

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803	201399 for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Thurs	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
2 nd Sunday	in each month at	7-10pm Sunday Sisters wine & nibbles	The Sun
2 nd Thurs	in each month at	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3 rd Tues	in each month at	7.30pm W.I.	Committee Room
1 st Tues	every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES DURING MARCH (see inside for Easter Services)

Sun 3 Mar	Parish Communion at 11.00am (coffee afterwards) and Messy Church (Sunday School)	St Mary's Church
Thur 7 Mar	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 10 Mar	Mothering Sunday - Family Communion at 11.00am (coffee afterwards)	St Mary's Church
Thur 14 Mar	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 17 Mar	Parish Communion at 11.00am (coffee afterwards)	St Mary's Church
Thur 21 Mar	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 24 Mar	Choral Matins at 11.00am (coffee afterwards)	St Mary's Church
Thur 28 Mar	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
Fri 29 Mar	Walk with the Cross – 11.00am meet at St Mary's then walk to Sharnbrook for Service there at 12 noon	St Mary's Church St Peters Church
Fri 29 Mar	Music & readings for Choir & Congregation 7.00pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 31 Mar	Easter Day - Parish Communion at 11.00am (coffee afterwards)	St Mary's Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 2 Mar	Coffee Morning at 10.30am to be held at	Felmersham
Fri 8 Mar	Coffee4 a Cause 9-12noon	Felmersham
Sat 9 Mar	Ouse Valley Singers 7.30pm at Village Hall	Sharnbrook
Thur 14 Mar	Health Walks from Harrold Country Park <i>see inside for further details</i>	
Sat 16 Mar	Kempston Musical Society at 7.30 Priory Methodist Church, Bedford	
Tue 19 Mar	History Boys – Sharnbrook Mill Theatre at 7.30pm	Sharnbrook Mill
Sat 6 Apr	Coffee Morning 10.30am	Felmersham
Thur 11 Apr	Fine Art Evaluation 7.30 St Marks Church Bedford	Bedford
Thur 18 Apr	Teas in Church begin 2.00pm to 4.00pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 20 Apr	Race Night - Sharnbrook Mill Theatre at 7.00pm	Mill Theatre
Sat 13 July	Felmersham Summer Fete 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Village Hall/Field

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MARCH 2013

Dear Friends,

When I sit and write these pieces, I try not to make them too Churchy, because this is a parish magazine and not a sermon slot. But there are still times when Church and Society overlap and this is one of those times, the time we call Lent. Many people whether they go to Church or not still “observe” lent by giving or trying to give something up. This is often something which they both enjoy, but which will do them some good to go without. Sugar, chocolate and alcohol spring to mind! The time of Lent recalls the forty days and forty nights that Christ spent in the wilderness. So what will Christians really get out of Lent and Easter this year?

It depends on one aspect of your inner life. If it is not working well, then Easter will be useless to you, even though you attend all the Lent talks, go to all the services in Holy Week, and eat Easter eggs until you are sick.

So what is it? Forgiveness. Not from God to you, but between you and other people. Your willingness - to forgive other people. Everyone has something to forgive. You'll have been hurt by various people throughout your life. Being a Christian does not alter it. But being a Christian does alter the way we are expected to deal with it. Why worry about it now, in Lent? Because we are looking forward to Easter, and when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say the words: *'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.'* Easter is all about Jesus dying on the cross to forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive those who trespass against us.

So this Lent, just how willing are you to forgive others? If you harbour bitterness, then Easter will not do you any good this year. Jesus put it like this in Matthew chapter 6: *'For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.'* That is scary!

And forgiveness is not the prerogative only of Christians, whether we go to Church or not, forgiveness can build bridges, mend relationships and restore your peace of mind. Give up chocolate by all means, but try forgiveness as well!

With every blessing

Robert

COFFEE MORNING

Jane Wells

The March Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund, will be held at the home of Laurie & May Mills, Felmersham on Saturday 2nd March at 10.30am. Any contributions of home-made cakes or item for the bring-and-buy stall will be most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

The April Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Bill and Hazel Pearce, Felmersham on Sat 6th April at 10.30am.



WANTED

A volunteer to deliver copies of Ouse News once a month – this round is a total of 24 copies, starting with a few in Grange Road then in The High Road.

If you feel you can take over this round please contact me, Lorraine Shrimpton.

This round was previously undertaken by Gill Truman, who is leaving the village in April. Many thanks, Gill, for all your help and best wishes in your new home.

SUMMER FETE - Felmersham & Radwell VHC

Sam Bance

We are holding our annual summer fete on Saturday 13th July 2 to 4pm. If you can help or would like a stall (open to parish members only) then please call Sam on Tel: **782869**. We are asking for your generosity for donations of the following items:

BOTTLES - for a 'Bottle Tombola' stall – anything in a bottle.

JEWELLERY - for a second hand jewellery stall. Any items hiding in the back of a drawer that you no longer wear, please pass them on to us.

PLATES/BOWLS/MUGS - any old crockery you have and don't want we need.

TEDDY BEARS - for teddy tombola (washed).

'HAMPER' - for the raffle, toiletries (male or female), chocolates, biscuits etc.

Please drop your donations to Marjorie Pipe, Felmersham.

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

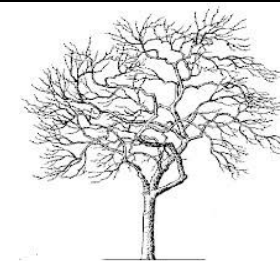
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COFFEE 4 A CAUSE

Anna Lewes

Friends Wendy Mansell and Anna Lewes who both live in Felmersham are about to embark on the challenge of a lifetime. The pair plan to trek the Himalayas next year to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Action. Anna's sister, Tara, died of ovarian cancer in 2008, aged just 45. Wendy and Anna are funding the trip themselves but need to raise £10,000 to help the charity carry out much needed research in to this devastating disease, and raise awareness of the early signs. The survival rate is currently only 40% and Tara's life might have been saved if she'd known what to look out for. With your help they can achieve their goal and all you have to do is support the fundraising events they will be holding throughout the year.



