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

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Picture: Tony Pay

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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. 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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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

Village halls have been an integral part of our communities for many years.

However, their future is being brought into question.

In a local church magazine, there is a plea to save Sharnbrook Village Hall - more volunteers are needed.

Sharnbrook is an interesting case for their village hall sits only metres away from two other community venues.

The Sports and Social Club is a popular one with a full time bar while the Bowls Club has a relatively new hall, which can double up as a community premises.

Two established Trustee volunteers at Renhold Village Hall stepped down from their roles last summer. Their caretaker replacement lasted only 10 months in the job so the Hall is again looking to fill the vacancy. Like Sharnbrook, there are other community spaces that can be hired out including at Renhold Church and Renhold Chapel.

No longer can village halls rely on weddings

and dinner dances while people are generally too busy or have their own personal issues to carry out duties voluntarily or with minimum pay.

Some villages appear to use their halls to good effect and have a good infrastructure in place.

Keysoe regularly have social events at their venue including a monthly Friday evening bar.

During the past winter, a monthly breakfast has been held while there is also regular entertainment evenings, the latest being musician Paul McClure.

Riseley has a popular village hall set-up, which also hosts the local football team. However, this village has a newly established community hub that is linked to the HP Motors complex that now also includes an excellent cafe.

What is the future of our village hall?

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PAUL McClure at Keysoe Village Hall

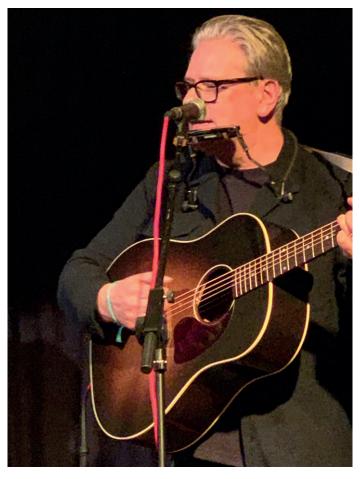


Keysoe Village Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday evening 23rd March when the Village Hall Committee staged entertainment by 'The Rutland Troubadour' - Paul McClure accompanied by The Danish Guitarist Thure.

The ladies of the Village Hall Committee ensured that all attendees were well fed with Homemade Pie and Mash.

Paul and Thure were exceptionally well received and a GREAT TIME was had by all.

Keysoe Village Hall looks forward to welcoming them back at a later date.



REPORT AND PICTURES BY MARTIN GOSSAGE



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The Giddy Goat Cafe, Riseley held its first craft fayre of 2024 on 9th March attracting a wide range of small businesses displaying high quality products.

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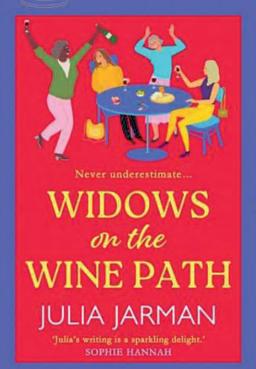


The traditional Riseley Good Friday Cross Walk started from Riseley Primary School and went up the High Street to College Drive. It then went through local roads and alleyways to Gold Street and on to Church Road to All Saints Church for the Good Friday service.



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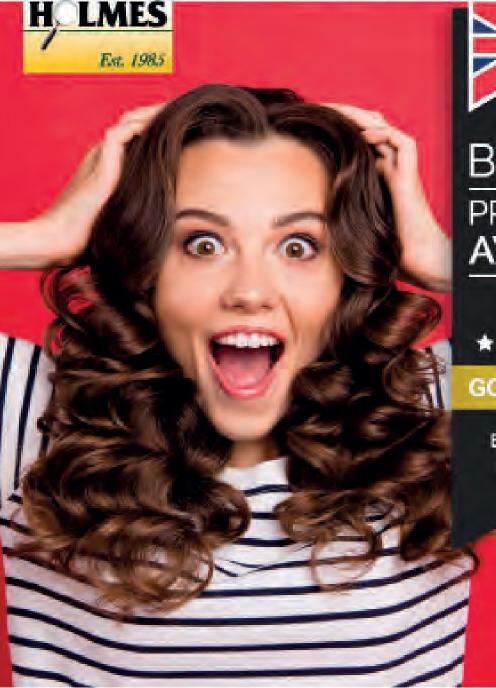
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Sunday 14th April: St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold at 2pm-4pm. Cowslip and Fritillary Day. Plants for sale and afternoon teas.

Saturday 27th April: Keysoe Village Hall from 10am. Keysoe Plant Sale. Raising funds for the Village Show at Keysoe.

Saturday 27th April: Harrold Green and Country Park. From 12.30pm. Harrold Pit Run. Various running races for youngsters and seniors plus stalls on The Green.

