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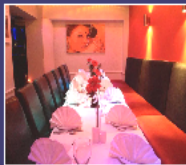
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Half-Term	Mon.17th Feb.—Fri.21st Feb.

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Notable Renhold dates & events:

(RVH = Renhold Village Hall)
(CH=Chapter House at All Saints Church)
(ASR=All Saints Renhold)

Fri.1st Nov.	An evening with Pam Rhodes		ASR	p7
Thurs.7th Nov.	WI Talk by Aragon Lacemakers	7.30pm	RVH	p13
Sat.9th Nov.	Churchyard Group Leaf Clearing for Remembrance	9.30am		
Mon.11th Nov.	Creative Club	7.30pm	CH	
Sat.16th Nov.	WW2 Experience	Wilden Village Hall 7.00pm		
Sat.23rd Nov.	Coffee morning and Mini market		ASR	p17
Sat.7th Dec.	Neighbourhood Plan drop in anytime	12 to 5.00pm	RVH	p19
Mon.9th Dec.	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	6.30pm	CH	p10
Thurs.12th Dec.	Renhold Carol Service	2.00pm	RVH	p16

Church cleaning rota:

Mon.11th Nov.	Jill Barrell and Ingrid Lennox
Mon.25th Nov.	Sally Pool, Peter Pool and Jill Burrows
Mon.2nd Dec.	Christine Smith and Jill Burrows

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Please be aware that all items for inclusion in the magazine - articles, notices of events, reports on activities, etc, need to be with the editorial team by **the 12th of the month** at the latest.

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EDITORIAL BY Anne Grant

The poster on the front cover is a reminder that Remembrance Sunday is not far off (10th November) see p10. Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial and the church will be decorated inside with lovely floral displays from many of the groups in the village.

With Christmas goods appearing in the shops and adverts for Christmas concerts already appearing in the magazine, another year seems to be hurtling to a close. However if you want to look back at past events in the village we have now managed, thanks to the Parish Council, to put the magazine on the Parish Council website, in addition to having the hard copy. If you click on the following all will be revealed: **Renhold Parish Council / Parish Council / The Renhold magazine/** then pick the month you are interested in and click on the title at the bottom of the page. More past issues will be uploaded in due course. Also if there are people outside the village who have an interest in what goes on in Renhold, it will be easier for them now to access it.

Part of a village magazine's role is to connect the community, share information, and promote local businesses. It got me thinking and I wondered if people thought it could be useful to have a page where local traders could be given a personal recommendation. I would be interested to hear your views.

There is a survey on p 8 from Debra Aitken about the Good Neighbours scheme. She would like to find out who needs help and if there are some who have a bit of time to volunteer to help. You can either fill in the page then tear it out and drop it off at the school or the Chapel or, if it is easier, there is a link to fill it in online. Rod Jones and Pauline Capell used to run the scheme some years ago and it was much appreciated. It would be lovely to see it start up again.

There is a delicious looking recipe that has been sent in by Penny Hood on p13. I am hoping that might encourage others to share their favourite recipes. On p16 there is an interesting article sent in by Sarah Flynn about the history of the handbells and also a photo of the group of handbell ringers, recently organised by Caroline Coster, performing in church.

There is an entreaty by Amanda Quince to come and discuss the Draft Neighbourhood plan on Saturday December 7th (p 19). It is the culmination of four years' hard work by 12 residents who have stuck to the task through thick and thin and who can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. Put that date in your diaries now. This is the chance to give feedback on all their hard work before it goes to Public Consultation.

I am sure I am not alone to be surprised not to have heard of any problems with local flooding after all the rain we have had in recent weeks. Some credit must surely be given to our Borough Councillor Nicky Gribble for chasing up flood prevention measures in the last year (p25). Keep up the good work Nicky.

There is a stunning photo of the recent Aurora Borealis taken by Nicky Gribble (p20). I just wish I had seen it, an unforgettable sight and a lot easier than going to the Arctic Circle! .

Our thoughts must be with our vicar who, all being well by the time the magazine comes out, will have had his operation which is scheduled for 16th October. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a very speedy recovery.



