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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 Picture: Last year's Bletsoe Spring Breakfast. This year's event is on Saturday 2nd March between 8.30am and 10.30am.

Picture: Graham White

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WELCOME TO THE DAILY GRUNCH

The online Daily Grunch celebrated its third anniversary on 12th April after replacing the printed Rural Grunch, which ceased to exist when Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced the first Covid-19 Lockdown on 23rd March 2020.

The Daily Grunch has allowed us to offer greater coverage for our readers especially as we aim to update on a daily basis - now for at least 300 issues per annum.

We are now able to covering a wider area and include most of the villages in the North-East Bedfordshire constituency.

Some people enquire about the old Rural Grunch but unfortunately it would not have been able to continue on a viable basis particularly with the constraints imposed because of Covid-19.

There have been favourable comments for The Daily Grunch especially with the type of coverage we can now offer.

RATE CARD

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A NEW RATE CARD WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM EARLY FEBRUARY 2024.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING JANUARY 2024

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR ADVERTISERS AND READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR However, we will not be able to ascertain how successful the change will be until next summer.

This is because we will not be at full capacity until then because most of the community events that we would aim to give full coverage have been cancelled for this summer.

Despite this, we are still able to give extensive sport coverage and we are looking to increase our support for the local theatre world.

We are still aiming to continue to support the local business community by offering competitive advertising in the online magazine.

We have adjusted the pricing to suit an online magazine and these prices appear on this page. And during tier and lockdown periods we have not charged so have given complimentary issues to our loyal advertisers.

We had to suspend production from 27th September to 29th November 2022 due to eye health issues.

Therefore the 300th issue for 2022-23 was reached on 19th June.

Graham White

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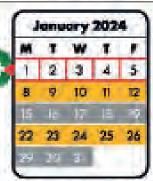
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Many people are now reading The Daily Grunch but for some it is a new experience.

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'.

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

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GRUNCH OPINION

As we all know, railways have been an important talking point for at least the past five years.

The main focus has been on the proposed East-West Railways and the potential destruction of countryside if the preferred, by some, Route E goes ahead.

However, there is a growing discussion on whether there should be extra stations on the Midland Mainline.

We are aware a new station is set to be built at at Wixams, which is to the south of Bedford, to accomodate the needs for the new development that has grown up during the past 15 years.

But to the north of Bedford, there is another housing development set to be built, increasing the size of Sharnbrook by about 500 homes.

This has prompted the call for Sharnbrook Station to be re-instated.

However, there has been a slightly negative response on social media saying that it would cost too much because of the current track allignment.

It should be noted that the powers-to-be are prepared to spend billions on an East-West Railways that few people actually want especially those living in the affected area.

Surely, a train station is something that people would want especially to ease congestion going into Bedford.

My fear is that the decision has been made to reduce the importance of stations in this area. Currently, to go to Leicester and Nottingham you have to change at Kettering and for Derby it is two changes. Previously you could get a direct train.

Rather than adding stations, I fear stations will be axed. I cannot see how Wellingborough can survive with just a chugger service twice an hour on each line - two north and two south.

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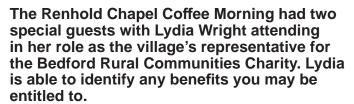
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RENHOLD CHAPEL COFFEE MORNING







Nathan, from Citizens Advice, was also on hand to answer queries on a wide range of topics. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments including cake and biscuits that were on offer.





Picture: Renhold Village Facebook

TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY



FOCUS ON QUEENIE'S CINNAMON BUNS

Let me introduce myself I am Queenie from Queenie's Cinnamon Buns, I am 13-years-old and home schooled.

How my business started: I attended cooking lessons in a training kitchen and decided it was something I found interesting. My favourite thing I first baked was cinnamon buns, they are my favourite, I sold them in my village and got lots of positive feedback.

I entered Junior Bake off last year and got to the last qualifying round but didn't make it on to the TV, which was a great experience, now I am too old to enter again.

I like trying out different recipes. The make/ bake, cinnamon buns, Belgian buns, filled iced buns, cakes, traybakes, danish pastry, cookies, and amazing cheesecakes.

I also make/bake savouries, sausage rolls, bacon and cheese turnovers, vegetarian savouries, pizza focaccia and homemade dog treats.

I have my Level Two Food Hygiene and food



 Plenty of activity at the Great Staughton Indoor Market on Saturday 17th February. The Market attracted many local small businesses.



