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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.

We also aim to do a redesign of the magazine at least once every six months.

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Front Cover Picture: Kathy Brown's Gardens at Stevington

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WELCOME TO THE DAILY GRUNCH

The online Daily Grunch celebrated its first 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.

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.

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Please ensure that your bins are out for collection by 6am on your collection day. Missed collections must be reported within 48 hours of your scheduled collection. Visit www.bexhill.gov.uk/recycling to report a missed collection.

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

December 2020 and January 2021 Date Changes

Rubbish only

21 Dec. no change
22 Dec. no change
23 Dec. no change
24 Dec. no change
25 Dec. moved to 29 Dec.

Recycling only

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

Rubbish only

4 Jan. moved to 2 Jan.
5 Jan. moved to 7 Jan.
6 Jan. moved to 8 Jan.
7 Jan. moved to Sat 9 Jan.
8 Jan. moved to 11 Jan.

Recycling only

11 Jan. moves to 12 Jan.
12 Jan. moves to 13 Jan.
13 Jan. moves to 14 Jan.
14 Jan. moves to 15 Jan.
15 Jan. moves to Sat 16 Jan.

Key

Red Outline = Date Change

Orange = Recycling Only

Purple = Recycling and Garden

Grey = General Waste

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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 edition.

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GRUNCH OPINION

Bedford Borough Council are adamant that Route E is their preferred choice for the East West Railway.

This was very clear from the the Council's Public Consultations on 12th and 13th May. Furthermore the Liberal Democrats are quick to divert any responsibility to East West Railway rather than to act positively on the concerns of residents of Clapham, Brickhill, Ravensden, Wilden, Renhold and Great Barford.

It is clear that Mayor David Hodgson prefers to concentrate on the effects it will have on the town and the southern approaches and not the harm it will cause to the north Bedfordshire countryside.

There was plenty of focus on the new St John's station to serve Bedford South Wing Hospital and also a new stopping point to be known as Kempston Hardwick. Do the residents of the villages affected really want this line? They are not going to receive any benefit because they will not be any stations to serve them. They will still need to travel

to either Bedford, St Neots or Tempsford to catch the service.

Their concern also focuses on the freight especially of the diesel variety. The Council response was simply it would be better for freight to go by train rather by road even with a diesel locomotive. Electrification was raised as the preferred but doubt still remains whether this will actually be the case. It appears to be in the hands of East West Rail and a government department.

So do we really need this project in our area? Yes if most of us are going to Cambridge and Oxford every week. Surely trips to those cities are only occasional while Milton Keynes may be a more regular occurrence. Will there be a direct service to MK? I am not sure and believe a change at Bletchley may still be required.

It is clear that this railway is something that a lot of people do not want and Bedford Borough Council need to listen to its rural electorate.

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Sally Day is certainly a busy entrepreneur with several strings to her bow.

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However in her spare time, if that exists, Sally operates a successful stationery and gifts business.

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Yelden has made it possible for villagers to help by providing a once-monthly 'Collecting Point' for donations. From May until further notice, there is a monthly collection on the second Wednesday of every month at St Mary's Church Porch, Yelden, from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. **The next one is 9th June.**

Donations - in a carrier bag or box - can be placed in the outer Porch, respecting social distancing rules. The collection is taken in bulk to Rushden Food Bank early on the following morning, minimizing delivery journeys.

The Food Bank asks for food that is non-perishable - tins, jars, bottles or sealed packets) plus toiletries, baby items and cleaning products. No fresh foods, as cold storage is not possible. Small unit quantities - or cases to be divided at the Food Bank - are preferred so that users on foot can easily carry fulfilled parcels. Any requests to

cover particular item shortages are posted on Yelden Community WhatsApp Hub and Facebook pages during the week before each collection.

The Rushden Food Bank has been overwhelmed by the sustained generosity & support from Yelden & will welcome any other villages' or individual donations directly (Tuesdays & Thursdays only).

The Rushden Foodbank is at the Full Gospel Church, 60, High Street South, Rushden. Contact number: 01933 733001.

□ Milton Ernest Garden Centre have announced their special events schedule for this summer.

Car Boot Sales take place on Sundays 4th July, 1st August, 5th September and 3rd October between 10am and 2pm. Cars will be charged £5 and vans £10. The Horticultural Show is on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August. A date for the Family Fun Dog Show is still to be confirmed.

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GRUNCH INFORMATION

We are now updating the Coronavirus data in our area. This is expected to be on a regular basis.

The Bedford Borough figure will be included as this is used by Public Health England and NHS.

We are also going to highlight the rates in our local area. We will also include Rushden as many may do their essential shopping in that town. Also for comparison we will highlight a Bedford Town Centre figure – **Queens Park**.

The figures are for 'People Tested Positive by Specimen Date.'

The data can be found at **coronavirus.data.gov.uk** using their Postcode Finder. It should be noted the Government maps do **not** coincide with the Bedford Borough Ward maps.

Data submitted on **19th May** for the seven days up to **14th May**.

All figures are per 100,000 population with actual positive cases in brackets

Bedford Borough overall figure: 128.1 +

Riseley & Sharnbrook (including Souldrop, Yelden, Melchbourne, Keysoe, Bolnhurst, Upper Dean, Shelton, Swineshead, Pertenhall): **72.6 (4) -**

Harrold, Chellington, Turvey (includes, Felmersham, Radwell, Odell, Hinwick): **159.3 (14) -**

Clapham, Oakley, Thurleigh (includes Milton Ernest, Bletsoe): **34.4 (3) =**

Wyboston, Great Barford, Cople (includes Wilden, Colmworth, Renhold, Ravensden): **33.9 (4) +**

Rushden High Street: **N/A (<3) =**

Bedford Town Centre – (Queens Park): **253.1 (24) +**



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● The picturesque Odell Church was at the halfway point on the Long Route and towards the end of the Short Route of the Waendel Walking Club latest event from Harrold Country Park on Sunday 16th May. The next event is on 30th May from Lavendon at 10am. Further details see www.waendel.org.uk

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GRUNCH NEWS

□ During the early hours of a recent Thursday morning, landlord of The Crown, Little Staughton, Kevin Foskett had a 'Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the Wee Donkey' moment while at Billingsgate Market in London.

