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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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WELCOME TO THE DAILY GRUNCH

It was 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
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We walk in all weathers,
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(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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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
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Rubbish only

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

Key

Red Outline = Date Change

Orange = Recycling Only

Purple = Recycling and Garden

Grey = General Rubbish

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GRUNCH OPINION

Some key meetings are taking place this autumn with regards to the proposed East West Railway.

One has already taken place at Ravensden and the next is at Clapham on 24th September.

It is interesting to note these meetings are not being arranged by EWR Ltd but by BFARe.

A further development is that the latest EWR chief executive David Hughes has postponed or even cancelled a site meeting with BFARe.

This comes shortly after a successful freedom of information request with regards to EWR's construction impact assessment.

This assessment appears to focus on the situation at St John's, Bedford and specifically the work that will take place in the vicinity of Bedford Hospital.

Since the revelations and also the arrival of the new government, there has been little news regarding EWR.

EWR Ltd are certainly noticeable by their

absence and really a member of the Labour central government should be in attendance at these autumn meetings.

However, I am sure BFARe will be able to discuss people's concerns including the construction impact in our area.

To clarify, this is the construction work needed for Route E and specifically where it crosses the Great Ouse Valley Way, Paula Radcliffe Way, the old A6 close to Clapham, Butler Street, the B660, Shrubbery Lane and Colmworth Road along with the impact it will have on Clapham Park, Ravensden, Wilden and Colesden.

Work needed to construct bridges and viaducts over the major routes will cause unbelievable disruption.

For example what is the proposed diversion route into Bedford on the A6 from the north Bedfordshire villages and Rushden. What will be the quality of life for those living in Ravensden, Wilden and Colesden during and after the railway has been built?

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 - Melkbourne – Rushden - Waitrose/ Rushden Lakes

Route VL13 - 2nd Monday of each month

	Out	Return
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0850	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
Melkbourne	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, Aims 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 - 2nd 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
Melkbourne 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
Stoney, Main Road	0950	1450
Gr. Staughton, Snooty Tavern	0953	1447
Dillington, Crossroads	0954	1446
Perry, Opp Wheatsheaf	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 Keynes, 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 Keynes, Robin Hood	0945	RR 1243
Milton Keynes, Marks & Spencer	0958	1230
Milton Keynes, The Point	1000	1230

Melkbourne - Riseley - Sharnbrook - Olney - Milton Keynes

Route VL7 - 3rd Tuesday of each month

	Out	Return
Melkbourne, 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 1312
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	1150
Sharnbrook Court	0935	1125
Sharnbrook, The Swan	0937	1123
Sharnbrook, Lodge Rd/Loring Rd	0940	1120
Odell, The Bell	0943	1117
Harrold, Centre	0948	1112
Carlton, The Fox	0954	1106
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 please contact us for an informal chat without any obligation on 01234 708191.



BEDFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL

The Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks 2024 ran between 7th and 15th September this year.

It is fair to say that the Festival was a huge success with 55 walks, attracting 850 walkers over the nine days.

What did we do differently this year? The Festival is hosted by the four groups that make up Bedfordshire – North Beds, Leighton Buzzard, Lea & Icknield (Luton) and Ivel Valley Walkers.

It's a huge task managing to source a large number of walks so this year we reached out to other groups and invited them to come and run walks as part of the Festival.

We had a terrific response to our request. We had support from our neighbouring ramblers groups – Wellingborough Ramblers, Hunts Ramblers and Stag Walkers.

In addition to these, we garnered support from local affiliated groups Bedford Rambling Club and Toddington Ramblers together with general walking groups The Northampton Shamblers and U3A.

And of course we should also mention the fantastic well-being walks, which contributed a number of shorter walks. 2024 also saw the return of the Greensand Ridge Challenge, covering 40 miles in two days.

All this meant we were able to offer walks from one mile to 21 miles across the nine days. Absolutely something for everyone.

The Festival tries to reach out to people who may not normally consider walking and this year, we had a large number of interest walks that sparked attendance from far and wide.

The Festival covered Friday 13th and we were delighted to host a Ghost, Murders and Mysteries walk, which attracted 29 walkers.

