

THE RENHOLD MAGAZINE

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 26th October 2024

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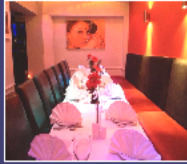
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EDITORIAL By Anne Grant

It is hard to believe, as I write this, that summer is coming to an end and there are some important dates to put in your diaries between now and Christmas. On Saturday 5th October is a concert organised by the WI which promises to be great fun. (p12). There will be an Autumn Craft Fair on Sat 26th October at the village hall and on Friday 1st November there is to be an evening with Pam Rhodes (p17) and tickets are available now. On 16th November there is a WW 2 experience to be held in Wilden Village Hall (p19) and later on Sat 23rd November there is a coffee morning and mini market with all sorts of stalls and free entry (p10) to be held at All Saints Church.

There are some new initiatives starting up one of which is Messy Church which can be seen on p17 and was much enjoyed by all who came. Then Debra Aitkin from BRCC is interested in finding out if people in Renhold would be interested in starting up a Good Neighbours Scheme, and if there are many people who would be interested in volunteering (p13). I'm sure everyone could do with a good neighbour.

What a fantastic set of photos on Tony's "Wild about Renhold" page and such interesting and diverse examples of our local wildlife. Please do keep sending them in, Tony appreciates all the help he can get. There is also a plea from Sarah Flynn to help support the declining swift population by installing swift boxes for them to build their nests, and there is also a request for anyone keeping birds at home to register them or they will be breaking the law. It is in an effort to help control bird flu (see p19 and p25) and the deadline is the 1st October.

After the excellent article by some of the school children about online safety in the last issue, I was sent some information from the police which I thought made a very appropriate sequel (p22).

I recently attended a meeting in Ravensden Village Hall organised by BFARe (Bedford For a Reconsultation) to bring us up to date on East West Rail plans. Our Borough Councillor Nicky Gribble has been fighting the fight and writing to the papers about their ridiculous plans to choose the northern route past Ravensden and Renhold. After much persistence, further information has been gleaned, such as the horrendous possibility of them intending to possess the car park at Bedford Hospital, so the area could be used for EWR construction activities. How can a hospital possibly function without a car park? The demolition and reconstruction of four key bridges in Bedford will cause unbelievable chaos for about 6 to 7 years. In addition a terrain profile has been produced which brings home very clearly how much earth movement will be needed, to construct the cuttings and embankments needed for diesel trains to traverse the steep hills on the proposed northern route. It makes no sense. The company has kept their plans very close to their chest, such that many people are totally in the dark about all the chaos that will be unleashed in the process if it goes ahead.

Finally Rev. Ian will be much in our thoughts in the coming weeks, as he has to go into hospital for an operation. He is working hard to cover all essential services in his absence, and I know we will all want to wish him well and hope he makes a speedy recovery, and a return to good health as soon as possible.



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All Saints Church Services for October 2024
Services led by Revd Ian Smith except where stated

Wednesday 2 nd Oct.	11:30 am	Prayers for the community
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Sunday 6 th Oct. TRINITY 19	11:00am	Parish Communion
	1:00pm	Baptism George & Isabella Quinn
Wednesday 9 th Oct.	7:30pm	Night Prayer
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Sunday 13 th Oct. TRINITY 20	11:00am	Café Church
	4:00 pm	Evensong (BCP) with hymns <i>Richard Deadman</i>
Wednesday 16 th Oct.	10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd. David Powell</i>
	3:30pm	Messy Church
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Sunday 20 th Oct. TRINITY 21	11:00am	Parish Communion Celebrant to be advised
Wednesday 23 rd Oct.	7.30pm	Compline (BCP)
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Sunday 27 th Oct. Last after Trinity	11:00am	Parish Communion Revd. David Powell
	3:00pm	Remembered with Love

DAILY OFFICES – Due to Revd Ian’s absence from the Parish after 13th October 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

3 rd Aug.	Heidi Lawson & Tom Watson	Wedding
5 th Aug.	Annie Joan Wheeler –	Burial of Ashes
14 th Aug.	Peter Day –	Funeral
		Norse Road Crematorium
	Albert Gurney –	Burial of Ashes
27 th Aug.	Sarah (Morag) Bradley –	Funeral & Burial
14 th Sept.	Charlotte Coutts & Tom Dodd	Wedding

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Greetings from the Vicarage, as I write this month there is a definite autumnal feel in the air, the recent weeks of warm/hot, dry weather seem to have passed and as I walked the dogs this morning, there was that cool, breezy damp feel suggesting summer is now over. Having said that, what a summer we have enjoyed, but hasn't it flown past!