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All Saints Church Services for November 2024

Friday 1 st November	7:30 pm	Evening of Hymns – Pam Rhodes
Sunday 3 rd November	11:00am	Patronal Festival Eucharist <i>Revd David Powell</i>
	4:00pm	Patronal Evensong
Sunday 10 th November	10:15am	Civic Remembrance at The War Memorial
	10:45am	Service of Remembrance
	4:00 pm	Renhold Remembers
Sunday 17 th November 2 before Advent	11:00am	Parish Communion <i>Revd Kelvin Woolmer</i>
Wednesday 20 th November	10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd David Powell</i>
	3:30pm	Messy Church
Sunday 24 th November Christ the King	11:00am	Parish Communion <i>Revd David Bell</i>

DAILY OFFICES – Due to Revd Ian’s absence from the Parish the Daily Office will not be said in church until further notice. Orders of service for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer will be available on <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7680/service-and-events/events-all/>

From the registers

19th September	Gail Dawson –	Burial of Ashes
29th September	Zachary Dunn (Zac) –	Baptism
	Alfred Cooper (Alfie) –	Baptism
6th October	George Redman –	Baptism
	Isabella Redman -	Baptism

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

I cannot believe that this is the penultimate article for this year, and by the time you read this the clocks will have gone back, and the winter could well be upon us – where has 2024 gone to? This time of year is very busy in the churches calendar too. The month of November begins with our “Patronal Festival” our church birthday. This festival allows us to celebrate and give thanks for the great works of those who have gone before us in handing down such a wonderful building for us to worship in, and it is this time of year when we ask the Parish if they would be able to donate a small monetary gift to us to help us keep our ministry and mission moving forward. (continued opp.)

The churchwardens wrote a letter in the last edition (October 2024) explaining this further and advising that it now costs around £1000 per week to run the church, and this is without the restoration works that a 795-year-old building needs – Please if you can support us, we would greatly appreciate it.

To help raise further funds for our ministry and Mission work, a Christmas mini market is being held on Saturday 23rd November between 10:15 and 12:00 in the church and Chapter House. I understand cakes and refreshments are included in the selection of fayre available to you (sounds a winner to me!) so please do pop along and support us if you can.

From Patronal festival to another major event in the year when, on 10th November, we will be remembering those who have given their lives for their country and its people in the two world wars and conflicts since. We have a “Civic” service at the war memorial at 10:15 which Carolyn Smith from Renhold Chapel will be leading this year, followed by a service in church at 10:45 which will include the National 2-minute silence at 11:00, and then a service of music, poetry, and readings at 4:00 pm when Renhold Remembers.

The Friends of All Saints continue to arrange social events to help raise funds for restoration and improvement works to the church and its grounds; and as the year moves to its close they are hosting two more events. On Friday 1st November at 7:30 there is an evening with Pam Rhodes (from Songs of Praise fame) who will be with us to tell the stories behind the hymns that we sing. This is a really excellent evening, with music being played by our organist Paul Edwards and some of my colleagues from Toddington Town Band. Refreshments are included in the ticket price and will be served after the last hymn. Another Friends date for your diary is Saturday 21st December at 4.00pm when (weather permitting) we will be holding our outdoor family carols event, where we can sing the favourite carols telling the Christmas story whilst keeping warm with mulled wine or hot chocolate – This is a simple event lasting 30-45 minutes which is as interactive as possible. Mentioning Christmas, we have a full programme of Christmas events and carols services planned with more details in the next edition of this magazine.

As many of you may be aware I require surgery which is taking place in mid-October and will require a period of recuperation and recovery resulting in my not being available for a while. If you should need any spiritual or pastoral assistance in this time please call either Alan 01234 351162 or Keith 01234 772605 and they will be able to assist you. Sunday services during my absence are unchanged and our 3rd Wednesday Holy communion is not affected but the “Daily Offices” said in church and livestreamed are on hold until I get back – sorry for any inconvenience this may cause

As always our planned schedule of services is listed within this edition and is as accurate as it can be at this time. We continue to use the All Saints Renhold Facebook page to Live-stream services at the usual times, with service sheets being available on our website www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7680/ for those who are unable to attend church in person
Please continue to take care and stay safe.
God Bless... **Rev. Ian**

A message from Christine Smith.

Ian's operation went well and he is now home resting. He is still in a lot of pain and has no energy. He thanks everyone for their cards, messages and prayers.

Dear Resident,

We are looking to work with local residents to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in Renhold working with Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

A Good Neighbour Scheme is a voluntary group run by local residents who recognise the value in having 'good neighbours', particularly where public transport and other local services can be limited and where people's family may not live close by.

