

## 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 - held in the church               | St Mary's        |
| 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 AT ST MARY'S FOR JUNE** (these are the regular weekly services for each month – if there are any changes to these services, details will appear inside the magazine and also on the small notice board at the Lych Gate)

|                                     |         |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday to Friday evenings           | 5.00pm  | Evening Prayers (15 minutes)      |
| Every Thursday morning              | 9.30am  | Midweek Communion (30 minutes)    |
| Every Sunday evening                | 6.00pm  | Benefice Evensong at Sharnbrook   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month | 11.00am | Parish Communion & Rise and Shine |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month | 11.00am | All Age Communion                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month | 11.00am | Parish Communion                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month | 11.00am | Choral Matins                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month | 11.00am | Parish Communion                  |

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean: Revd. Robert Evens (782000)  
 Curate: Revd. Thomas Sander (781773)  
 Pastoral Assistant: Rosemary Drewery (07792926004)  
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Items should be with the Editor by **noon on the 25<sup>th</sup>** of each month



Felmersham slipway is to be repaired. See this edition of Ouse News

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

**June 2014**

## MESSAGE FROM REV. GILL BAALHAM

Longing for a bit of Peace and Quiet.....

Have you noticed that deck-chairs are back in fashion? I wonder what makes the summer for you? Is it the swallows – or the cuckoo? Is it the sound of the ice-cream van coming round the village or the anticipation of sand between your toes? Maybe, for you, the summer brings back memories of family holidays, Punch and Judy, donkey rides and sandy sandwiches on the beach. No doubt some of you reading this will be heading off in the next few weeks to the promise of warmer climes and days of predictable sunshine. Others of us will remain in our less predictable country, taking a jaunt to a different region or staying where we are whilst enjoying the longer days.

For us, new to Bedfordshire, there is plenty of exploring to do here, with many beautiful and interesting places vying for our attention. Already we have found the lovely, gentle walk around Harrold-Odell Country Park, found our way to the noisily stimulating Santapod and sauntered in the late warmth of evening along Bedford Embankment. We hope, before the summer is out, to make visits to Woburn Abbey, Bletchley Park and the Swiss Garden at Shuttleworth, due to be re-opened in July. We're counting down the days to the Bedford River Festival on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July, that we have heard so much about.

Of course, summer is not only defined by holidays, or getting out and about, and for whatever reason, it may be a time for you of staying put and remaining at home. It's important for all of us, however, home or abroad, to find a way of "getting away from it all" even if that is done from our own armchair. We are particularly reminded that the search for peace is at the heart of all our being as we prepare to commemorate the 1914-1918 War and remember those whose personal peace was shattered as loved ones gave their lives to ensure the peace of others.

Jesus was all too aware of the need to take time out from everyday life to spend quality time with God. He sets us the pattern of making time to reflect and to pray, to re-charge our spiritual batteries and to find the deep peace that God offers to each one of us. As he prepared his friends to face life without his physical presence, he said, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”* (John 14.27). Whatever June holds for us, I pray that we might each find a moment to “get away from it all” and spend some quality time, with friends, with family, and with God.

Peace, love and joy to all of you, in Jesus’ name,  
Rev Gill & family

### HOUSE VALLEY DEANERY GROUP - MOTHER’S UNION MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 Rev’d. Robert Evens and his talk is entitled *“The Life of a Country Parson”*. If you would like more information please contact Caroline Evens at the Rectory, Sharnbrook or call her on 782000.

Next month on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July the Group are holding a Wave of Prayer and on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm it will be the annual Garden Party. A very warm welcome is extended to all members and non-members.

### CHANGES TO CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE Lorraine Shrimpton

There are just two changes to the normal weekly services printed on the back page. Because 29<sup>th</sup> June is St Peter’s Day the services will be held at St Peter’s Church, Sharnbrook instead of at Felmersham:

**29<sup>th</sup> June - 9.30am** (earlier time) **Patronal Service - at Sharnbrook Church**  
**6.00pm Festival Songs of Praise - at Sharnbrook Church**

### FELMERSHAM PUBLIC SLIPWAY

Felmersham Parish Council are pleased to announce that finally Bedford Borough Council has scheduled work to commence on repairing the eroded Felmersham Slipway adjacent to the Jubilee Lawn.

Work is scheduled to commence on the 27th May 2014. The duration is expected to be approximately 3 weeks and will involve replacing the eroded section with a durable alternative comprising steel sheets at the edges with a concrete surface.

The works will be carried out away from the road and it is therefore expected there will be no inconvenience to road users or the general public

### POLITE NOTICE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Would householders please ensure that overhanging and overgrown vegetation is cut back in a timely manner from encroaching the pathways outside their properties.

Thanking you for your attention from the Parish Council.

### VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

|  |                            |   |   |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|
|  |                            | Driving Instruction   | Jeff Henman<br>782290                       |
|  |                            | Electrical Services   | Martin Blizzard<br>782527                   |
|  |                            | Electrical Services   | Mick Bowyer<br>783472                       |
|  |                            | General Building<br>Renovation work   | Allan Levene<br>781918                      |
|  |                            | Odd Jobs<br>(babysitting/ car wash<br>gardening/house<br>cleaning etc)              | Isaac Perring<br>782733/075008284<br>04     |
|  |                            | Painting & Deco-<br>rating  | Eric Barford<br>781719                      |
|  |                            | IT Services<br>(business or home)   | Clive Just<br>781967/783246                 |
| Childminding                           | Maxine Boswell<br>782128   | Piano/Guitar Les-<br>sons (all ages)  | Margo Payne<br>782355                       |
| Chemistry/<br>Science<br>Maths tuition | Peter Rankin<br>782897     | Secretarial/<br>Business Support<br>Service   | Ruth Barratt<br>781876                      |
| Community Care                         | 07786 344176               | Driveway and Pa-<br>tio Cleaning<br>(Radwell)                                       | David Rickard<br>07900677851 or<br>783589   |
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### Christian Aid Week 11 – 17 May

Gill Greenish

Our Christian Aid collection in Felmersham and Radwell raised £603.75 with gift aid to be added. On behalf of Christian Aid I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection, by donating, and also by giving time to distribute and collect envelopes.

