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PAGE CHANGES TO THE ONLINE DAILY GRUNCH

To assist our readers we have expanded our Key Changes section.

This allows regular readers to see what has changed at a glance in the editions that they may have missed.

During the break the Daily Grunch has had since Christmas Day, we have updated many of the pages removing those that had a festive flavour.

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5th January: *Redesign of the magazine*

25th December: *Page 1, Page 32, Page 33, Page 42*

24th December: *Page 1, Page 24, Page 25, Page 26, Page 38, Page 39, Page 40, Page 41.*

23rd December: *Page 23*

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WELCOME TO THE DAILY GRUNCH

Many of us were expecting to be virtually back to normal by the start of 2021.

That was the viewpoint in the summer when the Lockdown One restrictions were lifted and Rishi Sunak launched his cheap eat-out policy to give a boost to hospitality.

It feels like the plan backfired as the hospitality industry is again closed in most of the country while other small businesses also face a grim future because of the continuing crisis.

Some people have questioned our decision to turn the printed Rural Grunch into an online Daily Grunch.

Due to the pandemic, we are still unable to operate on a full cylinder because the events we would be focussing on are simply not happening.

We had a glimpse of normality in August when we were able to cover the Felmersham

Scarecrows and the Riseley Table Top Sale. A few of the traditional shows took place in early September but they were largely reduced affairs including the Dean & Shelton Country Fayre and the Village Show at Keysoe.

However during the autumn, the pandemic returned and we are effectively in the same situation as were in last March.

The Daily Grunch continues, having passed the 250th issue, and sadly the old Rural Grunch is something of the past.

We are pleased with the way The Daily Grunch has evolved quickly and we feel the updating approach is the way forward for us. This allows people the chance to read the current news and features especially those who may only want to read the magazine once, twice or three times a month.

And for those who like to read it every day, we have expanded the list of changes from the previous issue on Page 3.

Finally we are keen to develop our specialist sections such as Theatre, Schools and Sport.

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Garden waste collections are suspended from 1st December to 1st March.

December 2020 and January 2021 Date Changes

Rubbish only

21 Dec: no change
22 Dec: no change
23 Dec: no change
24 Dec: no change
25 Dec: moves to 29 Dec

Recycling only

28 Dec: moves to 30 Dec
29 Dec: moves to 31 Dec
30 Dec: moves to Sat 2 Jan
31 Dec: moves to 4 Jan
1 Jan: moves to 3 Jan

Rubbish only

4 Jan: moves to 5 Jan
5 Jan: moves to 7 Jan
6 Jan: moved to 8 Jan
7 Jan: moves to Sat 9 Jan
8 Jan: moves to 11 Jan

Recycling only

11 Jan: moves to 12 Jan
12 Jan: moves to 13 Jan
13 Jan: moves to 14 Jan
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Key

Red Outline = Date Change

Orange = Recycling Only

Purple = Recycling and Garden

Grey = General Rubbish

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Many people are now reading The Daily Grunch but for some it is a new experience.

For a few, it may be too many clicks or you cannot remember the name of the website.

There is a little trick:

Go to the www.grassrootspublications.co.uk Home Page where the link to The Daily Grunch is located. In the top right hand corner of this page you will see 'three vertical dots'. Click on these and you will see a list of options.

Choose 'Add to Home Screen' and you should have an icon for Grassroots Publications in the favourites area or something similar on your device. Then any time you want to access The Daily Grunch you only have to click on this icon to take you to the link.

If you want to find a specific article in The Daily Grunch try this



Ctrl + F to find the subject/word you are looking for. This avoids trying to find the elusive article.

For example: Open The Daily Grunch – Press **Ctrl + F** which will open a small box, Type in the box the topic/number you are looking for. Say for example - 'Riseley'.

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GRUNCH OPINION

For many the festive period was ruined by the floods on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Heavy rain on 23rd December initially caused problems in the North Bedfordshire Wolds villages such as Riseley, Yelden and Upper Dean.