Each volunteer decides what sort of help they are able to offer, how much and when. They do not undertake jobs best left to qualified professionals but can help with things like occasional lifts, befriending or shopping. All volunteers are fully insured and have a DBS check for extra peace of mind.

If you think you might like to help, the amount of time you volunteer is entirely up to you – even a couple of hours a month helps! All volunteer expenses are reimbursed and all volunteers are fully insured and have a DBS check.

Please return the survey below to indicate if you can help/might need help by ticking the relevant boxes.

Possible Services	I might need this myself	I might be able to help with this
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Befriending – popping round for a chat & cup of tea		
Form filling / letter writing / help with using a computer		
Collecting prescriptions / occasional help with shopping		
Small household repairs/practical tasks (such as changing a light bulb)		
Pet-care / dog-walking etc.		
Indoor plant watering / light gardening		
Being part of the phone rota, to answer callers and match them to a suitable volunteer		
Being part of the organising group – helping with publicity, fundraising, etc.		
Other – please specify		

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Telephone/ email:

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 10th November 2024



War Memorial at 10.15am - representatives of Renhold organisations will lay wreaths. Prayers and the Last post.

Service of Remembrance (Renhold Church) will begin promptly at **10.50am** and include the 2 minutes silence at 11am. The names of the Fallen will be read. This will *not* be a communion service.

Remembrance Displays by Village organisations can be viewed in the church during the afternoon.

'Renhold Remembers – Words and Music' at **4pm** Renhold Church – presenting the British legion standard. Favourite Remembrance hymns and music, interspersed with war poetry and readings.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH RENHOLD



MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH



Monday 9th December 6:30 – 9:00 pm
at the Chapter House

Come and join us for a fun evening and go home with your very own Christmas Wreath!

There will be Fun, Festive Drinks and Nibbles and we will be raising money for the Church at

the same time.

The cost will be £25 all materials & refreshments included. Many of the materials, including the wreath bases, are recycled from last Christmas and thus saved from going into landfill.

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How Children perceive their grandparents. Sent in by Marie Baird

1. I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 68. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
4. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
5. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

Haddock parcels Penny Hood

Ingredients

To make parcels

Use 6 pieces of grease proof paper or baking parchment sheets 26cm x 20cm when folded in half and either end folded thinly and stapled together

Ingredients

- 500 g Smoked haddock fillets cut into 3cm chunks
- 18 Raw Prawns
- 180 g Courgettes chopped into rings
- 600 g Potatoes cooked until just tender
- 200 g Leeks cut into rings
- 24 Cherry tomatoes halved
- 90 g Chopped red peppers
- 200 g Onion finely sliced
- Handful chopped dill salt & freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Pre heat oven 190C Place the cooked potatoes, courgettes, leeks, red peppers, tomatoes, onions, prawns and smoked haddock equally in the ready made parcels
2. Sprinkle in the dill and season to taste. Put the parcels upright in a baking tin. Cook in the oven for 25 minutes. Remove from the oven. Empty the parcels into warm bowls, sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley and serve

Renhold WI Jan Tozer

Our October meeting was a fundraising folk concert and I think I can honestly say it put the fun into fundraising! The volume of singing, clapping and stamping seemed to indicate the audience was having a good time! Many thanks to the bands, Freddie's Barnet and Chalk & Cheese, our lovely guests and all those who helped set up and run the event!

We covered our expenses, made a donation to the RNLI and a small contribution to WI funds. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, 7th November** and is a talk by the Bedfordshire lace group, Aragon Lace-makers. It is 7.30 pm at Renhold Village Hall. All welcome; guest admission £5 including refreshments. Raffle and book sale.



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 Browning	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
Wl.	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 November and December 2024

<u>Location of Mobile Library</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Renhold - Green End	10:00 - 10:15	12,26	10,24
Lay-by - Salph End	10.20 -10.35	12,26	10,24
Renhold - Home Close	10:40 - 10:55	12,26	10,24
Renhold - Ravensden Road	11:00 - 11:15	12,26	10,24

Times will vary slightly due to traffic conditions, etc.

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Solar panels on Charity cottages. Margaret Dean

The Renhold Charity has recently been able to install solar panels on their 4 bungalows on Ravensden Road, aided by a grant from the Mayor's Climate Change Fund. Thank you Mr Mayor!

