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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.

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Front Cover: *Riders compete in a class at the Souldrop Horse and Dog Show.*

Picture: Graham White

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WELCOME TO THE DAILY GRUNCH

It will be four years on 12th April since we launched the online Daily Grunch.

This replaced the traditional Rural Grunch, which we had published and printed since March 2009.

We made the decision to go online following the Covid 19 Lockdown that came into effect on 23rd March 2020.

After Covid 19, the UK has suffered a cost-of-living crisis and it is safe to say we would not have been able to continue the magazine in its traditional form due to the increase in prices for paper and print.

As indicated in its title, we are able to update the online magazine on a daily basis and we do this 300 times a year.

This allows us to give coverage of local community events almost immediately after they have taken place rather than wait up to 31 days, which was the case with the printed monthly issue.

The same applies with advertising as we can insert material almost as soon as we

receive the copy. The online magazine is also in colour, which makes our coverage of community events more attractive.

Our goal remains the same - supporting community events and small businesses.

You will have noticed on our access page - www.grassrootspublications.co.uk - that we have produced a number of supplements.

The Summer 2023 includes a record of community events during the first part of last year while the Autumn 2023 does likewise up to Christmas.

We are aiming to produce similar publications for 2024.

We have also set up a Business and Community Directory. Please contact us at dailygrunch@outlook.com for further information including rates for the Directory.

See below for The Daily Grunch Rate Card.

Graham White

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TAKE A SHORT CUT BY SUE

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' .

You will find 16 entries in the 27th October.2020 edition.

Sue
www.renholdvillage.co.uk

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Why not try a walk with North Beds Ramblers?

We are a friendly group who walk on Saturdays:
Every Saturday afternoon, approx. 6 miles

Saturday mornings, twice monthly, 10 -12 miles
Just turn up wearing suitable footwear and clothing
Sorry only assistance dogs allowed



We walk in all weathers,
you may get wet and muddy!!

Bring refreshments
(and plenty of water in the summer)



Interested?

Find our programme on the Ramblers website <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northbedsramblers>
Twitter @nb_ramblers

Walks are free but if you decide to walk with us regularly we would like you to join the Ramblers

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Collection Calendar

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

December 2023 and January 2024 Date Changes

Recycling only

Mon 25 Dec	moves to	Sat 23 Dec
Tues 26 Dec	moves to	Weds 27 Dec
Weds 27 Dec	moves to	Thurs 28 Dec
Thurs 28 Dec	moves to	Fri 29 Dec
Fri 29 Dec	moves to	Sat 30 Dec

Rubbish only

Mon 1 Jan	moves to	Tues 2 Jan
Tues 2 Jan	moves to	Weds 3 Jan
Weds 3 Jan	moves to	Thurs 4 Jan
Thurs 4 Jan	moves to	Fri 5 Jan
Fri 5 Jan	moves to	Sat 6 Jan

Key

Red Outline =
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Recycling Only

Purple =
Recycling and Garden

Grey =
General Rubbish

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GRUNCH OPINION

So in a column in a local online newspaper, Mayor Cllr Tom Wootton states that Bedford is on the up and the up.

The Mayor backs up his argument by stating that the town should be proud of the events that it stages such as the River Festival and the Summer Concerts in Bedford Park.

However, the Mayor appears to have forgotten one event that he should be really proud of.

We have heard of the Edinburgh Festival, which showcases the arts every year.

It may come as a surprise that Bedford plays an important part in that Festival, giving performers the chance to fine tune their acts.

The Bedford Fringe Festival has grown over the years and has become one of the largest Fringe events in England.

It may take a little while to get used to the fact that the performance you are watching is a 'Work in Progress'.

The reality is that the act is already of a very

high standard and you will be watching a quality show.

There, though, may be the odd occasion where the performer will admit that something needs modification before the big event.

This was the first time I have been able to watch a reasonable number of events, ranging from comedy, mind readers and music. I can honestly say I did not see a below-par performance.

A particular favourite was mind reader Matt Daniel-Baker. I do not usually believe in such things but was left baffled. How did he know the name of my best mate at school 50 years ago?

On the same night Riseley singer Sarah Chiari was performing in the bar and another highlight was the Confessions of a Teletubby plus there was the hilarious Ironing Board Man. Man. Pay a visit next year Tom.

Graham White

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FOCUS ON THE VILLAGER BUS

The Villager Bus is run by volunteers for the North Bedfordshire communities. There are scheduled routes each week and it can be hired for outings.

The new bus can take up to 16 passengers including space for one wheelchair user. It has a low floor for easy access and a wheelchair ramp, as well as air conditioning, WiFi and phone charging points.