The focus then switched to the Ouse Valley villages with Felmersham, Harrold, Oakley and Clapham affected.

Bedford was the centre of attention on Boxing Day along with Great Barford.

In previous floods, there have been visits from dignitaries including Boris Johnson's famous trip to Doncaster.

Did anyone visit Bedfordshire during its hour of need? Was our MP Richard Fuller spotted?

However, I did notice Sky TV's Royal Correspondent Rhiannon Mills doing a report at Great Barford.

For those who do not know, Ms Mills did start her journalistic career at the Biggleswade Chronicle prior to a spell at Anglia News before hitting the big time. There is a chance she was back at her roots for Christmas visiting her bubble.

More importantly, some borough councillors waded through the water to help out but surely their biggest task is yet to come.

Yes the inquiry about what happened over the festive period. Questions have to be asked about why people's homes were flooded.

A key clarification is whether or not the Great River Ouse's floodgates at Newport Pagnell were opened. If so, then why?

We have to make sure that this does not happen again. But in most of the villages affected, flooding is a regular occurrence. So will anything be done? I sincerely hope so but I am not too optimistic

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- Roxton Garden Centre - Bedford Road, Roxton near A1 Black Cat roundabout
- Seasons Garden Centre, Wilstead - Bedford Road, Wilstead
- Household Waste Recycling Centre - Barkers Lane, Bedford. You must book an appointment to visit this site. Please [visit our Household Waste Recycling Centre Webpage](#) for more information and to make a booking.
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The decision follows a rapid rise in infections, hospital admissions and case rates across the country, and our hospitals are now under more pressure than they have been at any other point throughout the pandemic.

This drastic jump in cases has been attributed to the new variant of COVID-19, which scientists have confirmed is between 50%-70% more transmissible.

The four UK Chief Medical Officers have advised that the COVID threat level should move from level four to level five, indicating that if action is not taken NHS capacity may be overwhelmed within 21 days.

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- Shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- Go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- Exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- Meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one.
- Seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm - including domestic abuse.
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible.

Businesses including all non-essential retail, indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, entertainment venues and personal care facilities such as hairdressers/barbers must close. Hospitality venues must close but can continue to provide takeaway and delivery.

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GRUNCH NEWS

Environmental surveys are to be carried out during 2021 on the proposed East-West Railway.

This will include the section between Bedford and Cambridge that runs through parts of Ravensden and Wilden.

More than 600 landowners along the entire route have been contacted in order to gain access to their land. The surveys aim to gather data on features such as rivers, streams and also anything of historical interest.

Initial baseline maps have also been released ahead of non-statutory consultations that are being planned for early 2021.

Together with the environmental data, the feedback from the consultations combined with other data will help to develop potential designs for the railway.

"We want to make the baseline maps available to local residents and their representatives," said East-West Railway programme delivery director Ian Parker.

"We are grateful to the landowners and their representatives such as the National Farmers Union for allowing us to gather the new surveying data."

The scheme will connect communities between Oxford and Cambridge including Bedford and Milton Keynes.

Phase one between Oxford and Bicester was completed in 2016. The second phase between Bicester and Bedford was given the go-ahead in February 2020 by the Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps.

In August 2020, consultants Steer were appointed to do a business plan for the third and final stage between Bedford and Cambridge, which goes through Ravensden and Wilden.



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The proposal has been put forward to improve safety and reduce delay for arriving aircraft.

Aircraft arriving at London Luton Airport currently share a holding area with Stansted Airport, which makes the arriving airspace complex for air traffic controllers.

The proposal gives London Luton a new holding area north of the airfield with new arrival routes from the holding area to the runway.

The proposal is jointly being made by National Air Traffic Controllers Swanwick and London

Luton Airport.

London Luton Airport Operations Ltd has been primarily responsible for designing the routes from 7000ft and below while NATS Swanwick has designed those 7000ft and above.

The CAA have published a formal process called CAP1616 that has to be followed by London Luton Airport when making an airspace change.

