

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 August (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 (20 minutes)
Every Sunday evening	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong at Sharnbrook
1 st Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion & Rise and Shine
2 nd Sunday in the month	11.00am	All Age Communion
3 rd Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion
4 th Sunday in the month	11.00am	Choral Matins
5 th Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean: Revd. Robert Evens (782000)
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 Pastoral Assistant: Rosemary Drewery (07792926004)
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Items should be with the Editor by noon on the 25th of each month



The Great War Remembered – see inside for details

Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

August 2014

THE WAY I SEE IT : SURFING THE WEB

David Winter

I suppose all of us, even if reluctantly, are familiar with the strange code 'www', the prelude to a domain name for the internet. Tap it in, and at once you are somewhere else – a shop, a charity, a government organisation, a vet or a dancing school. I don't suppose anyone knows how many of those strange 'www' names there are, but I think we'd be in the realms of Abraham's *stars in the sky* or *grains of sand on the sea-shore*.

The letters stand, of course, for 'world wide web', and this year is the 22nd anniversary of its birth, the brain-child of a British computer expert, Tim Berners-Lee. It may seem to have been around forever but in fact it's a mere whippersnapper. The next time you fume at the endless advice on the phone to 'go to our website', think of Mr Berners-Lee and you'll know who to blame!

In fact, the world wide web is now an inescapable part of life for most people all over the world, and even those who aren't on the internet are aware how dependent so much of modern life is on its working. Via the keys on an ordinary computer, or even the buttons on a Smart-phone, we have access to an unlimited source of information, advice and resources. Many people choose to shop online, obtain facts and information, train times etc - we are all drowning in a sea of information, all there at our fingertips but daunting in its volume. "No", we sometimes feel like screaming, "I don't want to go to your web-site, I just want to talk to a human being."

I used to wonder, as a child, how God could possibly cope with everybody's prayers – millions of us, presumably, all trying to get through to him at once. How could I think of my little request making its way through this vast traffic jam to the Eternal Ear? Well, 'www' offers hope! If Mr Berners-Lee could work out a way to do it, surely it's not beyond the Creator of the universe?

(This is an excerpt from the Parish Magazine of St Thomas & Keresley Village Community Church)

WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S DURING AUGUST Lorraine Shrimpton

Saturday 2nd August at 2.00pm Rachel Hubbard /James Mellor
(Rachel is the daughter of Alan and
Geraldine Hubbard, of Marriotts Close)

CHURCH SERVICES DURING AUGUST

There is no Rise and Shine during August. In addition, please note the article regarding the evening service at St Mary's to commemorate the start of the First World War, 6.00pm on Sunday 3rd August.

THE GREAT WAR REMEMBERED Pat Hartop / Lorraine Shrimpton

To commemorate the start of the First World War, we have organised an evening of Prayer, Hymns, Readings and Poems plus a sing-along of some of the songs our troops sang in the trenches to keep up their spirits. The evening will finish with a glass of sherry or soft drink.

There will be a collection during the service and all proceeds from this will be divided between the British Legion and Help for Heroes, both organisations doing a wonderful job of taking care of deserving service men and women.



SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2014

at 6.00pm

**in St Mary's Church,
Felmersham**

As the poster on the left says - come along, you're wanted. Help us remember and give thanks to all who took part.

Thursday Club

May Mills

What could be better than messing about on the river on a hot summer's afternoon? The lucky Thursday Club people perhaps didn't quite 'mess about' but sailed along the Ouse aboard the John Bunyan community boat which was 'launched' a year ago and which is run by volunteers of the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterways Trust. We negotiated our way through the tight-fitting Bedford lock on our way past Priory Marina, with an on-going commentary by the extremely pleasant volunteers. They are obviously well trained in the art of tea-making, because we were served a very good cream tea! Many thanks to Celia Hulatt for organising a delightful trip which was a 'maiden' voyage on the Ouse for most of us!

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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		Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
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		Painting & Deco- rating	Eric Barford 781719
		IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
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SAVE THE CHILDREN COLLECTION

Andrew Evans

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Many thanks to the residents of these two streets who gave so generously in the recent collection. The magnificent sum of £92.58 was collected so many thanks to all who gave. Also grateful thanks to Kate Henman who helped as part of the Sharnbrook Upper School collection as she raised £41.75 from the houses she visited. If anyone would be willing to help collect next year from their area of the village, please contact me on 782523. All the money collected goes to help the work of the charity in this country and around the world including all the current war zones. Thank You.

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Tea in the Church

Tea and cake will be served in the Church on **Wednesday 20th August 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.

