

Booking has opened for our first production, *Monday 12th – Saturday 17th MARCH, 7.30pm

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But before that, do you have your tickets for 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. 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. Early booking is advised!

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 OFFICERS

Rector	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
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	Andrea Maffei	(783598)
	Jane Templeman	
Churchwardens	Jane Wells	(782462)
	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janecarwithen@gmail.com
Items should be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON ON 25th of each month.



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

February 2018

All three of the Church Councils of The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop committed to send delegates to the **Leading your Church into Growth** (LyCiG) Conference last September in Hayes, Derbyshire; the Prayer Card resulting from this Conference was included in the December edition of Ouse News.



All parishioners are now warmly invited to a study course, and the dates of the first three sessions are given overleaf. There will be a further three sessions in March.

Felmersham & Radwell Neighbourhood Plan Results of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire



"OUR PLAN, OUR FUTURE"

Saturday 10th February 2018 from Midday to 3pm
in the Committee Room, Felmersham Village Hall

You are invited to speak to the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan and Agents with their landowner's proposals for the call for sites in Felmersham & Radwell.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for February 2018

Sunday 4th February **CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION**
11am Benefice Communion
The Feast of the Presentation of Christ
in the Temple

Sunday 11th February *Sunday next before Lent*
11am Parish Communion

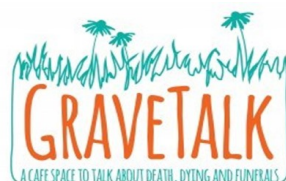
Wednesday 14th February **ASH WEDNESDAY**
9.30am Sharnbrook Sung Parish
Communion with Ashing

Sunday 18th February *Lent 1*
11am Parish Communion

Sunday 25th February *Lent 2*
11am Choral Matins

Sunday 4th March *Lent 3*
11am Parish Communion

An informal safe space to have a conversation
about the many issues and questions
surrounding death



Saturday 10th Feb : Sharnbrook (St Peter's Room)

Saturday 10 March : Felmersham (Pinchmill School)

Saturday 28 April : Souldrop (Village Hall)

2.30 – 4.30pm

For more details contact Andrea Maffei: 783598

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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		Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
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Barney's Barn Pet Grooming Radwell	Helen 01234 782402	Gardening Services	Jack Charman 01234 954873 07766 762887
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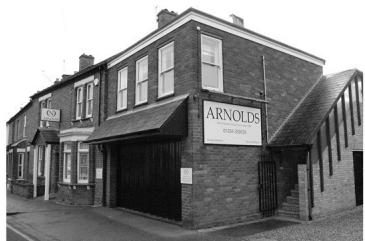


- **A Warm Welcome to our 75th Anniversary year (1943 – 2018)!** - celebrating the foundation of our theatre company by Bill & Poppy Lilley and Betty Benson as ***The Sharnbrook Players***, with the revue '*Take a Dip*', in Sharnbrook Church Hall on 1st - 3rd April 1943; this was staged to entertain the war-time parishioners and to raise funds for food parcels, through the *British Legion Comforts Fund*, for locally billeted troops. One full scale musical followed each year there, then later at The Ritz, Rushden, Northampton and other local venues; through to 1979, when the successfully acquired, redundant Stoke Mills watermill, skilfully converted over 4 years into 'a home of our own' - mainly by member-volunteer labour - opened as ***The Mill Theatre!*** The company had become a charitable trust in 1965. You now have the opportunity to enjoy not just one but 4-5 shows a year in 'green energy-based comfort' and to professional standards; many shows in recent years have received Regional awards. Did you know each of our shows is visited by a critic on behalf of National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA)? You may like to compare your thoughts with their reports on our recent shows; please see our website: <http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk/blog/>

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MARY FREEMAN

Paul Freeman

On behalf of the family I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the kind messages of sympathy and support received from so many on Mary's passing. I have been truly overwhelmed by the love and kindness I have received. The funeral was blessed with sunshine, spiritually and physically, the church was full and the service quite beautiful, and I hope, a fitting tribute to Mary and the affection in which she was held. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

Jane Wells

The February Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be at the home of **Alleyne and Margaret Leach,, Felmersham** on **Saturday 3rd February 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 **March Coffee morning** will be hosted at the home of Tom and Jane Wells, Felmersham at 10.30am, **Saturday 3rd March**.

