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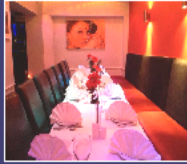
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<b>Sat.4th May</b>	<b>Renhold Community Litter Pick</b>		<b>p23</b>
<b>Tues.7th May</b>	<b>East West Rail drop in event</b>	<b>2.00pm—7.00pm</b>	<b>p24</b>
<b>Mon.13th May</b>	<b>Creative Club in the Chapter House</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Fri.17th May</b>	<b>Living well with Dementia Renhold Chapel</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>p16</b>
<b>Sat.18th May</b>	<b>Churchyard Clearing Group</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	
<b>Sat. 18th May</b>	<b>Concert for organ and flute</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>p22</b>
<b>Fri.21st June</b>	<b>Alma Singers Midsummer Concert</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>p1</b>

**Church cleaning rota:**

Mon. 13th May	Judy Wootton and Pauline Capell
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## **EDITORIAL By Anne Grant**

As I write this the sun is shining brightly, the wind is blowing a gale and another violent, named storm is forecast . Each time our hopes are raised that spring is definitely underway, our hopes are dashed again and the winter woollies are back. Many years ago I lived with my family in Belgium for over 2 years. We were warned that while there, we could get all 4 seasons in one day. I feel that the Belgians are not the only ones.

However looking on the bright side, I think it makes us flexible and willing to grab the odd period of calm, sunny weather to make the most of it. The local flooding has given many cause for concern and a lot of attention needs to be given both to local problems and of course nationally, as the change in our climate seems to be here to stay. Snow is becoming a distant memory and the need for air conditioning in the summer a very desirable addition.

A recent trip to a garden centre was a real pleasure, to see all the plants ready to grace our gardens. A little robin sang its heart out to us while we browsed and we came away feeling it was an afternoon well spent. Pauline Capell has written an excellent article about Kathy Brown's Garden to get us all in the mood for gardening again. Have a look at the wonderful photos on pp17 & 20.



I visited the Bromham Water Mill and café recently which was a delight. There is a lot to see and do there to interest the family, including a wander round the old mill. A saunter along the Fairy Glen where there was much evidence of the fairies and their houses, and a walk by the river followed by lunch outside in the sunshine, made for a very pleasant outing. There is also a great play area for children (and some adults apparently!)

Last month we were pleased to include a wonderful poem written by the children at the village school, and again we are delighted to include some more contributions from them. There is a word search they have compiled and some jokes to entertain us on p12 & 13. Thank you to all who contributed.

There is sad news with the passing of Albert Gurney, and two moving tributes have been written by his daughter Karen and by our Borough Councillor Nicky Gribble. For those who remember Father Mac who was our vicar some years ago, his wife Hanne also sadly died recently.

On p8 you can read about a wonderful lady called Margaret Schenk who will be celebrating her 100th birthday at the end of May. We wish her a very Happy Birthday.

There are various musical events in store with the Alma Singers concert (p1) and a concert for organ and flute on p22. On p15 there is a useful article on how going to talk to your local pharmacist may avoid having to go to your Doctor. Read about the Village Quiz and find out who won. There is much else to inform and entertain you so I hope you enjoy your read.



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**All Saints Church Services for May 2024**  
**All services taken by Revd Ian Smith except where stated.**

Wednesday 1 May	11.30am	Prayers for the Community
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Sunday 5 May ROGATION SUNDAY	11.00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 8 May	7.30pm	Night Prayer (CW)
Thursday 9 May	7:30pm	Communion for Ascension Day
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Sunday 12 May	11.00am 6.00pm	Family Worship Evensong (BCP) with hymns <i>Richard Deadman/ Revd Ian Smith</i>
Wednesday 15 May	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd David Powell</i>
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Sunday 19 May PENTECOST	11.00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 22 May	7.30pm	Compline
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Sunday 26 May TRINITY SUNDAY	11.00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 29 May	7.30pm	Said Communion with Prayers for healing.