If you would like to know more about the work of Christian Aid a quarterly magazine is left in church and there is a website.

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### W.I.

### May Mills

Colin Hill spent 30 years in the Metropolitan Police Force but his claim to fame, and the reason he was here to talk to us, was his three years as a Royal Protection Officer during the late 1980's. He underwent a course of intensive training after which he looked after most of the Royal family at one time or another. His highly amusing anecdotes of the royals were true stories, not embellished or given the 'Paul Burrell' effect. He met many celebrities too including Cher, Elton John and his favourite, June Whitfield. His favourite royal was Princess Diana with whom he danced at a function at the Cafe Royal – an experience that lives with him still, and was the subject of his talk. He gave us an entertaining but discrete eye-opener into the private world behind the public face – and does not plan to write an autobiography!

### Notes on the Felmersham & Radwell Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was postponed until the July meeting due to the absence of some councillors.

A 20 mph speed limit has been agreed for Moor End Road, Radwell, but Borough Council support for a 20 mph limit for Felmersham would be subject to further assessment including traffic calming in The High Road. A traffic survey would be carried out by councillors.

A number of serious potholes, particularly in Church End and Hunts Lane that had been notified to Bedford Borough Highways last year, still need repairing. A blocked culvert in Hunts Lane also needed clearing.

A survey of the street lights in the parish would be carried out to find out which lights need refurbishing as many had been erected more than 40 years ago.

Trees have now been planted by the Parish Council in the verge in front of the wall of Radwell Court.

Despite numerous requests to Anglian Water, a leaking sewerage pipe near Radwell was still unrepaired. The Clerk will make further contact with Anglian Water.

The entrance to Stonepits, Carlton Road has not been re-instated, an Enforcement Order is still outstanding.

The council members present agreed the annual accounts for the year 2013/14, following internal audit by Mr Doyle.

The council agreed to seek a quote for the cleaning and repair of the War Memorial in Felmersham.

Following a meeting in December with Dave Hodgson, the Mayor of Bedford, sadly, neither the Chairman nor the Clerk had received replies to their follow up e-mails.

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

16th Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition

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**Sunday 7th September** Pinchmill Hall Trophies and prizes to be won!

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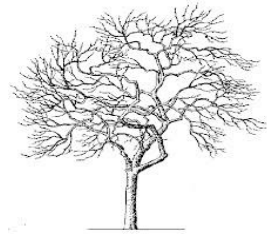
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## SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.45 pm – relax and enjoy with us this coming midsummer eve: *A Special Concert with Sound Sensation (KOS Musical Theatre Company)*

– Music for All: Classical – Pop – Songs from the Shows. Tickets £10 are available now from Virginia Pope 01933 356974 or via our website: [sharnbrook-milltheatre.co.uk](http://sharnbrook-milltheatre.co.uk) A 'Warm Up' H&V Appeal Event.

**Award Winners!** We are delighted to share with you that, at the recent National and Dramatic Association (NODA) Regional Awards Ceremony, of our 2013 shows, *Blood Brothers* won the award: Best Youth Production; with Antonia Testa: Best Performer in a Youth Production for *Blood Brothers*; and Best Play: *Glorious*!

To look forward to: *Macbeth* September 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

## FELMERSHAM & RADWELL VILLAGE SHOW, SCRUFFS HEAT & FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 28th June 2pm

It is this time of year again when we pray for good weather and your kind generosity. We are looking for donations of:

Soft cuddly washed toys. Tombola prizes - bottles, cans, jars, tins, chocolates, biscuits, toiletries etc. Any old plates & bowls.

Please take your donations to Marjorie Pipe, Cassiobury Pavenham Road by Monday 23rd June.

Half an hour of your time to help run a stall. To help set up and clear away. If you would like a stall.

Please call Sam on 782161

Cake pledges - Please call Maxine on 782128, by Monday 23rd June

There will be a leaflet coming through your doors in the next couple of weeks with more information about the dog show so watch out for it.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



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Admission: £1 (children free)

### Tea in the Church

Jane Wells

Tea and cake will be served in the Church on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 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 16<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

### COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014

#### DO COME ALONG

The June Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by the Beecham family in St. Mary's Church, Felmersham

**on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 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.**

St Mary's Church, Carlton

**Art & Craft Exhibiton/Sale at Carlton Village Hall.**

**Saturday 19th July 10.am to 5.pm. Sunday 20th July 12noon - 5pm**

Entrance £1.00. lunch & refreshments

### **"A Spriggett for a Sprockett?"**

**Teresa Miller**

Could anyone help me by making a replacement piece that will turn a paddle in a domestic ice cream maker, please? It's a short stick-like piece that connects the paddle with the motor - the original was a light plastic piece but I should think it could be replaced by another light material. The place I bought the appliance from cannot help as the only sell complete packages and don't keep spares. 01234 781497 - I'd be very grateful for any help or advice!