The Villager Bus provides regular bus services from the North Bedfordshire villages to various destinations, including Olney, Bedford, Milton Keynes, Rushden Lakes and St Ives. Concessionary Bus Passes can be used as well as payment by card or cash. Currently the cost of a single journey to any destination is only £2.

The purchase of the new bus was made possible with the generous support of various sponsors including Bedford Borough Council, the Harpur Trust, The Gale Family Charity Trust, Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust, Wixamtree Trust, The Connolly Foundation and the Christopher H R Reeves Trust.



● The brand new Villager Bus.

The Villager Bus is a service for all, helping everyone to get out to town centres and local supermarkets. It has been run entirely by volunteers since 1987 with the aim of improving the lives of those in the North Beds villages.

The service supports many older people and those with mobility problems who may find it difficult to travel on their own. It's a great opportunity to socialise too! We currently deliver between 250 and 300 passenger journeys a month as well as frequent community hires.

● The Villager Bus (Sharnbrook) committee member Andrew Gell welcomes a passenger for a local service.



FOCUS ON THE VILLAGER BUS

Riseley/Thurleigh – Sainsbury's (Bedford, Clapham Road)
Route VL12 - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

	Out	Return
Riseley, High St. (Gold St)	0930	1135
Bletsoe, Church	0940	1130
Milton Ernest, Opp Queens Head	0945	1125
Sainsbury's	0955	1110
Thurleigh, The Close	1010	1225
Milton Ernest, Marsh Lane	1020	1215
Sainsbury's	1040	1200

Sharnbrook – Riseley - Melchbourne – Rushden - Waitrose/ Rushden Lakes
Route VL13 - 2nd Monday of each month

	Out	Return
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0855	1308
Sharnbrook, Opp Nisa Store	0858	1305
Bletsoe, Opp Church	0903 RR	1300
Thurleigh, The Close	0918 RR	1255
Riseley, High St (Gold St)	0930	1243
Riseley, Primary School	0933	1240
Swineshead, Church	0936	1237
Upper Dean	0943 RR	1230
Melchbourne	0948 RR	1225
Yelden, High Street /Spring Lane	0953	1220
Newton Bromswold Village	0957	1216
Rushden, College Street	1003 RR	1210
Rushden, Waitrose/Rushden Lakes	1012 RR	1201

Passengers are strongly advised to book their journeys, apart from the Olney and Sainsbury's runs, using our website.
www.sharnbrookvillagerminibus.co.uk
 Or phone: 01234 708191

Where you see RR in the timetable, this means **Rider Request**. The bus calls for passengers on request only, ie where booked.

Sharnbrook - Felmersham - Odell - Harrold - Lavendon - Olney Market
Route VL5A - Every Thursday

	Out	Return
Sharnbrook, The Swan	0910	1148
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0912	1146
Felmersham, The Sun	0915 RR	1143
Odell, Bell	0920	1138
Harrold, Green	0924	1134
Lavendon, Cross	0932	1126
Olney, Market Place	0938	1120

Carlton - Stevington - Bromham - Turvey - Cold Brayfield - Olney Market
Route VL5B - Every Thursday

	Out	Return
Carlton, Fox	1003	1243
Stevington, West End	1008	1238
Stevington, Cross	1010	1236
Stevington, Alms Houses	1012	1234
Bromham, Grange Lane	1017	1229
Turvey, Station Road	1023	1223
Turvey, Jacks Lane	1025	1221
Turvey, Green	1026	1220
Cold Brayfield	1028	1218
Olney, Market Place	1036	1210

Felmersham - Sharnbrook - Riseley - Kimbolton - Huntingdon - St Ives
Route VL14 - 3rd Monday of each month

	Out	Return
Felmersham, The Sun	0840 RR	1557
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0850	1550
Sharnbrook, Opp Nisa Store	0900	1547
Bletsoe, A6 Bus Stop	0905 RR	1542
Milton Ernest	0907 RR	1540
Thurleigh, The Close	0905 RR	1535
Riseley, High St (Gold St)	0917	1523
Riseley, Primary School	0920	1520
Swineshead, Church	0923	1517
Melchbourne Village	0929 RR	1511
Upper Dean, High Street	0933	1507
Shelton, Bus Stop	0937 RR	1503
Lower Dean, High Street	0942	1458
Tilbrook, White Horse	0945	1455
Kimbolton, Post Office	0948	1452
Stonely, Main Road	0950	1450
Gt. Staughton, Snooty Tavern	0953	1447
Dillington, Crossroads	0954	1446
Perry, Opp Wheatshaf	0956	1444
Brampton, Thrapston Road	1007	1433
Huntingdon, Bus Station	1010	1430
St Ives, Bus Station	1025	1415

Sharnbrook - Harrold - Turvey - Milton Keynes
Route VL15 - 1st Tuesday of each month