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	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

**FROM THE REGISTER**

	Fri. 5th April	Service of thanksgiving for Mary Daley
<b>Funeral</b>	Thurs. 18th April	Albert Gurney

**LETTER FROM THE VICAR**

As I write it is the first week in April, Easter week as it is commonly known, and I am reflecting on the last 10 days or so of Holy Week and the Easter weekend. It was the most amazing time here in All Saints as we travelled the “Roller Coaster” of the highs of Palm Sunday, through the deepest depths of Good Friday to the joys of the Resurrection on Easter day. (cont'd opposite)

There were some amazing highlights for us, including the visit of Years 1 & 2 from our local school where they reenacted the triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem, sung their hearts out to the most glorious of songs, then walked back to school waving their palm crosses – for me, this is what ministry is all about.

On Good Friday we experienced another truly amazing act of worship in our “Hour before the Cross” service, a complete opposite from Monday’s joyous celebration with the children, but with the music, hymns, and readings within the still but beautiful setting of the church, it was very special.

Yes, the Dawn Service did take place around a fire pit outside in the mist of Easter morning which again was most special, and the family communion did include the lighting of the Easter (Paschal) Candle, with short procession and the talk did include 32 bars of chocolate, many of which I am still munching my way through now!! It was a bit of fun and a lot of chocolate, but I hope it gave a different perspective of the Easter story and I think the congregation enjoyed it too!

You may think that after Easter we may get a quiet period in the church’s calendar. We do to a certain extent where April this year is quiet, but come the beginning of May, this all changes. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May it is “Rogation Sunday” which is a rural festival asking God’s blessing on both agriculture and Industry; and as we are traditionally a rural Parish it is only right that we mark this day. In many rural Parishes they “Beat the Bounds,” where there is a procession to the four corners of the Parish where prayers are offered. In days gone by this was where boundary and ownership disputes were settled by the Vicar (no idea why!). Luckily those days have gone. Unfortunately, the Renhold Parish boundary is too extensive for us to walk around, so we will be marking Rogation in church (or the churchyard if it is dry) and offering our prayers at the four points of the compass.

Religious festivals come thick and fast then with Ascension Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May (40 days after Easter) where we mark the Risen Jesus ascending back to his Father in heaven; this is followed by Pentecost on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (50 days after Easter) which is also known as “Whit Sunday”. This is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Disciples and crowds in Jerusalem, which is considered to be when the Christian church was born, so this day is regarded as the church’s birthday. A week later it is Trinity Sunday which is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity, which the children at school will tell you is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday was instituted by Pope Gregory IX in the year 828AD and interestingly, this is the only major Christian festival that celebrates a “Doctrine” (a fundamental belief) rather than an event in the church’s sacred history.

To conclude this article – a quick reminder of the next two music events at All Saints. “Music for a late Spring Evening” -further details are in this edition, and on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> a concert by the Alma Singers; please contact Keith on 772605 for more details on this one.

Details of all services for May 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

[www.all-saints-church-renhold.org](http://www.all-saints-church-renhold.org).

Take care, stay safe and God Bless... Rev. Ian

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to Margaret Schenk

Congratulations on this milestone birthday and I'm sure that everyone will look at your photograph and agree with me that you look amazing. Would you believe that Margaret still cuts and styles her own hair, taking after her father who had his own hairdressing business in Bedford. Her husband George was in the fashion business. He was a master Furrier by trade and made sure Margaret was always immaculately dressed. In a recent edition of this magazine we published a poem called 'The Dash'. The dash in the title refers to the line between the dates of a person's life (eg: 1948 – 2021) so here are a few memories of how Margaret has spent her dash.



She told me that she loves all genres of music, and will until her dying day. In particular she mentioned opera and classical music, but also appreciated Nat King Cole's brown, velvet voice and Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful Life' causing shivers up her spine. As a girl she would draw the blinds in the front room so nobody could see her, put on her music and dance for the pure joy of it. If she was not dancing, she was conducting an imaginary orchestra.

Margaret has long term connections with the village as she has lived in Salph End for more than 60 years. In those days everyone knew everybody else in the village. Her mother was born here and attended Renhold School. Margaret had 4 older brothers and the gap between her and the youngest was 7 years, with her mother referring to her only daughter as the best mistake she ever made.

