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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 MAY are now in full on page 2.**

#### 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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May 2017

**Please support Christian Aid Week 14-20 May**

Christian Aid has more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. They tackle the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, they get people the help they want straight away.

British churches founded Christian Aid in 1945 to support refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. Twelve years later saw the launch of Christian Aid Week, so 2017 sees its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Christian Aid is based in countries affected by disasters so they can be there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long term. Through their work with local organisations in these countries, they can talk directly to the people affected to provide the most useful emergency response.

**As well as providing support for refugees in Europe, two ongoing appeals are:-**

**Nigeria Crisis** Ongoing terrorist attacks have displaced around two million people in Nigeria. Christian Aid have launched a Nigeria Crisis Appeal to reach families in desperate need of food, water and shelter.

Violent attacks by terrorist group Boko Haram have affected millions of people. The scale of the Nigeria crisis is widespread, exceeded only by emergencies in Syria, South Sudan and Yemen. Yet media recognition has been slow.

**Syria Crisis** Syria and its people are in crisis as half of the population have had to flee their homes, and more than 4.9 million people are now refugees.

Christian Aid is working with partners in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, providing support to some of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees. Within Syria itself, Christian Aid is supporting partners providing hot meals to people recently displaced by the bombing of towns such as those north east of Damascus.

**For further information about the work of Christian Aid please see**

**[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)**

**A resident from the village, who will have a badge of authorisation, will collect the envelope which is enclosed with this edition of Ouse News between 14<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 11am Parish Communion
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>7.30pm Benefice House Mass—Communion at the Rectory, followed by drinks to keep the Feast of Philip and James, Apostles</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 11am Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Christian Aid Week begins</i>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 10.30am Churches Together Service at Sharnbrook <b>NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST MARY'S</b> 6pm Benefice Holy Communion at Sharnbrook
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7.30pm Benefice House Mass—Communion at the Rectory, followed by drinks to keep the Feast of St Matthias the Apostle</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>ROGATION DAY</b> 11am Parish Communion 4pm Rogation Walk starting at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook, finishing at Souldrop Village Hall for tea and cake. Evensong will follow at 6pm at Souldrop Church.
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> 7.30pm Deanery Holy Communion at St Mary's
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 11am Choral Matins
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH</b> 9.30am Benefice Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook, <i>followed by sherry and cake to keep the Feast</i>  *****
<b>Every Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b>

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Thank you to everyone who has been collecting vouchers on behalf of the Pre-School. We are hoping to collect enough vouchers to "buy" a large spinning top (which the children sit in) to help develop children's balance and co-ordination. Please continue to collect on our behalf and help us meet our target of 1500 vouchers. You can drop vouchers into the Pre-School letterbox, or give them to Rosie Cheetham/Brittany Tandy.

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### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Jane Wells**

The **May** Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Andy and Sue Evans at Felmersham on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 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. All welcome.

The **Coffee Morning in June** will be hosted by **Laurie and May Mills, Felmersham on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

### **TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM**

**Jane Wells**

Tea in the Church this month is on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** from 2.30 – 4.30pm.

Please 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 your neighbours. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Tea in the Church will also take place on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June, Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July, Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Aug and Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please pop these dates in your diary and come along.

### **VISITING BELLRINGERS IN MAY**

**Mike Benson**

A band from Kimbolton will be ringing on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May from approximately 11.45am to 12.30pm. Also a band of "Golden Oldies" from Northamptonshire will be attempting a quarter-peal on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. They will start at approximately 11.30am and, all being well, will ring non-stop for between three quarters of an hour to an hour.

Finally, the bellringers who attempted a peal on 24<sup>th</sup> March, which they did not achieve, have asked whether they can repeat the attempt on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, starting at approximately 10am. So they will be ringing then and, if all goes well, they will be ringing for approximately 3 hours, non-stop.

### **CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP**

**Sue Whitehouse**

It is that time of year again when the weeds pop up with more enthusiasm than is decent and the ivy looks for things it can strangle. I am therefore looking for volunteers to help me fight back in the churchyard on **Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 4pm.** Tea and biscuits will be provided.

If you can spare a little time to help clear paths and walls, remove weeds and generally make the place presentable for those visiting the graves or viewing our lovely church, please bring hand tools and join us. You will be very welcome.