There has to be CAA approval at the end of each stage in order for the project to progress.

The consultation started on 19th October 2020 and ends on 5th February 2021.

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1pm-2pm Upper Dean
2.25pm-3.30pm Gt Staughton

Tuesday

1.25pm-3pm Thurleigh Village Hall

Wednesday

9am-11am Riseley
11.15am-12.15pm Gt Staughton
12.30pm-2.00pm Colmworth

Thursday

1.25pm-3pm Bletsoe (near the bus stop)

Friday

1pm-2pm Colmworth (Village Hall)
2.25pm-3.30pm Thurleigh (Village Hall)



● The Mobile Post Van is still operating through the Third Lockdown.

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● Felmersham staged a successful Scarecrow event in August.



● 'Boris' was one of the stars of the Dean & Shelton Country Fayre Scarecrow Competition in September. He was pictured in Lower Dean.

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DAILY GRUNCH REVIEW OF 2020



● As part of their VE Day celebrations, Riseley Community Theatre put on a virtual Dad's Army performance.

The cast was as follows: **Capt Mainwaring:** Jon Davis (Pictured above), **Sgt Wilson:** John Murray; **Cpl Jones:** Martin Hargreaves; **Pte Walker:** Martyn Wady; **Pte Frazer:** Pete Swallow; **Pte Godfrey:** Peter Allen; **Pte Pike:** Simon Nash; **The Cook:** Tricia Worth; **Shirley:** Jane Davis; **The Warden:** Mark Worth. **Special thanks to Jamie Nash for his assistance.**



● Riseley villagers put on socially-distanced VE Day street parties. There were many events taking place celebrating the 75th Anniversary while the Covid-19 guidelines were followed.

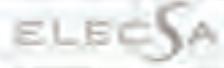
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DAILY GRUNCH REVIEW OF 2020



● These Tandy youngsters were part of an impressive virtual Felmersham Got Talent Show that took place during the VE Day weekend. Throughout the year, the residents of Felmersham organised many 'Lockdown' events. Special mention to The Sun public house.

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FOCUS ON THE CHRISTMAS FLOODS



Many villages in the North Bedfordshire Wolds and the Ouse Valley were under water following torrential rain on 23rd December.

The above picture was taken by *Brian McGovern* and shows the floods in Yelden in the High Street and Trailly Close area.



Other villages affected included Riseley, Melchbourne, Upper Dean, Wilden, Gt Barford, Harrod, Carlton, Bletsoe, Felmersham, Radwell and Sharnbrook.

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Several motorists on their way home were left stranded as the floods took control of the country roads.

Many people had to protect their homes and businesses with sandbags in Riseley and Yelden.

Many people had stories to tell including a woman who was returning home to Lincolnshire from Northampton only to find the A14 and A1 flooded. Her diversion was equally flooded and had to be rescued near Kimbolton.



● The above picture in Riseley was taken by **Janet Parker** and the top left by **Brian McGovern** of cars struggling to get through Yelden.

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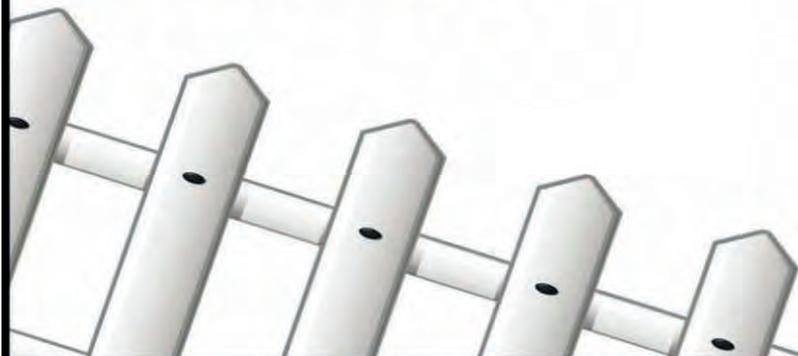
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● Residents do emergency work in Riseley Brook to prevent further flooding in the village.

