

## 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
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 February** (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)

Every Thursday morning	9.30am	Midweek Communion (20 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	Parish 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)  
 Pastoral Assistant: Rosemary Drewery (07792926004)  
 Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381)  
 Jane Wells (782462)  
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Items should be with the Editor by **noon on the 25<sup>th</sup>** of each month



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

**February 2015**

### New vestry area for St Mary's Church

Ken Shrimpton

In April 2009 a toilet and kitchen were installed in the vestry area behind the church organ. Phase 2 of this project has now commenced with the building of a new vestry area at the west end of the north aisle. Three pews have also been removed to give access to the vestry and create a useable space. The header photograph shows the area being paved where the pews were previously installed. The work is expected to be completed by the end of February.

Funds for this project have been raised from church coffee mornings, teas in the church and grants from the Wixamtree Trust and the Community Trust. Funds raised at the coffee mornings also help finance church maintenance and repair. We are extremely grateful to all those who support the monthly coffee mornings and if you have never been to one, why not give them a try? In the summer months we hold them in the church in the hope that we will appeal to a wider community.

### Ash Wednesday 18 February

There will be a Benefice Communion service at St Peter's Church at 8.00 pm. All other services are as published on the back page.

### Mobile library

Edith Caldwell

We were expecting the mobile library in Felmersham on 8<sup>th</sup> January but it didn't arrive. I've spoken to Kempston Library and they apparently reset the timetable from week 1 this year so it will visit Felmersham on 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January and so on every two weeks. So the next visit to Radwell should be on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

We seem to have had a run of problems recently with the mobile library so let's hope things will run smoothly this year.

## Are you interested in knowing about the mission, restoration & running of St Mary's Church?

The group that are responsible for overseeing the mission, restoration and running of St Mary's Church are called the Parochial Church Council (PCC). We manage any changes to the church, for example the current work to build a new vestry, and we ensure that church services are staffed so that they run smoothly throughout the year.

The date of our annual meeting is Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the venue is Committee Room in Pinchmill Community Hall and it will start at 7.30pm. There are two parts to the meeting:

Election of Churchwardens.

Reports on mission, restoration and management of St Mary's Church, election of PCC members and election of members of the Deanery Synod.

If you are a resident of Felmersham and Radwell you are welcome to attend the first part of the meeting and vote for Churchwardens. If you are a member of the church electoral roll you can also attend the second part of the meeting and vote for election of PCC and Deanery Synod members.

If you would like to apply to join the church electoral roll or apply for one of the posts (i.e. Churchwarden, member of PCC or Deanery Synod) nomination forms are available from Linda Hoyle (Tel: 781803).

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.30pm at Pinchmill Committee Room**

**Linda Hoyle**

**PCC Electoral Roll Officer**

## COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2015

The February Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be at the home of Mrs Jane Rhodes, The Spinney, Hunts Lane, Felmersham, on **Saturday 8th February 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 coffee morning in March will be at the home of Laurie and May Mills, Storrington, Hunts Lane, Felmersham on Saturday 7th March

## VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

		Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290
		Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
		Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
		General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
		Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/075008284 04
		Painting & Deco- rating	Eric Barford 781719
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 782128	IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
Chemistry/ Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897	Piano/Guitar Les- sons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
Community Care	07786 344176	Driveway and Pa- tio Cleaning (Radwell)	David Rickard 07900677851 or 783589
		Daisy Bank Kennels Cattery & Grooming Centre, Fully Licensed and Qualified	Mrs Gee 01234 720241
Dog Walking, feeding/ boarding	Ch. Tweeddale 781279	Fencing Services	Tom Brett 783164
Animal Care and Dog Walking	Annette Courtney 783164	Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180

## SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

Theo Gibbs

RACE NIGHT at the Mill! Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 7 for 7.30 pm. Do join us for an exhilarating evening! Tickets £10 pp inc. Fish & Chips Supper. Bar opens 7 pm. First of 8 races 7.45 pm. Own a Runner for £5! Ask for Race card; choose in advance! Contact Theo Gibbs 782377 (please leave message) or email: [theo@twhgibbs.plus.com](mailto:theo@twhgibbs.plus.com)

[A 'Warm Up' Appeal fundraising event].

ABIGAIL'S PARTY You are invited! 16th – 21st March 2015 The social get-together from hell! An hilarious, acerbic comedy by Mike Leigh. TICKETS on sale from 2nd February: on-line at: [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk) # Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) or Bedford Central Box Office\*# 718112. 10% discount for 10 or more (excluding Fri., Sat. & Charity performance). 2 wheelchair spaces\*, easier access seating Rows A – C: hearing loop Rows A –E. (# Booking fee).

