

## 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 MAY** (any changes to these details will appear on the small notice board at the Lych Gate ).

Mon to Fri	5.00pm	Evening Prayers (about 15 minutes duration)	
Thursday 1ST	9.30am	Midweek Communion	
Sunday 4th	11.00am	Parish Communion and Rise and Shine	<i>Easter 3</i>
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook Church	
Thursday 8th	9.30am	Midweek Communion	
Sunday 11th	11.00am	All Age Communion	<i>Easter 4</i>
	6.00pm	Evensong At Sharnbrook Church	
Thursday 15th	9.30am	Midweek Communion	
Sunday 18th	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>Easter 5</i>
	6.00pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook Church	
Thursday 22nd	9.30am	Midweek Communion	
Sunday 25th	11.00am	Choral Matins	<i>Easter 6</i>
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Sharnbrook Church	
Thursday 29th	9.30am	Midweek Communion	



Felmersham and Radwell children about to start a Maypole dance, 1942

**Parish Online: [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)**

**May 2014**

Dear Friends

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: "*for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?*"

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets, and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and that evening, bonfires. The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was "*the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England*", according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

With every blessing  
Robert

### **MOTHER'S UNION MEETINGS at Sharnbrook**

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm** in St Peter's Room at Sharnbrook Church (access is either through the church, or outside at the back of the church). The speaker will be Sheila Smith and her talk is entitled "*Faith and Beauty*"- Australia in pictures. If you would like more information please contact Caroline Evens at the Rectory, Sharnbrook or call her on 782000.

### **Car Treasure (Clue) Hunt**

Sunday 1st June 2.00p.m.—5.00p.m. from St. Peter's Church including refreshments after. Maximum 12 cars so book early with Colin Scott on 781559 or [colinjscott1@aol.com](mailto:colinjscott1@aol.com) Bring your friends/family for an afternoon of fun.

### **Sharnbrook Bowls Club**

We have now started playing our Outdoor Season at Lodge Road and New Members always welcome.

**Bank Holiday Monday 5th May**, we have an **OPEN DAY**, where all are invited to Come Along and

*HAVE A GO!*

Secretary: 781660

### **Village Hall Committee**

**Sam Bance**

**70/80's Disco** - Saturday 10th May 8pm tickets are £15 each. There will be a buffet, licensed bar available and raffle. There will also be a prize for the best fancy dress but you do not have to dress up.

**Village Fete and Dog Show** - Saturday 28th June - 2pm. If anyone would like a stall then please contact Sam on 782161. More detail in June's Ouse News and on the scruffts website: [scrufftsfelmersham.co.uk](http://scrufftsfelmersham.co.uk)

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## Tea in the Church

Jane Wells

Tea and cake will be served in the Church on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.**

Please come along, bring your friends and neighbours for a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake while buying home produce from the Community shop.

If you cannot make this date, Tea and Cake will also be served on Wednesday 18th June, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 17th September.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

## COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 3rd MAY 2014

The May Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be held at the home of **Geoff and Celia Hulatt, Felmersham** on **Saturday 3rd May at 10.30am.**

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.

The June Coffee morning will be held at St. Mary's Church and be hosted by the Beecham family on Saturday 7th June.



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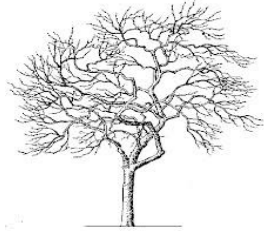
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## Save the Children/Mill Theatre

**Andy Evans**

Save the Children presents in conjunction with the Mill Theatre, the production of Camelot on Monday 19 May. Tickets for this performance only are available from Andy Evans on 782523 or from Sharnbrook Post Office cost £11. This is the charity performance. Thanks

## Zumba

**Hannah Just**

This year has been great fun but rather disruptive for my Zumba classes! An injury taking me out of action for 6 months and then taking on The Sun has resulted in attendance dropping. Unfortunately if attendance does not pick up in the next month I will not be able to continue the class. I am keen to continue Zumba-ing in Felpersham and grow the class, so thought I would just remind you that we exercise on Thursdays at the Village Hall, 7pm.

## News from the Sun

**Hannah Just**

**May Bank Holiday Weekends (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May)**

Open Friday - Monday from 12 Noon (normal closing times apply)

### **Beer Festival**

A date for your diary, we're hosting our first beer festival from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. More information to follow!

### **Kitchen**

We are making good progress with the kitchen and are looking forward to serving you food soon, we will keep you updated!

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also matinee: 24th May at 2.30 pm. –*Tickets now on sale! – early booking advised* for this musically rich, legendary tale of Arthur, ‘The Once and Future King’ by Alan Jay Lerner & Frederick Loewe.

Set to some of the most memorable songs in their catalogue, including ‘How to handle a woman’, ‘If ever I would leave you’, ‘Guinevere’.... • Tickets: (Evenings £11 – 13; Saturday matinee £10) On-Line: [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk), Sharnbrook Post Office (in person): Bedford Central Box Office 718112. (19<sup>th</sup> May is Charity night – Save the Children – Tickets: 01234 782523 Andy Evans).

**YOUTH PERFORMERS** for **MISS SAIGON** by Claude Michel-Schonberg & Alain Boublil (School Edition of the musical) will be performed by Sharnbrook Mill Youth 14th – 22nd November 2014. Do join us! *Please note revised dates:* **Workshops:** Tues. 27th, Wed. 28th, Fri. 30th MAY 7.30 pm

**Auditions:** Sun. 1st JUNE, 2 pm. All at The Mill Theatre. Details: Paul Wildman: [wildchildtheatre@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wildchildtheatre@yahoo.co.uk)

**CONCERT with SOUND SENSATION** - A guest appearance by Kettering Operatic Musical Theatre Company. Music for All ~ Classical ~ Pop ~ Songs from Stage & Screen; 7.30 pm on Saturday 21st June at The Mill Theatre. Tickets £10 are now available from Virginia Pope 01933 356974

A Mill Theatre ‘Warm Up Appeal’ fundraising event. Reg. Charity 242164

## OUSE NEWS ITEMS

## Editor

Thank you all for your continued support and contributions to the Ouse News which are appreciated by the readers in Felmersham and Radwell.

Please continue to send items for inclusion, regarding forthcoming events, feedback on recent events etc to me by noon on the 25th of each month.