	Out	Return
Sharnbrook, Swan	0930	1331
Sharnbrook, Lodge & Loring Rd	0932	1329
Odell, The Bell	0936	1325
Harrold, Centre	0943	1318
Carlton, The Fox, via The Moor	0950	1311
Turvey, The Green	0958	1303
Newton Blossomville, Old Mill	1004	1257
Clifton Reynes, Robin Hood	1011 RR	1250
Milton Keynes, Shop Centre	1030	1230

Clapham-Oakley-Stevington-Turvey-Milton Keynes
Route VL6 - 4th Tuesday of each month

	Out	Return
Clapham, Community Centre	0900	1330
Oakley, High Street	0905	1325
Oakley, Memorial	0907	1323
Pavenham, Close Road	0910	1320
Pavenham, Weavers Lane	0913	1317
Stevington, West End	0918	1312
Stevington, Cross	0920	1310
Bromham, Grange Lane	0925	1305
Turvey, Station Road	0930	1303
Turvey, The Green	0932	1300
Newton Blossomville, Old Mill	0938	1253
Clifton Reynes, Robin Hood	0945 RR	1243
Milton Keynes, Marks & Spencer	0958	1230
Milton Keynes, The Point	1000	1230

Melchbourne-Riseley-Sharnbrook-Olney-Milton Keynes
Route VL7 - 3rd Tuesday of each month

	Out	Return
Melchbourne, Village	0850 RR	1335
Swineshead, Church	0855 RR	1330
Riseley, Primary School	0900 RR	1326
Riseley, High St (Gold St)	0903 RR	1323
Bletsoe, Church	0909 RR	1317
Sharnbrook, Swan	0916	1310
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0918	1308
Odell, The Bell	0921	1305
Harrold, Centre	0926	1300
Lavendon, Cross	0931	1255
Olney, Market Place	0936	1250
Milton Keynes, Marks & Spencer	0954	1230
Milton Keynes, The Point	0956	1230

The Villager Minibus



The Villager is a friendly bus service that runs through many North Bedfordshire villages going to Milton Keynes, Olney, Rushden Lakes, St Ives and Sainsbury's in Bedford. All Concession Pass holders travel free and children travel half price.

Do support your local community bus service run and driven by volunteers.

Thurleigh - Harrold - Lavendon - Olney - Milton Keynes
Route VL4 - 2nd Tuesday of each month

	Out	Return
Thurleigh, The Close	0900 RR	1322
Milton Ernest, Queens Head	0905 RR	1317
Radwell Village	0907 RR	1315
Felmersham, Sun	0910	1313
Carlton, Crossroads	0918	1307
Carlton, The Fox	0920	1305
Harrold, Centre	0925	1300
Lavendon, Cross	0935	1250
Olney, Market Place	0940	1245
Milton Keynes, Marks & Spencer	0958	1230
Milton Keynes, The Point	1000	1230

24 April 2023

Sharnbrook/Odell - Harrold - Sainsbury's (Bedford, Clapham Road)
Route VL11 - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month

	Out	Return
Sharnbrook, Opp Fordham Arms	0930	1230
Sharnbrook Court	0935	1225
Sharnbrook, The Swan	0937	1223
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0940	1220
Odell, The Bell	0943	1217
Harrold, Centre	0948	1212
Carlton, The Fox	0954	1206
Pavenham	1003	1157
Clapham	1015	1145
Sainsbury's	1020	1140

Our bus is available for community private hire. Our website has more information:

www.sharnbrookvillagerminibus.co.uk

or e-mail: villagerbus.sharnbrook@gmail.com

If you are interested in becoming one of our volunteer drivers do phone us for an informal chat without any obligation on 01234 708191.



SOULDROP HORSE AND DOG SHOW



Borough Councillor Nicola Gribble was on hand to cast an eye over our canine friends at the Souldrop Horse and Dog Show.

Cllr Gribble, the representative for Ravensden and Renhold, had to make some tough decisions because of the high standard of entrants.

The Shetland Pony class was a popular section in the Horse Show, which also saw riders show excellent skills on the larger breeds.

COVERAGE ON PAGES 10-12

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

SOULDROP HORSE AND DOG SHOW



COVERAGE ON PAGES 10-12

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

SOULDROP HORSE AND DOG SHOW



The Souldrop Horse and Dog Show was held for the 32nd time, being staged at the Show Field on the Colworth Estate.

There was a high standard of entrants with riders showing a high level of skill with their horses.

In addition to the ring events, including the Dog Show, there were a number of stalls, selling a wide range of products.

The Show raised money for The Brooke - Hospital for Animals - and Chestnut House, which supports families of sick children being treated at the Rosie 'Home from Home Unit' within Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge.