You may remember in my last article I made an appeal for old/new/unwanted candles for shipping to Ukraine. This project is live and will be extended a couple of weeks into October to allow for more of your donations to be collected. A box is situated in the church porch to deposit your donations which will be sent for processing and transportation before the winter in Ukraine takes hold. This is a valuable and vital initiative supporting ordinary people and families who are living in and through dangerous and challenging conditions; it may not seem much but if we can all do our small part, it will make a huge difference - I really appreciate your support with this, thank you.

The Church Council at All Saints is keen to extend its support for all in in the Parish of Renhold. To enable us to develop appropriate initiatives that are relevant to Renhold today, we would like your views on what we as a church offer you now, and what you would like to see going forward. A short survey is being created which we hope to make available in both hard and soft copies in the last quarter of this year to gain your views, when you see this please take just a few minutes to complete it and help us to establish what current/future needs are – Thank you.

Continuing with our initiatives to work with families and young people, the team at All Saints have started a monthly "Messy Church". The sessions 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 take place in the Chapter House at 3:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month and are open to anyone, please see posters around the Parish for more details. As a result of feedback from the "messy families" we are exploring a "Mums & Tots" group and a "school run café" in addition to our planned "Youth group" initially for year 6/7 children which we hope will start in October.

Our "Friends of All Saints Church" are busy raising funds to help in the restoration and improvement of the fabric, preserving it for generations to come. On Friday 1st November at 7:30pm, Pam Rhodes from Songs of Praise will be with us as we spend an hour or so exploring some of our favourite hymns. Pam last came to us at the end of COVID where numbers were restricted, so it is great that we can revisit this really enjoyable event in "better times!" Tickets will be available shortly

Our popular "Remembered with Love" service takes place on Sunday 27th October at 3:00pm; this is where we find time and space to remember those who we love, and we see no longer. We use readings, poetry and music as we reflect on our treasured memories, and light a candle as a sign of our love shining through. The service concludes with the planting of some bulbs in the churchyard which will come up in the springtime and we then join together for refreshments in the Chapter House afterwards. This service is not only for people who "come to church" but open to all and all will be very welcome.

Details of all services for October 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.

Thank you again for all your support, take care, stay safe, and God Bless...Rev. Ian



RENHOLD PARISH CHURCH AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR EIGHT CENTURIES

All Saints Day (Nov 1st) is our Patronal Day (our birthday) and on this day we remember with thanks the many generations who have given their time and money to keep this place running across the years.

Today, it costs approximately £1000 a week to fund our “running expenses”, this is in addition to any monies spent on essential repairs such as our church floor and fixing the leak in the tower roof etc., so protecting this beautiful building and place of worship for future generations. We receive no Government support; instead we rely on the generosity of those who value this lovely medieval building and its role in village life.

In these current uncertain times, we appreciate that we must all be careful of our spending, but any donation you can make, be it large or small, would be much appreciated and wisely used. You can use **Patronal Gift envelopes** that are available in church and in the porch, or use the QR code on this page to donate online - please indicate if you can Gift Aid and we can happily reclaim this.

Please bring your donations to either our services on **Sunday 3rd November, or drop them into church which is open every day from 9:00am-4.00pm.** You can also send your gift - c/o Revd. Ian Smith, The Vicarage, 46 Church End, Renhold MK41 0LU or BACS payments can be made to Renhold Parochial Church Council sort Code 60-02-13 and account no. 51882973 ref: Patronal24(Surname) i.e. Patronal24Jones.



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*Jill Barrell jbarrell251@gmail.com_01234 870461
or Jill Burrows burrowsjp@hotmail.com 07710 228995*

All Saints Church, Renhold

**Lights for Ukraine
Do you have leftover candles?**

This September, we are collecting **used** and **unused** candles of any size and colour, which will be transported to Ukraine in advance of the coming winter.

