

## 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 NOVEMBER** (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 (30 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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	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
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Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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

November 2016

## THE ABERFAN DISASTER 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 1966

Mike Benson

I grew up on the Welsh (Herefordshire / Radnorshire) border. My father was the Rector of a small town there, Presteigne. He died suddenly of a heart attack in 1961. Before my mother moved away, she and I were entertained to supper by the local Baptist Minister, the Rev Kenneth Hayes. He went on to become the minister of the Baptist chapel in Aberfan and was there fifty years ago when the disaster occurred on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1966. One of his children was killed in the disaster. He stayed at Aberfan for the rest of his working life. He died about 20 years ago.

In the unpublished Memoirs, my mother wrote:

"... Our Baptist Minister was a young man in his first cure. He was a very good man. In due course, he married. His wife came from the valleys and they had two little boys, Dwffrig and Gwilym. Eventually, the call came from the valleys. They were due to leave Presteigne just after Dad died and I moved away. They left Presteigne to go to Aberfan. Dwffrig was at school and was killed by the terrible slurry. Gwilym was saved only because he had a cold that morning and his mother kept him at home.

I heard from many people and saw in the newspapers of the wonderful work that Mr Hayes did. Though he had lost his own son, he used to stress that 'there must be no bitterness'."

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, FELMERSHAM

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

at 10.45am



We meet at the War Memorial at 10.45am for the Act of Remembrance: the reading of names, planting of poppies by young people and the Last Post at 11am.

After this, we follow the choir in procession to St Mary's Church for Remembrance Sunday Parish Communion. Refreshments will follow the service.

Come to remember .....

### SPECIAL SERVICES AND SERVICE CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** All Souls' Day

A 'said' Benefice Requiem Communion for All Souls' Day at 7.30pm to commemorate the faithful departed.

You are welcome to write names of lost loved ones on the list in the church; names will be read out during the Service.

**Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday** See above

**Sunday 27th November Advent Sunday**

11.00am Advent Parish Communion (in place of Choral Matins)

6.00pm - Benefice Advent Carol Service

### ADVENT COMPLINE

From Monday 28th November there will be Compline at 8.00 pm each weekday in the Benefice:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday - St Peter's, Sharnbrook
- Tuesday, Thursday - St Mary's, Felmersham

## VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Jane Wells

The November Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be held in the home of **Tom and Jane Wells, Felmersham on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 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 **December Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Tim and Linda Hoyle, Felmersham on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

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### ALLOTMENT HOLDERS WORKING PARTY

**Sue Whitehouse**

Thank you to all allotment holders who turned up at the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October. There were some useful suggestions and we have decided to have a bonfire and tidy-up day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, starting any time after 9am.

All are welcome to join in, so please bring strimmers, mowers and suitable tools, and wear old clothes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall

## Annual Quiz Night

Saturday 26th November 2016

7pm for 7.30pm start

Ploughman's Buffet, Fully Licensed Bar

Tickets £12 in advance

(£14 on the Door)

Maximum 8 people per team

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FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL VILLAGE HALL

Samantha Bance

The Felmersham and Village Hall Committee AGM is to be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm at the Village Hall. All members of the Parish are welcome.

*Up and coming Fundraising Event - Felmersham & Radwell Bake Off!  
Early next year, watch this space*

### Your Village Needs You!

Due to retirement we are looking for **new committee members**. Specifically a new Secretary and Booking Clerk. If you would like to help and support your community and play park, then please contact Annette Franklin [netfranklin74@gmail.com](mailto:netfranklin74@gmail.com) for more information.

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Denise Canning

Wicksteed Park, Kettering was opened to the public in 1921; it was the brain child of the engineer Charles Wicksteed, a true visionary. Charles purchased a piece of land in 1913 because he wanted to create an open, safe park for the people of Kettering, where families could relax and play together at a time when many homes did not have a garden.

In 1916 the Wicksteed Village Trust, now the Charitable Trust, was set up to run the park ensuring all monies generated from the park would be ploughed back into the park. The park contained playground equipment which was made at Charles' engineering factory, a boating lake and tennis courts. A water chute, still there today, was introduced in 1926; this was followed in 1928 by a cycle track and the Pavilion. In 1930 Olympic Gold Medallist Lord Burghley opened the new sports ground. Sadly Charles died shortly before the opening of the railway in 1931. The sports ground was replaced in 1970 with the new, more exciting, roller coaster rides. (Ctd.)

Work is currently being done to restore the island in the middle of the lovely boating lake, along with many other ongoing projects.

Today Wicksteed attracts families from all over to enjoy Charles' dream, and long may it continue to do so.

Our thanks go to Ian Addis for a very informative and interesting evening.

### PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL

During October it has continued to be busy here in school. We have had visitors to support the children's learning and have also been on an exciting trip to the Nene Valley Railway for a steam train ride with our youngest children.



We had a coffee morning which raised around £70 for Macmillan, and held our Harvest Festival at the Church, with donations of produce and cash for their very worthy cause. Parents were also invited to a celebration assembly by our year 3 and 4 class. The children put on a brilliant short play to tell everyone what they had learnt about Ancient Egypt.

The work has now begun on our new classrooms. On 17<sup>th</sup> October fencing and workmen arrived to begin preparing for building work to start. Thank you to those who live along Church End and The Old Road who were considerate in parking on this day. The first thing to do was to remove the two large trees from the back corner of the playground. Over half term diggers arrived and the groundwork began. We are currently working towards the modular units being delivered on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Once again a large lorry will need access so we would be grateful if you could co-operate again with parking. Further information will be sent, posted on [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net) and our school website [www.pinchmill.beds.sch.uk](http://www.pinchmill.beds.sch.uk).

We are also busy planning for the Christmas Fayre to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This will be an exciting event and an opportunity to buy some pressies and have some fun! We will also have a special festive visitor for the children. It would be great to see as many of you as possible, so put the date in your diary and pop along!

Our Christmas production for the Community will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am at St Mary's Church. If you are free and would like to join us, you will be very welcome.

If you have any questions, or would like to see what is going on with the building work, please feel free to contact me by phone, email or in person.

### PINCHMILL PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Rosie Cheetham

#### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, PAVENHAM VILLAGE HALL

Ladies Night is back! A great chance for an evening out with great food, plenty of wine, fabulous company and all for a fantastic cause! **Tickets £15** which includes a Fish & Chip Supper, Glass of Prosecco and a yummy pudding! **For tickets please** contact the Pre-School by email: [admin@pinchmillpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@pinchmillpreschool.co.uk). Alternatively speak to Rosie Cheetham or Brittany Tandy.