During the war Margaret would cycle with a friend to Kempston Hardwick to the munitions' factory, where she painted small bombs green! From 1948 she worked at Marks & Spencer, and became head window dresser. She told me how the store windows in those days went back a long way and were almost as big as a room. These were happy times, and Margaret was in her element when surrounded with swathes of material and a tin full of pins. Margaret has outlived her 4 brothers, her beloved son Mark who settled in America, and her husband George. My husband and I got to know Margaret when we were involved with Good Neighbours, and would take her and her 2 gorgeous, much loved, long haired dachshunds to the vet. She now lives a quiet life and, being a long time animal lover, feeds the many birds who visit her garden, and has enjoyed looking after her neighbours' dogs over many years. I'm sure that all the readers of this magazine join me in wishing Margaret a very happy, special birthday on May 30<sup>th</sup>. **Pauline Capell**

### Caution: MAY CONTAIN WISDOM

I had amnesia once or was it twice?

They told me I was gullible....and I believed them!

Experience is the one thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

I used to be indecisive, now I'm not so sure.

The word queue is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

I did some financial planning, and it looks like I can retire at 85 and live comfortably for 11 minutes. Successful planning!!

We all know that mirrors don't lie. I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.



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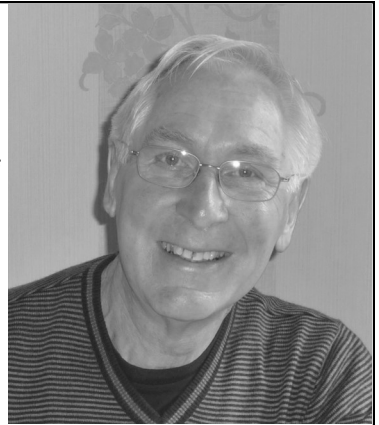
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Albert was born in Renhold, the oldest of 5 children. He had a happy childhood going to Renhold School until he was 11 and then Goldington Road School where he was taught the basics of the printing trade as they had a small printing press. When he left school at 15 a teacher got him an evening job at a small printers in Bedford. They liked him and offered him an apprenticeship as a compositor. Albert's career remained in printing only being interrupted by two years National Service.



In 1958 Albert met Ann at a dance at Wilden Village Hall. They married in 1961 and moved into a house they had built in Woodfield Lane. Albert and Ann's first daughter Karen came along in 1965 with Lynda following in 1967.

After qualifying as a Compositor, Albert eventually became a manager, but when the printing industry changed his skills were lost, so Albert became a sales executive in a reprographic company in Goldington, starting a new chapter of his working life. He was an excellent salesman as he understood all aspects of the printing trade and worked hard to provide a good service to his customers.

Albert then worked for two London companies that were the first in the UK to produce colour separations by scanning. Later, with two friends, he started a new company in Stevenage working as a sales director, which developed into the largest reproduction company in the area. During the last 10 years of Albert's working life he worked for one of his original customers in Kempston in their customer service department.

Just after he was married, Albert bought a second-hand tent which started his long love of camping with his family, travelling all over the country. Later, Albert and Ann bought a lodge in Norfolk which he thoroughly enjoyed going to, right up until February this year.

In his youth Albert was a member of Renhold football and cricket teams. He loved sport, including going to the 2012 London Olympics, 2014 Commonwealth Games, Wimbledon and ATP tennis championships. He was also a fan of Formula 1.

Albert retired in 2004. Three weeks later he had a heart attack! Exercise became an important part of his recovery, and joining an exercise group he made many new friends. It seemed only a few weeks later he was back enjoying his retirement. For many years he raised funds for Papworth Hospital who along with Bedford hospital had looked after him so well.

Albert loved living in Renhold. He was a Parish Councillor for 12 years, the co-ordinator of the village speed watch team, trustee of the Charity Cottages and helped with the village magazine writing many articles. In 2022 he was proud to light the village beacon to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, especially as he was joined by his Great Nephew Jamie.

Albert was a true gentleman, with a heart of gold. He will be greatly missed.