Clearly a fan of Superintendent Hastings of the BBC crime thriller 'Line of Duty' Kevin was expecting the market to be busy prior to a Bank Holiday weekend.

However it was suspiciously quiet and Kevin arrived in time to find the king prawns were not boxed and dated.

"It was a bit like 'Pic and Mix' and I was not sure about the freshness," said Kevin.

Instead for the fish menu at The Crown, Kevin managed to acquire the cheeks of monkfish, which can be pan fried or battered. And there is also the quality haddock, salmon and plaice.

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□ Thurleigh based Andrew Blair Upholstery and Carpet Cleaning is extending his special discount offer throughout May.

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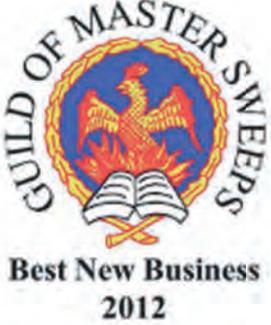
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□ Bedford Borough have extended the closure period for the whole length of Footpath 20 that starts at Kimbolton Road in Bolnhurst until November 2021. This is so that two bridges on the route can be repaired.



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North East Bedfordshire MP Richard Fuller has questioned Bedford Borough's approach to the East-West Rail proposals.

Although the first consultation was interrupted because of the Covid-19 pandemic it appears that the Mayor David Hodgson and his Liberal Democratic counterparts agreed to Route E. Parish councils in the area are now realising the impact this route will have on local communities following the second consultation which began on 31st March and runs until 9th June.

This consultation appears to only focus on the possible alignments for Route E and does not take into consideration the initial alternative routes which have now been discarded. Bedford Borough Council are adamant the East-West Rail route goes through Bedford Midland Station with the addition of extra tracks. This means houses in the Poets Corner of Bedford could be demolished and there is also concern about the route from Clapham Green and Cleat Hill forcing Brickhill Parish

Council to rescind their original decisions following protests from their local residents particularly in the Woodlands Park area.

However there is also concern about the section from Cleat Hill to St Neots through the Ravensden, Wilden and Renhold areas where there is a choice of two routes. One goes to the north of Ravensden and Wilden and the other on the northern outskirts of Renhold.

Extraordinary general meetings and petitions have been organised following concerns from residents in the area. Mr Fuller has also spoken out on the matter through his Facebook page which includes some criticism of Bedford Borough Council.

Mr Fuller said: "It is clear that the South Cambridgeshire District Council has been very active in listening to residents' concerns and then making powerful representations to EWR that has resulted in new routes and multiple options to consider in Cambridgeshire.

"There appears to be less creative thinking on the Bedford Borough side."



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Brickhill borough councillors Charles Royden and Wendy Rider have written an open letter to East-West Rail to clarify certain issues on the project.

Key points in the letter include: 1. Confirmation that Route E is the only route delivering access to Bedford Midland Station. 2. Environmental Impact; 3. The amount of freight to be used; 4. Electrification; 5. Noise.

A report on East-West Rail was included in the recent virtual meeting of Ravensden Parish Council.

The matter was also expected to be discussed at the Renhold Parish Council March meeting and likewise at the Wilden virtual meeting.

Cllrs Royden and Rider were under fire from residents an extraordinary general meeting of Brickhill Parish Council on 25th February.

Minutes from these meetings are still to be made public.

Also see pages 22-27



● Is this common vole concerned about the East-West Railway passing close to Renhold?

