or for more information, contact Teresa Moon email: [tere-sa.moon@tibbsdementia.co.uk](mailto:teresa.moon@tibbsdementia.co.uk) mobile: 07930 999573

Tibbs also have an exciting programme of summer activities in Bedford, including :

- Outdoor bowls in Mowsbury Park
- Art and Craft in Goldington
- Allotment in Mile Road
- Fitness classes on the Polhill Road campus
- Walking Football in Mile Road
- Beer and Banter at The White Horse
- Walking group at Mowsbury Park
- Music for Memory at various venues
- Bereavement support at St Andrews Church

Tibbs for Tea - monthly outing

Look at our website for more details: www.tibbsdementia.co.uk

Renhold WI Speakers.

1st August - Grief, Sleep and Dreams.

5th September - Anecdotes from the Auction Room.

Our August speaker is Delphi Ellis and her talk is called "Answers in the Dark: Grief, Sleep and how dreams can help you heal." You may have heard of her as she is a popular speaker and writer, for good reason. Delphi came to Ravensden WI last year and was very professional and insightful. At the end of her talk the room was buzzing and lots of people wanted to share their experiences. We couldn't wait to ask her to come to Renhold. Delphi will be bringing her book to sell at a discounted price, so don't forget to bring an extra £10. You may well want to read her book after you have heard her fascinating talk.

Our September speaker is something completely different! Evan Willison worked for 30 years at the Woburn Auction Room with Charlie Ross. He has lots of anecdotes and humorous stories to tell and he will be bringing some interesting items to handle and discuss.

We meet at Renhold Village Hall at 7.30 pm, on the first Thursday of the month. All welcome, no need to book. Guest admission £5 including refreshments. Raffle. **Jan Tozer, Treasurer.**

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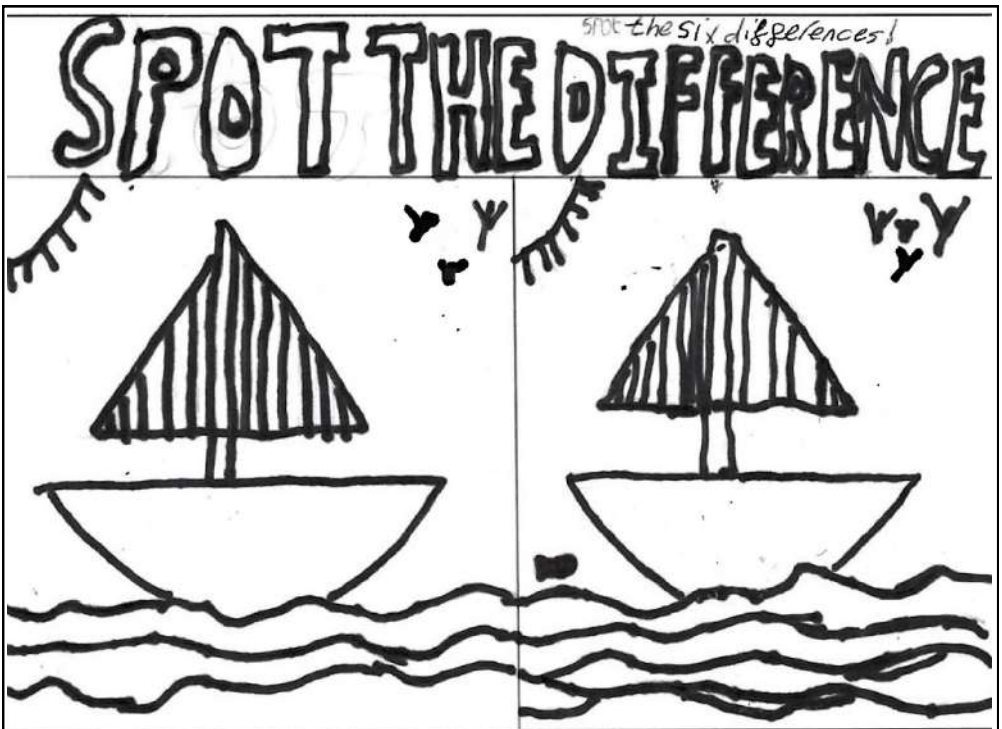
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Contributions from children at Renhold Lower School

The spot the difference drawing above was completed by Harry and Elham in Year 6.

The online safety poster opposite was created by Sainabou and Taraji also in Year 6.

