

ODYSSEY OF LOVE – LISZT AND HIS WOMEN; SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2018 - the third in successive years **COMPOSER PORTRAIT BY THE WORLD RENOWNED PIANIST LUCY PARHAM**, with readings by distinguished British actors **JOANNA DAVID & ROBERT GLENISTER**, to be performed at The Quarry Theatre at St Luke's, St Peter's St, Bedford, MK40 2NN.

Internationally renowned pianist, Lucy Parham, makes her third visit to Bedford to present another of her acclaimed 'composer portraits'. The subject this time is Franz Liszt. Readings will be given by the distinguished thespians Joanna David and Robert Glenister. **'Odyssey of Love'** was premiered in 2008 and has been performed throughout the UK and internationally. In this 'composer portrait' Liszt's intimate letters and diaries come to life and he emerges as the likeable and contradictory individual that he clearly was. The programme tightly connects words, music and poetry. With music ranging from hushed inwardness to stormy flashiness, Liszt led a life paralleling his music and 'Odyssey of Love' links it all together.

Champagne Reception 6.15pm. Performance: 7.00pm. Tickets: £20, are available now from The Quarry Theatre Box Office: (01234) 362337 or www.quarrytheatre.org.uk/ tickets. A Mill Theatre 'Warm Up' Appeal event.

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

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



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

January 2018

"Suspended" by The Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's, Piccadilly, in London

THIS year, we have been hosting a breakfast every week for people with no recourse to public funds: people in the asylum process, people who are refugees. Week by week, we have got to know each other, telling stories over coffee, toast, and scrambled egg. They are, in the main, very keen to get a job, to contribute, to help themselves. But they are not permitted to work. They are stuck.

And so, from this experience, working with the artist Arabella Dorman, we have salvaged hundreds of discarded clothes from refugee camps on the Greek island of Lesbos. In the tradition of many memorials, we will hang these clothes in a suspended state in the nave of our church until February. They will form a kind of "exploded life": stuck, wasting their potential, unable to go home, unable to move on.

And, with **Lord Dubs** (who came on the *Kindertransport* in 1939), and the **Citizens UK project Safe Passage**, we will join our voices to call for the Government to fulfil its promise to welcome unaccompanied child refugees under the Dubs amendment. This would only be a matter of 280 children before Christmas.

Underneath these salvaged, discarded clothes, we will sing the old traditional Christmas carols. All the familiar ones will be there, with all the old words. But we will sing them in the presence of these empty clothes. The carols then become more than the Victorian folk songs or medieval dances they so often are. By celebrating the astonishing gift of Christ as a baby, they become a protest at the waste of the life that we say was made sacred at Christmas — the waste of potential of the thousands of precious human beings who live in limbo in the camps of our continent. It is one of the defining features of our time, and Christmas is theologically a good time to draw attention to it.

SOME of the clothes we will be living with are unbearably evocative of the people who once owned them. Unpacking them, our volunteers found a babygro covered in teddy bears that, without doubt, belonged to an anonymous little boy, brought across on one of those flimsy boats to an uncertain future. Embroidered on the little hood was a message that felt as if his parents were sending it direct to us. It expressed something that they

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for January 2018

Sunday 31st December 1st Sunday after Christmas

11am Parish Communion

Monday 1st January The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
12noon Holy Communion in Lady Chapel at
St Peter's, Sharnbrook

Sunday 7th January The Feast of Epiphany

****No Morning Service at St Mary's****

10.30am Benefice Epiphany

Celebration at St Peter's followed
by buffet lunch



Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

11am All Age Holy Communion

Thursday 18th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Sunday 21st January **No Morning Service at St Mary's**

10.30am Sharnbrook CHURCHES TOGETHER
Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul

9.30am Holy Communion followed by drinks
and nibbles to keep the feast

Sunday 28th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

11am Choral Matins

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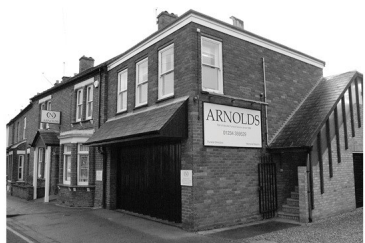
Under the carefully mascara'd eye of adjudicator George Peach, all events conspire hilariously against them.

Tickets on sale from 1st February in person at Pick-a-Lily, Florist, 61 High St, Park Lane, Sharnbrook MK44 1PB. or www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/tickets..

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(Ctd) knew about their baby son, and hoped for him, and dreamed he would become.

We hope he is safe, we thought, as we read the words on his hood. Not "The Prince of Peace", but something equally silencing. The echoes of the Gospel story were almost too much to bear as we imagined his parents' courage, and fear, and the danger their son had been born into: "Prince Charming".