Picture: Zoe Sheffield

● The Sat Nav says it is the right way. But really to get through, you would need a boat. This is the scene at Podington where the road between Rushden and Harrold was completely overwhelmed by water.

The picture was taken on Wednesday 23rd December following a day of constant heavy rain.

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● *Paul Barden's dramatic aerial photo shows the extent of the flooding in Great Barford. You can just see the top of the bridge.*

● *Jac Jax Stephenson* took this picture in Great Barford on Boxing Day when the flood surge reached the village. Sky News made a visit when the River Great Ouse was at its peak in this particular area.

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● This is an amazing picture taken by *Bridget Pierson-Davis* in Felmersham showing how the local pub The Sun was surrounded by water. The village is very used to floods from the nearby River Great Ouse but the 2020 Christmas Floods was one of the worst ever.



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● *Harrold Fire Service* provided these pictures showing how busy they were over the Christmas period. They were regularly in their dinghies rescuing stranded motorists in the frightening flood water. Even though it was obvious the roads were dangerous, some still tried their luck. Those in 4 x4 vehicles had better fortune than those in the smaller family cars. When the water resided, there was the added danger of black ice caused by a sudden drop in temperatures as 2020 drew to a close.

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● The Causeway between Carlton and Harrold was submerged by water as this impressive picture by *David Jenkins* shows.

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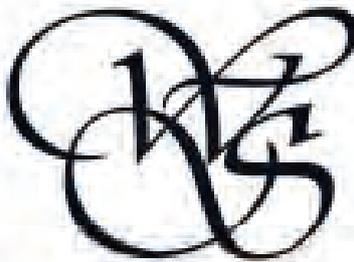
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● The sign for the village of Carlton says 'Please Drive Carefully'. Well it was impossible to drive along this stretch of road.

Picture: David Jenkins

● The old A6 at Clapham was completely under water when the neighbouring River Great Ouse burst its banks affecting some houses and businesses.



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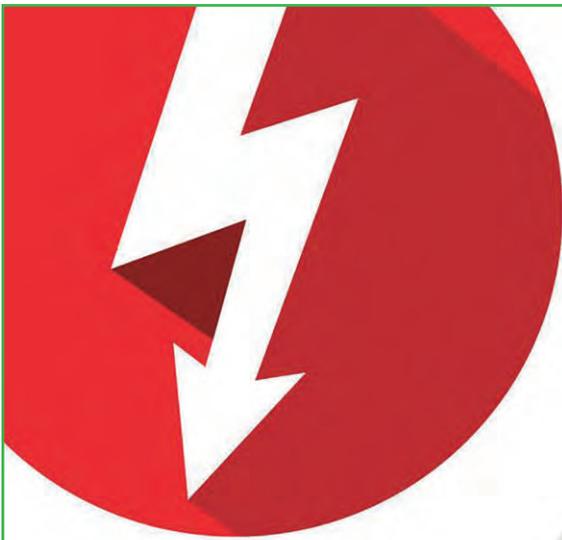
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● The twin bridges at Oakley were completely impassable for several days even when the water resided. This was because the temperatures dropped below freezing causing black-ice conditions.



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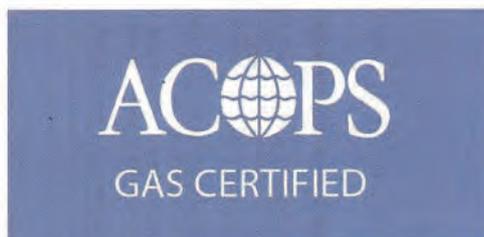
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● Harrold's Simon William released his first single 'Happy' on Friday, 26th June.