The last Tea in the Church for this year will be held on Wednesday 17th September. So, if you haven't been along yet, you have this month and next month to do so. Please come along.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Jane Wells

BIKE 'N HIKE 2014

Ken Shrimpton

Are you a cyclist or a walker and would you like to raise money for St Mary's Church? The annual Sponsored *Bike 'n Hike* organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will this year be held on Saturday 13th September. The idea is that you cycle or walk to churches that are participating in the event and seek sponsorship for the number of churches you visit. Even if you are walking it is possible to visit 5 or 6 churches! (Park at Swineshead and visit churches at: Upper Dean, Shelton, Yelden, Melchbourne and Swineshead or alternatively park at Carlton and visit churches at Carlton, Harrold, Harrold URC, Odell, Sharnbrook, Felmersham and get a lift back to Carlton to pick up your car!) There are over 600 churches participating in Beds and Herts so there is a wide choice of churches you can choose to visit.

Alternatively you could be a Church Welcomer (welcoming cyclists and walkers) and seek sponsorship for sitting in the church. There are sponsorship forms specifically designed for this purpose. Church Welcomers can also seek sponsorship for other activities, for example: sponsorship for reading the psalms or one of the Gospels or for tidying up the churchyard or polishing the pews. Last year one group of musicians received sponsorship for playing for a couple of hours in a church!

If you would like more details or a sponsorship form then please contact Ken Shrimpton on 781381 and, thanks to Tim Berners-Lee, you can also get details from www.bikenhike.co.uk Don't forget, *Bike 'n Hike* - Saturday 13th September 2014 starting any time after 10.00 am

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to thank all householders who responded to the request to cut back their vegetation overgrowing the parish paths and highways. Those who have not got round to the task please do so as soon as possible. If this is not done in a timely manner it is possible the Borough Council can do it and bill the householder for the remedial cost. Thanks again for your help.

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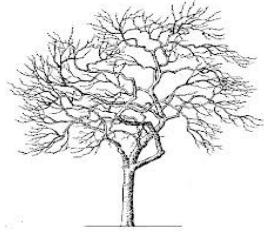
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Barn Dance & Barbeque Supper Saturday 27th September 2014



We invite you, your family and friends to join the United Benefice Of Sharnbrook, Felmersham, Knotting & Souldrop for an evening of dance and fun.

From 7pm to 10.30 pm ~ Sharnbrook Village Hall. If you do not dance you can enjoy listening to the music in the marquee.

Tickets £12.00 ~ Bring Your Own Drinks

For further information contact Rosemary@madewithlovinghands.com

Purchase Your Tickets ~ Sharnbrook Post Office or Roland ~ 01234 781551 ~ Rosemary ~ 07792926004

Felmersham and Radwell W.I.

Wendy Williamsom

One of the pleasures of being a member of the W.I. is the wide variety of speakers who entertain us each month, July's meeting was no exception!

Our vivacious speaker was a lady Ryta Lindley who amused us all by speaking about her very diverse life style. After leaving school at 15 with no academic qualifications and successive mundane jobs found herself qualifying as a Yoga teacher and therapist taking classes for many years.

In March 1983 Ryta and her then husband Mick took over The Old Plough Bolnhurst, which I'm sure many of us remember in those days.

Since Ryta retired she now writes childrens books and enjoys clairvoyant events.

Next month August meeting we are having a desert and coffee evening hosted by Jane Wells in her lovely garden. Let's hope the weather will continue to be kind to us.

Come and join the W.I. your sure of a warm welcome.



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COFFEE MORNING

Elaine Longstaff / Lorraine Shrimpton

Elaine and Lorraine extend to you
An invite to spend an hour or two
Down at the church, to help raise the dosh
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We need more funds to remove the odd pew
To make more room to entertain you,
And to make it more private for the vicar to don
His robes (or whatever else he wants to put on!).
So please, come along and help us raise
More funds for this place of hymn and praise,
You're sure to enjoy catching up with the news
And finding out what we intend for the pews!

DATE: SATURDAY 9th AUGUST
TIME: 10.30am
PLACE: St Mary's Church
COST: £1 for coffee and biscuits
RESULT: Priceless!

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Coffee Morning
Everyone Welcome



The September Coffee morning will be held at the home of Jeff and Karen
Stokley, Felmersham on Saturday 6th September.

Felmersham Village Fete

Marjorie Pipe - Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

The Committee would like to thank everybody who supported the Fete on Saturday 28th June, despite the horrendous weather. It was a very disappointing afternoon and the amount raised was disappointing but we did not actually make a loss.

I personally would like to thank those members of the Committee who together with their families give their all on occasions such as this. We also had a great deal of help from student members of the Youth Club.

We hope that you will continue to support us.

TABLE TENNIS

Mike Benson

The Table Tennis Club will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings throughout August.

We meet at 7.30 p.m. New members are most welcome. If you would like further information, please contact me on 781649.