Sunday 28th April: Stevington Village Hall at 10am. Stevington 12km Road Race. Starts and finishes at Stevington and goes through Oakley and Pavenham.

Monday 6th May: Sharnbrook Bowls Club, Lodge Road, Sharnbrook. 11am to 5pm. Sharnbrook Bowls Club Open Day. Come and try bowls.

Saturday 11th May: Keysoe Village Hall from 10am. Keysoe Plant Sale. Raising funds for the Village Show at Keysoe.

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

Sunday 9th June: Newton Bromswold. 2pm-5pm. Newton Bromswold Open Gardens. Visit gardens of Newton Bromswold. Refreshments in Village Hall. Adult Ticket: £3. Family Ticket - 2 adults and 2 children: £5

Saturday 6th July: Newton Bromswold at 2pm. Newton Bromswold Village Fete. Rushden Mission Band and usual variety of stalls and games. Plus afternoon teas

Saturday 20th July: Barn in Newton Bromswold at 7pm. Barn Dance with band Kelly's Eye. Tickets - Adults £12.50 and Children £5. Available in June on 07703 476689. Proceeds to Friends of Newton Church.

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 During school term.

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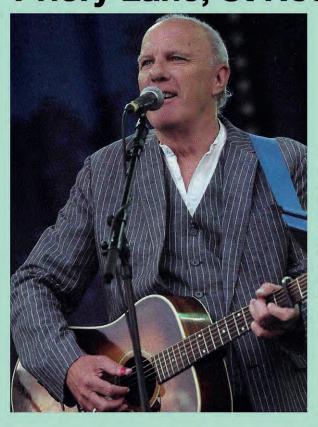
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☐ The Bolnhurst Walk takes place on May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May at 11am from the Old School, School Lane. There is a choice of walk with hot food and puds on your return. Tickets £8 and further details from jacqui_stone@hotmail.co.uk

☐ The Keysoe Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 27th April at Keysoe Village from 10am. There will be a wide range of plants on sale. Funds raised for the Village Show at Keysoe in September.

☐ The new opening times for dog groomers **K9 Kuts** based at Wilden are as follows: Tuesday: 9am-1.15pm; Wednesday: 9am-5pm; Thursday: 9am-1.15pm; Friday: 9am-5pm; Saturday: 9.30am-5pm.

☐ Mama Kee's Au Chocolat will be presenting a feast of chocolate at Yelden Village Hall on Saturday 11th May between 3pm and 5pm. Entitled 'Chocolate and Chai Affair' it will be a multiverse of clean chocolate. Vegan and free from gluten and refined sugar. Entry £7 Under-16s: Free.



 The Solent Stars motorbike tewam will be a star attraction at the Bolnhurst Vintage & Country Fayre on Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th June.

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YELDEN CURRY TASTING



Mama Kee's Kitchen held a successful Curry Tasting Session at Yelden Village Hall.

A good turnout of curry enthusiasts had a variety of dishes to savour including lamb and chicken curries along with samosas and coconut oil flavoured rice.



Also, on display were a variety of items by Bex Henna The Crap Cutting Yogi.

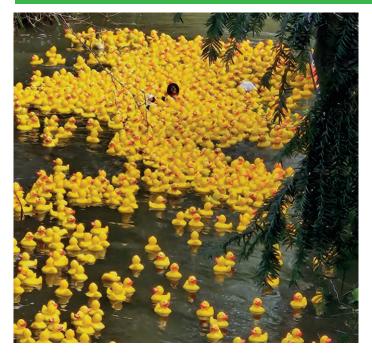
The next event will feature vegan and glutenfree items on Saturday 11th May from 3pm to 5pm.





SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

DEAN DUCK DASH





Crowds flocked to the Bridge at Upper Dean to witness the annual Dean Duck Dash.

Organised by the Eileen Wade Primary School Parents Association, the big event went ahead as scheduled despite recent heavy rain.

Around 2000 yellow plastic ducks made their way down the brook, which was deep in places.

This did not deter youngsters from entering the brook to greet the ducks.

After the race, there was a fete and prize giving at the School in the High Street.

Plenty of Dean Duck Dash

souvenirs were available for sale throughout the day.

The Dash attracted plenty of national and local sponsorship including **Northampton Saints Rugby** Club and Riseley-based **Sporting Targets.**

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DEAN DUCK DASH









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MELCHBOURNE JUMBLE SALE









Crowds flocked to Melchbourne Village Hall to pick up a bargain. The annual jumble sale was again very popular with a steady flow of people throughout the morning admiring the collection of clothes and ornaments.



