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Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall

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1st Sunday in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun
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
2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

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October 2018

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

In a year when we seem to have had real seasons – a cold winter, a colourful spring, hot summer and now a chilly-morninged autumn – I am reminded that as I leave you on 7 October my season of Sharnbrook Benefice has come to an end.

Thank you to the people of Felmersham and Radwell who have shared so much of their life with me and Stephen, and of course George. There is much to look forward to in the months ahead as we begin life in a new country and a new Church organisation.

New things always help us to be more alert, because nothing is like it always has been. In this autumn season with the decay of the year's growth around us, it is a good time to reflect on our own lives. What needs to be let go of? What changes have taken place for you? What are the challenges you are facing? What do you find yourself desiring for the future?

On 12 October the Church of England Commemorates the life and work of Edith Cavell – a nurse with a desire for the care of people in the prisons of England. Elizabeth Gurney was born at Earlham in Norfolk in 1780. At the age of twenty, she married Joseph Fry, a London merchant and a strict Quaker. She was admitted as a minister in the Society of Friends and became a noted preacher. The appalling state of the prisons came to her notice and she devoted much of her time to the welfare of female prisoners in Newgate. In 1820 she took part in the formation of a nightly shelter for the homeless in London. She travelled all over Europe in the cause of prison reform. She was a woman of a strong Christian and evangelistic impulse and this inspired all her work. She died on 12 October in 1845.

As autumn surrounds us what are the passions and visions and desires that are going to drive you into the winter months? Can you use your energies with passion for the transformation of the interior of St Marys as the 2020 Committee is established to work towards opening up the "under the tower" area in church for greater flexibility and use in the village's life and leisure? Give it some thought and join in the potential transformation of space in the midst of Felmersham village into something new and as yet unknown.

With all good wishes

Fr Reuben

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

NB May be subject to change—please check the noticeboard by the lych gate for details

Sunday 7 October Leaving Services for Fr Reuben

10.30am Benefice Communion at

St Peter's, Sharnbrook

6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's,

Thursday 11 October 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14 October 11am Parish Communion

Thursday 18 October 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21 October 10.30am Churches Together Service for

One World Week (at St Mary's)

Thursday 25 October 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28 October 11am Parish Choral Matins

Thursday 1 November All Saints Day

9.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 2 November All Souls Day

9.30am All Souls Prayers

Sunday 4 November All Saints Celebration

No Service at St Mary's

10.30am Benefice Patronal Festival

Communion at Souldrop

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

Jane Wells

The October Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Brian and Blanche Smith, Felmersham on Saturday 6 October 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 **November Coffee Morning** will be hosted by Judith Folbigg, Felmersham on Saturday 3 November.

STOP PRESS Annual sale of Save the Children Christmas cards will take place at the October Coffee Morning.

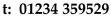


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Fr REUBEN'S FAREWELL PARTY

As you are aware Fr Reuben is leaving the Benefice and will be taking his final services on Sunday 7 October. To wish him well on the next part of his journey through ministry an Afternoon Tea Party will be held at Riverside House, The High Road on Saturday 6 October from 3 – 5pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to come to say your farewells to him.

TEAS IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

Thank you to everyone who helped at Teas in the Church this summer and to everyone who came along. Thank you, also, to Janet Welsh who provided wonderful music when she was able to on most of the Wednesdays. Teas in the Church will begin again next April.

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I am a lady with Rheumatoid Arthritis and I am looking for someone to help me with my personal care and also household duties. The hours will be every morning Monday to Friday. A car owner is essential as I will need to be transported to Doctor and Hospital appointments and sometimes personal shopping. Nursing experience would be helpful.

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AUTUMN SHOW 2018

Maggie Spoor

After some concern that the long hot summer would mean few entries for the show we had a superb day with 327 entries, which included a world record beating number of rock cakes made by the children of Pinchmill Primary School - an amazing achievement and display! All classes were well supported including the special classes devised to celebrate 200 years of Felmersham Bridge. Thank you to everyone who entered the show, to the Village Hall Committee for the use of the Hall, the Art Group for exhibiting their paintings, to the WI for providing tea and cake and the army of volunteers who helped set up and then clear and tidy up at the end of the show. A great community effort.