Miss Larham and a small team of children in year 6 met together to hold a **'Village Magazine Meeting'** where they discussed potential ideas for the children's pages. The year 6 children came up with their own suggestions for their final idea. They spent hours planning and drafting their ideas and checking with each other and Miss Larham, before they moved onto their final design.

We hope you enjoy the pages the children worked so hard on. Look out for more pages created by the amazing children of Renhold Primary School in the future!

Thank you Miss Larham for giving us some background to the creative work displayed. It made me realise how carefully you have to copy a drawing that is almost but not quite identical to the first one. As for all the thought that went into the poster opposite I am so impressed I am going to send a copy to my 4 grandchildren. Well done everyone. We look forward to your future efforts. Anne Grant

ONLINE SAFETY

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Safe

Being safe is the most important part of online safety. To keep yourself safe make sure you only download games/apps for your age! So you only see things you meant to.

Meeting

Meeting is also part of keeping safe. If you're contacting someone online you should never meet up with them unless you already know the person.

Accepting

Don't accept any friend requests from people you don't know. It's not known who's behind the screen. If they're 6 or 60, you don't know for sure.

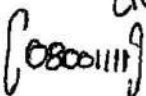
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Make sure you tell a trusted adult if you have any problems online. Even if it's small, it could always lead to something bigger!

Reliability

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Childline



Renhold Village Clubs 2024

Group	Contact	Tel.	Day	Time	Place
Bridge Club-No Fear	David Israel	07816 668578	Every Mon. Every Fri.	9.45-1pm	St. Marks Church Brickhill
Brownies	Kim Dellar	267150	Every Thurs.	6.15-7.45pm	RV Hall
Carpet Bowls	Chick	838651	Every Mon. Every Wed.	2-4.00pm 7-9.00pm	RV Hall
Chapel Coffee morning	Albert Brown-ing	772689	2nd Tues.	10-12noon	Chapel
Creative Club	Teresa Trangmar	07788402 441	2nd Mon.	7.30-9.00pm	Chapter House
Luncheon Club	Yvonne Potter	771495	2nd Wed.	12.30 for 1pm	
Pudding Club for carers	Anne Grant	771811	1st Tues.	2-3.30pm	4, Brookside
Reading Group	Pauline Capell	771858	1st Fri.	4pm	1, Church Close
Renhold pre-school group	Vicky Thompson	771724		Term time	
Stitchers	Jackie Croot	870271	3rd Thurs.	10.30-12.30pm	Chapter House
Table tennis	Ian Smith	07989 470093	Every Mon. Every Wed. Every Fri.	1.30pm 10.30am 10.30am	Church Lane Community Centre
Tang Soo Do	TBA		Every Monday	6.30-8pm	RV Hall
Total Warrior Kickboxing	TBA		Every Tuesday	5.45-8.15pm	RV Hall
WI.	Jan Tozer	297456	1st Thurs.	7.30pm	RV Hall
Yarn Craft Group	Marion Sutton	217647	Alternate Fridays	10am-12.30pm	Wilden Village Hall

Mobile Library Times August and September 2024

<u>Location of Mobile Library</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>
Renhold - Green End	10:00 - 10:15	6, 20	3, 17
Lay-by - Salph End	10.20 -10.35	6, 20	3, 17
Renhold - Home Close	10:40 - 10:55	6, 20	3, 17
Renhold - Ravensden Road	11:00 - 11:15	6, 20	3, 17

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17th pm Turvey 6.5 miles
24th am Woburn 7 Parishes 14 miles or pm Toddington 7 miles
31st TBA please check our online program

Sept Walks

The Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks 7th – 15th September

Full details are available on www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/walks or the dedicated Facebook page Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks.

NBR walks as follows but there are plenty more to enjoy;

7th am Wilstead 6 miles
8th pm Old Warden 5.5 miles
10th am Priory Marina 10 miles
11th am Woburn 6 miles
12th am Bromham 6 miles, pm Kimbolton Road Car park, or Mowsbury 5.5 miles
14th am Harrold Country Park 6.25 miles or pm Harrold Country Park 6.5 miles or both for a 12.75 mile walk
15th am Sharnbrook 6 miles

Festival Ends - Normal NBR walking resumes -

21st TBA – please check our on line program
28th am Thrapston 12 miles or pm Aspley Guise 6 miles

Contact; Margaret Sawyer 07780933729 Facebook; North Beds Ramblers
<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire>

Quintessentially British Afternoon Tea

Pauline Capell

Would you believe afternoon tea originated in Bedfordshire, at Woburn Abbey no less, when Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, got that ‘sinking feeling’ when lunch was but a memory, and dinner was not until way in the distance at around 8.00pm. Anna needed a bit of something to ward off her hunger and keep her going, so she started ordering a tray of tea, bread, butter and cake to be brought to her room mid-afternoon.