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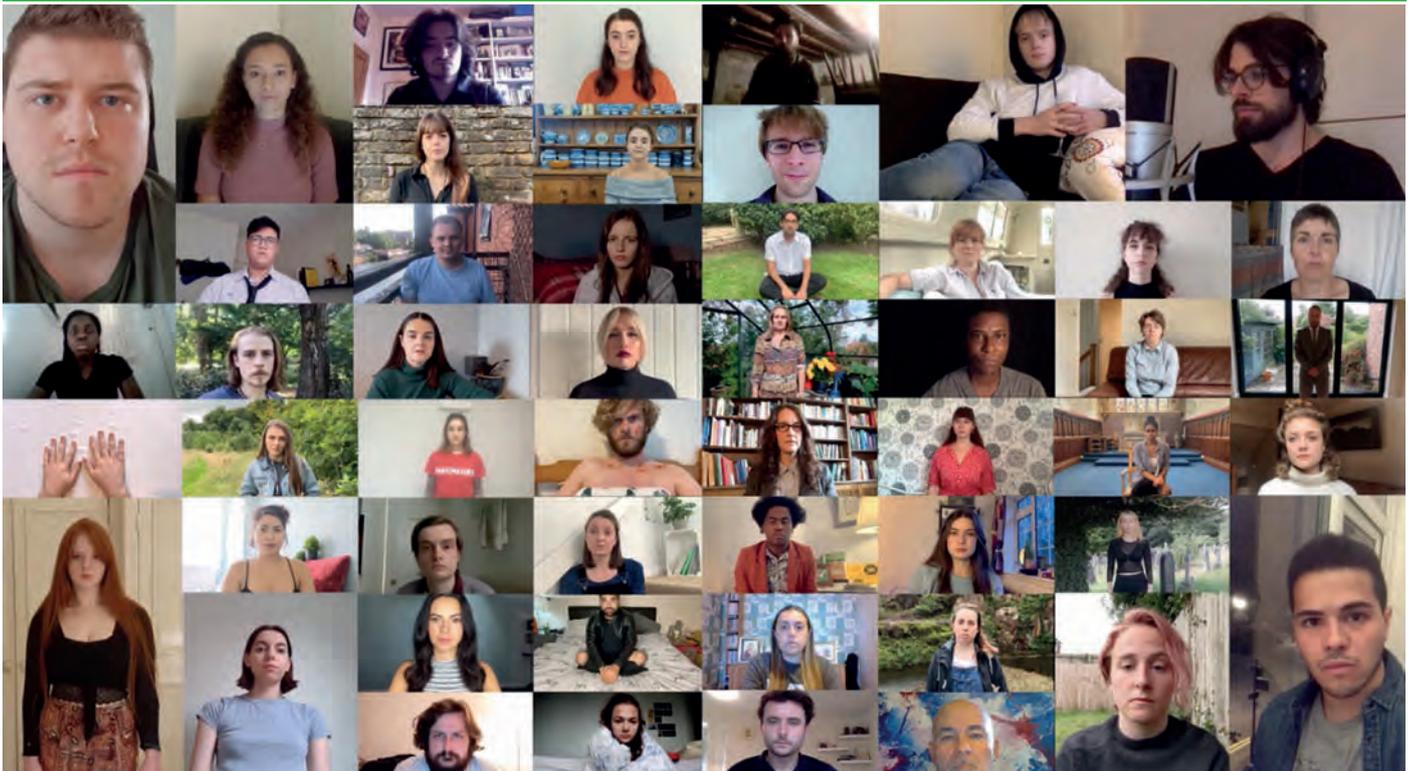
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The Place Theatre has launched a new magazine to help propel them into a better 2021.

The Post was a welcome surprise for the Bedford theatre's subscribers and will give an interesting insight on what goes on behind the scenes.

Head of communications Lissy Malt said it has been a difficult time for The Place but they are looking forward to the future with some optimism.

"As with all theatre groups and also for everyone, it has been very difficult but we are keen to move forward," said Lissy. "We are delighted with the first edition of The Post and it includes plenty of fun material. It will also keep everyone informed on what is happening at The Place.

"Also we have made some very exciting appointments and I know they will be working very hard to make The Place even more of a popular venue for theatre-goers."