Queenie with some of her Bakes

allergy and intolerance certificates. I have a food hygiene rating of five, which I am very proud of.

It has really built my confidence knowing people are enjoying my baking and I'm making a little pocket money to save up for my converted horse box, from which I plan to sell all my sweet and savoury treats from.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read a little about myself. If you would like to purchase any of my bakes/savouries or cheesecakes I will be attending Great Staughton Food and Craft Market on the 17th February.

Queenie



Great Staughton Village Hall

GRUNCH NEWS



The Bletsoe Spring Breakfast takes place on Saturday 2nd March between 8.30am and 10.30am at Bletsoe Village Hall.

Ther event is being organised by the Friends of St Mary's Church, Bletsoe.

There is a choice of a Continental Breakfast (Gluten Free available) or an English Cooked Breakfast. Vegetarian/Vegan options available.

The English Cooked Breakfast includes the Continental Selection.

The Breakfast Sittings are: 8.30am, 9am, 9.30am, 10am and 10.30am.

The prices are £6 for Continental £5 for Under-12s and £10 for English Cooked Breakfast (£6 for Under-12s). **Booking** is essential by Wednesday 28th February.

For further information and booking contact Jean by text 07773 392136 or by phone on 01234 782440. Event is Cash Only.



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• Bletsoe's popular musicians have announced their first concert for 2024. The Sounds Fine Group and Sounds Fine Band will be performing at All Saints Church, Kempston Church End, Kempston, MK43 8RH on Saturday 24th February at 7.30pm. Entry is by cash only on the door - Adults £5 and Under-16s free. For further details: Dave Jones 01234 781824, Nicole Hassall 07752 869964, David Webster 07891 701084.



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Saturday 2nd March: Bletsoe Village Hall from 8.30am Bletsoe Spring Breakfast. Includes Full and Continental Breakfast. Bookings between 8.30am and 10.30am. For further information and booking contact Jean by text 07773 392136 or by phone on 01234 782440. Event is Cash Only.

Saturday 9th March: Giddy Goat Cafe, High Street, Riseley. Time to be confirmed. Spring Fayre.

Saturday 9th March: Riseley Village Hall. Mother's Day Pawsome Afternoon Tea. Organised by Cats Protection Bedford & Biggleswade Branch. Bookings between 1.30pm and 3pm. Adults £10 and Children £5. Details and bookings:

https://bit.ly/Pawsome_Mar24

Friday 15th March: Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30pm. Colmworth & Neighbours History Society talk by John Day - 'Racing for Victory - Seaplane Racing in the early 20th Century'. Membership is £12.50p per annum but visitors can attend meetings for a £4 donation.

Saturday 16th March: Keysoe Village Hall. 9am-11am. A Big Breakfast. No Booking. Just turn up and enjoy. Full English £7, Small English £4.50. Breakfast Bap £3.50.

Saturday 16th March: Great Staughton at 11.30am-2.30pm. Great Staughton Indoor Food and Craft Market. Refreshments will be available including tea, coffee and hot chocolate. For further information email: greatstaughtonindoormarket@gmail.com

Tuesday 19th March: Addison Centre, Kempston, Bedford. 2.15pm. Bedford National Trust Meeting. The speaker will be Nicky Perfect on 'The Art of Communication, Hostage and Crisis Negotiation'. Nicky spent many years as director of the UK Training of the National Hostage and Crisis Negotiation Course. She was the first female to be posted to this role and trained police officers to deal with life and death situations from crime in action to kidnapping. No need to book. Plenty of parking available. Refreshments available before the meeting. There will be a small entry cost. For further information contact Betty Thomas on 01480 860421.

Saturday 18th May: Pertenhall from 9am. North Bedfordshire Young Farmers Rally. Judging of livestock, food, crafts etc. Stalls and entertainment for all the family throughout the day

Every Sunday: Great Barford Village Hall at 10am. Great Barford Run Together. Running for fun for all standards including novices.

Every Thursday: Riseley Village Hall 3.30-5pm. Riseley Bus Stop Cafe for School Years 7-13

First Friday of the Month: Keysoe Village Hall at 7.30pm. Bar Night

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

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To many, Henry the 8th was not the most popular of monarchs. While at school, we learned all about his wives and how he changed the religious status of this country.

However, are historians mistaken about the larger-than-life character?