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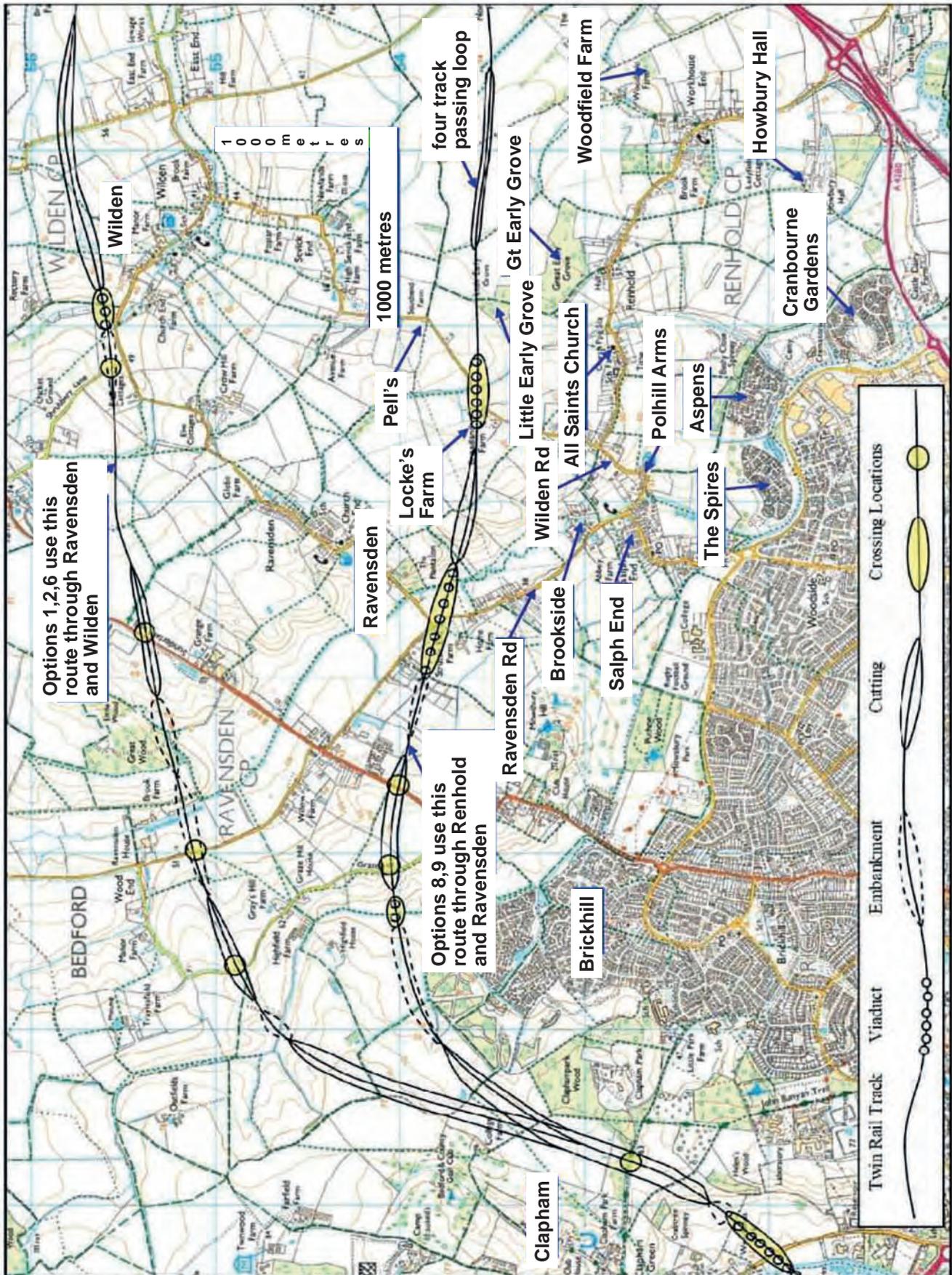
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GRUNCH NEWS

PROPOSED ALIGNMENTS FOR EAST-WEST RAILWAY THROUGH RAVENSDEN, WILDEN AND RENHOLD - SEE PAGE 23 FOR DESCRIPTION



GRUNCH NEWS

East-West Railway – Route E

The mapping provided by East-West Railway for the section between Bedford and Cambridge is vague. However, some maps have appeared possibly originating from campaign groups and these are clearer. Below we have summarised the proposed routes based on information gained from meetings, regional news items and the clearer maps.

1. Route E leaves Bedford Midland Station and goes north on the existing mainline route with two extra tracks being created potentially demolishing houses in the Poets Corner of the town. It leaves the mainline near to Aldi supermarket. It has to cross the Great Ouse Way and the A6 and the area is a flood plain so there would need to be an artificial high bridge. From the mapping, there is a viaduct which would go across the old A6 near the Water Works on the outskirts of Clapham. There is then a short embankment followed by a long cutting in the Clapham Park area.

2. The proposed alignments divide near to Bedford and County Golf Club.

3. **Northern Alignment:** The cutting continues north-easterly on open land followed by a short distance of embankment, then a few metres of normal track before another cuttings and an embankment to cross a lane near Highfield Farm then Butler Street. There is an embankment on the edge of Great Wood and a cutting to cross the B660 on Sunderland Hill near to the Water Tower. Normal track follows before a cutting to cross the lower end of Shrubbery Lane, Wilden and a track to Rectory Farm. The route as a cutting goes north of Wilden near to the Village Hall and crosses Colmworth Road.

4. **Southern Alignment:** From the divide area near Bedford & County Golf Club, it continues as a cutting before a stretch of embankment before further cuttings to cross a footpath, Graze Hill and the B660 close to a built-up area. After a short distance of normal track there is an embankment and a viaduct to cross Ravensden Road, Renhold. The route proceeds on open land north of Renhold with a further cutting and a viaduct to cross the road between Wilden and Renhold. There is normal track going close to Little Early Grove before a four track passing loop.

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We have summarised some of the contributions from the two Bedford Borough Consultation meetings on East West Rail on 12th and 13th May.

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PART TWO

Paul Jenkins – CPRE Bedfordshire

We understand how the East West Railway could in principle reduce the carbon from cars and heavy goods vehicles on our roads particularly if the line is electrified as it should be. However we find it very difficult to understand why East West Railway chose Route E in preference to an alternative southern route such as Route B.

Why does the Borough Council continue to support this Route E saying that is less environmentally damaging than the southern route? No environment impact assessments for Route E have been carried out. EWR's consultation report does not give any recognition to environmental sensitivities on the route between Clapham and St Neots/Tempsford. Route E goes through open countryside and rural villages while Route B could go close to the A 421 corridor that is already developed.

Jon Shortland mentioned in a previous meeting that the environment challenges can be easily managed. Why are the environment challenges for the southern route more difficult to manage. In Cambridgeshire, East West have said they want to take advantage of the A428 corridor so protecting the environment. Why can't the same be done in Bedfordshire. Does the Council support East West Rail's focus that Route E will encourage large scale housing development?

Mayor David Hodgson's response: I am pleased with your support for an electrified East West Railway. Our objective is to create economic growth for our children and grandchildren. We are required by government to have 1275 per annum and we do not regard this as growth. There is no station north of Bedford for this development. It is economic growth that is driving this

project. We want to create this hub where businesses have a connectivity where they can get around the country quickly and safely.