Each bungalow has it's own storage battery which will help the Residents manage their heating and lighting costs. Any surplus electricity will be sold to the Grid by individual Residents.

These panels will be a great help to our Residents during the ever increasing rise in fuel costs.

North Beds Ramblers (<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire>)

Here are the walks for North Beds Ramblers in November

North Beds Ramblers walk every Saturday

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Nov Walks

2nd pm NBR AGM and walk Ravensden, 4.5 miles

9th am Stagsden 11.5 miles, pm Tempsford, 6.5 miles

16th pm Clapham, Twinwood, 7.5 miles

23rd am Ramblers Area AGM and Husborne Crawley, 6 miles

30th am Kimbolton 11.6 miles, pm Henlow, 6.5 miles

Contact; Margaret Sawyer 07780933729 Facebook; North Beds Ramblers

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The Hand Bells

The set of 25 very fine handbells were donated to the Church by [Captain Frederick Polhill Turner](#) in the 19th Century so that the Church Bell Ringers could earn money, which had been paid previously to them by Frederick Polhill Turner, for ringing at Church Services, weddings and funerals.

On the day that a resident of the village died a single Church Bell would toll the age of the person – for a man the bell would toll for every year of his age, and for a woman half her age.

Any money, which the handbell ringers could raise from “performance”, could be kept by them in lieu of the wages previously paid by Frederick Polhill.

Originally the handbells were kept on wooden pegs in the ringing chamber of the Bell Tower, where practice sessions took place. The box of handbell music, kept in the vestry, has traditional carols, hymns and popular songs from the First World War.

During the 1920s the handbells were stolen. They turned up in W H Peacock’s Auction and were recognised by Mr Harry Dalton of Wyboston, Bedfordshire, who bought them and returned them to Renhold Church. In the 1970s Peter Joyce, Churchwarden, paid for them to be refurbished, tuned and leathered by Mears and Slainbanks of Whitechapel, London.

The handbell Team practice sessions are held in the Chapter House of Renhold Church. Sarah Flynn

Hosted by All Saints Church & Renhold Chapel
with items by Renhold School

Renhold Carol Service

Renhold Village Hall
Wilden Road

12th Dec, 2pm

All Welcome

Followed by Light Refreshments



The recently formed handbell group run by Caroline Coster, performing at a recent church service.

The handbell group meets on Thursdays in the Chapter House between 7 and 8 pm. We are a very friendly group and there's a lot of laughter during our sessions. We'd love to have more people join us; absolutely no experience needed. Over Christmas we will be ringing carols in the village; look on the Church facebook page for more details. (photo by Jane Ferguson) caroline.coster@ntlworld.com



All Saints Church, Renhold



Coffee Morning

Bargains galore! And please join us for coffee, tea, cake and a chat in the Chapter House, on

Saturday 23rd November



from
10.15 to 12.00 *Entry free*
Mini Market - Books, Cakes, Crafts, Gifts,
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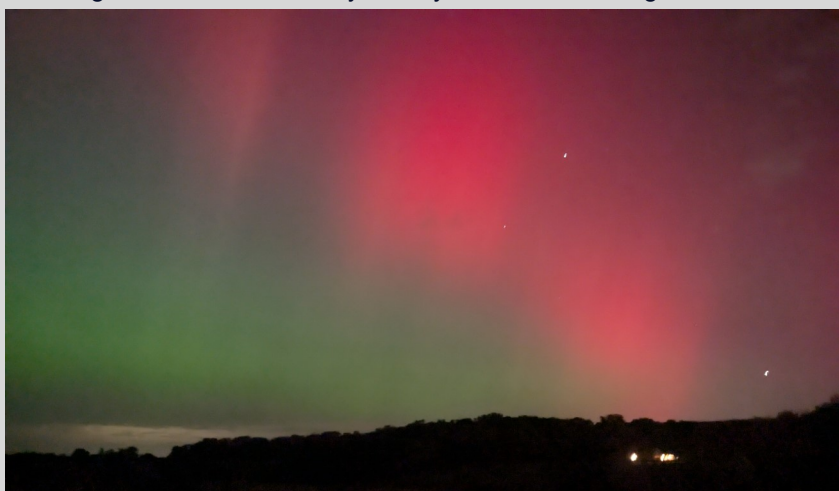
WILD ABOUT RENHOLD