Thurleigh author Andrew Blair proposes a different viewpoint and in his latest fiction novel 'The Trial of Henry the 8th', he explores whether or not Henry would actually have been vindicated by his crimes.

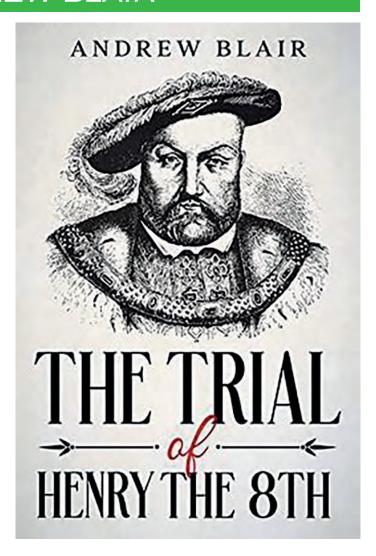
Could he not claim with some justification, that the split from the Church of Rome was more about freeing England from a foreign power than it was about divorcing his first wife Catherine of Aragon? And did Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard actually deserve to be executed?

The bottom line is that Henry VIII has been condemned as England's most evil monarch but is this fair?

With his entertaining novel, Andrew, better known for his carpet cleaning business and as a Bedford and County Athletics Club athlete for nearly 40 years, puts Henry the 8th on trial for crimes allegedly committed in his lifetime.



Thurleigh author Andrew Blair



It is a chance for him to defend himself in a 21st century court under a modern legal system.

As with his previous works, including 'The Viennese Candidate' where he was congratulated by an Oxford University history professor, Andrew's latest book has received excellent reviews.

One such example stated the book on the Tudor king was 'such an unusual subject matter and looked at Henry the 8th from a completely different view than the usual. Couldn't put it down'.

Andrew's latest book 'The Trial of Henry the 8th' is available to download on Kindle for free until early next week.

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☐ The Bolnhurst Walk takes place on May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May at 11am from the Old School, School Lane. There is a choice of walk with hot food and puds on your return. Tickets £8 and further details from jacqui_stone@hotmail.co.uk

☐ The Dean Duck Dash is on Saturday 23rd March at 11am. Although details are still to be confirmed, the Dash is usually followed by a Fayre at the Eileen Wade School.

☐ Free Book Browse sessions are taking place at The Old School, School Lane, Bolnhurst during February and March. The Coffee Mornings are on Saturdays 10th February and 9th March from 10.30am. The Souper Lunches are on Fridays 23rd February and 22nd March.

☐ Whitchurch Wines are holding two wine tasting sessions at their Kimbolton Shop. The first is on Thursday 22nd February hosted by Davvys Wine Merchants featuring wines from Miguel Merino. The second is on Tuesday 27th February and will focus on Madiran Tasting.



 The next meeting of the Bedford National Trust on Tuesday 19th March will feature a presentation by Nicky Perfect on 'The Art of Communication, Hostage and Crisis Negotiation'. Nicky spent many years as director of the UK Training of the National Hostage and Crisis Negotiation Course. The meeting takes place at the Addison Centre, Kempston at 2.15pm.



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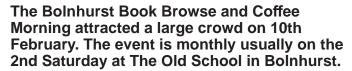
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BOLNHURST BROWSE AND COFFEE MORNING







Its sister event the Bolnhurst Souper is on Friday 23rd February at 12 noon. An additional event is the May Bank Holiday Walk on Monday 6th May at 11am.





GRUNCH RECIPES OUR FAVOURITES

French Sardine Pate John West Promotion - Red

2 tins good quality sardines in olive oil **1tbsp** butter **1tbsp** Dijon mustard **Juice** of half a lemon (or more to taste) **1tbsp** gherkins or capers finely chopped (optional) Pinch of salt and freshly ground black pepper

☐ Season well with salt and pepper, taste and add some extra lemon juice if you like.

☐ If you prefer a smoother consistency, combine the ingredients - as prepped above - in a food processor and pulse to a fine texture.

☐ To serve, garnish with the chives or spring onions and spread over the toast.

To Serve

Finely chopped chives or spring onions 2 slices of wholemeal bread, toasted.

Method

☐ Mash the sardines, including the nutritious bones, in a bowl using the back of a fork.

☐ Add the butter, mustard and lemon juice. Continue to mash until they are all well combined.

☐ Add the gherkins or capers if using.