COVERAGE ON PAGES 10-12

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

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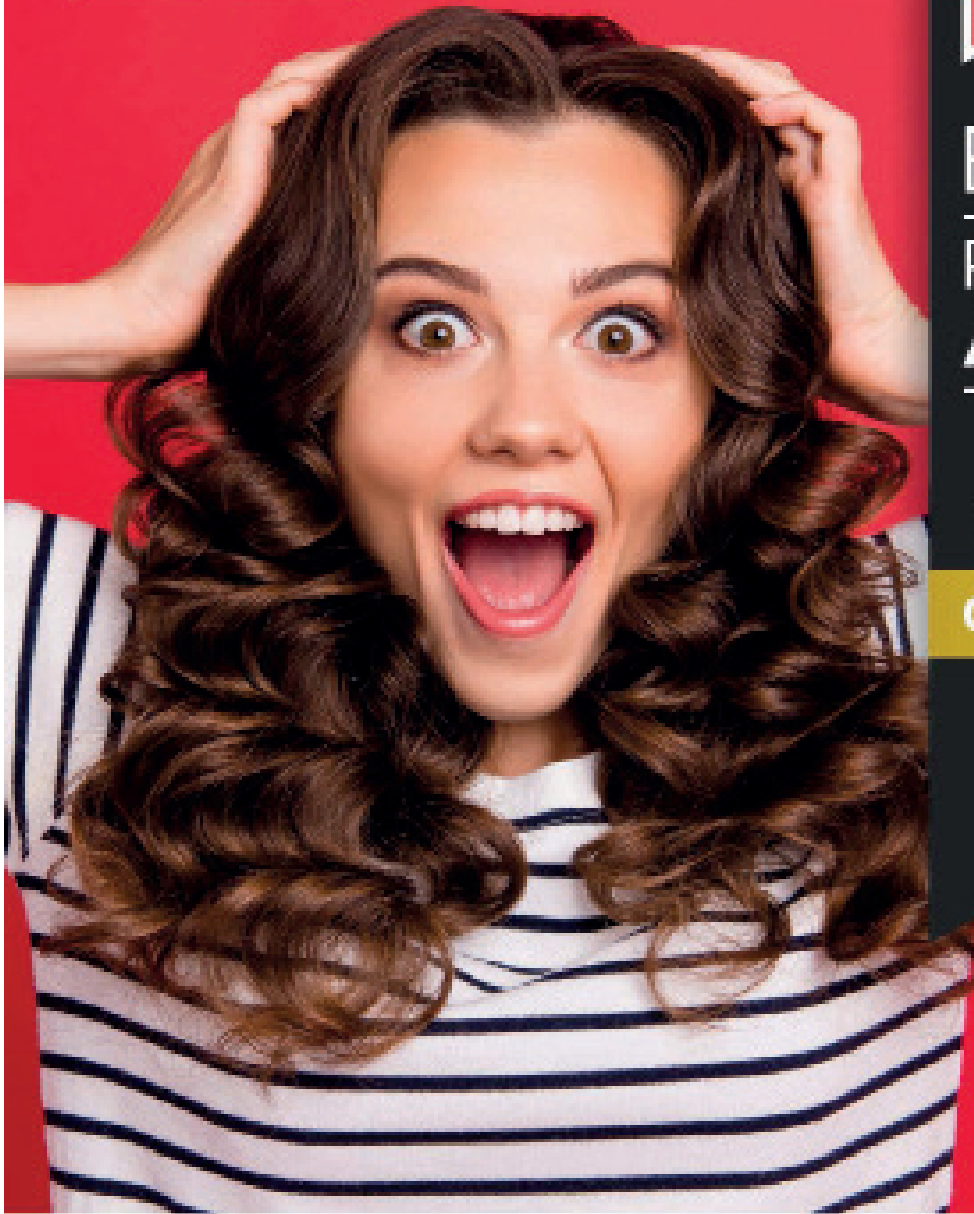
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www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/walks

Leighton Buzzard Ramblers, North Beds Ramblers
Lea & Icknield (Luton) Ramblers, Ivel Valley Walkers



BEDFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF AUTUMN WALKS 2024

Ahead of the Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks from 7th-15th September we would like to let you know about some of the really exciting things we will have on offer.

This year we have decided to go bigger and bolder and have reached out beyond the four groups that make up the Bedfordshire Area.

Firstly, we have engaged with local Ramblers Groups that border Bedfordshire. As Ramblers, I am sure many of us enjoy a day out across the county border – so let's invite local groups into Bedfordshire to share our beautiful country.

So far, we have commitment from Huntingdon Ramblers, Wellingborough Ramblers and the Stag Walkers, a Hertfordshire Rambling group aimed at the 20,30,40's. We also have a walk offered by the Northampton Shamblers.

