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OPEN SPACE CONFERENCE: LOCAL AMATEUR THEATRE

Sunday 22nd April, 10am - 3pm at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre, MK44 1NP

'What are we going to do about Local Amateur Theatre?'

All (18+), including you - our audiences & volunteers, are invited: drama groups, performers, technical crews, amateur theatre venues; are most welcome too.

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REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
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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April 2018

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

Is God having a laugh with us? Can things really change? Can I really change? Can the rotten be transformed into the beautiful? As Easter Day falls on 1 April this year these are questions which hang in the air for the person with a warped sense of humour. And they are questions which inhabit our village's lives in these times of potential change and development?

The Easter morning discovery of the empty tomb was a disturbing change from the sealing up of the tomb where Jesus' dead body had been laid at the end of the crucifixion. The metaphors are powerful when we ask ourselves how we seal up our lives from others and God's invitation to life in all its fullness.

During the season of Eastertide, lasting until Pentecost Sunday, we shall be hearing in prayers at church day by day the life of the early church as the disciples and followers of Jesus try and come to terms with what the Resurrection was meaning for them – what did happen that Jesus was appearing to them in a very real way as they met and prayed and shared life together? In the Acts of the Apostles, often called the 5th Gospel because it deals with the life of Jesus after the Resurrection, we encounter something of the struggle to grow in grace with each other, and the life of faith. It is not just about St Paul being converted but also about how we deal with the widows and orphans, as well as the liars and selfish. We see the patterns of our own lives and the challenge to ask God to help us change. (Ctd.)

Felmersham Bridge 200

Saturday 30 June 2018

Events are being planned to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the building of the bridge.
See page 7 for more details.

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for April 2018

Sunday 1st April	EASTER DAY 11am Easter Communion & Baptism
Sunday 8th April	2nd Sunday of Easter 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 15th April	3rd Sunday of Easter 11am Parish Communion
Sunday 22nd April	4th Sunday of Easter 11am Choral Matins
Monday 23rd April	St George's Day 7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast
Wednesday 25th April	St Mark the Evangelist 7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast
Sunday 29th April	5th Sunday of Easter 11am Parish Communion
Tuesday 1st May	Ss Philip & James 7.30pm Sharnbrook Holy Communion followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

As a good read for April this year why not open the pages of a bible and read the Acts of the Apostles, right after the end of St John's Gospel, and see what resonances emerge for you about how that first Easter affected the feelings, behaviours and attitudes of the first followers of Jesus, to one another and the world around them. What newness will maybe come to birth for your life this Easter?

"It would behove us to remember that the life we live involves the death of something so that it can become the birth of something." — Craig D. Lounsbrough

Happy Easter – Fr Reuben

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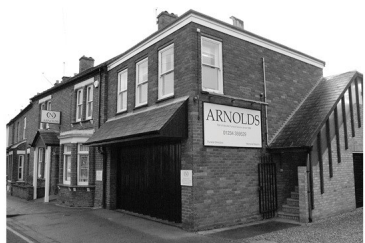
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COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 7th APRIL

Jane Wells

The April Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Tom and Linda Hoyle, Felmersham on Saturday 7th April 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 **May Coffee morning** will be hosted at the home of Barry and Janet Walsh, Felmersham at 10.30am on Saturday 5th May.

TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM

Jane Wells

Tea in the Church begin this month on **Wednesday 18th April** from 2.30-4.30pm. Do come along with your neighbours and friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake. If you are new to the village this is a good way to meet your neighbours and to find out what is happening in the village. Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Teas in the Church will also take place on Wed 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August and 19th September.



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

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**For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator
Linda Hoar 07791214148 lindahoar@hotmail.co.uk**



Date of the LyCiG Local Study Course

Main Session 6: Saturday 21 April, 2-3:30pm hosted in
St Peter's Room, Sharnbrook

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ON SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

Are you interested in knowing about mission, restoration and the running of St Mary's Church? The Annual PCC meeting will be held in the Committee Room in Pinchmill School on Saturday 14th April at 4pm.

There are two parts to the meeting.

- 1) The election of Churchwardens.
- 2) Reports on mission, restoration and the management of St Mary's Church, the election of PCC members and the election of members of the Deanery Synod.