If you would like to donate cakes or prizes for the event please contact Wendy on 782808 or email wendyamansell@hotmail.com or Anna on 782683 or email anna.lewes@btinternet.com. Join Wendy and Anna for a cuppa, delicious cakes and a chance to win some great prizes (at Coffee 4 a Cause) on **Friday 8th March, at Corn Close, Church End, Felmersham, 9.00am to 12 noon.**

To find out more about Ovarian Cancer visit: www.ovarian.org.uk

SAVE THE CHILDREN (BEDFORD BRANCH)

Andy Evans

Fine Art Valuation Evening with David Fletcher from Peacocks Auctioneers and "Flog It" fame at **St Marks Church Bedford, on Thursday 11 April at 7.30pm.** Tickets cost £5 (including light refreshments) and can be obtained from 17 Colchester Way, Bedford, MK41 8BG. Money with orders please – cheques payable to "Save the Children". **No** items please for valuation.

Also, if you can spare an hour or so and are willing/able to collect door-to-door for the charity from a few houses in your street in Felmersham or Radwell during May/June, please contact Andy on 01234 782523. We also need collectors outside Tesco on Goldington Road on Saturday June 8th. Thanks.

KEMPSTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Janet Welsh

Kempston Musical Society are performing an evening of Passion music and words of St. Mark's Gospel, on **Saturday 16th March at Priory Methodist Church at 7.30pm.** Tickets are £4 to include refreshments, with proceeds going to Priory Methodist Church. Further information from Janet Welsh 781010

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 10th MARCH

This year the Mothering Sunday service in St Mary's takes place on Sunday 10th March, when children in the congregation will be presented with a posy of flowers to give to their mothers, as a thank you for all their care and love throughout the year.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK 2013

Mon 25 th March	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
	8.00pm	Compline	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
Tues 26 th March	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
	8.00pm	Compline	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
Wed 27 th March	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
	8.00pm	Compline	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
Thur 28 th March	Maundy Thursday - the day Jesus was betrayed and arrested.		
	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Felmersham Church</i>
	8.00pm	Holy Communion with the Stripping of the Altar and Vigil	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
Fri 29 th March	Good Friday - the day Jesus went to the cross.		
	9.20am	Good Friday Witness	<i>depart from Sharnbrook Upper School</i>
	11.00am	Walk with the Cross	<i>Felmersham Church</i>
	12.00noon	Stations of the Cross	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross	<i>Sharnbrook Church</i>
Sat 30 th March	Easter Saturday		
		8.00pm	Service of Light <i>Sharnbrook Church</i>

TEAS IN CHURCH

Teas in Church will once again be served once a month during the summer, starting on Thursday 18th April from 2.00pm, to 4.00pm. This year they will be held on the third Thursday in the month. If you would like to help please contact Jane Wells on 782462.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL TABLE TENNIS

Anne Smith

The last session before Easter will be on Tuesday, March 26th. We start again on Tuesday, April 16th. New members always welcome. Please contact Anne Smith for more details (01234 781780).

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk
The History Boys - Tues. 19th – Sat. 23rd March at 7.30pm, by Alan Bennett, at his effervescent and comic best! This is a play with depth, as well as warmth and wit. Not just about history – it makes history! Not suitable for persons under 15 years of age. Tickets (£8-£10) from Sharnbrook Post Office.

QUIZ NIGHT - Felmersham & Radwell VHC **Sam Bance**
 We would like to thank everyone that came to our quiz night. We raised £966.00 and have also been very lucky and have been given match funding of £800.00, which is fantastic and thank you again for your support. The money raised from this event has been put towards the up keep of the village hall and playing field. Our next quiz night will be in November, date to be confirmed.

OUSE VALLEY SINGERS **Janet Welsh**
 Ouse Valley Singers are singing at **Sharnbrook Village Hall on Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm.** All proceeds will go to the Sharnbrook Bowls Club. It will be a concert of light music and refreshments are included. Cost is £5 and tickets can be bought at the door. Further information from Janet Welsh, on 781010.

WALK WITH THE CROSS
 The date is **Good Friday 29th March.** As last year, we meet at Felmersham Church at 11.00am, walk to Sharnbrook with the Cross, stopping along the way for a short prayer, then refreshments at Sharnbrook Church, just in time for a short service at 12.00noon.

For those who do not wish to walk, we look forward to seeing you for the Stations of the Cross service at 12.00noon at Sharnbrook.

W.I. **May Mills**
 ‘So you want to be a Magistrate’ was the title of Mike Hine’s talk and at the end the answer was a resounding ‘No’! (at least from your reporter!). There are 28,000 Justices of the Peace, of which 48% are women and 5% from ethnic minorities. All criminals pass through the Magistrates Court, where 97% of all crime is dealt with. Although no formal qualifications are required, there is a 12 week training programme together with legal advice from a specialist criminal lawyer, and Magistrates expect to carry out 25-30 sittings per annum – unpaid. We were surprised by the complexity of sentencing powers which range from unconditional discharge through fines, community service, tagging, rehabilitation, to a maximum custodial sentence of 6 months. The national guidelines are just that – a guide to interpretation, as we duly found out! Mike gave us two hypothetical theft cases to judge, thus underlining the difficulties and complexities involved. He ended a most informative talk with a quote about the people who come before the courts – ‘one third mad; one third sad; one third bad’.



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