

## 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

## 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 OCTOBER** (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 Tuesday 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

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Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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**October 2016**

### BISHOP'S VISIT TO THE DEANERY

**Revd Christine Clark**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September Bishop Alan, our Diocesan Bishop, visited the Sharnbrook Deanery to meet a wide cross-section of people, and to encourage our local congregations.

This included visits to Riseley Lower School, where he met with teachers and pupils and took part in their morning assembly. Visits to two regular Monday events followed – meeting mums and children at Messy Church in St Peter's Sharnbrook, and dropping in to 'The Meeting Place' at St Peter's Thurleigh, where young and old enjoy tea, cake and crafts. In the afternoon, Bishop Alan also met with young people at Clapham Church, and with deanery clergy over lunch.

Over 80 people came to the Evening Celebration in Bletsoe Village Hall, to hear how other churches in the Deanery are seeking to Live God's Love in their local communities. On display were puppets used in the popular schools' ministry 'Open the Book' together with photographs and publicity from various churches, including All Saints' Turvey and All Saints' Riseley.

Finally, Bishop Alan encouraged and challenged us to continue living out God's love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage. Referring to the biblical story of the young boy who gave his lunch to Jesus so that a crowd could be fed, and also to Mother Teresa, one of 9 children born in poverty, he reminded us that if we offer to God what we have, however small, it can become a great blessing to others.

## 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

### SPECIAL SERVICES AND SERVICE CHANGES FOR OCTOBER

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Harvest Festival celebration— for details see above

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** Pet Service - for further details see over

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** Parish Communion. No Matins this day

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October** Benefice Patronal Service, 10.30am at All Saints Church, Souldrop  
**NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S THIS DAY**

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Please note that until the end of June 2017, the midweek Communion Service will be on **Tuesday mornings at 9.30am** and **NOT** on Thursday mornings.

### ADVANCE SERVICE NOTICE

**Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday:** This service will start, as usual, at the War Memorial at 10.45am and will continue with Parish Communion at St Mary's Church.

## VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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**Jane Carwithen**

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### COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Jane Wells

The October Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Jeff and Karen Stokley, Felmersham, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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 annual sale of Save the Children Christmas Cards and wrapping paper will take place at the Coffee Morning .***

The **November Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Tom and Jane Wells, Felmersham, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### TEA IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

Thank you to all who helped and supported Teas in the Church this summer. It was fun to see you all and to have a good chatter over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

The teas will resume again when the warm weather returns in April 2017.

Thank you all.

### CHURCHYARD TREE

Ken Shrimpton

Unfortunately one of the large horse chestnut trees in the churchyard has come to the end of its life. The large and heavy boughs are rotten inside and at ground level the trunk is also rotten. When covered in leaves the tree presents a large sail area to the wind, and if the wind becomes gale force, there is a risk of the tree shedding a branch or being blown down.

At peak periods Church End is a relatively busy road, and with housing opposite, it presents too great a risk, so unfortunately it will be cut down on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October. We ask that no cars are parked near the trees on these two dates.

Fortunately, about ten years ago, the PCC had the foresight to plant replacement hornbeam trees in anticipation of this day. These trees are well established and when the horse chestnut canopy is removed, they will flourish.

During the following week other trees in the churchyard will be trimmed as part of normal tree management.

### PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Enclosed with this edition of Ouse News are the minutes of the September Meeting of the Parish Council. Please note that these are **draft** minutes and they are not approved until the next meeting in November.

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**Dave Girling**

Neighbourhood Watch is a National Organisation and is set up in most of the villages in Bedfordshire, as well as the main town centres and Luton Airport. Felmersham and Radwell both have schemes and over 70 residents are registered in the two villages.

If you have access to the Web then more information can be found on the OUR-WATCH website: [ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk) Enter your Post Code then under MENU click on "know-ledge base". If you want to join, go to the website: [bedford-nhw.ourwatch.org.uk](http://bedford-nhw.ourwatch.org.uk) and click JOIN. If you prefer to request a form phone 01234 842861 and leave a message requesting an application form to join. Once registered your Welcome Pack of Stay Safe booklet, Neighbourhood Watch window sticker and No Cold Calling sticker will be posted to you.

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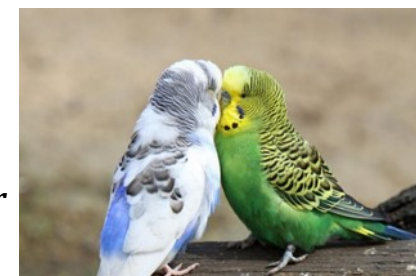
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**SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE - AUTUMN SEASON** Reg. Charity no 242164

**Welcome to our Sharnbrook Mill Youth Production:-**

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**Then a wonderful selection of 'Warm Up' Appeal events – surely something for everyone!**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> October AUCTION OF GOODS AND PROMISES\* – Do join us and Russell beard the characterful Auctioneer** at the Mill Theatre; 7.15 pm Bar opens; 7.45 pm start. **Over 40 lots** including: A holiday in Gambia, Christmas party at Vesuvio, Behind the scenes at Newmarket, 6 various fine wines, Tour of the Houses of Parliament and champagne! Catalogue/ticket £10 in advance, includes Fish & Chip Supper, available from Brenda Stafford 823060 or [brenda.stafford@talk21.com](mailto:brenda.stafford@talk21.com).

**Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> October 'STORIES FROM A LIFE SPENT IN TELEVISION' – A FASCINATING AFTER LUNCHEON TALK by MR JOHN ALLEN – Tickets £15 pp, includes 2-course lunch;** available now from Erica Lester 781210 or Chrissie Summerling 01832 730 255.