For full coverage of Paul Jenkins' contribution see Consultation 13th May from 1hr 44min 40sec.

Andrew Bentley - Wilden

I support the East-West Railway between Cambridge and Oxford but have reservations about the alignment of Route E which could have a serious impact on my village Wilden. I am asking for alignments 8 and 9 to be considered rather than 1,2 and 6 which would devastate Wilden as they would run through the middle of our village, about 100 metres from the village hall and very close to the church.

The southern alignments do not go as close to the village centres such as Renhold, Clapham, Brickhill etc. It is nowhere near as bad for them. Wilden is closer than anyone else on the northern alignment. I am intrigued by the comment to avoid the environmentally challenged areas. Have you been to Clapham Green, Cleat Hill. I would say it is a problematic area to build a railway.

The diesel trains on the northern route will cause considerable noise and vibration to Wilden. It goes close to the High Street and cuts across Shrubbery lane, Chequers Hill and Colesden Road. Wilden is in a valley so presents a huge engineering challenge. Mr Bentley was also concerned about the disruption during the construction process.

Jon Shortland response: We are still looking at the issues of both the northern alignment (1,2,6) and the southern alignment (8,9). We have had meetings with the parish councils to get the views of local residents and we are collating this information along with archaeological, heritage records and conservation issues. We will put this into the mix but we do not have a preference for one route or the other. When we met with Wilden Parish Council they suggested an alignment further away from the village if that route was selected. I have asked our engineering

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consultants to look at this if it went that way. It is a what-if scenario.

For full coverage of Andrew Bentley's contribution see Consultation 13th May from 38min 45 sec

Clive Bolton – Great Barford

I am particularly concerned about the blight on the countryside and the noise pollution especially as there could be 50ft high viaducts located to the north of Great Barford. There is already noise from the A421 bypass that affects my living situation. The noise from a railway that is 50ft in the air, which will not be softened by embankments or cuttings, worries me immensely.

Great Barford suffers from flooding and the bypass has caused more water to go through the village. The thought of hundred of tons of concrete being poured into the viaduct is fearful. I was advised to move out of my house because of a stream at the bottom of my garden threatened to flood. This was not water from the river but because of the

meadows and the by-pass. This construction work is going to be carried out without consideration to people's living environment. My concern is that this railway will not be constructed for the benefit for everyone in the area. The noise is an issue with the bypass and the railway will increase and there is no proposal to soften it. There should have been an embankment along the bypass to soften it.

Mayor David Hodgson's response: You have made a lot of suggestions for the mitigation of the problems and I would urge you to include them in your response to the consultation. We are speaking to the local parish councils to identify the issues we are facing. Electric trains do make a noise but less than diesel so would reduce the noise impact. We are also trying to get people off the road to reduce the car noise.

For full coverage of Clive Bolton's contribution see Consultation 12th May from 1hr 41min

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Introduction

Rather than do a blow-by-blow account of the two Bedford Borough Consultation Meetings on 12th May and 13th May, we have decided to focus on some of the points raised and also viewpoints from mayor David Hodgson, Cllr Michael Headley, both Liberal Democrats, and chief planning officer Jon Shortland.

Panel

The panel should have included elected representatives from the areas affected. This may have created more of a debate to the excellent questions raised rather than solely the Liberal Democratic line-of-attack.

Liberal Democrats

They are clearly supporting East-West Rail's preferred Route E and they are not going to deviate from this decision.

Previous consultation

Many people do not appear to be aware of the significance of the 2019 consultation at the time. On Look East on 11th May, East West Rail executive Simon Blanchflower said adverts had been placed in both the Bedford Times and Bedford Citizen. These papers had merged together in 1995 to create one paper the Bedford Times and Citizen. There has been in recent times, limited distribution of the free paper into the north Bedfordshire villages.

Did the Liberal Democrats consult the villages such as Ravensden, Wilden, Renhold and Great Barford before agreeing to Route E?

Town and Villages

The first Bedford Borough Consultation on 12th May focussed mainly on the effects of the East-West Railway in the town and up to Clapham Green. There was one question from a villager – from Great Barford.

There were questions in the second Bedford Borough Consultation on 13th May from the villages with two from Wilden residents and also from the CPRE's Peter Jenkins, who was interrupted by the chairman of the panel.



● Signs have appeared in Renhold to protest about the proposed E Route alignments 8 and 9 which would go close to the village.

It seems there was no representation from the residents of Ravensden or Renhold.

Benefits to the Town

Mayor David Hodgson constantly said the East-West Railway going through Bedford Midland Station would be of great benefit to the town.

He explained that areas around the station would be revamped with significant changes to the station itself and also Midland Road and Ashburnham Road. He wants to improve the experience of passengers arriving at the town.

Cllr Hodgson also believes that businesses will be attracted by the improved connectivity.

However, there is concern from residents that Bedford Midland will only be used by many as a through train or as a connecting point to other parts of the country. Passengers will not necessarily visit Bedford. It should be noted that to some Milton Keynes is more attractive.

Benefits to the Villages

No stations have been planned close to the affected villages - there would be concern as even more land would be required to build them. Residents would still have to travel to

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either Bedford Midland or the new stations at St Neots or Tempsford to catch an East-West Rail train. So this does not reduce the number of cars on the roads in the areas affected.

Environmental Impact

The argument focussed on whether the alternative Route B should be used. Cllr Headley described the arguments for other routes as 'mythical'.

He explained that there were many concerns to Route B, that followed the old Bedford to Sandy line including Bedford Priory Marina, floodplains and housing. Cllr Headley tried to give the impression that there were less concerns for Route E ignoring the environmental issues in the north Bedfordshire villages.