Suspended is at St James's, Piccadilly, from 14 December to 8 February 2018

www.safepassage.org.uk

COFFEE MORNINGS

Jane Wells

Thank you to everyone who hosted and supported the coffee mornings during 2017. It has been very much appreciated and over £2000 has been raised for the Restoration Fund at St Mary's Church.

There will NOT be a Coffee Morning in January.

The next one is on **SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY** at the home of **Alleyne and Margaret Leach, Felmersham** 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.

ACTIVI-TEA

at The Methodist Church, Park Lane,
Sharnbrook

Our meetings will be at **2pm** on
the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
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January 9th & January 23rd

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DOG WALKERS AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Sue Whitehouse

A number of people regularly walk their dogs across the allotment site but many do not clean up after their pet. This is proving an unpleasant nuisance for allotment holders using the narrow paths. There is a dog bin at the bottom of Town Lot Lane, so please show the same consideration for the allotment holders as you would to those using the streets and fields around the rest of the village.

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based on the readings
at Sharnbrook Weir.

On the HOME page go to Real
Time Flood Information
(in the left column).



Dates for your Diary

The Knoll, High Street, Pavenham, MK43 7PD

Cottage garden, 1/3 acre with a large collection of many varieties of snowdrops. Hellebores, spring bulbs and other colour. Pergolas, wildlife pond, kitchen garden and raised bed. Woodland area and island beds.

Sunday 11 February (1 - 4.30pm). Light refreshments. Saturday 24 February (1 - 4.30pm). Combined admission with The Folly £4.00, children free.

The Folly, High Street, Pavenham, MK43 7PE

Medium sized cottage garden with an extensive collection of snowdrops, hellebores and other spring bulbs. Small parterre, pergola and pond.
Sunday 11 February, Saturday 24 February (1 - 4.30pm).

Full details from www.ngs.org

STEVINGTON CINEMA IN STEVINGTON VILLAGE HALL Linda Penney

The frequent live streaming broadcasts in Stevington have had another very successful year, and we would like to thank those of you who have joined us for events for your support. We have welcomed many visitors from Felmersham (and other local villages) who are keen to take advantage of cinema-quality facilities in a friendly and informal local venue. Free parking, a well-stocked bar and a popular range of snacks, including excellent ice cream, add to the attraction. We would love to see you again in 2018 if you are one of our 'regulars', and also look forward to welcoming new visitors.

We have another exciting and varied programme for 2018; full details of all films and broadcasts and ticket sales are available on our website www.stevingtoncinemaclub.uk - why not have a browse? In the meantime, to whet your appetite, here is our programme for the first few months of the year. Doors open from 6.30pm with performances starting promptly at 7.30pm.

Thursday, 4th January	David Lean's classic film 'Lawrence of Arabia'
Tuesday, 16th January	RoH live broadcast of Verdi's opera 'Rigoletto'
Thursday, 25th January	Live broadcast from Sadler's Wells of Matthew Bourne's 'Swan Lake'
Wednesday, 7th February	RoH live broadcast of Puccini's opera 'Tosca'
Wednesday, 14th February	Live broadcast of the RSC production of 'Twelfth Night'
Thursday, 22nd February	Live broadcast from the Young Vic of Tennessee William's 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'
Wednesday, 28th February	Live broadcast from the Royal Ballet of 'A Winter's Tale'
Tuesday, 6th March	RoH live broadcast of George Bizet's opera 'Carmen'
Thursday, 22nd March	Live broadcast of 'Julius Caesar' from the National Theatre
Tuesday, 27th March	Live broadcast of the Royal Ballet's celebration of the centenary of Leonard Bernstein's life in three ballets: 'New McGregor/ The Age of Anxiety/ New Wheeldon'

Wednesday, 4th April

Wednesday, 11th April

Thursday, 3rd May

RoH live broadcast of the opera 'Macbeth'

RSC live broadcast of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'

Royal Ballet live broadcast of Kenneth

MacMillan's ballet 'Manon'

We hope to see you soon.

WI INSPIRING WOMEN

After a very successful Christmas Party at The Sun on December 16th, the next meeting is to be held on Tuesday January 16th at 7.30pm. Linda Wheatley will be talking on the subject of Hatha Yoga, with the Competition being : Something beginning with 'Y'. New members are always welcome.

Have you heard of Denman at Marcham, Oxfordshire?

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Details of all courses at Denman for 2018 can be found at www.denman.org.uk.



RECYCLING AND RUBBISH

Remember that garden waste collection does not begin again until March.

Further details can be found at www.bedford.gov.uk/recycling.