So, to keep up this tradition, here are a few places I have visited recently and can vouch for. First up is 1. **Poppy's Tea Room** tucked away in Church Walk, St Neots (PE19 1JH). How about this for a review? “I felt as if I had stepped into the kind of rose tinted vintage England where people marched to church on Sundays, and actually talked to each other in cafes.” Opening in 2013 it has many regulars, always a good sign, and is charming whilst the staff are really friendly.

2. **Southill Tea Rooms** started life as just one table in the old post office and village store, but then relocated to a 200 year old listed cottage in the High Street (SG18 9JB). It is small inside with just a few tables and a romantic snug tucked away in an alcove, but there is lots of seating in the front garden outside. It is only open Friday – Sunday but well worth a visit.

3. **Bromham Mill** (MK43 8LP) is nestled on the banks of the River Great Ouse and set in 7 acres of water meadows. There have been a variety of mills on the site since before the Domesday Survey, and the current one dates back to the C18th. The old machinery can be seen in the upstairs room where you will find comfy sofas. In the grounds there is the added attraction of a Fairy Trail for small children. Breakfast is served between 10.00-11.00am and should you get there in time for that, I would thoroughly recommend the breakfast bagel – smashed avocado, smoked bacon and a fried egg in a brioche bun. (That would have kept Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, going until dinner time with no need of afternoon tea.)

Finally 4. **Elstow Tea Garden**, (MK42 9XT) really truly tucked away beside the Abbey. It is a sheltered English country cottage garden and the seating is all outdoors. Fear not however as, if the weather should be bad, there are gazebos, marquees and a summerhouse. It is only open on Friday – Monday from May to September and quite delightful. Booking is required.





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All Saints' Church Renhold Family Car Treasure Hunt

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The WI meeting

Mavis Heaume was included in helping Michael Peachey, artist, to paint this picture - in front of everyone at the July WI meeting. Michael's talk, with a fascinating demonstration, was humorous and entertaining, as he talked about his art work with patients at Headway, which helps those recovering from head injuries, and local retirement homes . Jill Barrell



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WILD ABOUT RENHOLD (see opposite)



Jenya,
on the-
right,
now
7yrs old
(see
article
below)



Great news from Liz at the Homes for Ukraine Scheme

Julia and her 7 year old son Jenya arrived safely in Renhold from Ukraine on July 8th. They are living with a host in Wilden Road. They would love to meet local people. Julia speaks reasonable English but, like most Ukrainian people, she thinks it's terrible. Any offers from anyone to get to know them would be welcome. Take them out for a coffee or any normal thing that anyone else likes doing. Charity shops are always a great favourite or car boot sales, along with visits to National Trust places. The National Trust allow Ukrainian refugees in free accompanied by a member.

We hope that Jenya will be starting Renhold school in September. The wheels of the local authority grind very slowly. If there is anyone local with a boy Jenya's age, it would be great if he had someone to play with. They are just a normal family .Jenya was 7 yesterday. See above photo.

Tim, their host, is unfortunately doing jury service for two weeks 22nd July so won't be about too much during jury service. Contact Liz on 07875951852 if you would like to say hello to them over the summer. Liz

WILD ABOUT RENHOLD by Tony Ploszajski

1. Small Tortoiseshell butterfly

Teresa Trangmar photographed this Small Tortoiseshell butterfly in her back garden. It is a medium-sized butterfly that is often seen in gardens where it feeds on buddleia and other flowers. It is on the wing throughout the year, having two or three broods and overwintering as an adult. The caterpillars feed on nettles. Male Small Tortoiseshells are very territorial, chasing each other, other butterflies and anything else that appears in their space. They court females by 'drumming' their antennae on the females' hindwings. Once among the most common butterflies in Europe and temperate Asia, for reasons unknown the species is in very rapid decline, at least in Western Europe.