The panel also dismissed Wixams from being used for the East-West Railways because around 150 houses would have to be demolished.

Freight or Passenger Service

People from Bedford mainly use the train to go to London. Direct services to places such as Leicester and Nottingham have been removed because they are not used to the required levels.

Will people from this area actually go to Oxford and Cambridge after the honeymoon period? The numbers could be small. What needs to be done is to ensure there is a direct link to Milton Keynes rather than changing at Bletchley.

Is freight the real reason for this railways? It is being denied but it would allow a possible connection from Felixstowe to all parts of the country with Bedford, St Neots and Bletchley being significant junctions. The panel was quick to point out that the agreed freight usage would be 18 hours a day.

Electric or Diesel

The Borough Council wants electrification but it has not been confirmed. The first section of

the East-West Railway is up and running for diesel trains only.

Route Concerns

Bedford Borough Council are quick to point out that the extra two tracks from Bedford Midland are not required so avoiding the need to demolish houses at Poets Corner. As yet East-West Rail have not agreed to this.

The Route E section crosses undulating countryside and the initial plans include cuttings, embankments and viaducts. This has raised concerns from the villages but the Council are trying to mitigate this by saying tunnelling could be used.

Also they suggested that the railway could go under Paula Radcliffe Way so approaching the areas of concern at a lower level.

Has this been agreed by East-West Rail or even been costed? Would tunnelling be more expensive than the other options?

Wilden residents expressed their concern about the effect the railway would have on their village. One stated that the railway could go past the bottom of their garden.

The Borough response was that the alignment could be moved further north. Has this been agreed by East-West Railway? Should the Council have raised this issue at the initial consultation in 2019?

What is the Residents preferred route?

The panel constantly said that no one would be happy for the route to go through their area. They are reluctant to reconsider especially the suggestion for the railway to go through existing transport corridors such as close to the A421.

Conclusion

The Liberal Democrats will not rescind on their decision to support Route E. They tried to appease the village concerns by suggesting that there could be tunnels but as yet there is no evidence this will be the case.

FOCUS ON THE KEYSOE PLANT SALE



Many thanks to all of the contributors to our successful plant sale on April 24th in Row East. We had cakes, bread, books, jigsaws, bric a brac and of course lots of lovely plants all donated by lots of people.

It was a lovely morning catching up with friends who we had not seen for some time and being able to have a gossip - at a safe distance of course - was a tonic to us all. The sunshine helped but it was wonderful to see so many people out and about, and not all from Keysoe.

Thanks to The Daily Grunch, our Village Show at Keysoe Facebook page and our web master we had visitors from lots of surrounding villages.

Plans are now well advanced for the show in September 4th, and schedules will be available very soon. So all those craft projects you did during lock down can all be entered into the show and now the weather is on our side we can all get growing.

Penny Heming



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You can pledge as an individual or as a group, which at the moment is you plus one other person, a family group or bubble, or a school. You can also read a little more about why litter-picking matters, and how you can make a difference here.



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Bedford will no longer be an Inter-City station from Sunday 16th May.

This means that fast trains to places such as Leicester and Nottingham will no longer stop at Bedford Midland Road.

To travel to these cities from Bedford or Wellingborough, passengers will need to change at Kettering. The expected transfer time is believed to be eight minutes.

In addition, the journey to London is set to be over 40 minutes on the new electrified trains that will run between Corby and London St Pancras.



After the success of last August, a Spring Clean Out Sale is being held in Riseley on Sunday 16th May from 11am to 2pm. Plenty of bargains are expected to be on sale throughout the village.

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The rapid COVID-19 testing centre is moving to Faraday Community Centre to enable the re-opening of the John Bunyan Sports and Fitness Centre for leisure activities.

At 7pm on Thursday 6th May, rapid testing at the John Bunyan Sports & Fitness Centre stopped before starting again at a new rapid testing centre, located at the Faraday Community Centre, Kelvin Avenue, Bedford, MK42, 9ND from 7am on Tuesday 11th May.

Those who are over 18 years-old, are not showing symptoms and would like to get tested while the centre is closed can do so by collecting a rapid testing kit from Bedford Borough libraries, participating pharmacies, or by ordering them online via the Government website.

People who are showing symptoms including a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss in their sense of taste or smell should immediately self-isolate and

book a PCR test by visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

□ Renhold Car Treasure Hunt takes place on Saturday 12th June from 11am from All Saints Church. Refreshments will be served after the event in the Church's Chapter Room.

The cost is £15 per car and for further details contact Keith Timms on 01234 772605 or Alan Bloomfield on 01234 351162

□ The Village Show for Keysoe has been scheduled for Saturday 4th September. It is expected to be at Keysoe Village Hall.

□ The popular Yelden Strawberry Fayre will not be taking place at the end of June for the second consecutive year. Although Covid-19 restrictions are easing, there are still concerns for an event that attracts large crowds.

The Wilden May Day Country Fayre on 3rd May was cancelled because of Covid-19. Organisers are hoping to return in 2022 and include 800-year celebrations for the local church.



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From a personal viewpoint, I have found it very rewarding to see our paths being well used knowing that our work in maintaining them has been worthwhile. Some good news now.

Subject to being once again in stock, we will have an additional wheeled strimmer for us to use.

This will greatly help in allowing us to maintain more of our pathways more often, as most of our clearance work up until now has been carried out with one machine. Two will I believe make a substantial difference.

So to our members and helpers, please make note of any problems you find on your walks, let me know and if it is something we can do ourselves I will program it in.