(see opposite)



Once again we were visited by the mythical Northern Lights, the **Aurora Borealis**,



which led to an amazingly colourful display in Renhold, much different to the spectacle that was witnessed in May this year. **contd opposite.**

WILD ABOUT RENHOLD by Tony Ploszajski

1. *Great Reedmace*

Great Reedmace, also known as 'Bullrush', is a familiar plant of freshwater margins, such as the edges of ponds, lakes, ditches and rivers. These have been growing in the Renhold Brook and survived complete inundation by the recent floods. Its long leaves and tall stems make it stand out from other wetlands plants. Its sausage-like flower heads are unmistakable and appear from June to August, but the plant persists through the winter, often dying back to a brownish colour from its usual green.

2. *Chicken-of-the-Woods bracket fungus*

This striking bracket fungus appeared on a Poplar tree along Ravensden Road following the recent damp weather. Its common names are Sulphur Polypore, Sulphur Shelf and most intriguingly Chicken-of-the-Woods. Its fruit bodies grow as striking golden-yellow shelf-like structures on tree trunks and branches. Old fruitbodies fade to pale beige or pale grey. The undersurface of the fruit body is made up of tubelike pores rather than gills. The Chicken-of-the Woods gets its name from the texture of its flesh, which is said to resemble cooked chicken. It is allegedly edible, although I wouldn't recommend trying this at home!

3. *Mammatus clouds*

Goodness knows we've seen just about every type of cloud in the unsettled weather we've had recently, but these mammatus clouds over Renhold were the first that I've ever seen here. Mammatus clouds are some of the most unusual and distinctive cloud formations with a series of bulges or pouches emerging from the base of a cloud. The shape of formations can vary widely, from the classic protruding shape to a more elongated tube hanging from the cloud above. They are usually formed in association with large cumulonimbus clouds. Typically, turbulence within the cumulonimbus cloud will cause mammatus to form, especially on the underside of the cloud as it rapidly descends to lower levels. This reverses the usual cloud-forming process of upward growth, making for an uneven cloud base. They often presage thunderstorms due to their huge mass of unstable air.

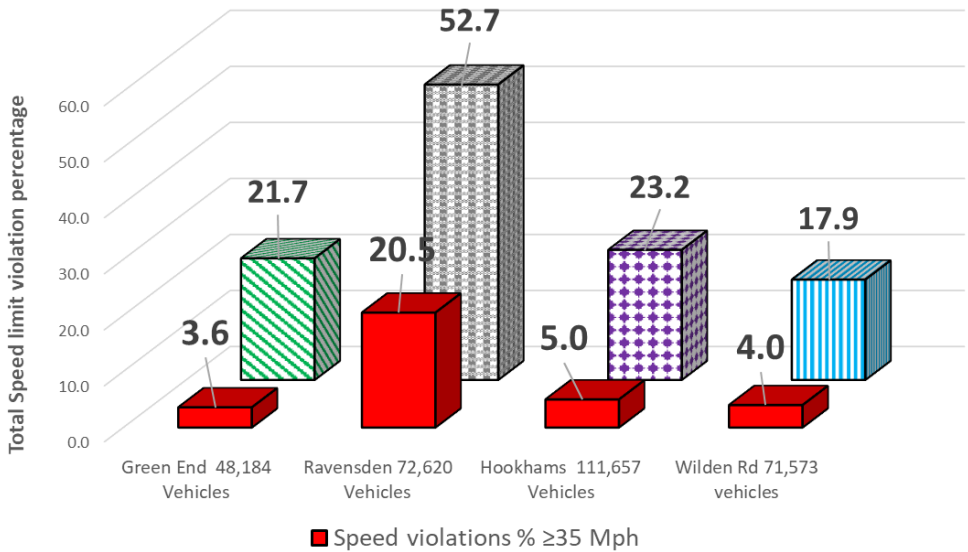
4. *Spindle berries*

Spindle berries are very noticeable at the moment, with striking pink berries with an orange seed head and bright red autumn leaves brightening up many a hedgerow around the village. They are a member of the *Euonymus* family. Spindle timber is creamy-white, hard and dense. In the past it was used to make 'spindles' for spinning and holding wool (hence its name), as well as skewers, toothpicks, pegs and knitting needles. The fruits were baked and powdered and used to treat head lice or mange in cattle. Both the leaves and fruit are toxic to humans – the berries having a laxative effect. Today, spindle timber is used to make high-quality charcoal for artists. Cultivated forms of the tree are also grown in gardens for autumn colour.