Once there, the candles will provide light and heat during the frequent power cuts.

Part used candles, even in jars, are welcome as volunteers in UK are melting them down to make new ones.

Please leave any donations at church or at school and please tell your friends and family about it.

For more details, contact Rev. Ian on 01234 772794

Thank you for supporting families living through the coming winter in Ukraine



David Paul R I P

David Paul sadly passed away on September 1st in York hospital after a short illness. He moved, with his wife Mary, into Green End, Renhold in 1999. They rapidly became a vibrant part of the Renhold Community, particularly helping in various aspects of church life. David demonstrated his talent in woodcarving - designing and making a wooden cross (in the Reaper Chapel in church) and also building a splendid bespoke wooden and glass case for the Book of Remembrance. He was also 'Mr Fix-it' for all manner of small jobs in the church. He ably assisted Mary with matters to do with Church Finance in her spell as Church Treasurer, using his extensive business experience not least as an executive with Massey Ferguson. The Pauls always helped those in need. It was a great loss to us when they decided to move away to be nearer family, though we understood their need to go. Our thoughts are with their family now. Jill Barrell.

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5th October**

Renhold Village Hall

7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10

To book tickets contact:

Jooles Roberts on 01786 478974; email: jooles14b@btinternet.com
Jan Tozer on 01234 297456; Jill Barrell on 01234 870461

Jokes from Marie Baird

1. My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust."
2. One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"
3. My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror.
She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."
4. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
5. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Customer service? What does that mean to you? Anne Grant

I recently had family from abroad staying with me which meant more bedrooms were being used than usual. Shock horror when I realised that one of the sliding mirrored wardrobe doors had come off its runners and, try as I might, I could not get it back. I had no choice but to try and contact the firm who had installed them **about 40 years ago when we moved in!!!!** I couldn't find any paperwork so resorted to the internet. The name **Mirrorspan** jumped out at me and rang bells, but I knew the company wasn't there anymore. I rang up, the phone was answered immediately, and I was able to talk to a very helpful human! I said "Did you used to have a shop in Great Barford" and they confirmed they had. **Halleluia!**

I explained the problem and "James" suggested coming round that afternoon to see what the problem was and see if it could be fixed. **I couldn't believe my luck.** He came round as promised and eventually managed to get the door back on the runners, but suggested we treat it carefully. He also had a look at the same doors in a second bedroom and although it was still functioning one of the runners had also broken. James suggested sending his fitters round to see if they could repair them both. Apparently, they had a large box full of odds and ends from days gone by, and may have some replacement runners that could be used.

To cut a long story short the fitters found a runner that could be modified to fit and after two more visits have replaced all the runners on 10 wardrobe doors. It is amazing that the doors have lasted as long as they have, and even more amazing that the company have gone to **SO** much trouble to keep them going, when it would have been very easy just to say "No they can't be fixed". In all for the wardrobe doors in 3 bedrooms the total cost to have all the brackets replaced is £300 and all done from start to finish in a week. It is a family business and we do our best in the magazine to **support local businesses**. If I ever need to replace the doors I know where I will be going.

Good Neighbour Schemes

Good Neighbour Schemes are run by volunteers with support from Beds Rural Communities Charity. I am currently looking at the potential for a group in Renhold after some interest was shown by residents and organisations working locally.

A Good Neighbour Scheme is a group of volunteers who are able to help local residents with jobs such as shopping, lifts to the hospital/doctors or simply popping round for a chat - anything one neighbour might do for another and not jobs that would be carried out by a professional service.

The schemes offer support to residents where local services may be reducing or people do not have family locally and need help with occasional, ad hoc jobs to enable them to maintain independence, continue to attend social events and be less isolated.

BRCC offer support in setting up and running the scheme with ongoing training, information sessions and social events for groups to meet and share experiences.

All volunteers are insured and have a DBS check. You can offer as much/little time as you are able – all support is valued and makes a difference. For more information, contact Debra, who will also be attending some events in the village to chat to residents about the scheme.