GRUNCH RECIPES OUR FAVOURITES

Eggs Benedict Gordon Ramsay - BBC Good Food App

3tbsp white wine vinegar

- 4 eggs
- 2 toasting muffins
- 4 parma han or cooked bacon

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

Method

☐ Bring a deep saucepan of water to the boil (at least 2 litres) and add 3tbsp of white wine vinegar. Lower tyhe heat to a gentle simmer. Break the eggs into four separate coffee cups or ramekins. Split the muffins and toast them for a few minutes either side and warm some plates.

To make the Hollandaise Sauce

☐ 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 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 it is all incorporated and you have a creamy hollandaise. Season with lemon juice and cayenne pepper.

☐ For the Eggs Benedict, swirl the simmering vinegared water briskly and slide in an egg. It will curl around to a neat round shape. Cook for 2-3 minutes and repeat with the other eggs.

o To serve spread sauce on muffins, place ham or bacon and egg, spoon over remaining sauce.

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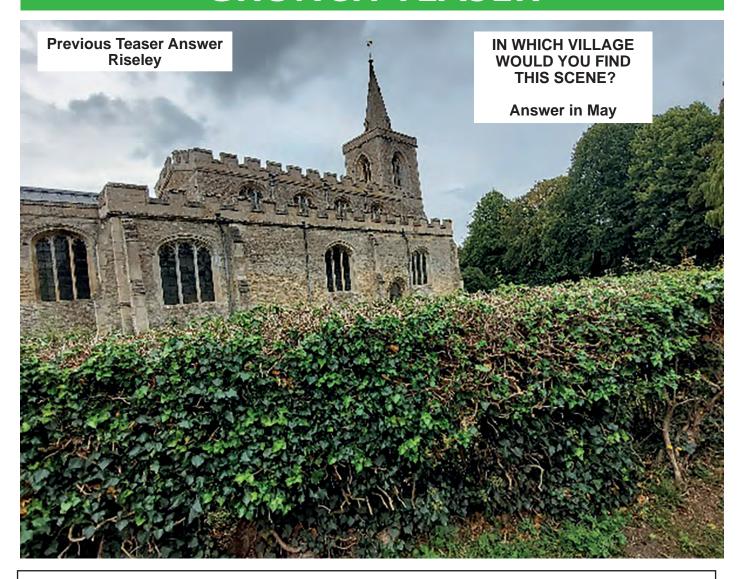
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FOCUS ON NORTH BEDS RAMBLERS

Have you ever wondered about the bright yellow topped way makers you might encounter on a walk in the **Bedfordshire Countryside? How do they** get their yellow paint, how do they get into position, what happens when you see one that is either rotten or broken?

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.

In the past, posts were supplied to the Council



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The humble waymarker post.

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.

Sandra Kelsey

See Ramblers Advert on Page 40

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.

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NEWTON BROMSWOLD COWSLIP AND FRITILLARY DAY





Newton Bromswold celebrated its Cowslip and Fritillary Day with an afternoon tea at St Peter's Church where there was also a plant sale.

MONDAY 1st APRIL

GRUNCH THEATRE

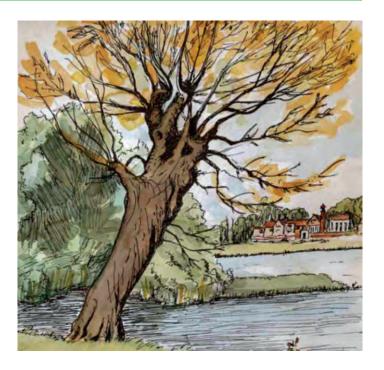
Wind in the Willows Produced by Certain Age The Place, Bedford 16th-20th April 7.30pm

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GRUNCH THEATRE



Riseley's Sarah Chiari will be performing at the Bedford Fringe Festival on Tuesday 23rd July at 8.05pm in the Quarry Theatre Bar.

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

Sarah will be performing her own work featuring original songs written with passion, influenced by folk and jazz.

There will be atmospheric music with digital piano and voice.

This will be a 'Pay What You Can' event with suggested amounts ranging from £2 to £20.

Headline acts during BedFringe include Kiri Pritchard-McClean, who has appeared at The Apollo.