Karen Gurney

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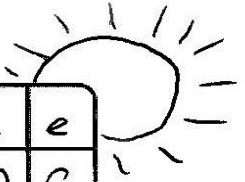
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These two pages have been filled by some of the children at Renhold Primary School. I look forward to many more contributions for us to enjoy. I wonder how many of the words you can find below. A.G.

# At the beach



word search...



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a	b	l	s	j	p	i	e	m	c
n	w	e	d	L	m	n	o	a	q
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L	o	o	x	u	m	n	L	F	o
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n	z	s	h	e	L	L	s	L	u
u	m	a	d	t	i	s	o	u	n
a	b	c	b	o	o	k	d	e	n

boat	hat	bucket	crab
towel	book	Sand-castle	beach
Shells	sand	Sun	Sea

Some great jokes below to entertain us .

# JOKES

1. What did the beach say as the tide came in ?

Long time no see.

2. Why are there fish at the bottom of the sea ?

Because they dropped out of school.

3. What do you call a fish with no eyes ?

fish.

4. What's a shark's favorite hobby ?

anything he can sink his teeth into.

5. How do you catch a squirrel on a beach ?

climb a tree and eat like a nut.

6. What does the beach do when it sees its

friends ?

It waves.

By skylar

Class 3

## Renhold Village Clubs 2024

Group	Contact	Tel.	Day	Time	Place
Bridge Club- No Fear	TBA		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.	2-4.30pm 7-9.30pm	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 Thomp- son	771724		Term time	
Stitchers	Jackie Croot	870271	3rd Thurs.	10.30- 12.30pm	Chapter House
Table tennis	TBA		Every Mon. Every Wed. Every Fri.	1.30pm 10.30am 10.30am	Church Lane Com- munity Centre
WI.	Jan Tozer	297456	1st Thurs.	7.30pm	RV Hall
Yarn Craft Group	Marion Sutton	217647	Alternate Fridays	10am- 12.30pm	Wilden Village Hall

RV Hall = Renhold Village Hall; the Chapter House is at the back of All Saints Church.

### **Mobile Library Times May and June 2024**

<u>Location of Mobile Library</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Renhold - Green End	10:00 - 10:15	14,28	11,25
Lay by - Salph End	10.20 -10.35	14,28	11,25
Renhold - Home Close	10:40 - 10:55	14,28	11,25
Renhold - Ravensden Road	11:00 - 11:15	14,28	11,25

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### **North Beds Ramblers:**

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#### **May Walks**

4<sup>th</sup> pm Stoke Hammond, 6.8 miles

11<sup>th</sup> am Sharnbrook, 12 miles, or pm Bolnhurst 7 miles,

18<sup>th</sup> pm Little Staughton 6.8 miles

25<sup>th</sup> am John Bunyan Trail pt 6 meet Stevington, share transport to Cranfield

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urinary tract infections or UTIs (women aged 16 to 64 years)

If you go to a pharmacy with one of these conditions, the pharmacist will offer you advice, treatment or refer you to a GP or other healthcare professional if needed.

They will then update your GP health record.

Kathy Brown's Garden (see opposite)

**Pauline Capell**

Pick any month between April and September to visit Kathy Brown's spectacular, prize winning, 4.5 acre garden in the village of Stevington. I can guarantee you won't be disappointed. Reviews describe it as a cornucopia of flora and fauna, tranquil, peaceful, calming and inspirational. There will always be something new to see specific to a particular season.

Go in May to see tree peonies the size of tea plates that were planted after visiting the Luoyang Tree Peony Festival in China, and walk under the white and blue wisteria arches. It's June for climbing and rambling roses, foxgloves, delphiniums and the wildflower meadow. Late flowering clematis can be found in July, with vibrant herbaceous borders, grasses and an abundance of bees and insects in August – September, not forgetting the white stemmed Greyswood Ghost birch avenue. Winter is often a forgotten time in the garden, but not here with brilliant salmon, purple and red dogwoods under planted with snowdrops and aconites.

Then there are the art gardens – Rothko, Matisse and Hepworth with Monet inspired borders, scattered throughout are edible flowers and herbs which Kathy writes about in her book 'The Edible Garden'. A highlight of any visit is tea and cake on the lawn, with temptations such as lavender and apricot frangipane, raspberry and elderflower and rose petal cakes to name but a few. Time your visit right and you can sample the home pressed apple juice on offer.