Debra Aitken Good Neighbour Scheme Officer
07951 175241 / debra.aitken@bedsrcc.org.uk

SWIFTS ARE IN DECLINE . The Opportunity

Swifts, the masters of the skies, are in decline and are on the red list of endangered species. Natural nesting holes in old buildings have been diminishing so the more potential nesting sites we can create, the better. Swift boxes represent an opportunity to provide a solution. You may want to help and install swift boxes on your property if it is suitable, ideally on a wall over 4 metres high and an aspect not receiving full sun through the day. To find out more and obtain installation help and advice, please contact:

Laurinda Luffman, Head of Trusts & Foundations, RSPB
Swift species lead laurinda.luffman@rspb.org.uk
07940 724242 (DD) Or Bob Hook, bobhook864@btinternet.com



It has recently been Swift Awareness Week UK to highlight the plight of Swifts in our country. Poor planning on houses, lack of insects, the long flight they take from South Africa to get here for the summer -Nothing is like the wonderful sound of swifts in the air in the summer. We have a small population in Renhold and hope to build on this. Sarah Flynn

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 October 2024

<u>Location of Mobile Library</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>
Renhold - Green End	10:00 - 10:15	1,15,29	12,26
Lay-by - Salph End	10.20 -10.35	1,15,29	12,26
Renhold - Home Close	10:40 - 10:55	1,15,29	12,26
Renhold - Ravensden Road	11:00 - 11:15	1,15,29	12,26

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19th pm Maulden 6 miles

26th am Castle Ashby 12.25 miles or pm Ampthill 7 miles

Contact; Margaret Sawyer 07780933729 Facebook; North Beds Ramblers

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire>

All Saints Church, Renhold – Patronal Festival

Friday 1st November 7.00pm Pam Rhodes - "Hymns we love"

Sunday 3rd November 11.00 am Patronal Eucharist

4.00pm Patronal Choral Evensong with Visiting Choir

The church will be open throughout the weekend to celebrate All Saints.

The Spectacle of Autumn Pauline Capell

A poem created by a group of people with early stage dementia. We covered a table with a host of leaves, berries, fruit, nuts etc and came up with words to describe what they looked like, their colour, texture and things they reminded us of. Before we knew it – we had ourselves a poem.

Turning leaves, russet brown,
lemon yellow, vibrant orange.
Underfoot – dry, curled and brittle,
they crunch like salt and vinegar crisps,
hiding acorns and hazelnuts from busy squirrels
intent on foraging for a winter larder.
Winged sycamore seeds spin to earth,
helicopter like.
Shiny, brown conkers emerge from their spiky cases
to be picked up by children for an age-old game –
once'ers, twice'ers and prized sixers.
And here on the woodland floor,
a pile of feathers striped grey and black.
Pigeon ? Magpie ? A hungry fox's dinner ?
In the hedgerows, old man's beard trails down,
delicate, soft, fluffy.
Purple sloes wait for the first frost to split their skins,
while blackberries, once fat and juicy, turn mushy
in the falling rain.
Spiders spin their lacy webs to catch the morning dew
that will transform them into glittering stars.
It is the apple season – gritty skinned russets,
crisp red devils and waxy bramleys
to make an apple tart and custard.
Oh the spectacle of Autumn.

Are You in Need of a Memory Workout? Teresa Moon

Join us at Renhold Baptist Chapel on Friday 18th October from 11am - 12.30pm for our friendly and fun monthly activity group for people with memory loss. As well as games and exercises to keep our brains in training, and lots of cake, we offer the chance for carers to learn about the support available from Tibbs Dementia

Just turn up, or for more information, contact Teresa Moon
email: teresa.moon@tibbsdementia.co.uk mobile: 07930 999573

MESSY CHURCH

An Introduction to Messy Church.

Caroline Coster

In July, we held our first "Messy Church" at All Saints Church. Messy Church is a way of being Church, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. 11 families attended our first session and we had crafty fun including clay, cooking, cutting and sticking; celebration with a story and music; lots of chatting and sharing ideas and fun playing games while eating biscuits! Pauline Capell looks as though she is enjoying it as much as the children. Everyone is invited to future sessions. These are free and will take place on the third Wednesday of the month from 3.30 to 5pm.