Dates of the LyCiG Local Study Course

Main Session 1: Saturday 3 February 2pm hosted at Pinchmill Sch, Felmersham

Main Session 2: Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm hosted at Souldrop

Main Session 3: Saturday 24 February 2pm-3:30pm hosted in St Peter's Room, Sharnbrook

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February 13th & February 27th

Churches Together working with Tibbs Dementia Foundation.

Meet with other Carers knowing the person you care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly environment.

Suggested Donation: Cared For £4 Carers £1

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator

Linda Hoar 07791214148

www.bedford.gov.uk/localplan2035



Bedford Borough Council is preparing a local plan that will set out how much growth there should be in the borough in coming years (housing, jobs and associated infrastructure) and where it should take place. Current planning policy documents look ahead to 2021 and this new local plan will extend

the period that development is planned for beyond that date. It will also contain policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications.

Local Plan 2035: Plan for Submission consultation

Consultation is now taking place on the Local Plan 2035: Plan for Submission. The plan was approved for consultation purposes by the council's Executive on 10th January 2018. **The consultation will run for 6 weeks between Monday 22nd January and 5th March 2018.**

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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.

Thank you.

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A Reminder

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**www.felmersham.net
based on the readings
at Sharnbrook Weir.**

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

W I

Denise Canning

And breathe- the fundamental of life, and also one of the foundations of Hatha yoga. Linda Wheatley, a teacher of yoga since 2009, explained to us about the importance of breathing correctly, posture and relaxation. After demonstrating techniques, Linda had us all practising, making sure we filled our lungs to capacity, and using our diaphragms correctly.

Regular practice of Hatha yoga makes the body stronger and more flexible, releases tension and trauma stored in the body and calms the mind. Its benefits for health, well-being and personal development are now widely recognized. Linda teaches Hatha yoga at Harrold and Olney .

The next meeting is on **February 20th** and entitled **Understanding Colour Analysis.**

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BBC'S ANTIQUES ROADSHOW TO VISIT WREST PARK THIS SUMMER

Exciting times! BBC One's ever popular Sunday evening programme, Antiques Roadshow, will be filming for its 41st series in the grounds of English Heritage's Wrest Park in Bedfordshire on Thursday 19th July 2018. Doors open at 9.30am and close at 4.30pm. Entry to the show is free, everyone is welcome, and no tickets or pre-registration is required. More information, frequently asked questions and parking information can be found at: www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow or on the show's Facebook page. Visitors should also check the website for any updates before setting off to the event.

PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

We returned to school on 2nd January refreshed and ready for the new topics with new enthusiasm after the Christmas and New Year break!



We have another exciting term planned with the following topics:- 'Out of Eggs', 'A passage to India', 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly' (Vikings) and 'The Smashing Saxons' (Anglo-Saxons). The children are enthusiastic and full of ideas about our learning journey. The youngest children arrived in school to find an enormous egg in a nest in their classroom with some strange footprints and a few bones! Where did these come from? What was inside the egg and how were they going to look after it? All questions they are trying to answer.

We have trips and visitors planned along with a whole host of other exciting opportunities.

We are working with a specialist dance teacher on a routine for the North Beds Schools Creative Arts Festival and this is coming along nicely! We also have an illustrator who is coming into school to work with the children on creating pieces for another Harpur Trust Art Competition. Last time we had some of the children's work displayed at the Higgins Gallery in town, so fingers crossed for this year.

We have a couple of opportunities for staff in the school. We have a lunchtime supervisor who is leaving to work more hours - the hours are from 11:50am until 1:20pm each week day, term time only. Since setting up the Before and After Care Clubs we have established successful and sustainable sessions and would now like extra staff to run it. We would like to appoint another After School Supervisor to work from 3:30pm until 6pm daily. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact me for further details or a chat.

PARENTS OF YOUNGER CHILDREN....ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A BABYSITTING CIRCLE/CLUB???

Mercedes Macfarlane

My daughter is 10 but we often find that we both need to go out and she doesn't want to be home alone. Do you have a younger child and would love to join a class or see a friend, and your sitters aren't local or you feel bad asking again?

It would be great if the community could support each other with babysitting help - whether for an hour or a few hours. I'm happy to set it up and manage it. Interested??? Please call Mercedes on 07789 716 708.