There was also a bat walk in the evening where the walkers were provided with bat detectors. We spotted four different types of bats and saw a huge number as they



emerged from their roosts to feed around the lake at Harrold and Odell Country Park.

There were short town walks looking at the industrial parts of Leighton Buzzard and the various industries associated with Luton.

One of the benefits of town walking is that it allows accessibility for less mobile members of the public.

Fancy a nosey around a cemetery and see the history that is locked up in the gravestones? The two walks around the Victorian Cemetery in Bedford certainly sparked people's interest.

We are proud that our efforts opened up walking to a wider community.

Our dedicated webpage also attracted groups who contacted us to advertise their walks via this medium and Turvey, a north Bedfordshire village, saw huge interest generated in their historical weekend.

Then there were nature walks too – it's the bird migration season and an early morning walk was offered by Marston Vale to see the birds packing their bags to fly south.

All the above supplemented our usual offering of morning, afternoon and all day walks and covered the whole of the county and showcased the beautiful countryside that we call home.

Sandra Kelsey
North Beds Ramblers on behalf of
Bedfordshire Ramblers

KEYSOE VILLAGE HALL

BIG BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 19th

NOVEMBER 16th

DECEMBER 21st

9am - 11am

Full English - £7.50

Small English - £4.50

Tea & coffee included

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JUST TURN UP

BEDFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Bookings are now open to decorate a tree at this year's Bedford Christmas Tree Festival on 4th to 8th December at St Paul's Church, Bedford. To book a tree email Jane Knight at jane@80kltd.co.uk for an application form.

Trees are allocated on a 'first paid first allocated' basis and last year all trees were allocated by early October so do not delay.

The Festival has become a firm favourite in Bedford's Christmas Calendar and this year's theme for the decorations is 'The Magic of Christmas'.

The decoration of the 65 trees and the participation of school and community choirs plus performers who entertain the public throughout the Festival create a magical atmosphere.

Last year over 7000 people visited or took part in the Festival and just over £24,000 was raised for Bedford Hospital and St Paul's Church, which was incredible. Why not take



part or come and support this very special charity event.

Keep up to date with the Festival at www.facebook.com/bedfordchristmastreefestival

Pictures: Ann Collett-White



RISELEY SHOW



The new organisers of the Riseley Show managed to get at least one thing right - they successfully ordered some sunshine.

It was a glorious afternoon with some fantastic attractions on the main field, including a family dog show and a Pimms tent, while the traditional fruit and vegetable exhibits were the main attractions in the village hall along with the arts and crafts.

For the first time that many could remember, there was a queue to get into the Show, which was opened by favourite local author, both adult and children, Julia Jarman.

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SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

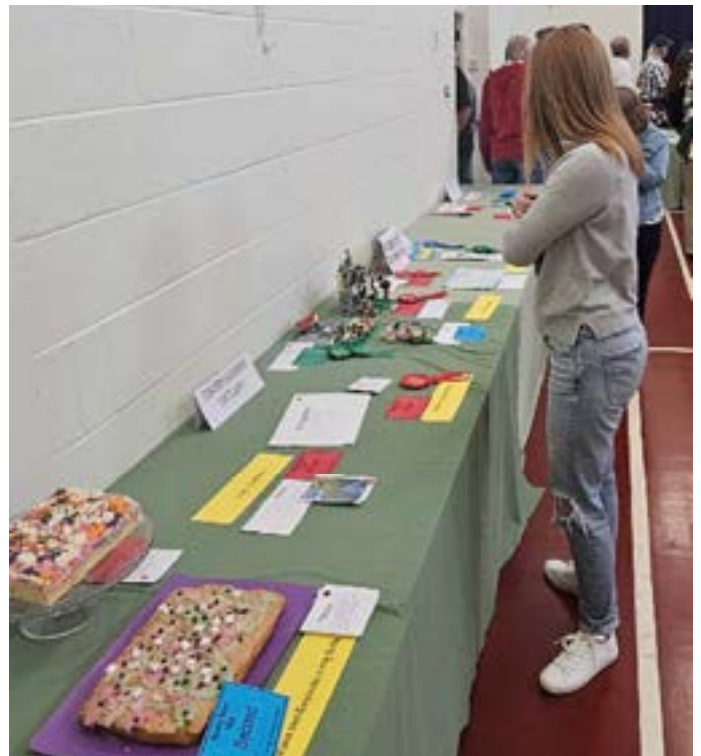
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BOLNHURST MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



● The popular Bolnhurst Coffee Morning raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 20th September. The cakes were particularly popular especially the coffee cake.

