

## REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803201399	for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Wed	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Community Shop - will restart in March	St Mary's Church
Thurs	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Zumba Fitness Class	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall

## REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun Pub
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm W.I	Committee Room
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
1st Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Thursday	2nd	9.30 am	Midweek Communion
Sunday	5th	11.00 am	Parish Communion (Epiphany) and Messy Church (Sunday School)
		6.00 pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook St Peters
Thursday	9th	9.30 am	Midweek Communion
Sunday	12th	11.00 am	Family Communion (Epiphany 1)
		6.00 pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook St Peters
Thursday	16th	9.30 am	Midweek Communion
Sunday	19th	11.00 am	Parish Communion (Epiphany 2)
		6.00 pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook St Peters
Thursday	23rd	9.30 am	Midweek Communion
Sunday	26th	11.00 am	Choral Matins (Epiphany 3)
		6.00 pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook St Peters
Thursday	30th	9.30 am	Midweek Communion



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**January 2014**

## NEW YEAR MESSAGE Rev Gill Baalham, Sharnbrook Methodist Church

Happy New Year to you all, from the churches in Felmersham and Sharnbrook! May the months ahead be filled with peace and many blessings.

So... 2014 is upon us even as you read, and I wonder if you have made any resolutions for this year? To eat less chocolate, maybe? To take more exercise? To make more time for friends and family? To make more time for yourself, or to make more time for God, even?

One of my greatest pleasures – and my greatest challenges, in January, is taking part in the Methodist Covenant Service. This service goes back to the earliest days of the Methodist societies, when John Wesley invited the Methodist people to renew their covenant relationship with God. It is a service that sits well at the beginning of a new year, after the excitement and bustle of Christmas festivities, refocusing us on our faith journey and on God's enfolding of us in his generous love – regardless of our deserving, or lack of it.

The Covenant Service is a time in which we celebrate God's grace, his free gift of love, both to us as individuals and to the whole faith community. We remember the covenant that God made with the people of Israel, calling them to set themselves apart to be his people and choosing them to witness to his love in choosing to live in ways that honoured him. That first covenant is renewed in Jesus, through his life, death and resurrection and we, in our turn, find him strengthening us day by day. In this new covenant, God promises us new life in Christ and we, for our part, promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God.

As part of our covenant service, we are invited to pray these words:

“I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
where ever you may place me,  
in all that I do and in all that I may endure....  
I willingly offer all that I have and am to serve you  
as, and where you choose.”

Whatever resolutions or promises you make, my God strengthen you and keep you enfolded in his unconditional love.

And, if you are around Sharnbrook Methodist Church at 10.30am on January 12th2014, please feel free to come and join us, in body or spirit, for our Covenant Service.

Every blessing, Rev Gill

#### OUSE NEWS!

**Elaine Poulter**

Happy New Year to Ouse News readers. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

Thanks to Lorraine Shrimpton for her stirring efforts as editor over the last couple of years and for handing everything over to me so efficiently. Thanks also for the continued support of the distributors of Ouse News.

Please can I ask all those listed under ‘Village Trades and Services’ to provide me with confirmation by email that they still wish to be included in the Ouse News. Thanks.

This edition is light on local new items, so over the next few weeks please consider if you have any items for inclusion and send any articles for the February edition of Ouse News to me at 40 Marriotts Close or by email to [elaine.poulter@googlemail.com](mailto:elaine.poulter@googlemail.com) to reach me before noon on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

#### ZUMBA FOR 2014

**Hannah Just**

Zumba (Latin – inspired dance fitness) returns to the Village Hall **at 7pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**. Everyone is welcome (age 14+) £4 a session. It’s a lot of fun, energetic and perfect to welcome in the New Year after a wonderfully indulgent Christmas. All enquiries please don’t hesitate at [hannahjustzumba@gmail.com](mailto:hannahjustzumba@gmail.com) or on **01234 781355**.

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17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March - **On Golden Pond**, by Ernest Thompson. A work of great simplicity and beauty; touching, funny and warmly perceptive.

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March - **Bouncers and Shakers**, by John Godber and Jane Thornton. An intense and insightful evening from *Sharnbrook Mill Youth*; very British, very funny. A Clubroom performance.

19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May – **Camelot\***, by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe; the legendary tale of Arthur, the 'Once and Future King'; one of the most popular shows of all time!

15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September – **Macbeth**, by William Shakespeare; possibly the bard's darkest and most powerful tragedy; 'Macbeth doth murder sleep'.