The whole sky turned a scarlet red colour, completely visible to the naked eye. This scarlet was due to very high altitude oxygen- 240km above the earth- interacting with the solar particles. The green we see in the aurora is characteristic of oxygen- 160km above the earth, while hints of purple, blue or pink are caused by nitrogen around 100km above the earth.

I would strongly recommend downloading one of many apps that let you know when we are likely to witness the aurora. Obviously, everything has to line up- darkness, cloud-free conditions and a strong solar explosion that is earth directed. We have been so lucky to observe two such major events in five months, both of which were visible from our village. Good luck! Nicky Gribble

Speed Indicator Device data September 2024



Ongoing support for Bedford residents recovering from flooding

Bedford Borough Council is committed to supporting residents as we continue to recover after the recent flooding.

Mayor Tom Wootton said; “Our dedicated teams are working closely with local services and communities to assist those affected and ensure a coordinated recovery effort across the Borough. We encourage residents to visit our dedicated flood webpage at www.bedford.gov.uk/flood for essential advice and resources. The page includes a newly-added section focused on recovery, providing important information on safety precautions and available support services.”

Craig Austin, Director of Environment, added; “Our Resilience Teams are currently conducting flooding assessments in partnership with the Bedfordshire Police and Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue services, with further assessments scheduled to continue throughout the week. If you or someone you know has been affected by the flooding, please notify us by emailing floodrisk@bedford.gov.uk





Renhold Parish Council October Update

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR PARISH? HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

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
- Be really concerned about East West Rail

The Council really would like to hear from you 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 to any of the Parish Councillors.

VILLAGE MATTERS UPDATE

Following Iain Booth, Highways Officer, attending the September Parish Council meeting, a number of highway matters were progressed promptly. There has been follow up communications on gully clearing in the village, to ensure all have been actioned by the Borough Council.

Work is also being done to enable a directional sign for the Village Hall to be installed by Bedford Borough Council highways. The Parish Council have now completed installation of the community safety camera at Water End which was part funded by the Borough Council Ward Fund and Parish Council monies, this camera is now fully operational.

Through joint working with the Borough Councillor Nicky Gribble, the Parish Council have:

Ward Fund monies committed to bulb planting by the brook on Hookhams Lane

Replacement tree arranged for a silver birch by the bus shelter in Green End, with a different native species to be planted

Ward Fund monies used to secure a new bin in Water End in the second layby.

COUNCILLORS ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ITEMS

Parish Council representatives have taken the time to attend a number of local events to represent Renhold regarding a range of different items such as:

Bedford Borough Council Town and Parish Network meeting

Walk round the Orbit site with Orbit development to look at local issues

Councillors booked to attend the Bedfordshire Police and NFU Rural Crime Event

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council have continued to look forwards with making improvements to the village. These have included recently:

Donation to British Legion Poppy Appeal to mark remembrance

Financial support to support local organisations with Renhold Remembers event

Village asset and grass maintenance being carried out

Purchase of seat for Green End bus shelter

Three new defibrillator units purchased, funded by the Parish Council to enable each of the three developments off Norse Road to be serviced by a defibrillator unit

PLANNING EXPLAINED....

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.

RENHOLD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council would like to thank all those volunteers who have been working diligently behind the scenes to collate and shape a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Renhold. The Parish Council appreciate the many hours of dedication that have gone into the document, which will be taken to public consultation shortly.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES REMINDER

The Parish Council keep their website up to date, and you can find the latest Parish Council minutes here: <https://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 forwards. Dates have been set now, with meetings on a Thursday starting at 7pm. All dates have been booked in with Renhold Village Hall, if you head to the right as you come in the main door, you will find the Parish Council meeting in the Committee Room.

We regularly invite individuals to join Parish Council meetings to promote local engagement. This has included a range of Borough Council Officers and elected Members so they can hear local issues first hand as well as from village organisations to look at ways to work together. The Headteacher of Renhold Primary School is due to attend the November meeting.

Do please remember that everyone is most welcome to join us, on 21st November, 16th January, 27th February, 3rd April, 15th May, 23rd June and 28th July.