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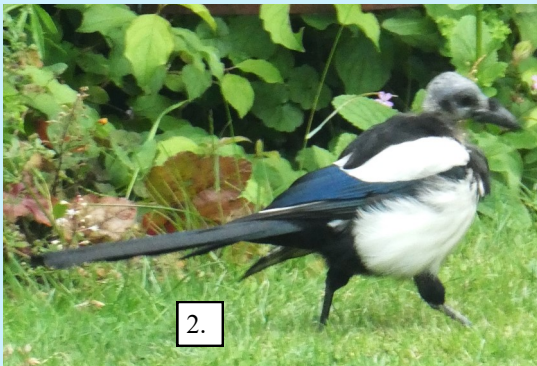
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WILD ABOUT RENHOLD (see opposite)



WILD ABOUT RENHOLD by Tony Ploszajski

1. Parent Bugs

I spotted this cluster of Parent Bugs on a single Silver Birch leaf in our garden. The Parent Bug is so-named because the adult females take such good care of their young. While the other shield bugs lay their eggs and then leave their young to fend for themselves, the Parent Bug is a dedicated mother. She lays her eggs in a tight cluster on the underside of a Silver birch leaves, and then she broods her clutch, sitting protectively over the eggs until they hatch. She stays with her family until the young finally become adults. This protection helps to prevent attack by parasitic wasps. The young have various developmental stages before becoming adults – the ones in the photo are nymphs, the final stage before adulthood, when they all disperse from their hitherto communal existence.

2. Magpie

This very bald Magpie appeared on our lawn in August, looking very much the worse for wear, so what was going on? Like almost all birds, adult Magpies moult their feathers after the breeding season. Moulting begins in June or July and ends in September or October. Their primary flight feathers are replaced sequentially over a period of three months, so they retain the ability to fly. Head and neck feathers are less critical to its overall functioning, so may be shed all at once. Either way, they look very scruffy whilst the feathers re-grow and with a bare head, look very like a small vulture!

3. Gatekeeper butterfly

Gatekeeper butterflies are quite common along hedgerows in Renhold and Teresa Trangmar sent this photo of one. Also known as the Hedge Brown, it gets its name from frequenting gaps in hedges where clumps of flowers grow in gateways and along field edges. One of its favourite food sources is Bramble flowers and given the frequency of brambles along many of the hedgerows in the parish, it has plenty of its favoured plants to choose from. It is widespread in southern Britain and its range has extended northwards in recent years.

4. Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillar

Pauline Brown spotted this amazing Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar on her patio in Home Close and her daughter Tania was kind enough to send it to me. The moth is named after the appearance of its caterpillar, which look like an elephants trunk. They grow to about three inches (8cm) in length and also have a spiked 'tail' and two sets of eye spots just behind their head, to intimidate potential predators. When they hatch into adult moths, they have a striking combination of pink and olive green wing markings and are mostly nocturnal.

5. White-lipped Snail

We spotted this White-lipped Snail on a damp tree trunk after a rain shower, one of several that were climbing the bark. The White-lipped snail varies in colour but is typically yellow or pinkish. It has up to five brown bands around the whorl of the shell. It can be identified by the white branding around the lip of its shell, which distinguishes it from the similar, Brown-lipped snail. White-lipped snails are hermaphrodites, so have organs of both sexes. However, they need to mate in order for each snail to fertilise their own eggs. They then bury their eggs in soil.

I RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM Julie Allen at Bedfordshire Police and thought it was an admirable follow up to the article on online safety done by the children in last month's magazine. Anne Grant

ENDGAME-DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR CHILD IS TALKING TO ONLINE

We are seeing more and more children becoming victims of sexual abuse through online games, social networking sites and apps, which they can access through their tablets, mobile phones and games consoles.

Sadly, not everyone online is who they claim to be. Grooming can happen both in person and online, often by a stranger, but it can also be someone they know.

We have recently launched a county-wide online safety campaign, which is aimed at teenagers and young people to educate them on how to stay safe online, how to report any concerns and where to access support.

Called #ENDGAME, the aim of the campaign is to encourage teenagers to think about the potential dangers of being active online.

This will be implemented as a phased campaign delivered over the course of several months and will cover five different topics, with targeted posts on Snapchat and Instagram aimed at teenagers and young people, encouraging them to BLOCK, REPORT, TELL if something doesn't feel right.