2. Large Yellow-underwing moth

Teresa inadvertently disturbed this Large Yellow Underwing moth from its day-time roost whilst strimming vegetation in the churchyard in mid-June. Normally a night-flying species, it is possibly the most abundant of our larger moths. It is found throughout Britain and numbers are often enhanced by large migratory influxes in the south. It exhibits a wide range of colour forms and patterns, although the yellow hindwings bordered with black remain fairly constant. It holds its wings folded back, flat along the body and scuttles about on the floor, a bit like a mouse! Adults fly from June right through to October and often come to lights at night. They rest during the day but will flash their bright hindwings, if disturbed, to surprise and scare off predators. The caterpillars feed on a wide range of plants, including grasses and dock leaves, and hibernate over winter.

3. Emperor Dragonfly

We spotted this Emperor Dragonfly grounded on a path alongside Ravensden Road. It is the largest of the British dragonfly species and the insect in the photo is identifiable as a male by virtue of his blue abdomen, black dorsal stripe and apple green thorax. They frequently fly high up into the sky in search of prey, which includes butterflies, other dragonflies and tadpoles. Small prey is eaten while flying. They breed in a variety of still water aquatic habitats including garden ponds, but they require a plentiful supply of vegetation in the water.

The Alma Singers concert Alan Bloomfield

The Friends of All Saints' Renhold hosted a concert by the Alma Singers in the Church on the evening of 21st June. There were 50 guests who attended, to listen to a varied programme of songs and poems. During the interval, refreshments of Pimms along with scones with cream and fresh strawberries was served. A total of £572.00 after expenses was raised for the Friends, which goes towards funding works to the fabric of the Church. It was a most enjoyable evening. (see front cover)

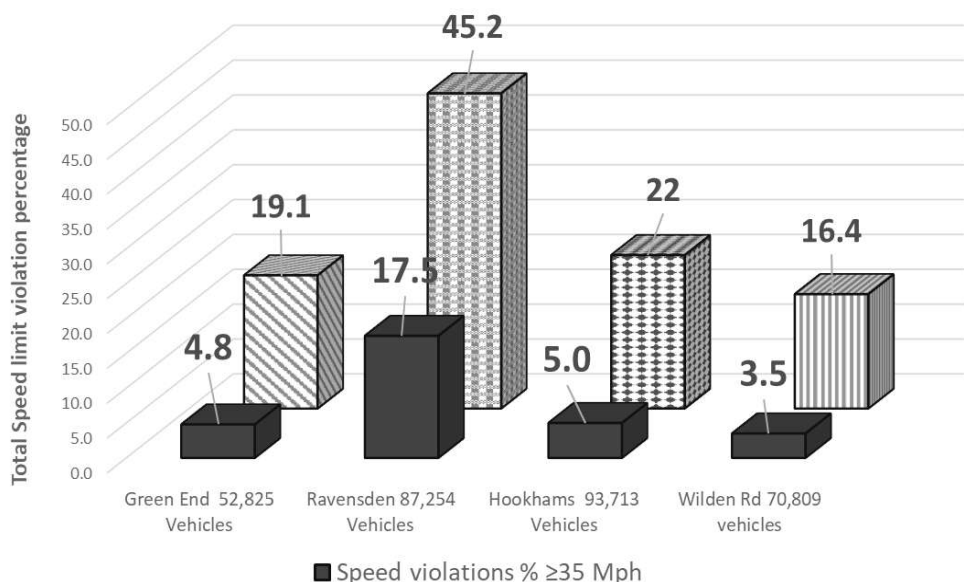
REMINDER CITIZENS ADVICE COMING TO RENHOLD

Citizens Advice will be providing another opportunity to access the outreach service they provide, and will be in the village with the mobile library on **Tuesday 3rd September** at:

Green End	10am to 10.15am
Lay-by Salph End	10.20am to 10.35am
Home Close	10.40am to 10.55am
Ravensden Road	11am to 11.15am

Keep a look out for the mobile library van, it is also a great way to browse the variety of stock in the library who always welcome new members.

Speed Indicator Device data June 2024



Parish Council July Update

RENHOLD ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

It was great to have so much useful engagement at the annual electors meeting that was held at the school this year. It not only allowed the Parish Council to hear about what different village organisations are up to and how they could be supported, but also gave village organisations the opportunity to share ideas with how to support one another. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who kindly attended, those who sent reports in their absence and everyone who is involved in whatever capacity with any village group, as it is clear there are a lot of committed and dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to support the Renhold community.

EAST WEST RAIL UPDATE

There has as expected been no new information released from government regarding the next steps relating to the Statutory Consultation that was due to take place in June. The only communication received from East West Rail is to announce Beth West's successor, David Hughes, as the new Chief Executive Officer. As always the Parish Council continue to monitor all East West Rail communications closely.