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 to place their forename followed by [@renhold-pc.gov.uk](https://renhold-pc.gov.uk)

Borough Councillor report, October 2024

I am sitting here writing on a glorious Autumn day. A frost covered the ground this morning and I spent last night watching the amazing Aurora Borealis- the Northern Lights from home in Renhold. This is a world away from the recent severe rainfall that we have experienced but thankfully, Renhold residents have not been impacted by water entering homes. The flood defences that we put in earlier this year to protect The Aspires estate have worked as have the clearing of roadside ditches to enable surface water and run-off to easily be taken away. The Borough now have a planned maintenance programme for clearing of roadside gullies on a regular basis which will also help hugely. This work was paused during the time of the severe weather but is due to restart shortly. Please let me know if any gullies become blocked or you feel they have been missed out. A huge thanks to the Resilience Team at the Borough who have worked tirelessly during this period and I feel that communication of road closures and weather warnings has been very good. I can only hope that we do not see much more of this wet weather over the winter, we have had enough already.

Bedford Borough Hub is a new initiative to support residents:

The Bedford Borough Hub is a one-stop, Bedford town-centre destination for residents who need help with Council services. Residents are welcome to drop in for help with enquiries / advice from our Customer Services team.

Help with online services

We understand that some residents may want help with using our online services. The Bedford Borough Hub offers residents access to computers, free Wi-Fi and phones. If you need extra guidance with online services, our digital assistants are on hand to offer personalised support.

Where is the Bedford Borough Hub?

The Bedford Borough Hub can be found at:

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First 2 hours parking free Monday to Saturday in Queen Street Car Park.

Please contact me if there are any queries or you need support,

Best wishes,

Cllr Nicola Gribble Ward Councillor for Renhold and Ravensden

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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 21st November Dates after that 16th January, 27th February, 3rd April, 15th May, 23rd June and 28th July

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

Pun Fun sent in by G. Greenwood

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi..

She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blown apart.

RENHOLD CHAPEL

Sunday Services

Chapel Preachers

3rd Nov.2024	10.30am	Mr A Dinnie
10th Nov.2024	10.30am	Mr S Guest
17th Nov.2024	10.30am	Mr R Keech
24th Nov. 2024	10.30am	Mr A May

CHAPEL NOTES

Autumn has come around once more. The leaves seem to be hanging on longer this time, and the flowers are still bright in the garden. Up to now we have only had one ground frost, so at the moment, there doesn't seem to be a rush to get the plants under cover of the greenhouse, although it is ready and waiting.

The second half of June gave us good weather to get the first crop of hay in, which was very good. July followed being rather wet, but August came along giving us a good run with the harvest crops. Thanks be to our dear Lord, who promised that whilst the earth remains, spring time and harvest shall not fail.

Our Harvest supper was a real treat, and this was followed by our Harvest Sunday morning service. Our Chapel was full. So wonderful to experience. A lovely display of all God's provision, which was passed on to the Food Bank.

We now look forward to Christmas time. Another lovely experience with the Carol Services, etc. Don't forget our coffee mornings which take place the second Tuesday of each month. Everyone who joins us, have a very happy time. Please come along if you are able to. All for this time. May we say God bless for a very Happy Christmas to you all.

Remembered with Love Service at All Saints Church

The annual service, held around All Soul's Day for those who wish to remember loved ones no longer with us, took place on October 27th. Unlike a funeral which focuses on the life of the person who has died, this event focuses on those travelling the journey of bereavement. I came across the following which may appeal to some of you.

New Normal sent in by Pauline Capell

I don't think we talk about how quiet the road gets, how long the waiting feels. How lonely healing can be. I don't think we talk about how undone we become in the valley of grief, or how enormously we must stretch just to fit ourselves into a new kind of normal - and dare to call it life again. I don't think we talk enough about how we have no other thing left but to gather up our heavy limbs and carry on. Because the earth keeps on spinning, the sun keeps on rising, and the days keep on bleeding, one into the next, regardless of the moment that made all the minutes of our heart stand still.



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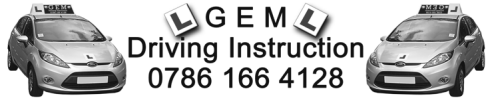
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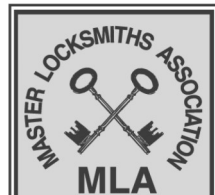
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