Joanna Robertson is the social media assistant. Having lived locally for the last few years, and with a background in social media



HARRI MARDLIN



EMILY ALLEYNE

and events, Joanna is looking forward to getting to know The Place community.

Emily Alleyne joins us as distribution assistant. Getting involved in community theatre just last year, Emily is excited to embrace this new role and get out and about making connections around Bedford.

Harri Mardlin will be working as an associate producer with the community. With a background in the arts, training and running her own theatre company, she is very excited to collaborate with The Place community groups.

"I am sure they will all work hard and make a significant contribution to all the activities at The Place," said Lissy.

To subscribe to The Post contact The Place at account@theplacebedford.org.uk



JOANNA ROBERTSON

GRUNCH THEATRE

A CHRISTMAS CAROL SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

Gerald Charles Dickens' one-man show of A Christmas Carol was presented at the Sharnbrook Mill Theatre on Saturday 12th December.

As the great-great-grandson of the author, Gerald has been performing his show in the United States and Europe since 1993 and it has obviously been honed by innumerable family performances since Dickens' own public readings in the 1860s.

With a minimal set of a hat stand, armchair and table he entered through the audience and immediately brought to vivid life all the characters of the story – Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Marley, Bob Cratchit and the ghosts of Christmas present, past and future – in what only can be called a tour de force as he scampered over the stage varying his voice and facial gestures with impeccable timing.

A Christmas Carol may be sentimental, but Gerald Dickens held the audience with an engaging wit and humour, at one point admonishing us gently for not 'oohing' and 'aahing' at the imagined smell of Christmas dinner. In over 150 years the story has not lost its magical power to move audiences in its tale of redemption and love.

A round of applause should also be given to the chairman and staff of the Sharnbrook



● A fine one-man performance at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre by Gerald Dickens.

Mill Theatre Trust for all the work done to reopen the theatre under COVID restrictions. Despite the obligatory facemasks and social distancing, the evening was a delight from beginning to end. Let us hope that 2021 will see the full return of such live theatre.

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350g puff or shortcrust pastry - use a block or ready to roll. Or make your own.

$\frac{1}{2}$ **tsp** butter

1 large or **2** small leeks cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ cm rounds

125ml whipping cream

1 large egg

150g frozen spinach defrosted

200g peas

4 mozzarella pearls

Heat the oven to 200 °C, 180 °C fan or Gas 6 with a baking sheet inside to heat up.

Lightly dust a work surface with flour then roll the pastry out into a circle large enough to line a 22cm tart tin, 3cm deep, with a removeable base.

Trim off any excess overhanging pastry and chill while you make the filling.

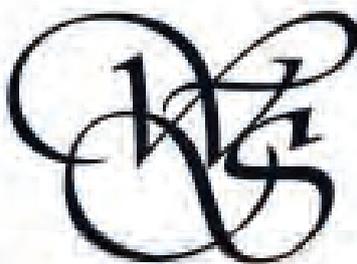
Heat the butter in a frying pan and fry the leeks in a single layer for a minute.

Add 50ml water and cover. Cook over a low heat for four minutes, checking regularly to make sure the pan does not dry out.

Whisk the cream and egg then mix in the spinach and peas.

Tip the pea mixture into the base of the tart and arrange the leeks on top. If you do not want the leeks on top then stir them through the pea mixture.

Break the mozzarella pearls in half and dot over the tart. Slide the tart on to the hot baking sheet in the oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the filling is cooked through. Leave to rest for five minutes before cutting.



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Renhold Castle also known as Howbury earthwork at Water End Farm, was a medieval castle located in the village of Renhold, in the hundred of Barford, in the county of Bedfordshire, England.

Renhold Castle was a timber motte-and-bailey castle, encased by a moat. It was located four miles east of Bedford Castle and a mile south of Great Barford Castle.

Only earthworks remain at the site, which is a Scheduled Monument protected by law.

George Joye, who was born around 1492 at Salpho Bury, lived in the village. He studied at Christ's College, Cambridge around 1514 and was ordained as a priest in 1514.