Thinking outside the box, local interest walks always get a good turn-out and so we are delighted to share that on Friday 13th we have a Ghost Walk being run by our great friend and original Bedfordshires Walks Festival organiser Barry Ingram – come if you dare!

We also have guided walks around our Bedford Victorian Cemetery, the first looking at interesting names and the second on the beautiful variety of trees that call the cemetery home.

There are also two history walks being run in Turvey by the Turvey History Society. In addition, there will be a history walk around Luton and a pre-history walk in the surrounding hills. We are also delighted to have a nature walk in the Warden and Galley hills run by the Chiltern Trust.

What would a festival be without a training course? So, we are delighted to announce the return of a map reading course, being run as part of the festival.

Feeling a bit more adventurous? Why not try the 40 miles Greensand Ridge Challenge



● **A Bedfordshire Festival Walk at Upper Dean in 2023.**

hosted over a weekend or too much like hard work? Then maybe a gentle stroll along the River Great Ouse and a gentle sail back on the John Bunyan Boat may be just up your street, sorry river!

I want something different - I hear you say! Then hopefully our Bat Walk will interest you! Our nine days of walks will vary from a half mile leisurely stroll to a 21 mile march across the Greensand Ridge, so hopefully there's something for everyone.

The Bedfordshire Walking Festival 2024 - 7th – 15th September - will be so much more than just walking. Come and find out. For more information and the full program go to: www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/walks or check out our dedicated Facebook page Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn walks.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sandra Kelsey

HARROLD SIXES CRICKET TOURNAMENT



● There was plenty of excitement at the Harrold Sixes Tournament on August Bank Holiday Monday. Harrold Ringers clinched the title by getting the winning runs off the last ball in the final. The Plate was won by Harrold OGs.



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Sunday 1st September: Sharnbrook Playing Fields, Lodge Road. 4.30pm. Brookie Balloon Fest. BBQ from 4.30pm. Balloon preparation from 5.30pm. Flight from about 6.30pm-7pm. Dependent on weather conditions.

Saturday 7th September: North Beds Ramblers Walk - 1.30pm at Wilstead Whitworth Way. Park in car park off Whitworth Way, Wilstead. 6 miles. Hilly walk and slippery in places if wet. No stiles and sheep in fields. For further details go to www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire.

Saturday 7th September: The Dalton Centre Upper Dean at 12.30pm. The Dean & Shelton Country Show. Entertainment for all the family including stalls, band music, exhibition of vintage vehicles plus traditional showing of fruit and veg along with crafts and photography.

Saturday 7th September: Coffee Shop, Stables Christian Centre, Bolnhurst. 2pm-4:30pm. Homemade cakes with tea, coffee in a rural setting. On sale: plants, preserves, and craft items. Facebook: [stableschristiancentre](https://www.facebook.com/stableschristiancentre)

Saturday 7th September: Keysoe Village Show at 2pm. The Village Show at Keysoe. Entertainment for all the family including WI marquee for teas. Showing of fruit and veg, crafts and photography. Plus Scarecrows Competition.

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September: Turvey House, High Street, Turvey. 9am-5pm. Bedfordshire Steam and Country Fayre. Vintage Vehicles and steam engines. Plus entertainment for all the family.

Saturday 14th September: Churches in Bedfordshire and Beyond. 9am-6pm. Bike and Hike Day. Cycle, run or walk to churches in your area. Raising funds for your local churches.

Saturday 14th September: Riseley Village Hall at 1.30pm. Riseley Show. Showing of fruit, veg, crafts and photography. Entertainment for all the family including Dog Show. Official opening at 2pm.

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GRUNCH NEWS

□ The Village Show at Keysoe will take place on Saturday 7th September at Keysoe Village Hall. It has been announced that there will be the return of the Scarecrow Competition, which was a key feature in the pre-Covid years. It is likely the showing of vegetables will be popular along with the crafts and paintings/photos.

To be part of this Show by placing an exhibit please ensure you get a Schedule as follows: search for the Village Show at Keysoe on Facebook or contact Penny on 01234 378878 for a copy.

□ All Saints Church, Renhold hold a Pop Up Coffee Shop on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to noon. The next one is scheduled for 10th August.

The Brookie Balloon Fest is being held at the Sharnbrook Playing Fields, Lodge Road, Sharnbrook on Sunday 1st September. Dependent on weather, this will be between 6.30pm and 7pm. BBQ from 4.30pm and preparation of balloons from 5.30pm.



● A Jumble and Table Top Sale was held at Thurleigh Village Hall on 27th July. The Hall, which has a sprung dance floor, is available for hire. Contact Jane on 07817 226154.