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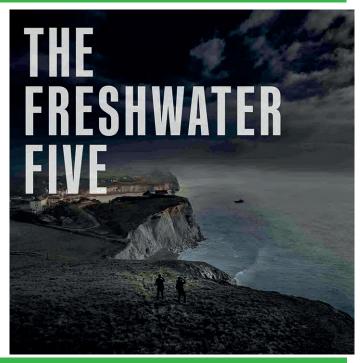
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Freshwater 5 Produced by Deadman The Place, Bedford 26th April 7.30pm Tickets: £16 Concessions: £13

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GRUNCH THEATRE

Behold Ye Ramblers **Townsend Productions** The Place, Bedford 13th April 7.30pm

Tickets: £15 Concessions £12

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Along with the Clarion Cyclists, these early Edwardian pioneers promoted healthy outdoor pursuits, organising expeditions across open moors and mountains whilst campaigning for the right to roam, bringing them into conflict with landowners' hunting and shooting activities and laws that prioritised private property over the wellbeing of others.



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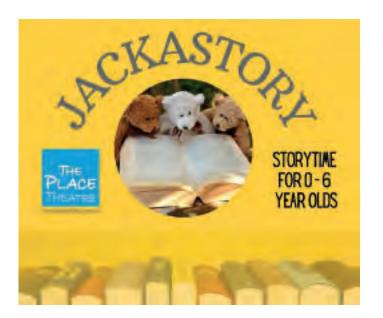
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DAILY GRUNCH BIG MATCH

AFC OAKLEY STOTFOLD DEVELOPMENT





Chisom Amadi netted twice as AFC Oakley (blue shirts) clinched a fine 2-1 victory over Bedfordshire County League Premier Division leaders Stotfold Development, whose reply came from Robert Wilcock.





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GRUNCH FOOTBALL

Sharnbrook Football Club will be hosting a Memorial and Charity Match as a tribute to two of its legendary members Mark Singleton and Nick Cook.

The special match will take place on **Sunday** 14th April at Lodge Road, Sharnbrook with a 10.30am kick-off.

There will be a raffle and an auction of promises while the Sharnbrook Sports and Social Club will be open for food and drink.

Money raised from the day will go towards Parkinsons UK and Cancer Research UK.

REVIEW: AFC Oakley pulled off a fine result in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division on 30th March when they clinched a 2-1 home victory over leaders Stotfold Development. Chisom Amadi netted both goals for the hosts while Robert Wilcock replied for the Stotfold outfit. Picture Coverage on Page 43.

Sharnbrook Reserves suffered a 2-1 defeat at

AFC Bedford United in **Division Two North**.

In **Division Four**, M&DH Clapham Sports went down 6-1 at home to Atletic. Louis Lee netted for the hosts.

Preview: The highlight of the matches on 6th April is the North Bedfordshire derby in the Premier Division between AFC Oakley and Riseley Sports. Now that we have entered British Summer Time, many of our local sides now have midweek games. On Wednesday 10th April, Riseley Sports will be hosting Elstow Abbey in their final home match of the season. AFC Oakley host Queens Park Crescents on the same night.

FIXTURES - 6th April: Premier Division:

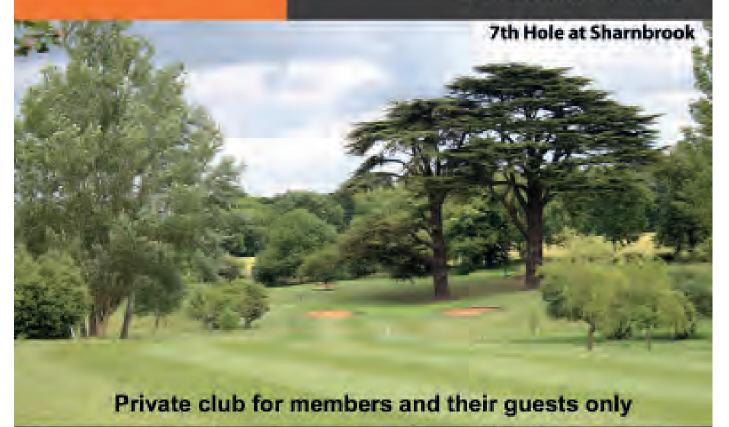
AFC Oakley v Riseley Sports Division One: Totternhoe Reserves v AFC Oakley Development; Bedford Albion v Renhold **Division Two North:** Blunham v Sharnbrook Reserves; M&DH Clapham Sports v Sandy **Division Four:** Kempston Athletic v Turvey; Sandy Reserves v M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves.



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CRICKET: Thurleigh have been handed a home match against Bugbrooke to start their **Northamptonshire County League Division Five** campaign.

The match at Keysoe Road will take place on Saturday 27th April with a 12 noon start.

This will be followed by a trip to Milton Keynes Air on 4th May and the Yellow Caps will also be travelling to Overstone Park III on 11th May. Loddington & Mawdsley II are the visitors to Thurleigh on 18th May while Raunds Town make the short trip on 25th May.

The season ends on 21st September when Thurleigh travel to Burton Latimer II.

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 Harrold 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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