If it beyond our resource and capability, I will advise Rights of Way at Bedford Borough. I noted the other day that the bridge we worked on but were unable to fully clear due to safety concerns has now been renewed by Rights of Way.

For those with a map, it is where Footpaths 30 and 7 cross a Stream ¼ mile south west of Scald End Farm.

Also on that path, much clearance work has taken place allowing the path to run where it was intended by the side of brook. In addition, new replacement stiles have been installed.

Thanks to Andrew Jones who has already begun clearance works on Footpath 39 which starts by the dog bin in Whitwick Green Road. I went by the other day and it's starting to look very pretty indeed with white Blossom.

So, all in all, there is much to look forward to as we get together helping keep our Countryside accessible for walking and much needed fresh air and exercise.

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● The bridge that has been repaired close to Scald End Farm in Thurleigh.

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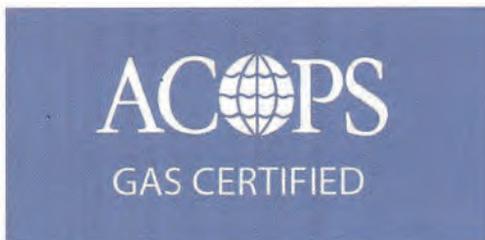
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Renhold, Ravensden Rd	10.45-11.00
Wilden, Manor Close	11.10-11.30
Ravensden, Wayside Pk Fm	11.40-12.00
Thurleigh, The Jackal	12.50-13.10
Thurleigh, The Close	13.15-13.35
Bletsoe, Church	13.45-14.05

Wednesdays 5th and 19th May

Clapham, Peppercorn Park	10.00-10.15
Clapham, Folly Park	10.20-10.40
Clapham, Mount Pleasant	10.45-11.00
Clapham, The Slade, Highbury Gr	11.05-11.20
Stevington, The Cross	11.30-11.50

Thursdays 6th and 20th May

Biddenham, The Three Tuns	10.00-10.20
Biddenham, Church End	10.25-10.40
Oakley, Lovell Homes West	10.50-11.10
Oakley, Reynes Drive	11.15-11.30
Oakley, Ruffs Furze	11.35-11.55
Sharnbrook, Stileman Way	13.00-13.20
Sharnbrook, Home Close	13.25-13.45
Riseley, Rotten Row	14.00-14.15
Riseley, Paulson's Close	14.20-14.35
Riseley, Fox and Hounds	14.40-15.00

Thursdays 29th April, 13th and 27th May

Souldrop, High Street	10.00-10.20
Wymington, High Street	10.35-10.55
Little Wymington, Cambridge St	11.00-11.20
Podington, Post Office	11.30-11.50
Odell, The Green	12.50-13.10
Felmersham, The Sun	13.20-13.40
Radwell, The Green	13.45-14.00
Milton Ernest, Huntsman's Way	14.05-14.25
Milton Ernest, Village Hall	14.30-14.50

Fridays 23rd April, 7th and 21st May

Little Staughton, Church End	10.00-10.20
Little Staughton, Green End	10.25-10.45



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Pertenhall, Wood End	10.55-11.15
Bolnhurst, School Lane	11.25-11.45
Keysoe, Kymbrook School	11.55-12.20
Swineshead, Church	13.10-13.30
Melchbourne, Village Hall	13.40-14.00
Yelden, Village Hall	14.10-14.30
Upper Dean, Church	14.40-15.00

Fridays 30th April, 14th and 28th May

Colesden, Bell Farm	10.00-10.20
Colmworth, Telephone Box	10.30-10.50
Staploe, Three Horseshoes	11.00-11.20
Roxton, Parish Hall	11.35-11.55
Great Barford, Green End Road	12.40-13.00
Great Barford, Brookside	13.05-13.25

Saturdays 1st, 15th and 29th May

Pavenham, Mobile Home Park	10.00-10.20
Pavenham, Old Post Office	10.25-10.45
Carlton, Post Office (Village Shop)	10.55-11.20
Harrold, The Green	11.25-11.55

GRUNCH HISTORY



Sharnbrook railway station was opened in 1857 by the Midland Railway to serve the village of Sharnbrook.

It was on the Midland's extension from Leicester to Bedford and Hitchin.

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Here, originally there was a 1 in 119 gradient from the south taking the line to 340 feet above sea level. Around 1880, the line was quadrupled, with the new goods tracks taken through 1,800 yd (1,600 m) long Sharnbrook Tunnel.

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Stairs and doorways are great for stretching.

A broomstick is excellent for developing mobility.

It's easy to buy things like stretch bands online, though a towel will do in a pinch.

The important thing is that we remain physically and mentally active. It is very easy to sit back and become passive, spending all our time online or watching TV.

There's nothing wrong with either of those things, but I want to give you a little challenge.

Once an hour, I want you to stand up and move around.

Have a dance around the kitchen, do a few simple lunge stretches on the stairs, or even just stretch your arms, wiggle your shoulders around and take some deep breaths.