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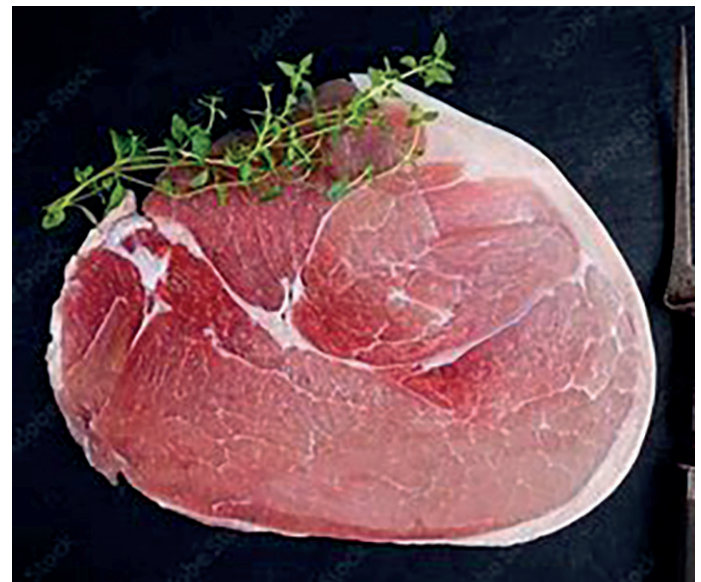
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GRUNCH NEWS

□ The Soukldrop Charity Horse Show and Family Dog Show at Colworth takes place on Sunday 18th August. The event is being held to raise money for The Brooke, a hospital for animals. Funds will also go towards Chestnut House, supporting families of sick children being treated at The Rosie 'Home from Home' Unit within Addenbrookes Hospital.

□ The summer fete season is now coming to a close and the focus after the holiday season will be the autumn shows. They begin on 7th September with the Dean & Shelton Country Show along with the Village Show at Keysoe. The Riseley Show takes place on Saturday 14th September with a new organising team.

□ The Bedfordshire Steam Rally and Country Fayre takes place at Turvey Park during the weekend of Friday - Sunday 13th-15th September. This is a fascinating show featuring many vintage vehicles. There will also be many displays in the main ring. For the youngsters, a traditional fun fair is always popular.



● The showing of vegetables will be one of the highlights at the Dean & Shelton Country Show on Saturday 7th September.

BRIDGET'S COCKTAIL COLUMN



TEQUILA MARIA

Ingredients and Method

In a Shaker over Ice.

¼ oz lemon juice

3oz tomato juice

1¾ oz tequila

Season like a Bloody Mary (black pepper, celery salt, Worcestershire Sauce, Tabasco)

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Thanks to Star Trek actor Casey Biggs

GRUNCH RECIPES OUR FAVOURITES

Eggs Benedict Gordon Ramsay - BBc Good Food

3tbsp white wine vinegar
4 eggs
2 toasting muffins
4 Parma ham

For The Hollandaise Sauce

125g butter
2 egg yolks
½ tsp white wine vinegar or tarragon vinegar
squeeze of lemon juice
pinch of cayenne pepper

Bring a deep saucepan of water to the boil (at least two litres) and add 3tbsp of white wine vinegar. Lower the heat down to a gentle simmer. Break the eggs into four separate coffee cups or ramekins. Split the muffins, toast them for a few minutes on both sides and warm some plates.

To Make The Hollandaise Sauce

Melt the butter in a saucepan and skim any white solids from the surface. Keep the butter warm. Put the egg yolks, white wine or tarragon vinegar, a pinch of salt and a splash of ice cold water in a metal or glass bowl that will fit over a small pan. Whisk for a few minutes then put the bowl over a pan of barely simmering water and whisk continuously until pale and thick, about 3-5 minutes. Remove from the heat and slowly whisk in the melted butter bit by bit until you have a creamy Hollandaise. Season with lemon juice and cayenne pepper. Keep warm.

Swirl the vinegared water briskly to form a vortex, add an egg and cook for 2-3 minutes. Repeat with other eggs. Spread some sauce on each muffin, crunch some ham on top then top with an egg. Spoon over remaining Hollandaise sauce and serve at once.

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The Bell Fest at Odell was another huge success with a variety of music throughout the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

The event started on Friday 23rd August with Sophie Mae

and Glam Rampage.

On Saturday 24th August, there was the Woody Brown Experience, Heir to the Tone, and DJ Gary.

Sunday 25th August saw

Sounds Fine including Bletsoe's Nicole Hassall, Duzzy Avacado and the Bedford Morris Dancers.

The final day, 26th August saw Russo Robertson, Paul Strummer and Stolen Mojo.



FOCUS ON THE RISELEY SHOW



After more than a decade in the role, Judith Wright has stepped down as organiser of The Riseley Show.