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Saturday 26th October: North Beds Ramblers Walk - Castle Ashby Hardwater Mill Walk at 10am. 12.25 miles. Meeting at Castle Ashby public car park. NN7 1EW. Walk takes in Grendon and the Summer Leys Nature Reserve, Hardwater Mill and Cogenhoe Mill. For further details go to www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire.

Saturday 26th October: North Beds Ramblers Walk - Ampthill West Car Park MK45 2HX at 1.30pm. 7 miles. Walking around local area. May be hilly. Car park located off B530. For further details go to www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire.

Saturday 26th October: Carlton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Carlton Village Hall Quiz. Teams up to 6 persons. Tickets £5 per person available at Carlton Village Shop only. Licensed bar

Saturday 26th October: The Old School, School Lane, Bolnhurst. 10.30am. Coffee Morning and Book Browse. Enjoy a coffee and cakes plus a chat with friends.

Friday 8th November: Riseley Church Field at 6pm. Riseley Fireworks Display. The Fireworks are set to be lit from 7pm. Tickets £5. Under-4s Free.

Saturday 16th November: Keysoe Village Hall at 9am-11am. Keysoe Big Breakfast. Full English £7.50. Small Breakfast £4.50. Includes Tea and Coffee. No need to book. Also on 16th November and 21st December.

Tuesday 19th November: Addison Centre, Addison Park, Kempston at 2pm for 2.15pm. Bedford National Trust meeting. Talk by John Hele on 'The History of Ampthill' Everyone welcome. Plenty of parking available. Cup of tea served at 2pm. No need to book. Just come. Small admission fee.

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Every Saturday: There may be football matches at Riseley, Oakley and Thurleigh

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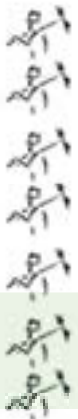
● The Scarecrows Competition returned to the Village Show at Keysoe on 7th September for the first time since Covid.



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KEYSOE BIG BREAKFAST



A great turnout of local residents enjoyed a traditional English breakfast at Keysoe Village Hall on Saturday 19th October.

A dedicated team of cooks Julie, Jane and Laura served up perfectly cooked sausages, bacon, eggs, mushrooms and baked beans.

The next Big Breakfast is on Saturday 16th November with a Christmas Special on Sunday 21st December.

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SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER

KEYSOE BIG BREAKFAST



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COVERAGE ON PAGES 20-21

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER

FELMERSHAM SCARECROWS



The Scarecrows returned to Felmersham and Radwell during the weekend of the annual Show. Again there were some amazing displays.

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

GRUNCH NEWS

□ The Keysoe Big Breakfast takes place on Saturday 19th October from 9am to 11am at Keysoe Village Hall. The Full English Breakfast is £7.50 and a Small English is £4.50. Coffee and tea is included. No need to book.

□ A Jigsaw Festival takes place at Pavenham Village Hall from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 19th October. It is expected there will be 200 jigsaws on display. The event is being organised to raise funds for new changing rooms at Sharnbrook Bowls Club.

□ 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 12th October.

□ The Rushden Town Band Christmas Concert takes place at Keysoe Village Hall on Sunday 1st December at 5pm. There will be plenty of music and traditional carols. Tickets are £8. To book email: bookings@keysoevillagehall.co.uk or contact Janet on 01234 376577.



● The popular Keysoe Big Breakfast takes place at Keysoe Village Hall on Saturday 19th October from 9am-11am.

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Ingredients and Method

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Top with soda water.

And relax and enjoy.



Thanks to Star Trek actor Casey Biggs

SHARNBROOK SCARECROW FESTIVAL



The Sharnbrook Scarecrow Festival was another resounding success with many interesting characters appearing all over the village during the weekend of 4th-6th October.