14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November – **Miss Saigon (School Edition)**, by Claude Michel Schonberg & Alain Boublil; the megahit Vietnam war musical; cast of young performers.

Booking opens about 5 weeks before First Night: on-line via [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk) ; Sharnbrook Post Office (in person); Bedford Central Box Office, 718112, Tourist Information Centre, St Paul's Square.

## NEWS FROM THE SUN

Hannah Just

We are well and truly settled into the front bar, and are pleased that our customers like the changes we've made! The second wood burning stove has finally been installed, and is a lovely new feature. As far as food is concerned, we're aiming to reopen the kitchen around February/March time, but due to lots of different factors we can't set a firm date yet. We will keep you posted of course! We hope to see you at the Quiz **at 7:45pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

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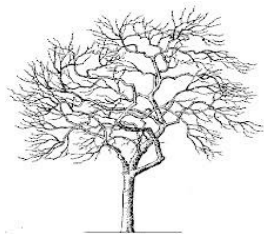
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## East Anglian Air Ambulance Newsletter

**Tim Page (Chief Executive)**

As well as beautiful countryside, scenic coast lines and thriving towns, the people of East Anglia have something else to be grateful for! The East Anglian Air Ambulance is delighted to announce that it is now operating a full night-time Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). The HEMS team will cover all six counties covered by the East of England Ambulance Service between the hours of 5pm to 1am.

Achieving night flying approval couldn't be more timely. As the evenings draw in, and many of us are travelling to and from work in the dark, it is reassuring to know that should the unthinkable happen, the East Anglian Air Ambulance will be there to help.

This is new ground for the Civil Aviation Authority, the UK aviation regulator, as well as for the EAAA. To finally get approval for night-time missions took almost a year. It was then necessary for our pilots, paramedics and doctors to receive extensive training.

The aircraft had to be modified to accommodate working with night vision goggles (NVG). Lighting in the cockpit was changed and additional room was required to accommodate the pilot's NVG. It was also essential to install a more sophisticated navigation system; as well as a Power line Detection System, a Trakka searchlight for the undercarriage, and put fluorescent markings on all equipment!

And when all these modifications had been approved the actual flight testing begins! A very long and challenging process, but incredibly rewarding if it means we can help more people in East Anglia.

The EAAA is a 365-day helicopter emergency medical service which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With a medical crew highly trained in critical care, we bring the emergency room to the patient within 25 minutes and can then transport them to the most appropriate hospital if needed. Since our launch in 2000, we have attended over 12,500 life-saving missions.

For more information about the East Anglian Air Ambulance or to find out how you can support our work, please visit our website [www.eaaa.org.uk](http://www.eaaa.org.uk)

### Dates for your diary

Tue 7 Jan	Table Tennis resumes	Village Hall
Wed 8 Jan	Pub Quiz - 7:45	The Sun Pub
Tue 21 Jan	Residents' Assoc AGM , back room Sun 7.00pm	The Sun Pub



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### COFFEE MORNING;

#### No coffee morning in January

The February Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be held at the home of **Rev Robert Evens and Mrs Caroline Evens, Sharnbrook on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 10.30 am**

**Contributions of homemade cakes, toiletries, produce and bric a brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome.  
Please come along. Everyone welcome.**

### COFFEE MORNING HOSTESSES 2014

1st February	Robert and Caroline Evans	Jane Templeman Sharnbrook
1st March	Ian and Margaret Coomber	Felmersham
3th April	Tom and Jane Wells	Felmersham
3rd May	Geoff and Celia Hulatt	Felmersham
7th June	Matt and Sarah Beecham	St Mary's Church Church End Felmersham
5th July	Lorraine Shrimpton/ Elaine Longstaff	St Mary's Church Church End Felmersham
2nd August	Lorraine Shrimpton/ Elaine Longstaff	St Mary's Church Church End Felmersham
6th September	Jane Templeman	St Mary's Church Church End Felmersham
4th October	Hazel Worthington Dennehy	Radwell
1st November	Tim and Linda Hoyle	Felmersham
6th December	Graeme and Cherrie Dawson	Milton Ernest

**BARN DANCE** Sharnbrook Bowls Club are holding a Barn Dance on Saturday 11 January, in Sharnbrook Village Hall, at 7.30—11.00.  
Live Band (Hit and Miss). Tickets £8 (781348) includes Ploughman's Supper and Tea/Coffee. (Bring your own drinks).