In 1517 he obtained a Masters of Arts degree and became a Fellow of Peterhouse.

Joye was Publisher of the first English Primer (1529), the first ever Protestant devotional book to be published in English.

Also he produced the first English translation of Psalms (1530).

There is little official information about the history of Renhold.

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● Former X-Factor star Nicole Lawrence appeared at Thurleigh Sports and Social Club in February to help the Giddings family to raise money for Children With Cancer UK.



● St Mary's Church Yelden was decorated and lit up for the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May.

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● Yes, 2020 was a strange year that few will ever forget. As far as local football was concerned, the 2019-2020 season did not finish because of the Covid-19 pandemic. And the 2020-21 campaign is currently under threat. However, Riseley Sports will never forget the day when they defeated Step Two side Leamington in the Hopper & Son Virtual Voting League Challenge Trophy much to the dismay of one anonymous Keysoe resident who supports the Warwickshire club.

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BEDFORD 2020 SPORT HEROES

Thurleigh Cricket Club captain Rob Stean has been recognised for his services to TENNIS.

Rob spends most of the summer daylight hours at the cricket ground in Keysoe Road but still finds time to organise tennis events at the Riverside club in Bedford.

While he was guiding Thurleigh to a top-four finish in the Elstow Invitational Cricket League, Rob was grappling with Covid-19 regulations to ensure a big junior tennis tournament went ahead.

In his nomination for the Bedford 2020 Sporting Heroes, a Riverside spokesperson said: "Rob Stean has instigated a shift in fortune for the Bedfordshire LTA Junior County Closed event at Riverside Tennis Club in the last few years.

"It is the biggest tennis competition in the county across all ages and despite the challenges of COVID-19, Rob successfully organised and ran the tournament again this year. He scheduled all age group events with no crossovers to ensure fewer than 30 people were on-site at all times. He ensured social distancing was maintained throughout the tournament.

"Racket taps became the norm instead of handshakes at the end of each match. Rob took great pride in liaising and re-assuring parents and players, scheduling matches and ensuring the tournament ran smoothly throughout the week."

● **Turvey swimmer Sarah Poll has also been recognised for swimming the English Channel in 16 hours in July.**

Sarah was one of the first swimmers to complete the crossing after the initial Lockdown was eased.



● **Rob Stean, left, and Ed Steele.**

Sharnbrook Football Club's Ed Steele has also been recognised for his work behind the scenes at Lodge Road.

The stalwart has been described as the invisible 'face' of the club using social media to promote the club and is the first port of call for enquiries. Eddie has improved and strengthened the communication pathways within the club and also the Bedfordshire FA.

A Sharnbrook official commented in his nomination: "He was also an important part in the formation of the new adult reserve team; this ensures that in excess of 20 players can play football regularly – some of whom have been playing for the club since they were eight years old."

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GRUNCH FOOTBALL

The Bedfordshire County League is looking at ways to conclude the current season following confirmation of a Third Lockdown in England on Monday.

It is unlikely that there will be any non-league football at Step Three and below until March at the earliest.

Once the green light has been given, clubs require ten days to prepare for the restart ensuring all the guidelines are put in place for a match to take place.

Also players need time to make sure they are fully fit and prepared for a competitive match.

Although some leagues at a higher level are considering to extend the season to the end of March, this is not as straightforward for clubs in the Bedfordshire County League.

There are a number of clubs who share their facilities with cricket clubs including Riseley Sports at Gold Street.

The same applies to Stevington who play their games at Pavenham, where the ground is used by Pavenham & Felmersham Cricket Club in the summer.

In a statement on the Bedfordshire County League website, secretary Barry Snelson said all options are being looked at.

Mr Snelson is aware that many clubs have played very few games with the season starting late in October then curtailed during the Second Lockdown.

It resumed briefly at the start of December before Bedfordshire went into Tier Three then Tier Four and subsequently into the current Lockdown.

"We are looking at whether we can complete some divisions," said Mr Snelson. "Also we may look at alternative competitions for March and April."

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