The garden is open to the public on Tuesdays throughout April – September and booking is essential to control numbers. You can choose a morning or afternoon slot - 10.00-13.00 or 14.00-16.30. It is also open some Saturdays and bank holidays and there is an evening bring your own picnic on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 18.00 – 21.00. The rest of the time is for organised group visits, guided tours and cake-making demonstrations.

For further information visit [kathybrownsgarden.com](http://kathybrownsgarden.com)

Admission: Adults £9.00 Children (4-17) £4.50 (3 and under) free

Tea and cake £6.50 Season ticket £25

**Tibbs Dementia Foundation Teresa Moon**

All are welcome to join Tibbs Dementia Foundation at our "Living Well With Dementia" event, which will be held at Renhold Baptist Chapel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. People with dementia and their family supporters can learn more about the cognitive stimulation, music therapies, physical activities and social opportunities that will help them to live as well as possible with their condition. This will be a chance to ask questions of the Tibbs team, and chat informally over tea and cake with other local people who are living the same experience.

This event is being held in Dementia Awareness Week, but Tibbs hope that this will be a great start to developing support services and activities for people living with dementia or memory problems and their families in the Renhold area.

Tibbs Dementia Foundation is a Bedford-based charity dedicated to helping people who have dementia to continue to live as well as possible. For more information please visit [www.tibbsdementia.co.uk](http://www.tibbsdementia.co.uk) or call 01234 210993.

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These photos were sent in by Kev

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These sheep were being moved along Oldways Road towards Renhold on Saturday morning, 16th March

It is clear who is in charge here

Smile you are on camera

Hoping no one was in a hurry this morning.

Captions invited!!



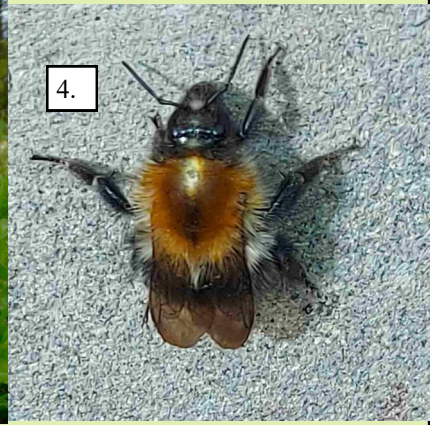
### The Renhold Quiz 23.03.24

A very enjoyable evening was held at All Saints Church with 10 teams competing in the Village Quiz. The winners called themselves Ravenshold WI and comprised Jan Tozer, John Tozer, Jess Rudd and Alison Baggott. The quiz master was Judith Dring and the Quiz was compiled and marked by Jane Ferguson and Wendy Coleman who also provided magnificent refreshments in the interval.

There was much brain scratching when people knew the answer but couldn't bring up the name quickly from the deepest recesses of memory, then excitement when it popped up a minute later just in time before the next question. There was much whispering and laughing in the various groups and high-fiving when an unexpected answer proved correct. All in all it was a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks to those who organised it and especially to Keith Timms and Alan Bloomfield for all the hard work behind the scenes. Apart from being a very sociable evening £613 was raised towards church funds. Anne Grant



**WILD ABOUT RENHOLD** (see opposite)



**Kathy Browns garden (continued from page 17)**



## **WILD ABOUT RENHOLD by Tony Ploszajski**

### **1. Orange Tip**

Whilst Orange Tip butterflies are common in gardens, they are a restless species that never seems to settle long enough for a photo. However, in some of the recent very windy weather, we found one clinging on to some grass stems for dear life and I managed to get this image as a result. Only the males have orange tips to their wings. The females are white with black wingtips, but both have mottled green underwings that help to keep them camouflaged when their wings are folded. The Orange Tip is a true sign of spring, being one of the first species of butterfly to emerge that has not overwintered as an adult. Less appealingly, Orange Tip caterpillars are cannibals, eating their own eggshell when they emerge and moving on to eat other orange-tip eggs nearby.