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> October - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> QUIZ** this year, by popular demand. Bar opens 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. ALL WELCOME! CASH PRIZE! Tables of 4-6 (or join one!) Ticket £5 from Amelia Newman: 07976 218573 or email [amelia.newman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amelia.newman@hotmail.co.uk) to book.

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> November - SARA SPADE (THE UKULELE LADY) & THE NOISY BOYS** is a very special Diary date to lift your spirits! Also In celebration of the completion of Phase One of our H&V project with a brief project presentation. Reception & Fork Supper, followed by the on-stage Entertainment: **'Beautiful face, beautiful 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 or [bwoodrow@btinternet.com](mailto:bwoodrow@btinternet.com); also David Saint 01933 675995 / [words@davidsaint.co.uk](mailto:words@davidsaint.co.uk).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November ROCK NIGHT 2 WITH THE ELECTRIC EXPERIENCE** [<http://www.electricexperience.com>]. Tickets £10 pp...available NOW on line: [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk), also from Twinkle Twinkle Boutique, 65a – 67 High St. Sharnbrook ( in person), or Roger Wiltshire: 07704 700785.

**H&V Phase One: Mill pool water source heat pump to Auditorium radiators installed in May/June; £130,000 of £160,000 achieved...Thank you, in advance, for your ongoing, valuable support, to help us clear the shortfall of £30,000.**

## PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL

We returned to school on the 7<sup>th</sup> September and it has already been a busy time. It began with the Village Autumn Show with all of the children in the school entering something; a mixture of paintings, drawings and clay models. It made a great display showing lots of budding artists and sculptors. Thanks to Maggie Spoor for displaying their work so well. The winners were delighted with their achievements.



Our topics for learning this term are: Moving on (related to different types of transport), Fire and Ice (The Great Fire of London and the Antarctic), and Ancient Egypt. Our first performance of the term was put on by our Year 1 and 2 class to tell the story of a child learning about the Great Fire of London in school. Parents were invited along and enjoyed the entertainment!

We will be holding a 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, anyone who would like to support this worthy cause is welcome to join us for morning tea or coffee and some cake. We will also be holding our Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church at 2:30pm the same day. Following that we will be holding a 'Harvest Festival Afternoon Tea' on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 2pm, an event that Grandparents and members of the Thursday Club have been invited to for a few years now. If you would like to come along please join us. It is a free event and an opportunity for the wider community to have refreshments and listen to our children showing off their talents through singing some of our Harvest songs. They love to perform to an audience!

We will continue to have lots of fun and exciting things going on over the term, so keep reading to find out about them!

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## FLY-TIPPING AND LITTER

Rosie Cheetham

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Please continue to be vigilant and if you do come across rubbish dumped in this or other locations around the Parish, Bedford Borough Council have asked that you report it to them directly. This can be done either online or by telephone:

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## FELMERSHAM TODDLERS

Rosie Cheetham

Felmersham Toddler group will not be continuing to meet for the foreseeable future. The group has provided lots of fun, friendship and laughter for the past four years and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Sarah Bunker, Mrs Coleman and the staff at Pinchmill Lower School, Jemma Skinner and the staff of Pinchmill Pre-School for all their help and hard work. Toys and resources belonging to the group will be stored, so if anybody feels they might like to restart the group at some point in the future, please get in touch with me on 781046.

## THE AUTUMN SHOW 11 SEPTEMBER 2016

Maggie Spoor

Congratulations to Peter Bance and Simon Greenish who achieved five First Prizes each at this year's Autumn Show and are the joint winners of the Show Plate. The Best in Show cup was won by Peter Bance with his entry of six runner beans. Alison Lindsay-White was a worthy winner of the Rose Bowl with a beautiful vase of flowers and Anne Atkinson-Clark and Pam Norris are joint winners of the Amy Rootham cup which is awarded to members of the WI.

Our thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the show a success – to each and every entrant, the art group for exhibiting their work, the WI for serving the best tea and cakes around, the Village Hall Committee for the use of the Village Hall and to Pinchmill School for the loan of extra tables and display boards. We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to welcoming you to the Autumn Show in 2017.



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**     Felmersham & Radwell Annual Quiz Night 7.30pm  
@ The Village Hall. Ticket price £12.00 each, fully licensed bar and light supper  
included. Tickets will be available from November.

## Your Village Needs You!

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An apple a day keeps the doctor away – truth or myth? Carolyn Wood did her best to dispel this Victorian myth, which was the first kitchen remedy, and supposedly is as good as statins in its protective effect against high levels of cholesterol. As a kitchen medicine though, it is surpassed by the benefits of turmeric and cinnamon, which, because of their anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties, are thought to aid healing in conditions ranging from sore throat to arthritis; balance blood sugar levels and help prevent breast and colon cancer. We also heard of the multiple benefits of ginger (digestive aid, blood clot destroyer); honey (heart disease, ulcers) and garlic (cardiac protector, blood thinner, colon cancer). Carolyn specialises in Herbal Medicine and Ayurveda, an ancient Indian health system, which emphasise the prevention of disease and the importance of foods for therapeutic as well as nutritional value. She ended her excellent talk with a question and answer session which was cut short by our desire for a not very healthy cup of tea and cake!

## CALLING ALL ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

In response to moderate demand I am holding a meeting of allotment holders on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the back room of The Sun. If you have an allotment, are thinking of taking one up or giving one up, if you have taken one with good intentions but have not found the time or are having problems with your plot (or other people's), do please come along and ask questions and air your views.

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