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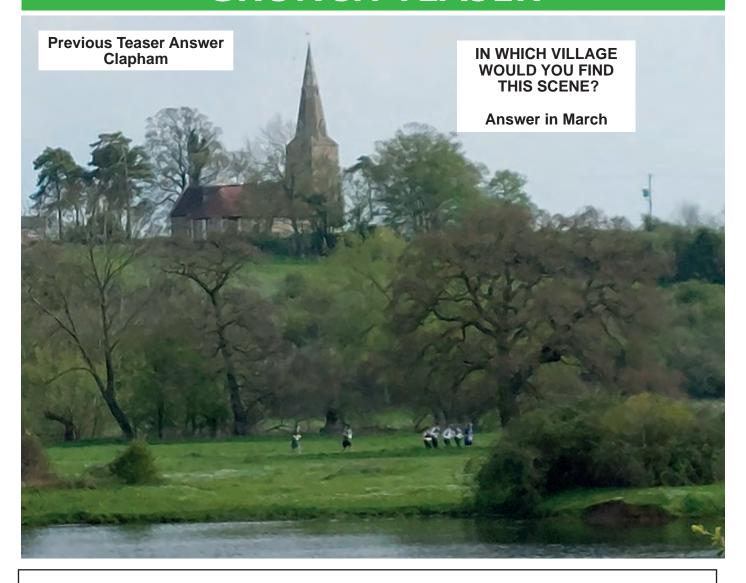
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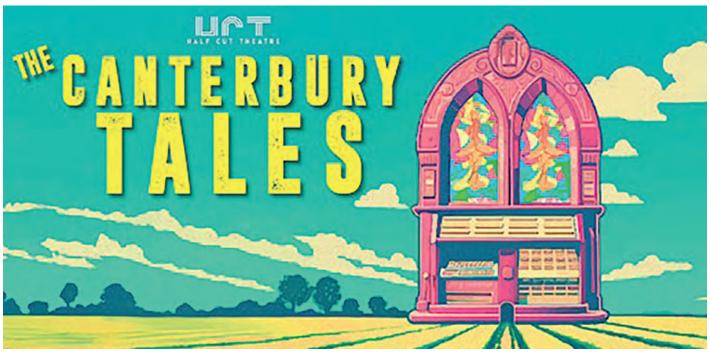
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Tickets are being sold for Kiri Pritchard-McLean's Peacock show on Friday 26th July at 7.30pm during the 2024 Bedford Fringe Festival.

The Festival takes place from 18th July to 28th July with most of the tickets becoming available in March.

Kiri, however, is one of the top drawer attractions so tickets have been released early.

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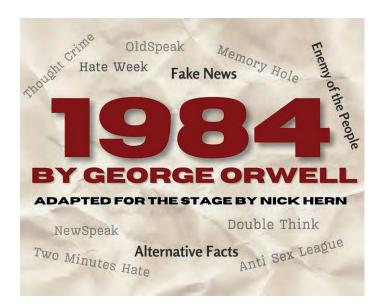
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GRUNCH THEATRE

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An inclusive live performance based on real life stories from women and Trans women. performed by 5 professional dancers and survivors of abuse.

Artistic Director Laura Kenyon uses contemporary dance & theatre to amplify marginalised voices and connect with audiences.

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"The barrier of silence broke with the whipping of their clothes & hair...their gestures...wild." Review by Dance Art Journal



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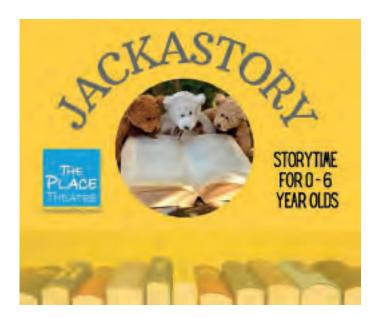
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Not all counties have yellow topped way markers – certainly none of our northern neighbours do, but if you are a regular walker, you may well be aware that they are so much easier to spot than just a plain post. As part of North Beds Ramblers, we are well used to scanning the horizon for our yellow friends to confirm that we are heading in the correct direction.

Bedford Borough has over 900km of footpaths, bridleways and byways so imagine how many posts are distributed along those kilometres.

Sadly, wooden posts do not last forever and they need to be replaced. This is down to the work of Bedford Borough's Rights of Way team, who work hand in hand with local landowners and volunteer groups, including the Ramblers, to try to keep our Rights of Way in good order and well-marked.