### **2. Greenfinch**

Greenfinches have been very obvious around Renhold for the past few weeks, often singing from a prominent perch their twittering song, which features a distinct drawn-out wheeze. Greenfinches are chunky finches named after their obvious plumage colouration. Sadly, they are a lot scarcer than they once were. Between 2008 and 2018, Greenfinch numbers dropped by an alarming 67%. The recent decline in numbers is believed to be linked to a severe outbreak of Trichomonosis, a parasitic disease which can be spread via bird feeders. Whilst on the subject of bird vulnerabilities, if you have hedges or shrubs in your garden that you want to trim at this time of year, don't forget to check for signs of nesting birds before you wield your hedge cutters. If there is any nesting activity, please avoid any disturbance until you can see that any young have fledged. The typical duration from egg-laying to fledging in most small garden birds is about four weeks, so there shouldn't be too long to wait before you can restore hedge tidiness!

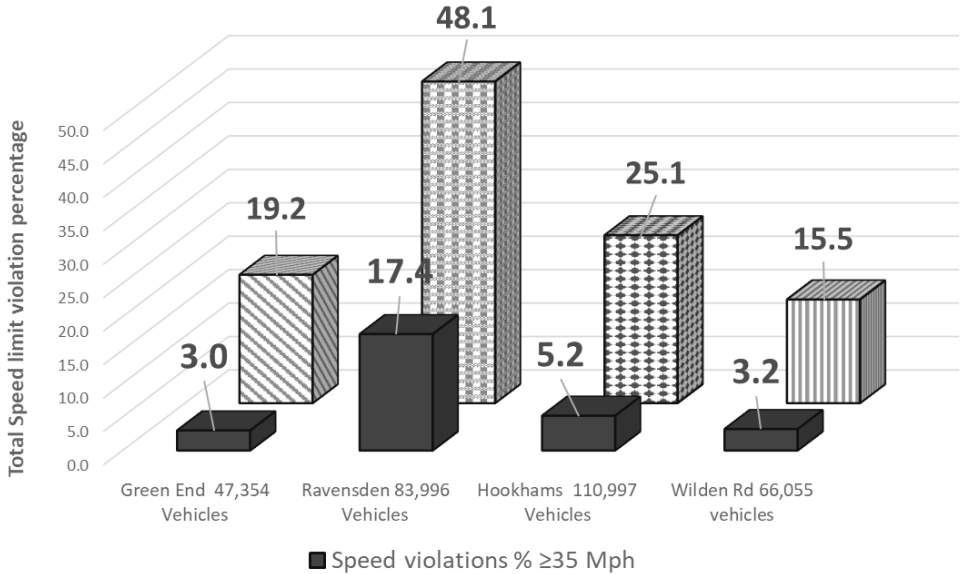
### **3. Cowslip**

It seems to have been a particularly good spring for Cowslips in the village, with big clumps prominent alongside lots of footpaths. The cowslip is a relative of the primrose and is also an early spring flower. Formerly a common plant of traditional hay meadows, ancient woodlands and hedgerows, the loss of these habitats has caused a serious decline in its populations, and now fields coloured bright yellow with its nodding heads are a rare sight. Cowslips were traditionally picked on May Day to adorn garlands, but also for other celebrations, such as weddings. Cowslips have also been called 'St. Peter's keys' or 'keys of heaven' because the one-sided flower heads looked like a set of keys and it was said that cowslips grew where St. Peter dropped the Key of Earth.

### **4. Tree Bumblebee**

Anne Grant spotted this Tree Bumblebee soaking up the warmth from one of her walls. Tree Bumblebees were first recorded in the UK as recently as 2001 but are now widespread as far north as Scotland. It is one of the first bumblebee species to emerge in spring and, as its name suggests, colonies form nests in holes in trees, or failing that other handy cavities like bird nesting boxes or the eaves of houses. They can be very assertive in establishing nests, some have been known to evict blue tits from nest boxes in order to take them over!

## Speed Indicator Device data March 2024



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## Renhold WI

Our April meeting was our AGM and went well. The same committee has agreed to stand for another year, with the addition of one new member, Jane Smith. Welcome aboard, Jane! Our finances going forward are looking very positive with five new members this year. Onwards and upwards!