There will also be accompanying posts on Facebook and Instagram for parents and carers and dedicated campaign pages for both audiences on the force website, containing information and signposting to support.

Statistics on the NSPCC website state that there has been an 82 percent rise in online grooming crimes against children in the last five years.

It can be difficult to tell if your child is being groomed – the signs aren't always obvious and may be hidden.

Some signs to look out for:

- Is your child being secretive about how they're spending their time?
- Do they have an older boyfriend or girlfriend?
- Do they have money or new things like clothes and mobile phones that they can't or won't explain?
- Are they drinking or taking drugs?
- Are they spending more or less time than usual online or on their devices?
- Do they seem upset or withdrawn?
- Are they using sexual language you wouldn't expect them to know?
- Are they spending more time away from home or going missing for periods of time?

We are encouraging you to familiarise yourself with some of the signs to look out for and to talk to your children about their online activity, what apps they use, games they like to play and sites they regularly visit and let them know they can come to you if something they don't like happens online - whatever that is.

What's the #ENDGAME? Do you know who your child is talking to online?

For more information, support and how to report any concerns, [please visit the campaign page on our website.](#) [#ENDGAME | Bedfordshire Police \(beds.police.uk\)](#)



Renhold Parish Council September Update

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Whilst the Parish Council keep their website update to date, and you can find the latest Parish Council minutes here: [https://renhold-](https://renhold-pc.gov.uk)

[pc.gov.uk](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 going 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.

Everyone is most welcome to join us, on 10th October, 21st November, 16th January, 27th February, 3rd April, 15th May, 19rd June and 24th July.

PARISH COUNCIL CIRCULATION LIST UPDATE

The Parish Council have been making some behind the scenes changes with the system used to send out the circulation list communications. This is why the email updates that contain a range of different local news have not been coming out as regularly as before.

Work is taking place to return the frequency of the updates to be more regular and more timely, this new system is expected to be in place shortly.

So please do come forward if you are not already on the village circulation list and contact Lizzie, to be added. 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.

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
- Maybe you are 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 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. (continued overleaf).

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.

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICE REMINDER

Remember you can sign up to find out more about what the local community policing team have been up to with the Police now 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 you can report incidents and concerns 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.

The Police Crime Commissioner has announced a **Tackling Rural Crime 2024 event** will be taking place at Scald End Farm, Thurleigh, MK44 2DP from 09:45 – 13:00 hrs. The purpose of the event is provide an opportunity to discuss the issues, network over refreshments and look for solutions against rural crime. Members of the community are invited to book their place by please contacting: pcc@beds.police.uk or for more information contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 01234 842067.

BEDFORD FLOOD FORUM EVENT

In preparation for the wetter months Bedford Borough Council is hosting a Flood Forum on **Thursday 3rd October from 6-8.30pm** hosted by the Mayor and Council partners.

The Flood Forum will be an opportunity for local communities to find out more about flooding and flood risk management across Bedford Borough as we prepare for the winter months with our partners. Everyone is welcome to the event, if you are interested in attending please book a free ticket using the link <https://tinyurl.com/5n886zm6>

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

Please remember everyone is welcome to contact the Clerk or any Councillors about local matters. A full list of contact details is available as usual in the Magazine directory, so do make a note. The best way now to contact Lizzie, Parish Clerk is on: parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk for Parish Councillors the pattern is place their forename followed by [@renhold-pc.gov.uk](https://twitter.com/renhold-pc)

Ward Councillor update August and September

Hello again, I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday- the sun did shine and was kind for the time when the children were off school. I have been busy over the summer, mainly with residents' queries and applying for Ward Funding to support community groups. I do still have some funds left over, so please contact me if you are a local community/volunteering group and need a bit of help financially.

For those of us who are backyard poultry or bird keepers, a new rule affecting registering your birds comes into effect on October 1st. Anyone who keeps birds with access to the outdoors must register their flock with DEFRA <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-as-a-keeper-of-less-than-50-poultry-or-other-captive-birds> This is so keepers of birds can be contacted quickly in the event of a disease outbreak or health update to prevent further spread.

