

## 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 07803 201 399	For info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group (term time only)	Portakabin

## 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 WI	Committee Room
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

**CHURCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S FOR SEPTEMBER** (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
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	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
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Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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### LETTER FROM FR REUBEN PRESTON

As we go to print, I have just heard from our Benefice link in Italy. The people of Calpino sound as if they are OK with only a crack in the Cathedral at Urbino. The country is in a very sad way with many of the areas of Marche, Umbria and Lazio being completely destroyed and well over 250 killed, amongst them so many young people. We hold them in our prayers.



Such natural tragedies cause the best in us to emerge as we send aid to help and support the people being rescued and sheltered.

Here in our Benefice the Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the Italian link visit to us in October is now being split 50/50 between the Earthquake appeal and the money needed to offer hospitality when our visitors arrive on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, leaving on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

If you can support Colin and Mick in their sponsored walk to raise funds, please check out their page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/colinmick1>.

Thank you to everyone who made our church site look so welcoming for our Patronal Festival in August – well done to those who decorated, arranged flowers, created refreshments and made music – it felt like a splendid celebration together.

You may have seen the statue of Our Lady of Loretto, which our Italian friends gave us at the Benefice Patronal Festival, but if you would like to read

more about the image take a look at  
<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/italy/loreto-holy-house>

*Of your charity pray for the people of Italy,  
the rescuers, the aid agencies and all of good will seeking to bring help and  
aid at this time of crisis, pain and loss.  
Lord Jesus hear us.*

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, FELMERSHAM

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00 am**

St Mary's invites you to join in the Harvest Celebration Parish  
Communion on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11am.**



Come to this special service, see the church decorated  
in autumnal colours, join in with those well-  
known harvest hymns and enjoy  
coffee, biscuits, cake afterwards.



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Donated food produce will be raffled in aid of the  
Bishops Appeal, which this year is to help with  
water sanitation and hygiene in Madagascar.

**Do come to this Harvest celebration!**

**Everyone and all ages welcome.**

Churchwardens: Jane Wells & Sue Whitehouse

#### COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

Jane Wells

#### *Please note change of venue*

The September Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund  
will be in **St Mary's Church, Felmersham on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 **October Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Jeff and Karen Stokley,  
Felmersham on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

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## THE BEDFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL 2016

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>—Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

This annual festival is now in its eighth year and is growing and evolving all the  
time. For this year there are interpretative walks for people who like to know the  
area or places they visit. Among other walks to choose from, there is a bird walk,  
hearing and seeing the early autumn migrants, a railway ramble with the Bedford  
to Bletchley Rail Users' Association and a dog friendly circular walk at Sundon.

The full programme can be found online at [www.bedswalkfest.co.uk](http://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk). Booking is  
necessary for some of the walks and events.

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### TEA IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

Don't forget Tea in the Church on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** from 2.30–4.30pm. This is the last one for 2016, so if you have not been along yet this is your last opportunity for this year. Come along with your friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake. If you are new to the village it is a good way to meet people and to hear what is going on. Looking forward to seeing you all.

### CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP, SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to the loyal little band who turned up to help on August 7<sup>th</sup>. We achieved quite a lot. Paths and gutters were cleared, dead ivy removed from walls etc.

The last proper session of the year will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, so please do join us with your garden hand tools for an hour or two of chat and tidying up. Tea and biscuits are provided to keep us going.

### BIKE 'n HIKE

Ken Shrimpton

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am to 6 pm**

Oil the bike or clean up the walking boots, and enjoy biking or hiking to visit local churches – as many or as few as you wish. At some churches there may be refreshments and 'facilities'. How about getting a group together and hiking or biking in company?

Do join in, find sponsors and support this fund-raising effort for St Mary's Church and other churches in Beds and Herts.

For further information please contact Ken Shrimpton 781381.

### VISITING BELLRINGERS

Mike Benson

A group of visiting ringers, from Redbourn, North Hertfordshire, will be ringing the bells of Felmersham from about 10.30 – 11.15am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Just a reminder to all contributors that my email has changed and is now [janecarwithen@gmail.com](mailto:janecarwithen@gmail.com). My apologies to anyone who has had trouble emailing me during August. Contributions to Ouse News are always welcome and I will always do my utmost to include any copy received.



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### SAVE THE CHILDREN

**Andy Evans**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September the Charity Night at Sharnbrook Mill in aid of **Save the Children** is a comedy entitled "**Silly Cow**" written by Ben Elton. Tickets at £9 are available from Andy Evans on 01234 782523.

**Details from the July Edition of Ouse News** : Silly Cow is a slick, razor-tongued, satirical comedy by Ben Elton on the viciousness of tabloid journalism with an ingeniously dramatic dénouement. Doris Wallace has everything a tough tabloid columnist could want: a toy boy, a pretty personal assistant, and the prospect of her own television show. She is a newspaper columnist and reviewer with a talent for caustic insults and career assassination....

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Denise Canning

On a beautiful August evening we celebrated our 95th birthday at the Pavilion in the lovely Bedford Park.

After a glass of prosecco on the veranda, we ate a delicious meal of roast beef plus trimmings, followed by apple crumble and custard, and lots of happy chatter. We were all given a piece of the 'Celebration Cake' which was cut by our President, Sue Evans.

Special thanks must go to May Mills for the lovely menus, Pat Hartop for the beautiful dahlias for the table decorations, Celia Hulatt for preparing the memory albums and to the wonderful staff at the Pavilion. A lovely evening was had by all. The Pavilion is open every day from 9am to 5 pm.

### UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL

Feedback and comments made during the consultation process of the Neighbourhood Plan have been correlated and can be viewed on [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net).

A questionnaire, based partly on the feedback and comments received, is currently being finalised and will in due course be delivered to you for your completion. When all the replies are received, the Neighbourhood Plan will be written and placed before the community for approval.

**The 18th Felmersham & Radwell**

**Autumn Show and Art Exhibition**

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**CORAM BOY - Wed 26 – Sat 29 October 7.30 pm.** Set in 18<sup>th</sup> Century England, a period play by Helen Edmundson, based on the Whitbread Award-winning novel by Jamila Gavin, with music by Adrian Sutton. A Sharnbrook Mill Youth Production. **Now booking!** (£9/10), on-line (as above) and from 26 September at Twinkle Twinkle Boutique, Sharnbrook (in person only, please).

**AUCTION OF GOODS AND PROMISES\* – Do join us on Sat 1st October** at the Mill Theatre; 7.15 pm Bar opens; 7.45 pm start. **Lots of fun – over 40!** Catalogue/ticket £10 in advance, includes Fish & Chip Supper, available from Brenda Stafford 823060 or [brenda.stafford@talk21.com](mailto:brenda.stafford@talk21.com).

**NOW - a very special Diary date to lift your spirits! Sara Spade (the Ukulele Lady) & The Noisy Boys\* - Sat 12 November** – Reception & Fork Supper, followed by the on stage Entertainment: 'A fantastic voice – her band makes me want to dance – they have that magical element it's almost impossible to put your finger on', Jules Holland. **Now booking!** Tickets £15 from Brian Woodrow Bedford 349455 / [bwoodrow@btinternet.com](mailto:bwoodrow@btinternet.com); or David Saint 01933 675995 / [words@davidssaint.co.uk](mailto:words@davidssaint.co.uk). [\*H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal events.]

Sara Spade event flyer info for your information!