The big event concluded with entertainment at Sharnbrook Village Hall including a performance from the Umbrella Company along with a BBQ.

The winning scarecrow was 'Alice in Wonderland' by Kate Mizon while the runner-up was 'Tom Hay-ley and Crow-ah Williams' by Rob Moulam. Third was Sharon Abraham's 'Old McDonald's Farm'.

The two village schools also had entries with

the results as follows - Sharnbrook Academy:
1. Pegasus; 2. Cygnus; 3. Phoenix.
Sharnbrook Primary: 1. A; 2. B; 3. C.

Over £1000 was raised by the event for Sharnbrook Primary School.

COVERAGE ON PAGES 24-27

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

SHARNBROOK SCARECROW FESTIVAL



Many of the local organisations put in entries including the Sharnbrook Allotment Association and Sharnbrook Bowls Club.



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SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

SHARNBROOK SCARECROW FESTIVAL



There were many static scarecrows throughout the village but one or two were seen walking around the streets - see page 24

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SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

SHARNBROOK SCARECROW FESTIVAL



A wide variety of scarecrows visited Sharnbrook on the first weekend of October and one or two clearly had a good time.....

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SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

SHARNBROOK HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Sharnbrook Village Hall was close to capacity with many local people supporting the popular annual Horticultural Show.

As can be seen, there were plenty of fruit and vegetable exhibits, all of a high standard.

A particular highlight was the arts and crafts section. And last but not least, the bottles, possibly featuring alcoholic drink.

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SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

SHARNBROOK HORTICULTURAL SHOW



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SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

ANNUAL STEAM ROAD RUN



The Annual Steam Run that starts and finishes at Sharnbrook took place despite the threat of flood water.

The pictures of the vintage

vehicles on these pages were taken at Knotting Green towards the end of their journey.

They had already visited Riseley and Upper Dean.

There were a variety of vehicles providing plenty of excitement for those living in the various villages on the scenic route. The Road Run has become a popular annual event.

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SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

ANNUAL STEAM ROAD RUN



The annual road run through the North Bedfordshire villages including Sharnbrook, Riseley, Upper Dean, Melchbourne and Knotting was organised by the Bedford Steam Engine Preservation Society.

They organise a number of events throughout the year.

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SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

GRUNCH RECIPES OUR FAVOURITES

Char-Spookery Board Easy Cook Magazine

2x 250g camembert
Punnet of black grapes
Mini pumpkins or gourds
Hummus or dips of your choice
Caramalised onion chutney
100g pitted olives
100g mixed nuts
Charcuterie of your choice e.g prosciutto, chorizo
Breadsticks or grissini
4-6 figs, halved or quartered
1 pomegranate, halved
Handful of dried apricots
2 celery sticks, cut into crudites
Crackers (Charcoal look good)
Small baguette, sliced
Halloween decorations e.g spiders or eyeballs to decorate (optional)

like skulls. Halve two grapes to make eyes and quarter a third to make noses. Put the camembert on the board. Slice the off-cuts of cheese and set aside.

Cut the top of one of the mini pumpkins, hollow it out with a spoon and fill with hummus or chutney. Put a few small bowls on the board and fill with the olives and nuts.

Arrange the other ingredients around so everything is nestled together.

Add Halloween decorations if you like to make it as scary as possible.



Get out a large board or platter. Cut semi-circles from each side of the camembert and small triangles from the bottom so they look