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### Overhanging Shrubbery etc

Marjorie Pipe – Parish Councillor

Having walked around the village delivering Christmas cards I found I was assaulted by wayward hedgerows on several occasions, most worryingly at eye level and bear in mind this was in daylight. May I respectfully ask householders to walk past their properties and check their hedges do not overhang the footpath or road. Anybody with young children should not be expected to walk on the road when there is a footpath.

So householders with overhanging hedges, plants and shrubs please trim these back to your border. Please also note the local highways department of Bedford Borough Council have authority to do this work if you don't and bill you for doing the job.

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# The London Welsh Male Voice Choir



THE CONCERT IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ROAD VICTIMS TRUST AND BEDFORD DAY CARE HOSPICE

**at St. Paul's Church, Bedford  
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Accompanist: Annabel Thwaite

Tickets £15.00 available from:

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Rotarian Richard Owen: tel: 07711 293913

Road Victims Trust: tel: 01234 843345

Bedford Day Care Hospice: tel: 01234 352015



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### Moorfield Eye Charity – Sponsorship

Nick Edwards

Hello everyone. Some of you don't know me, some of you will remember me. I'm Nick Edwards. I left Felmersham back in 1998 but still come back frequently to visit my parents. Those of you who remember me may remember my annual visits around the village asking for sponsorship for my British Heart Foundation swims. Now I'm living in Barcelona but I'm back asking for sponsorship. I'm running the Barcelona marathon on March 15th for Moorfield Eye Charity and for a friend whose daughter is living with aniridia and survived cancer at just 3 years old. Please see the link [www.justgiving.com/Nick-Edwards12](http://www.justgiving.com/Nick-Edwards12) for more details about her fight up until now. If possible I ask you please to make a small donation towards the hospital funds and provide more motivation for me to complete the grueling 26 miles.

Thanks in advance



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## Ladies' Dinner Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 7:00 for 7:30 pm Sharnbrook Village Hall

A three course meal plus tea or coffee,  
prepared and served by the men,  
and featuring

**Revd. Robert Evens**

**Peter Gardini**



**Guest Speaker**

**Magical Entertainer**

Tickets including an aperitif and the first glass of wine

**£14.00**

from Roland Carpenter (781551).

Reserved tables are available for parties of 10.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

W.I.

May Mills

What better way to spend a cold winter's night than with a trip along 'The Wondrous Ouse'? This was the title of Barrie Mason's slide show which was the result of his various walks along the river between Roxton and Felmersham. His superb photographs were a bird-watcher's delight as well as an artist's heaven! In addition to beautiful views of our lovely river we saw otters, mink and crayfish, and some rarely photographed birds including water rail and pochard ducks. Barrie is the most patient of men as he waits in his hide for hours for the perfect picture and is rewarded with exceptional results including kingfishers, barn owls in flight and the infrequently seen cuckoo. The 'wondrous' Barrie brought cheer to a chilly evening!





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## News from Emmaus Village Carlton

2014 was a very successful year for EVC and we would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity over the last year. This has helped us in many ways particularly in being able to afford training courses for the Companions.

Such success would not be possible without our band of hard working volunteers who are devoted to the Emmaus ethos. As the Community continues to thrive we find ourselves in need of more help.

### Could you be a volunteer?

Why not come along to our 'Walk and talk' event on Saturday 31 January at 2 pm when you can find out for yourself what is involved?

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### Sales in all areas

No need to struggle round the town for bargains – there will be sales in different areas over the next couple of months.

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### Children's Activities at Half Term

Look out for posters round the site and check us out on Facebook

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### Gift Aid

Did you know you could Gift Aid your donations of goods to Emmaus?

See posters for details

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We would like to wish all our customers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you at EVC in 2015!

### COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

*Opening hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 4.30 pm*

*For further information visit [Emmaus.org.uk/village\\_carlton](http://Emmaus.org.uk/village_carlton)*

## DOG FOULING

In recent months there has been an increase in the amount of dog excrement left on grass verges around the village. We are amazed that some dog owners allow their dogs to foul on the verge outside the school and on the parking area between the school and Swansholme, this is really not acceptable! It does not take many minutes to clear up after your dog and is a health and safety issue, particularly around the school where young children are present on a daily basis. The Parish Council have provided six 'Poo Bins' in Felmersham and Radwell so there really is no excuse for not clearing up after your dog. To responsible dog owners who do this thank you, for those who don't please remember that it is an offence that could result in a fine!

Marjorie Pipe – Parish Councillor

Vanessa Coleman – Headteacher, Pinchmill Lower School