The meeting following the AGM was a film show about the activities of Renhold villagers in the year 2000. However, things didn't quite go as planned. Due to technical problems we ended up watching the film on rather a small screen which was a bit hard on the eyes and ears. But, we soldiered on and most seemed to enjoy the evening. We certainly enjoyed joining in with the church choir singing Jerusalem and the patrons of the Polhill Arms singing Christmas carols- in April!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th May in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. (On 2nd May the Village Hall is a Polling Station). Our topic is Unsung Heroes of WW2, the men and women of the ARP, and our speaker is Jean Fullerton. Jean has visited us in Renhold before and we know that she is an excellent speaker. She makes any subject that is interesting to her, interesting to her listeners. Guest admission is £5 which includes light refreshments. Family and friends all welcome. There will also be a raffle, book sale and plant sale. Jan Tozer, Treasurer.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 4th May**, Renhold Community litter-pick, please contact Nicky Gribble for more details. [Nicola.gribble@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:Nicola.gribble@bedford.gov.uk) all equipment provided, support your village!

## A message from Bedford Borough Council

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## Some chuckles

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A man walked into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please and one for the road".

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but couldn't find any.

A jump cable walks into a bar. The bartender says "I'll serve you but don't start anything." Doc, I can't stop singing "The Green Green Grass of Home". "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome. "Is it common?" "Well it's not unusual".



## Renhold Parish Council April Update

### NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR WELCOME

*The Parish Council are pleased to report that Darren Rayner has joined the Parish Council recently, Darren has a wealth of experience and the Parish Council look forward to working with him being pleased to have more representation from The Spires ward on the Council. Darren can be contacted on [darren@renhold-pc.gov.uk](mailto:darren@renhold-pc.gov.uk) This leaves two Parish Council vacancies so remember please do get in touch with Lizzie (details below) or any current Parish Councillor if you would like to find out more or are thinking of joining.*

### APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor, Tom Wootton, attended the April meeting, wishing to hear from residents and the Council on important local issues. Eight members of the public were present which was a great opportunity for Tom to hear, first hand, some of the challenging experiences being endured in the community relating to flooding. As a result, the Mayor will be taking this forward with Anglian Water and using the ongoing difficult experiences in Renhold to raise the issue with senior staff at Anglian Water, and to get it the attention it needs to push for a resolution.

In brief other items covered included: Neighbourhood Plan report, Universal Studios public engagement events, village litter pick on 4<sup>th</sup> May, noticeboard installation, additional village grass cutting, anti social behaviour communications latest, feedback to the 30mph Ravensden Road extension, draft year end accounts, annual Renhold parish electors meeting format and Bedford Borough Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation.

### EAST WEST RAIL DROP-IN EVENTS

A reminder that you are welcome to join one of the drop-in events this May, where you can find out more information about how the statutory consultation process works. During the last series of community events in November, people fed back they would like to learn more about the Development Consent Order (DCO) process and how they could get involved. These drop-in events aim to explain what the different stages of the DCO application are and how that process works.

These sessions are information-only events so that communities are up to speed ahead of statutory consultation, and are not formal consultation events. However, further details will be made available during statutory consultation which is your opportunity to provide feedback on our proposals. The events most local to Renhold are being held:

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** from 2pm to 7pm at **Bedford Rowing Social Club**, The Boathouse, Duck Mill Lane, Bedford, MK42 0A

and on **20<sup>th</sup> May 2024** from 2pm to 9pm at **Roxton Village Hall**, High Street, Roxton, MK44 3EB.

### CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

*Please note that contact details have been updated for a number of Parish Councillors as well as the Parish Clerk as the Council move over to more official email addresses. A full list is available as usual in the Magazine directory, so do make a note of the best way now to contact Lizzie, Parish Clerk is now on: [parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk). For Parish Councillors the pattern is to place their forename followed by [@renhold-pc.gov.uk](mailto:@renhold-pc.gov.uk)*



## **Borough Councillors Report April**

As previously reported, Renhold has sadly been subject to anti-social behaviour in the form of suspected drug-dealing. I have liaised with both our local rural Policing Team and Bedford Borough Community Safety Team and they conducted combined door-to door visits and leaflet drops in the affected areas. We believe that activity has dropped off but I would urge all residents to report any suspicious activity, however small, via the 101 number, either on-line or by phone. Any problems, please let me know and I can help. Nicky Gribble

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### **Albert**

I would like to remember a remarkable man, Albert Gurney. As we reflect on his life, we are reminded of the profound impact he had on our village of Renhold and the legacy he leaves behind.