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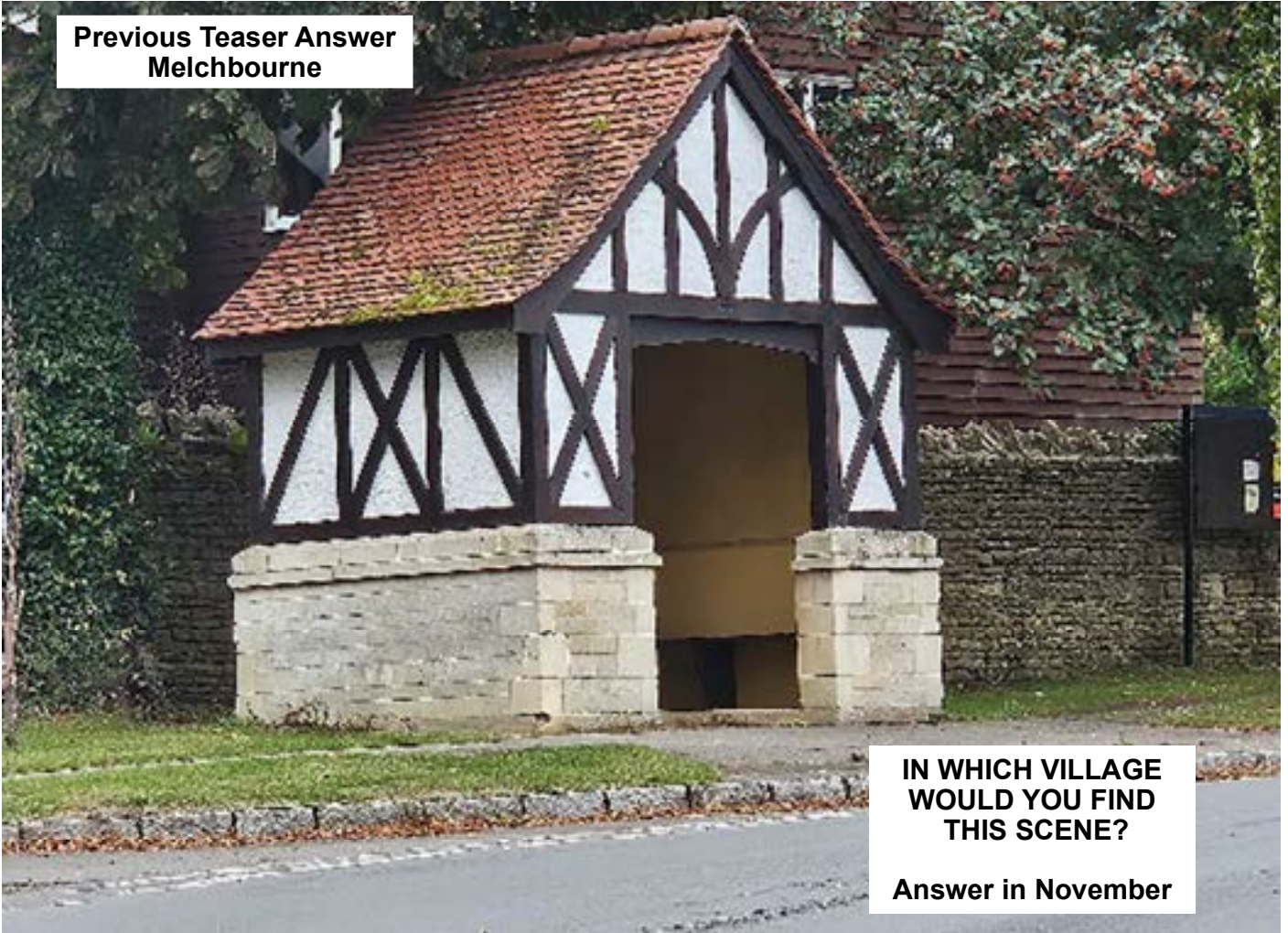
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The Place, Bedford

22nd October

7.30pm

Tickets: £16 Concessions: £14

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As partition draws closer, the girls remain oblivious to the spreading social unrest and violence. They're too busy stealing books, swimming in the lake and spying on Rahul (the local hottie). When Naz is betrothed to a tailor from the soon-to-be capital of Pakistan the threat of separation for the young women looms on the horizon. Bound by their love for each other we learn how far they will go to avoid the inevitable.



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GRUNCH THEATRE

Frankenstein (On a Budget)

Produced by: Lamphouse

The Place, Bedford

24th October

7.30pm

Tickets: £16 Concessions: £14

One man, one monster, one glorious dream to singlehandedly tell the most famous cult horror story of all time, and absolutely no budget whatsoever. What could possibly go wrong?

Frankenstein (On a Budget) features one actor, some decidedly dodgy backdrops, lots of weather based puns, plenty of cardboard props and more hats than you can throw a stick at.