Judith rebuilt the event from scratch and turned it into one of the best occasions in north Bedfordshire.

However, the future is in good hands as a trio of well-known faces in the village have taken on the responsibility of organising the events on the field at this year's show on 14th September - **Nicky Perfect, Karen Aves and Sharlene Taylor.**

Sharlene said: "This year, we are aiming to showcase everything that makes Riseley so special. From our fantastic local groups to the vibrant community spirit, we want to celebrate it all.

"We want to have all of the incredible Riseley groups to come together for a day of fun and festivities.

"We appreciate not all groups are able to have a stall.

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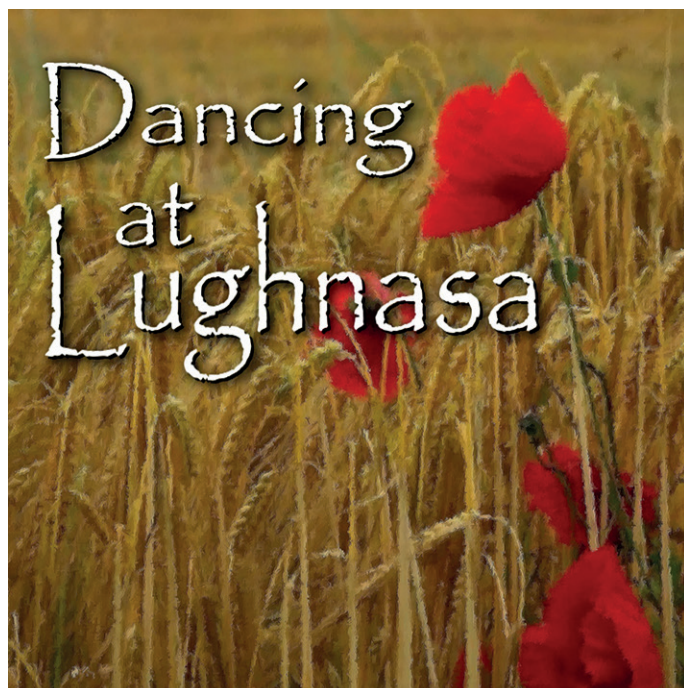
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Dancing at Lughnasa
Produced by Swan Theatre Company
The Place, Bedford
24th-28th September
7.30pm
Tickets: £14 Concessions: £10-£12

Michael looks back on the late summer of 1936, when he was seven years old and living with his unmarried mother, Chris, and her four older sisters in the village of Bally Beg in Donegal.

Michael's Uncle Jack had just returned home after twenty-five years as a missionary in Africa, and they are also visited by Gerry Evans, Michael's father who promises to marry Chris and buy Michael a new bike. It's the festival of Lughnasa and there's magic in the air as Michael watches his mother and her sisters dance crazily to music on the radio.



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13th September
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Tickets: £15 Concessions: £12



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Sir John Falstaff, everyone’s favourite Shakespearean sleazeball, has fallen on hard times. In order to fix his finances he plans to seduce the wives of two wealthy merchants. But, wise to his wily ways, the ladies take the opportunity to punish Falstaff by playing a series of hilarious tricks on the nincompoop knight.

Expect silly slapstick, abundant anachronisms and memorable music nestled amongst Shakespeare’s poignant poetry as the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons put their own innovative and interactive spin on this classic comedy.

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GRUNCH THEATRE

Tugging At The Sea
Produced by Bedford Creative Arts
The Place, Bedford
21st September
7pm
Tickets: £10



Tugging at the Sea is an absurdist comedy about the dangers of propaganda.

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The island is governed by three Leaders whose primary mission is to craft these slogans and keep the F.O.G. operational.

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DAILY GRUNCH BIG MATCH

RENHOLD

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RENHOLD

It was a difficult start to the season for Renhold in the Bedfordshire County League Division One.

Firstly they had to survive a pitch inspection after a crack was found in one of the goalmouths caused by the August mini-drought.

Then they had to face a side, from Hertfordshire who turned down promotion after finishing third last season.

Bufs controlled the game from start to finish leaving a new-look Renhold to reflect on a 3-0 home defeat.



GRUNCH FOOTBALL

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE:

Local football returns on **31st August** with a number of new teams in the **Premier Division**, which has 14 sides.

The newcomers are Totternhoe Reserves, Cranfield United Reserves and Wootton Blue Cross.

Totternhoe Reserves were the Division One champions on goal difference from Blue Cross, who appear to be on a revival. Many will remember the days when Wootton Blue Cross were a force in the United Counties League back in the 1980s and 1990s.

From the 2000s, Blue Cross suffered a decline and plummeted from area football down into the local structure.