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pre-painted but a few years ago that stopped and in stepped the local Ramblers. A number of local Ramblers members volunteer for RIPPLE (Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure and Exercise). As part of this activity, we are the first step in preparing posts for deployment.

A small group mark up the posts for painting and apply three coats of paint – two of which are the bright yellow you will be used to searching out. These posts are then taken out to the various localities where more Ramblers volunteers – along with other volunteer groups and landowners 'plant' them in the appropriate positions. Our group of trusty volunteers are in the process of painting the latest batch of 50 posts to bring our total to over 400.

So next time you see a lovely yellow topped post – spare a thought for those who spend their time painting and deploying the posts. If you see one that is broken you can report its location on the Borough website, ideally with a picture on 'Report a problem on a public right of way". If you would like to get involved, or just walk, please contact North Beds Ramblers on <u>northbedswalks@gmail.</u> com. We don't just paint and deploy posts, but also carry out path clearance, stile repairs and install gates.

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RISELEY SPORTS BIGGLESWADE FC RESERVES





Riseley Sports, sky blue shirts, completed a double over Biggleswade FC Reserves in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division when they came from behind to clinch a 4-2 victory on 24th February. The home side's scorers were Alex Taylor, Lewis Donald, Dan Bennett and Andrew Field. Earlier in the season, Riseley Sports managed a 4-1 win at Biggleswade FC Reserves.



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Renhold Village Hall is a registered charity (charity number 300059) which is run by a management committee of volunteers. The committee is responsible for maintaining and running the Village Hall, which provides facilities for social activities such as Brownles, line dancing, keep fit, carpet. bowls, Parish Council meetings, Tea and Teeny Tots, self-defence, kickboxing, anniversaries, and children's parties.



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GRUNCH FOOTBALL

REVIEW: Riseley Sports picked up their second consecutive win when they came from behind to clinch a 4-2 victory over Biggleswade FC Reserves in the **Bedfordshire** County League Premier Division on 24th February.

Alex Taylor gave the Gold Street side the lead after four minutes but the visitors were leading at half-time with two efforts from Dylan Asonganyi and Rafael Miles.

Sports took control of the second half with goals from Lewis Donald, Dan Bennett and Andrew Field.

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AFC Oakley's trip to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

There was better luck for AFC Oakley Development in **Division One** as they managed to clinch a 3-2 win at Baldock side Buffs in a game that had a venue switch.

Omojiseoluwa Bankole netted twice with the other goal coming from David Groom. The encounter between Renhold and Henlow fell victim to the weather.

Joshua Marshall celebrated a hat-trick for Sharnbrook Reserves at Shefford Town & Campton Development in **Division Two North** while the other efforts came from Abban McCann, Thomas Burnage and Teddy Daniels. In **Division Four**, the clash between Turvey and Dunstable Wanderers was called off after heavy rain.

FIXTURES - 28th February: Centenary **Cup Semi-Final:** Cranfield United Reserves v Renhold.

2nd March: Premier Division: AFC Oakley v Riseley Sports. Division One: Cranfield United Reserves v AFC Oakley Development, Lewsey Park v Renhold. Division Two North: Blunham v M&DH Clapham Sports. **Division Four:** Leighton Woodside Athletic v Turvey; M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves v Atletic.



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CRICKET: Thurleigh have guit the Four Counties League and their two teams will be competing in different competitions this summer.

The first team will be taking part in the Northamptonshire League Division Five and their opponents will be Bugbrooke, Burton Latimer II, Geddington II, Kettering Town II, Loddington & Mawsley II, Long Buckby, MK Air, New Bradwell, Overstone Park III, Raunds Town and Willoughby.

The second team will be in the **Bedfordshire** Invitational League Division Two and will be facing sides from the following clubs: Ampthill, Clifton, Harrold, Lidlington, Riseley, Road Runners and Sandy.

ROAD RUNNING: The 42nd Stevington 12km road race takes place on Sunday 28th April and goes through Oakley and Pavenham. The entry fee is £21 for affiliated runners and £23 for non-affiliated. Further details see the Stevington 12k Facebook Page.



 The annual Harold Pit Run will take place on Saturday 27th April. The event starts at 12.30pm on Harrold Green. The first race is at 1.20pm and the routes take in Harrold Country Park. There is plenty of entertainment for all the family.

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