Albert was not just a man; he was the epitome of what it means to be a true Renhold gentleman. His presence in our community spanned generations, his wisdom and kindness touching the lives of so many. Albert's long life was marked by a beautiful balance between tradition and innovation. He was in his eighties, yet his spirit remained youthful, fully embracing the advancements of technology while appreciating the cherished memories of days gone by.

One of Albert's most remarkable qualities was his unparalleled memory, a treasure trove of past village life that he generously shared with us all. Despite his profound connection to the past, Albert lived each day fully immersed in the present, a testament to his adaptability and resilience.

I had the privilege of witnessing Albert's dedication to our village firsthand when he led us in lighting the celebration bonfire during the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen. It was a moment of unity and joy, made even more special by Albert's presence among us.

Beyond his contributions to our village celebrations, Albert served as a valued member of the Renhold Parish Council for many years, dedicating his time and energy to bettering our community. For many years, he tended to the village green, reluctantly and recently handing the job over to a contractor chosen by himself when the mowing got too much for him. Even after stepping back from formal office, he remained a steadfast presence at council meetings, his integrity and kindness guiding our deliberations.

As we bid farewell to Albert, we acknowledge the void his absence leaves in our hearts and our community. Yet, we take comfort in knowing that his legacy of compassion, wisdom, and dedication will continue to inspire us for years to come. Though we may no longer see Albert's familiar face at our meetings, his spirit will forever linger in the fabric of our village, a gentle reminder of the profound impact one individual can have on a community.

**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 Wed.15th May, then the following ones on Tues.18th June and Tues.30th 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*

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## RENHOLD CHAPEL

### Sunday Services

5th May	10.30am	Mr.S.Elphick
12th May	10.30am	Pastor P.Sands
19th May	10.30am	Mr R. Smith
26th May	10.30am	Mr T.Burton

### CHAPEL NOTES

Looking out of my office window, I see a very blustery day! A little sunshine is trying to break through, although the day began with rain, and the temperature has dropped. The weather records these days show such contrasts, and it seems that each month that comes along is another record. Yet another indication that climate change is completely real!

This morning was our April coffee morning at Chapel. A large turnout. It is always so enjoyable, and the cakes, sausage rolls and cheese scones always delicious. We had the privilege of having speakers from Tibbs Dementia, who gave us a really good insight into what their Organization can do, and does, to help those in need of support.

We had a very happy Easter time starting with Good Friday. A really powerful sermon on why our dearest Lord Jesus came to this earth to die for us all in order that we might be saved to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Easter Sunday followed with another lovely sermon celebrating Jesu's resurrection. Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes! Easter Saturday was also lovely and brought us a truly Spring day. So lovely to see all the spring flowers, and all the trees and blossoms bursting through.

We now look forward to summer time now the clocks have sprung forward; and to many more happy Sunday morning sermons, open air services and some afternoon teas, always a pleasure. Please feel free to join us. God bless you all.

### Coffee with a cop

Coffee with a cop took place on Tuesday 9th April at the Renhold Chapel. PCSO Tarabella on the left and PC Napoli on the right met with over 40 residents of Renhold. They were given a warm welcome and made their way round the room chatting to different groups. It provides an occasion for us to voice any concerns to them and a chance for them to get to know a bit about Renhold. Their contact details are in the back of the magazine. Many thanks to them for giving up the time to meet us. Teresa Trangmar





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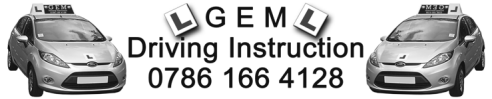
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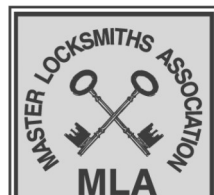
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