Despite finishing fourth in Division One, Cranfield United Reserves were allowed to go up to the next level after Buffs declined the offer. The Crawley Road side start their season with a home game against Riseley Sports, who have made several changes

behind the scenes. The Gold Street side have finalised their links with Kimbolton Town Colts and have appointed Mark Field as manager.

AFC Oakley start their campaign at Biggleswade FC Reserves while in **Division One** Renhold host Buffs.

In **Division Two North**, Sharnbrook Reserves have renamed themselves as Thurleigh and travel to FC Haynes while M&DH Clapham Sports are at Bedford Albion Development.

Turvey make the long trip to Stopsley United Reserves in **Division Four**.

FIXTURES - 31st AUGUST

Bedfordshire County League Premier

Division: Biggleswade FC Reserves v AFC Oakley; Cranfield United Reserves v Riseley Sports. **Division One:** Renhold v Buffs **Division Two North:** Bedford Albion Development v M&DH Clapham Sports; FC Haynes v Thurleigh. **Division Four:** Stopsley United Reserves v Turvey

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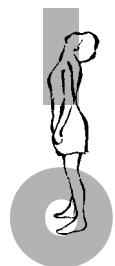
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CRICKET FOCUS ON THE POLDEN CUP



Wilden retained the Polden Cup after defeating Renhold All Stars by a few runs.

The Polhill Arms based side knew it was going to be tough against a League side even though they are currently holding up the Bedfordshire Invitation League Division One.

Not sure who won the toss but it was Wilden who batted first.

The umpires, notably organiser of the event Andy Webber, added some new rules including the one where a batter would be given out if he was playing in a boring fashion.

Sponsors for the day included Bedfordshire Auto Locks, Josh O'Neill Agricultural and Mechanical Services and caterers Appy Days.

On these pages, Wilden are pictured batting and Renhold All Stars fielding.



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CRICKET FOCUS ON THE POLDEN CUP



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GRUNCH CRICKET

Bedfordshire Invitation League: Wilden are stranded at the bottom of **Division One** after suffering a disappointing nine-wicket defeat at Kempston Hammers on **17th August**.

Andy Teacher and captain Matthew Vine top scored with 30 as the visitors struggled to 130-9.

This was not a testing target for Hammers as they eased home on 131-1 with Nigel Thorn undefeated on 66.

Pavenham/Felmersham went down by 21runs at home to Kempston Methodists, who were bowled out for 220. The pick of the hosts bowling attack was Toby Blizard, who took 3-44.

It was a battling response with captain, wicketkeeper and opener Ben Beazley hitting 43 but Alan Bickers top scored with 54 while Toby Blizard made 47. However Pavenham/Felmersham fell short on 199.

In **Division Two**, the local derby saw Harrold

II bag a 110-run victory over Thurleigh II.

The hosts posted 247-3 with opener Ian Cruse smashing an unbeaten 102 while Sam Cruse was 62 not out.

Thurleigh could only reply with 137 with Dominic Lee-Krishna making 41 while for Harrold there were two wickets each for Thomas Noble, Chris Nicol, Subbu Muggulla and Ben Saunders.

FIXTURES - 31st AUGUST

Northamptonshire Cricket League Division Five: Long Buckby v Thurleigh

Four Counties League: Division One: Sharnbrook/Bromham v MK Warriors. **Division Three:** St Andrews v Harrold

Bedfordshire Invitational League Division One Aspley Guise v Wilden; Pavenham/Felmersham v Old Warden. **Division Two:** Thurleigh v Riseley **Division Three:** Kempston Hammers II v Sharnbrook/Bromham II

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DAILY GRUNCH TEST MATCH

*Thurleigh 125 lost to
Riseley 126-0 by 10 wickets*



Thurleigh II are waiting to see if they finish bottom of the Bedfordshire Invitation League Division Two after their 10-wicket defeat against Riseley. Relegation rivals Harrold play their final game on 7th September and need three points to move above Thurleigh II. The above picture shows Riseley executing a run out. On the right sees a lower-order Thurleigh batsman being bowled while, below, Riseley bat towards their win.



SHARNBROOK BOWLS CLUB

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sharnbrook Bowls Club Triples Team - from left to right: David Payne, Andrew Manning and skip Chris Beard



DAVID PAYNE



CHRIS BEARD

Sharnbrook Bowls Club narrowly missed out on a place in the quarter-finals of the National Triples Championships after losing 21-15 to Manchester's Heaton Park.

The trio of David Payne, Andrew Manning and skip Chris Beard progressed through two rounds on 22nd August. They defeated Essex's Grays Town 21-11 in the Preliminary Round then bagged a 24-13 victory over Brimfield & Little Hereford from Herefordshire.

Heaton Park have made further progress and are in the semi-finals on 24th August.



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