OVERGROWN HEDGES

More than ever this year the Parish Council's attention has been drawn to problems caused by hedges, that have grown to the point that they are either obstructing pavements or are a hazard to users of the pavements. At the extreme, pedestrians are required to walk on the road, and in some instances brambles in hedges have caused physical injury to pedestrians who did not see them in the dark.

The pavement is the responsibility of Bedford Borough Council, but anything growing behind the back edge of the pavement and growing over it, is the responsibility of the occupier. In extreme instances Bedford Borough Council can cut back a hedge, but it may then send an account for the cost of the work to the property's occupier.

It is appreciated that in the short term a severe pruning of a hedge will reduce its attractiveness, but hedges, unless they are conifers, do recover quickly. *If you have a hedge please check it, and if it is intruding into the footpath can you cut it back, please?*

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICE UPDATE

There is a new Sergeant, Sarah Cluff for the Community North Rural Policing Team based at Riseley Police Station which covers Renhold. The local team is increasing with PC Peter Lawson and expecting a further two Police Constables to join the team in the near future. The Police are looking to increase communication of events and engagements, and will now be using 'Beds Connect' which is a platform already in use by the Police Watch scheme. Do sign up to receive these email updates, by following QR Code below. A reminder that any reporting of incidents and concerns can be made through the appropriate reporting methods at www.beds.police.uk where an online form can be completed, or you can partake in a web-chat, or of course you can dial 101, or 999 in an emergency.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND BREACHES

The Parish Council are a statutory consultee for planning applications, which means they get notified of applications in the parish. These applications are circulated to all Parish Councillors, with some Councillors who look at the application in more detail as well as trying to undertake an in-person visit to the application site. Their findings are used to help the full Parish Council decide what response to send, which is presented and discussed at the Parish Council meeting, where it is agreed what comments to send to the local authority who are the determining planning authority.

There are certain types of applications which the Parish Council are not notified of. However, the Parish Council as well as other stakeholders can still engage with these. For example, siting of telegraph poles, broadband cabinets, lawful development certificates, plus some variations, amendments and conditions of previously approved applications. In order to not miss out on these applications, the Parish Council retain a proactive approach to regularly review the Borough Council planning portal for any application received within the parish. You can even set up notifications alerting you, to be sent to your email directly, of any newly registered applications. Head to the webpage to do this: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/search-plans/search-plans-how-find-planning>

It is also important because if it appears an application is not being built to plan, then the Borough Council will rely fully on information being passed on to them so they can investigate. The process to do this is really quick, simple and also totally anonymous. Regrettably the local authority will not accept any report of breaches unless they are sent through the planning portal, so you do need to complete a form which can be found at: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-guidance/report-planning-breach> then click on the purple box 'planning enforcement investigation'. You will receive an automatic acknowledgment on submission, which will then be followed up with a case number being issued, and information on the appointed Officer who is investigating. If you wish to be kept up to date with the investigation then it is best to kindly ask the Officer to keep you updated.

PARISH COUNCIL – REMEMBER WE HAVE SOME VACANCIES....

Do not forget you are more than welcome to join the Parish Council. There are presently two vacancies, and with so many projects and pieces of work on the go, if there was an increase in Councillors it would be hugely beneficial to help keep these important items moving forwards at a good pace.

There are lots of ways new Councillors are supported, with training available, plus experienced Councillors and the Clerk able to assist as much or as little as you would like. Please do get in touch as it would be great to have you with us.

VILLAGE CIRCULATION LIST REMINDER

Do not forget, if you are not already on the village circulation list, it is an easy way to keep up to date with a range of Parish Council and village related matters, from road closures to consultation information, plus much more. To be added to the list please contact Lizzie, Parish Clerk on: parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk

ANGLIAN WATER WORKS – EXPECT LOCAL DISRUPTION

Do remember that with the works having already commenced to replace 10km of water pipes between Ravensden and Keysoe, there is likely to be a noticeable change in the traffic flows on the local road network whilst the project is carried out that is expected to last between now and December.

If you would like to find out more about the work, including viewing the diversion routes, please head to the dedicated web page for the project: [tps://www.anglianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/report-an-issue/additional-contact?alertId=7cbeed76-2ac1-41b1-9b08-4ed2935a3537](https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/report-an-issue/additional-contact?alertId=7cbeed76-2ac1-41b1-9b08-4ed2935a3537)

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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

Ward Councillor update July

Once again, it has been a busy month for our villages with many different things going on interspersed with the snap General Election which has resulted in us having a new Prime Minister and a change of Government. Most of the Ward will still be served by Richard Fuller MP who was elected to the new constituency of North Bedfordshire, but the Aspires and Spires estates have changed boundaries and now fall under Bedford & Kempston with Mohammed Yasin MP. Both MPs are very active in the community, approachable, friendly and have a great knowledge of our village and the surrounding area.