If you are a resident of Felmersham and Radwell you are welcome to attend the first part of the meeting and vote for the Churchwardens. If you are on the Church Electoral Roll you can also attend the second part of the meeting and vote for the election of PCC and Deanery Synod members. If you would like to apply for one of the posts (ie Churchwarden or member of the PCC), nomination forms are available from the Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462) and Sue Whitehouse (781300) or Elaine Longstaff (781957).

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COMMUNITY CLEAR UP AND LITTER PICK

A HUGE thank you to everyone in Felmersham and Radwell who took part in the community clear up despite the awful weather. The clear up was completed in record time and I'm delighted to report that litter found in the Parish seemed to be about 50% down on last year.

Rosie Cheetham

EASTER HOLIDAY MEETUPS - Contact Rosie Cheetham 781046

A few parents thought it might be nice to have the chance to get together with other families over the Easter break. Everyone is welcome whether your children are 2 months old or 10 years old (teenagers are welcome too!).

It's all very informal and completely free! Just turn up at Felmersham Park. We'll be meeting at **10am on 4th April and 10th April.**

WI "Musical Handbells"

Jacki Bland and her team of six ladies from **Biddenham Handbell Ringers** gave us a most entertaining evening with a talk and demonstration of their considerable skills. This team of seven was a Two Octave set. The bells, made of copper and tin, are imported from Philadelphia, USA as those made in the world-renowned Whitechapel foundry in the UK are very expensive. Before the 1st World War, handbell ringing was popular in the north of England, mostly by young men, but the skill died out as a result of the two World Wars. However, there was a revival in 1960, and in 1967 the Handbell Association of Great Britain was formed and now there are 450 teams meeting and competing across the UK. We were encouraged to accompany the team, singing songs such as - Pop goes the Weasel, If I were a Rich Man, Frere Jacques, etc... Pat Jones gave a vote of thanks and we understand she is now in training as a Prospective handbellringer!

Our next meeting on **April 17th is the AGM**, followed by a fish & chip supper- (or maybe it's the other way round)!

Blanche Smith

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall



Bake Off



SUNDAY 22nd April 2018

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.

Categories

Children (12 & Under)

4 x decorated homemade biscuits
Showstopper (must be baked)

Adults

Swiss roll with any filling
Savoury – bread, scones, muffins, cheese straws etc
Chocolate – brownies, muffins (must have chocolate and be baked)
Showstopper – anything goes!

£1 per entry (enter as many classes as you wish)

£5 entry for non-bakers

£2 entry for 12 & under non-bakers

Entries to be in place at the Village Hall between 12—1pm. Judging will take place between 1—2.30pm.

All welcome from 3.00pm for tea, cake and prize giving.

For entry information please go to our Facebook page or email
frvhc@yahoo.com

BAKE OFF GUIDELINES

- ◇ All entries are to be homemade
- ◇ The Village Hall will be open from 12 noon with all entries in place by 1pm.
- ◇ Judging will start between 1-2.30pm.
- ◇ All entries will be portioned up and shared, with refreshments after the judging.
- ◇ Tea, coffee, squash and butter will be provided.
- ◇ Please be aware that as the entries will be homemade, we are unable to provide detailed allergy information.

We look forward to seeing you and tasting the delicious creations.

BELL RINGERS

Mike Benson

There is a wedding on Saturday 28th April for which we will be ringing the Church bells. The wedding is at 2.00pm so we will be ringing from approximately 2.45-3.15pm.

Felmersham Bridge 200

30 June 2018

This year we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the building of Felmersham Bridge.

Events on 30 June are currently being planned beginning with the blessing of the Bridge at 3pm by Father Reuben; moving then to The Sun for refreshments and children's games, with the evening concluding with a BBQ and live music.

In addition there are three competitions that you can enter. These are:-

- ◆ Photograph of the Bridge—open to those aged 16 and above
- ◆ Artist's portrayal of the Bridge—open to all ages
- ◆ Model of the Bridge—open to children aged 11 and under on 1st September

Closing Date: 8th September 2018

More details to follow next month

Ken Shrimpton & Jane Carwithen