As we all are aware, the Universal Winter Fuel Allowance has been terminated by the Government. It will now be awarded on a means-tested basis. There are an estimated 850,000 pensioners who may be eligible for the allowance through pension credits but do not claim. <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/eligibility> Please check to see if you qualify. There is an eight week backlog on applications but if one is received on or before 21st December, the claim will be backdated.

East West Rail continues to be at the forefront of a lot of people's minds. The consequence on Bedford Town and further afield is becoming clearer. Please take time to familiarise yourself on this project because if it goes ahead as currently planned, the day-to-day life of us all trying to get about in town, use the station and visit the hospital will be seriously impacted. More information will be available when EWR announce the statutory consultation.

On another issue, I would like to remind you that the Inland Drainage Board will be carrying out essential maintenance this autumn/winter on Renhold Brook from Go Outdoors to where it goes under the B660 in Ravensden. The work may be carried out by hand or machine so please be aware of this going on.

My council meetings have restarted after the August break and the next Full Council meeting is on 9th October, 6.30pm at Borough Hall. It is also screened live on-line. Members of the public are welcome to join and ask questions or I can ask for you. Please contact me in good time if you would like me to help.

Many thanks for your support, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or issues and I will try to help,

Best wishes,

Cllr Nicola Gribble

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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 12th October, Dates after that 21st November, 16th January, 27th February, 3^d 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

Some church jokes sent in by Jill Barrell

NOT OUR CHURCH. A young vicar was shortly moving to another parish and one lady he visited said "Whoever the next vicar is won't be as good as you." Sensing a compliment he replied, "Oh you don't think so?" and got the answer "I've lived here all my life, seen twelve vicars come and go and each one has been worse than the last." CONFESSION BOX. A drunk staggered into a Catholic church and sat down in a confession box saying nothing. After a while the priest knocked on the wall in an attempt to get the man to speak. Finally the drunk replied, "No use knockin' mate. There's no paper in this one either."

RENHOLD CHAPEL

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13th Oct. 2024	10.30am	TBA	
20th Oct. 2024	10.30am	Mr P Bridle	
27th Oct. 2024	10.30am	TBA	

CHAPEL NOTES

“ IT CAN’T BE DONE!”

Some many years ago I was invited to coffee by an eminent broadcaster, expecting some encouragement in my young career. ‘Twas not to be, and I left feeling downcast and dejected, with just a few old dusty books for my trouble. I tossed them on to the back seat of the old Morris, and was on my way, but then noticed that one of the books had fallen open, Page 6 - - - - -

“IT CAN’T BE DONE!”

Somebody said “It cannot be done”, but he with a chuckle replied, That “Maybe it couldn’t, but I’ll be the one, who’ll not say that till I’ve tried”. So he started to sing, with a bit of a grin on his face, if he worried he hid it, And set right in to tackle the thing, that couldn’t be done, and he did it! Somebody laughed, “O you’ll never do that, at least no one has ever done it”, So he took off his coat and he took off his hat, and the next thing we knew he’d begun it.

He lifted his chin and put on a grin, and shook off the feeling of failure, And started to sing as he tackled the thing, that couldn’t be done, and he did it! There are thousands who’ll tell you it cannot be done, thousands will prophesy failure,

Thousands will point out to you, one by one, that failure is always the danger. But just buckle in, keep on the grin, and take off your coat and go to it,

Remember to sing as you tackle the thing, that cannot be done, AND YOU’LL DO IT!

JESUS SAID, “ EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE TO THOSE THAT BELIEVE”

And With HIM “IT CAN BE DONE!” And You Can Do It!

Don’t forget the “COFFEE MORNING” 10 AM, 2nd Tuesday Each Month

More church jokes sent in by Jill Barrell

DEATH. On 11th April 1996 Larry Laprise died. “The man who wrote the Hokey Kokey”. He died peacefully at the age of 83. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. He put the left leg inand then the trouble started.

.When I die, I want to go peacefully like my grandmother, who died peacefully in her sleep. Not screaming like all the other passengers in her car.

When I came to Dublin, I was courtmartialled in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence.

Thanks for sending these in Jill, any jokes gratefully accepted. A.G.



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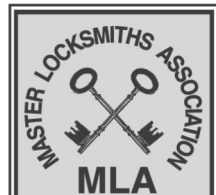
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