Whilst the election was ongoing, we had an incident which caused the B660 to be closed- a bore-hole was being drilled and it hit a pocket of natural gas which was totally not forecast! Some residents were evacuated from the surrounding area, but I have now been assured that the leak is under control and measures are being taken to fully plug the hole. All people are now safely returned to their homes and it was an example of a team of people from different disciplines working together in a very dynamic situation to achieve a safe outcome.

The Bedford Park concerts were also being enjoyed by many during this time with the Saturday concert being heavily rained on. I hope that everyone who attended had a brilliant time, I have had some very positive feedback.

Once again I have had general conversations with our local Rural Police Team; we do have a very good working relationship with dialogue on many topics. If you have anything to report that is not an emergency, I would suggest reporting on-line or call 101. Obviously emergencies are 999.

It was highlighted to me that the Grant Palmer rural bus service was not going to be running after 31st July which was very worrying. After speaking with Jim Weir, the Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Transport amongst other things, he was able to reassure me that this is not the case.

Please be assured that buses will run through Renhold on August 1st. There will be a review period of services until next Spring. This is our opportunity to have some influence on what service we need and how it is delivered. I would be very grateful if bus users can contact me with frequency of use, etc, and what you would like to see from a bus service. I will collate and feedback to the Team looking at transport.

I would like to wish you all a good summer holiday period if it ever stops raining. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need support, at present I have no holiday booked!

With best wishes,

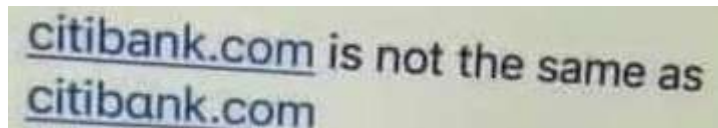
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Face-book- Cllr Nicola Gribble

Spot the difference

The first one is correct, the second one is from hackers). The “a” in the later url is from the Cyrillic alphabet. An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail



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Parish Council Meeting dates & venues for 2024

Parish Council meetings now start at 7pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be from 7pm — 8.30pm on Tues.30th July. Dates after that TBA

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

The Polden Cup 2024 Andy Webber

On Sunday 25th August the Polhill Arms cricket team will again be going into battle against the mighty Wilden Cricket Club.

The customary post-match award ceremony will be hosted by the Polhill Arms in Renhold, with a delicious BBQ provided by the always reliable team at Appy Days Catering. Match format is 20 overs per side with the game beginning at 12-30pm at the Shrubbery Lane Oval in Wilden. All are invited to join in the afternoon's entertainment and festivities. So, pack yourself a picnic, grab some refreshments, and come along to support the newly formed local village tradition as it strides into its second season.

RENHOLD CHAPEL

Sunday Services

Chapel Preachers

4th August	10.30am	Mr. S. Guest
11th August	10.30am	TBA
18th August	10.30am	Mr. R. Keech
25th August	10.30am	Mr. A. May
1st September	10.30am	Mr. M. Baker
8th September	10.30am	Mr. R. Smith
15th September	10.30am	Mr.S. Guest
22nd September	10.30am	Mr. D. McWilliam

CHAPEL NOTES

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these 'coincidences' in Jesus' ministry, and they were not about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn't this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt with the practical issue of the storm before He asked His followers "Where is your faith?" It is not surprising that they were scared, but Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him. Christians often start by panicking and being afraid. After a while, we might pray for help, knowing whatever happens He will help us to handle it. 'Peace' in this kind of situation is holding on to what we know about God. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new. Knowing One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm Who else could be in complete control of creation?

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while, we might remember what we know about God's character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it.

When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God's intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He's got things in hand. I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I've seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Caution: May Contain Wisdom.

1. All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.
2. Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
3. The word queue is just a Q followed by 4 silent letters.....
4. I did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 85 and live comfortably for 11 minutes. Successful planning !!!
5. We all know mirrors don't lie...I'm just grateful they don't laugh.



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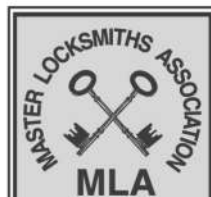
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