Can our ill fated doctor build his monstrous creation, play 25 characters, sing a lot of songs, attempt accents from across the world, perform a dance routine, and ultimately save the day in just 60 minutes?



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GRUNCH THEATRE

*Exploring With Kaye Leidoskope:
Exploring Numbers
Produced by Kaye Mahoney
The Place, Bedford
25th October
10am
Tickets: £9 (Pay What You Can)*

Join Kaye Leidoskope for these lively & lovely interactive storytelling sessions for under-fives and their grown-ups. Expect songs, games, crafts and dancing ...perfect for little ones to creatively learn through play!

Kaye Leidoskope (aka Kaye Mahoney) is an experienced performer and workshop leader who loves to help little ones (and big ones!) to create and learn. She also runs Puggle Club, the preschooler's creative arts programme at The Higgins, and you can follow her on social media to find out more at: <https://www.instagram.com/k.leidoskope/> and <https://www.facebook.com/k.leidoskope/>



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GRUNCH THEATRE

*Playbill - The Browning Version/Harlequinade
Produced by Bedford Drama Company
The Place, Bedford
15th-19th October
7.30pm
Tickets: £14 Concessions: £10-£12*

The Browning Version: A middle aged Classics teacher, who had been full of promise in his youth, finds himself with a mediocre career and a failing marriage. His inability to express his true emotions causes friction in all areas of his life. However, the actions of a young pupil result in an unexpected change in perspective.

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DAILY GRUNCH BIG MATCH

RISELEY SPORTS 1

WOOTTON BLUE CROSS 2



Riseley Sports' hopes of picking up their third consecutive win in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division were dashed when they suffered a 2-1

home defeat against newly-promoted Wootton Blue Cross.

James Cooke netted the hosts goal after 25 minutes but Blue

Cross claimed all three points with both of their goals being scored by Keaton Marsh.

Riseley Sports are pictured in their yellow shirts.

GRUNCH FOOTBALL

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE - AFC Oakley are still in second in the **Premier Division** after being held to a 1-1 draw at Marston Shelton Rovers on **12th October**.

Joel Ives netted for the visitors but Harry Baker replied for Rovers.

Riseley Sports promising run of form came to an end when they were defeated 2-1 at home by Wootton Blue Cross.

Newly-promoted Blue Cross are a resilient side and they managed to take all three points through two efforts from Keaton Marsh.

Renhold picked up their first win of the **Division One** campaign when they clinched a 3-2 victory over fellow strugglers Kempston United. The visitors' goals came from Nathan France, Alessandro Guarino and substitute Adelana Gbolaji. The United response came from Elijah Haynes and Fabien Cataldo.

AFC Oakley Development crashed to a 4-1

defeat at home to Sporting Carpathians with their consolation goal coming from Dominic Whiteley.

Thurleigh continued their fine start to the season in **Division Two North** when they recorded a 7-0 win over Clifton Development.

Josh Marshall and Edward Hatfield-Shaw both scored twice with the other goals coming from Charles Hurley, Matas Navickas and Brandon Shoesmith.

M&DH Clapham Sports went down 4-2 to Shefford Town & Campton Development with goals from Flynn Bradley and Fred Shannon.

FIXTURES - 19th October

Bedfordshire County League Premier Division: AFC Oakley v Flitwick Town; Shefford Town & Campton v Riseley Sports. **County Cup:** Flitwick Town Reserves v AFC Oakley Development; M&DH Clapham Sports v Caldecote Reserves; Sporting Carpathians v Thurleigh; Sandy v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves; Turvey v AFC Clophill

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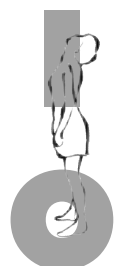
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The Souvenir covers much of the action on the final day of the campaign when Thurleigh clinched a victory at Burton Latimer II to take the title.

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DAILY GRUNCH BIG MATCH

AFC OAKLEY

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FLITWICK TOWN

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AFC Oakley produced some of their best form of the season to clinch an 8-1 victory over Flitwick Town in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division on 19th October.

Chisom Amadi, above, and Teddy Daniels both netted hat-tricks for AFC Oakley with Joel Ives and Omojiseoluwa Bankole also scoring. The visitors replied through Dan Stafford.



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