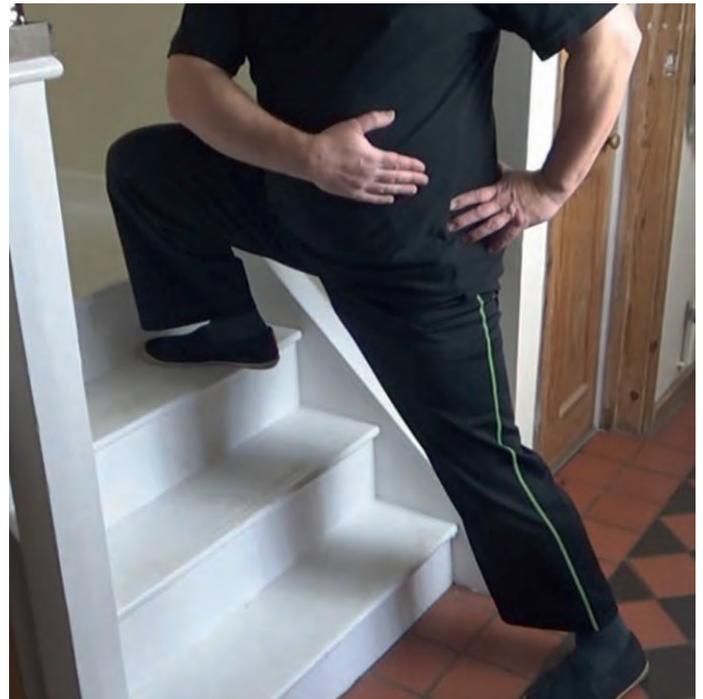
Of course, if you can get outside, even better. Take a brisk walk using the Ladder Breathing method.

Or take a slower stroll and be very mindful of your posture, breath and surroundings.

Bring yourself into the here and now, leave any stresses or cares aside for a time.

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Nisha's Ginger Beer Onion and Broccoli Bhajis Nisha Katona - ITV This Morning Recipe

260g gram flour
¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda
1tsp nigella seed
1tbsp white poppy seeds
300ml ginger beer - as fiery as possible
1½ tsp salt
Juice of **one** lemon
1tsp ground coriander
1tsp ground cumin
¼ tsp chilli powder
1 onion chopped into medium chunks
2 cloves of minced garlic
150g broccoli - use the stems and florets chopped into small chunks
2tbsp fresh coriander
oil to fry

Place the gram flour in a bowl and add the bicarbonate of soda, nigella and poppy seeds and mix.

Pour in the ginger beer to achieve a consistency of pouring cream.

Add 1tsp of the salt, the lemon juice, the ground coriander and cumin and chilli powder and mix well.

Add the chopped onions, minced garlic, chopped broccoli and fresh coriander.

Heat a wok or frying pan with two inches of vegetable oil. Once the oil is hot, carefully drop tablespoons full of the bhaji batter into the oil.

Cook for two minutes then turn and cook for two minutes more.

Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper. Repeat in batches until all the mixture is used.



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Bedford Drama Company's next production is Jane Austen's *Emma* adapted by Michael Bloom.

It will take place between Tuesday 8th June and Saturday 12th June at 7.30pm every day with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm at Trinity Arts and Leisure Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2BS. They will be observing all government COVID 19 guidelines in place at the time of the performance. Current guidelines are that indoor venues will be able to sell up to 50% capacity.

Bedford Drama Company is delighted to be able to bring its followers this delightful adaptation of arguably Jane Austen's greatest novel.

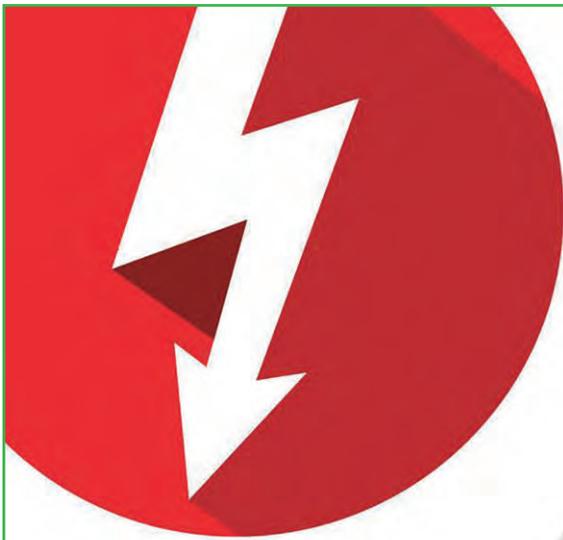
Enjoy the popular characters - Wilful, over-confident Emma; handsome, rational Mr Knightley, hypochondriac Mr Woodhouse, naive Harriet Smith, energetic and attractive George Churchill, mysterious Jane Fairfax,



garrulous Miss Bates, the kindly Westons and the self-important Eltons. These are among the most vivid and universal characters in English fiction, vividly brought to life in this delightful adaptation.

Emma is Austen's quintessential heroine, endlessly fascinating, wonderfully imperfect, but each character in this story of 'three or four families in a country village' is drawn from Austen's deep understanding of humanity, its strengths and its foibles.

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Local performers Bridget Peirson-Davis, pictured above, and Alan Mackenzie will be at the forefront on the final day of the 2021 BedFringe Festival, which runs from 22nd July to 1st August.

Bridget, from Felmersham, has the starring role in Lady Florence to be performed at The Quarry Theatre, Bedford on Sunday 1st August at 2pm.

The highlight will be the songs and arias sung by 'Lady Florence'. Alan, from Clapham, put together the newly-written script but it was Bridget's idea....!

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In the evening, in conjunction with Pathways project, The Place Bedford presents **Reverb Project 2**.



● Reverb Project 2 will be aired on 22nd May.

This is an opportunity to see life through the eyes of another and for voices that are often hidden or unheard to have a platform. It is inspired by hope and the belief that lives can change and there's 'no such thing as a hopeless case'.

For this in-person event, which follows on from the first ReVerb that took place online in March, participants have stepped up to host. In some cases the work has been developed, stories are being continued or something entirely new has emerged.

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In *Taking Sum Lumps*, a young woman breaks a mirror and is offered options by an online agent in charge of dispensing the seven years of bad luck.

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GRUNCH CRICKET 'TEST' MATCH SPECIAL

PAVENHAM/FELMERSHAM v WILDEN



A thriller in murky conditions - that may be the best way to describe the Bedfordshire Invitational League Division Two clash between Pavenham/Felmersham and Wilden.