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## This Month's Header

**The last  
May Queen  
Competition  
held in the Parish  
circa 1953**

**JOHN MACKENZIE**

**Joy, Julie and family**

Joy, Julie and family would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the friends and villagers that attended John Mackenzie's funeral on April 4 at St Mary's Church. Thank you to Father Rueben Preston for conducting the service. We were so grateful for the many cards and kind words that were sent our way.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** We are fortunate in having the Mobile Library which visits Felmersham and Radwell on Thursdays on alternate weeks. The dates for May are 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for Felmersham and Radwell 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Times are 14.30 - 14.55 for Felmersham, opposite the Sun, and 13.50 - 14.10 for Radwell - the timetable says on the Green but it is sometimes on Moor End Road. The Library carries books and audio books for adults and children and also has videos. This is a very useful service.



### Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall & Playing Field Committee



### *Don't forget the* **Felmersham & Radwell Bake Off** **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**



Enter your favourite cakes and bakes in our villages bake off or just come along and enjoy sampling all the entries (after judging) along with a cuppa of your choice.

Entries to be in place at the Village Hall by 1.30pm. Judging will start at 2pm.

For more details or tickets please contact Claire on 782947 / [clurcuck@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clurcuck@yahoo.co.uk) OR Sam at [Samantha.bance@btinternet.com](mailto:Samantha.bance@btinternet.com).

### **PINCHMILL PRE-SCHOOL RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

#### **The Sun Inn, 23rd June from 7pm**

A great night to raise money for a new floor for the Pre-School. Ticket includes entry, race card and BBQ burger or sausage. £7.50 per adult or £5 for under 16's (must be accompanied by an adult). You can buy your tickets at the Sun Inn or contact Rosie Cheetham/Brittany Tandy.

### **SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

The Sun Inn is holding a competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower, or the sunflower with the largest head this summer. You can collect your seeds and starter pot at the bar - entry costs £1. Seeds will be available from Saturday 29th July. The winners in each category will both win the inaugural Sunflower Shield.

### **WI AGM**

#### **Blanche Smith**

There was a good turnout for our AGM - maybe because we were tempted by a fish & chip supper which was very enjoyable. Then it was down to business! Lynn presented the Treasurer's Report, the accounts being adopted by a show of hands, followed by May's Committee Report when she reminded us of the various Speakers who had visited us during the past year. Finally, Sue gave the President's Address in which she thanked the Committee and all those who had helped and supported her during her first year. Sue was re-elected President, Gina & Maria were welcomed onto the Committee, while Lesley, Lynn & Gill, who have retired, were thanked for their work and were each presented with a rose bush. We had a brief talk from Diane Sanbrook, County Chairman, followed by a welcome cup of coffee/tea and biscuits!

**The next meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> will be 'Nordic Walking'.**

### **CPRE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

**Nicola Scholfield**  
**Branch Development Manager**

CPRE Bedfordshire, a local countryside charity, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. To mark this, the charity is running a **photography competition** open to all, to build a picture of Bedfordshire's much-loved countryside and green spaces, and glimpse how these are changing.

**The theme is: Bedfordshire - A Changing Landscape.**

Entrants are encouraged to consider the ways that Bedfordshire's landscape, countryside and greenspaces can be seen to change, throughout the year and over time, through natural or human factors. We hope people will be inspired by the theme and that we get entries from across Bedfordshire.

The competition is free and open to all - first prize - £100, second prize - £50 M&S vouchers. The deadline for entries is 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Full details about how to enter can be found on [www.cprebeds.org.uk](http://www.cprebeds.org.uk).

### **PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL**

#### **Vanessa Coleman**

As April comes to a close we have lots to celebrate at Pinchmill. We had a very successful residential visit with the Year 4 children at the PGL Activity Centre in Caythorpe, Lincolnshire. The children faced a variety of challenges including raft building, kayaking, climbing, rifle shooting, fencing and archery, along with a very exciting Disco where we all learnt some new moves! We all had a fantastic time and the children were great in facing challenges and finding out what they could achieve if they had a positive attitude and some gentle encouragement.

The children enjoyed putting together an Easter Assembly at the church, which was well attended by parents, grandparents and friends. They were also lucky enough to have an Easter Egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. We also entered an Easter colouring competition run by Morrisons. The children created some brilliant work and there were seven prizes awarded to our children – well done to them all!

Our Year 1 and 2 children participated in a sports festival and did very well, they were all proud of their efforts as we all were. Reception class had a very exciting visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester, where they found out all about space travel, astronauts and something about planets and the theory of how the world was created.

Finally the whole school had the pleasure of working with a local author and an illustrator of a story about a witch – Griselda, her daughter Imelda and the Big Red Dragon. If you are in the hall at any time you can see the images that the children created for each of these characters. We had a great time working with them and the children experienced the process of putting together a book. Maybe we will have a great author from Pinchmill in the future!