Due to the heavy showers, the match was reduced to 25 overs and it was debatable whether Wilden's 108-8 was enough.

The visitors appeared to struggle against a Pavenham/Felmersham attack where Christopher Bennett, Stuart Harding, Ashley Renton and Neil Horton took two wickets each.

Wilden's score looked fragile when Pavenham/Felmersham's Stuart Harding (30) and Ben Beazley (26) got their side off to a flying start. However, tight bowling from Matthew Vine (2-15) and Martin Warman (2-17) saw Wilden clinch a one-run victory as the hosts closed on 107-5.



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GRUNCH CRICKET

Cricket in the area could again be disrupted on 15th May after rain wiped out most of the fixture list on 8th May.

Thurleigh will be looking to get back to winning ways in the **Four Counties League** Division One after a mixed start to the season when they travel to Soulbury Village, hoping to dodge the showers.

The Yellow Caps had a fine start to the season when they defeated Elstow by eight wickets in their opening match at the end of April but suffered a one-wicket loss at Olney Town on 1st May.

Their home clash against Great Horwood could not go ahead because of the inclement weather and are looking for better luck with the weather when they travel to Soulbury Village.

The Division One newcomers have only played one league match when they suffered a 70-run defeat against Great Horwood.

Sharnbrook/Bromham have a long trip into deepest Buckinghamshire to take on Caddington in Division Four while Thurleigh II entertain Bedfordshire rivals Lidlington in Division Five.

Harrold Pilgrims face a home test against Great Brickhill IV in Division Seven while Sharnbrook/Bromham II face Bedford Pakistanis/Queens Park although no venue has been listed.

In the **Bedfordshire Invitational League** Division Two, Riseley travel to Marston to take on Ampthill Town III while there is an intriguing encounter as Pavenham/Felmersham host Wilden.

All our local clubs will be looking to pick up their first win of the season having suffered defeats on the opening day of the campaign on 1st May.

No games were scheduled in Division Two on 8th May.

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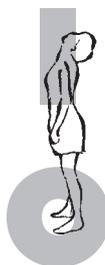
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GRUNCH CRICKET 'TEST' MATCH SPECIAL

THURLEIGH v ELSTOW



● The top two pictures show Thurleigh bowlers in full flow. Above is newcomer Ash Field who managed to claim a wicket by dismissing Elstow's Gurraj Galsin.

On the left is Brody Willerton who managed a menacing opening spell and was rewarded with the wicket of Ranvir Thiarra.

There was some tidy bowling by the Thurleigh attack as Elstow were restricted to 151-6.



● Above Gurraj Galsin is pictured edging a catch to Thurleigh's wicketkeeper Martin Bennett while on the right, an Elstow batsman attempts a shot during their eight-wicket defeat at Keysoe Road.



THE GRUNCH BIG MATCH

RISELEY SPORTS 0, AFC OAKLEY 4



● Riseley Sports, gold shirts, outnumber their AFC Oakley opponents at Gold Street.



● The AFC Oakley goalkeeper punches clear, left, and, above, the Riseley Sports goalie makes a fine save in the Supplementary A, Group A encounter on 17th April.

GRUNCH FOOTBALL

Sharnbrook needed kicks from the penalty-spot to reach the Bedfordshire County League Supplementary Cup B final where they will face Eaton Park Rangers on 22nd May.

The Lodge Road side made the perfect start in their semi-final at Lea Sports PSG when they took a 2-0 first-half lead with two goals from Tom O'Neill.

Lea Sports PSG fought back in the second half with efforts from Milton Tomlinson-Dennis and James Haughney to make it 2-2 so the tie had to be decided by a shoot-out. This went 3-2 in favour of Sharnbrook with excellent kicks from Rory Watkinson, Harry Molyneaux and Harry Chinn against PSG replies from Ryan Darby and Rob Hennem.

Eaton Park Rangers reached the final by clinching a 2-1 home victory over Ampthill Town Development taking the lead with a Ryan Vale penalty after 11 minutes. Town

equalised through Callum Wright but Lewis Davis headed home the Rangers winner deep into time added on.

Sharnbrook Reserves suffered semi-final misery in Supplementary Cup D when they lost 3-0 to Luton Allstars on kicks from the penalty-spot. The clash had ended 2-2 with the Sharnbrook Reserves goals coming from Tom Horrell and Cormac McCann.

□ Biggleswade FC Reserves lifted the Bedfordshire County League Supplementary A Division trophy when they defeated Cranfield United on kicks from the penalty-spot.

The Greens came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Courtney Boughton and Josh Sturniolo and netting for United. Kian Coles reduced the deficit for Biggleswade FC Reserves before Jack Dreyer scored in the final minute to set up the shoot-out where they won 4-2 with successful kicks from Daniel Bond, Kian Coles, Hayden Barker and Oscar Smith.

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GRUNCH CRICKET 'TEST' MATCH SPECIAL

SHARNBROOK/BROMHAM II V HARROLD



Sharnbrook/Bromham II and Harrold made their debuts in the Four Counties League on 1st May when they faced each other in a Division Seven fixture.

When *The Daily Grunch* took the pictures Sharnbrook/Bromham II appeared to be cruising to victory after Harrold had made 174.

However, when Mark Hill fell for 65 and Karl Walker for 32, Sharnbrook/Bromham II collapsed to 152 all out to lose by 22 runs with Harrold's Alex Allen taking 6-14.

There was a delay in play during the Sharnbrook/Bromham II's innings, not for rain but for a lost ball. Hence why the Harrold fielders were taking an interest in the Lodge Road hedge.





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