Congratulations to all prize winners, especially the four trophy winners -Simon Greenish, Sue Whitehouse, Peter Hartop and Sue Evans

The winning photograph for Felmersham Bridge 200 was taken by Peter Hartop and is the header for this month's Ouse News. The colour version can



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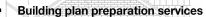
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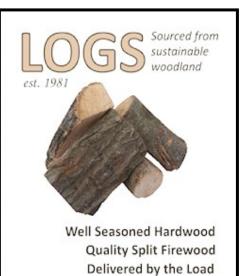




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WI Jennifer Knowles

We were grateful that David Kerr was able to come to Felmersham at short notice. His talk was 'A Dudley Romance' which was research into his wife's Family History. It was a romantic story about her ancestors' life in the Black Country and in Shropshire.

David encouraged us to research our own Family History. The lovely old photographs brought along by members would make an excellent start!

Our next meeting will be on 16 October.

ACTIVI-TEA

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A NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL OIL GROUP

After 17 years Danny Mariner has stepped down as the Oil group administrator and kindly "passed the baton" to me - Brian Conibere.

I have been given, what I hope, is a comprehensive and accurate spreadsheet of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mails. However, if you think that you are on the database but haven't received any contact recently, my details are below so you can reach me.

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Telephone numbers: Home: 01234 782698, Mobile: 07717 856815

e-mail: bconibere@gmail.com

Belonging to the group usually saves you between 5-10% per litre in comparison to making an individual order as the suppliers generally give better prices for bulk deliveries. The frequency of ordering is between every 5-8 weeks depending on demand, weather conditions, season etc. E-mails asking if you need oil will be sent out approximately a week in advance of the anticipated delivery date.

Anyone who is new to the village or not in the oil group and wishing to join please do not hesitate to contact me.

Felmersham & Radwell Neighbourhood Plan: Issues and Options Consultation

The Steering Group has been considering the key issues that have been identified and evidence collected during the neighbourhood planning process and has identified a range of policy options and actions for responding to them, mapped to Neighbourhood Plan core objectives.

As a result, all residents will be receiving further documentation by the end of October. It is requested that the questionnaire is completed and returned by 30 November at the latest. You are also invited to:-

The Neighbourhood Plan 'Drop in' Event Saturday 27 October, 11am – 4pm The Village Hall, The Old Road, Felmersham

Completing the Neighbourhood Plan is extremely important. It is hard work but will help the Council to use grants wisely. It will enable improvements to our villages in the future and will strengthen our community.

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VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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The Committee are aware that the play park currently has some maintenance issues but please be reassured that these are in hand. We are currently obtaining quotes to replace the bark areas with a more sustainable surface.

Also we are always looking for **new members** to join our friendly committee so if you would be interested in supporting your local community then please contact us at FRVHC@yahoo.com. Thank you.

PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

We returned to Pinchmill Primary School in early September, an exciting time as we have now fully transitioned to Primary status with our first Year 6 children in school. It has been a great start to the term; we have all been busy working on the new topics and settling into the new classes.

Our new children joined us in September in our Reception class and are settling in brilliantly. The rest of the school have welcomed them and are keen to look after them to make sure they are happy and having fun.

We have a new range of topics and are enjoying learning about life in Victorian times, about Inventors and Investigators, the 'Hip and Groovy' 60's and 70's, and Little Red Riding Hood. There is lots of fun and excitement for us all.

Just before the summer break we had extended out traversing wall; this now includes ropes and monkey bars which all of the children are loving. We also had several of our children who took part in the Harpur Trust Art Competition. There were entries from all of our year groups and a few of our children had their own work displayed in the Higgins Museum. This was a great achievement for us as there were entries from across Bedfordshire.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival, which will be held at St Mary's Church at 2pm on 4 October. Please feel free to join us to celebrate.

OVERHANGING VEGETATION

Marjorie Pipe, Parish Council

At the September Parish Council Meeting we discussed the problem of vegetation overhanging footpaths and roads. The majority of hedge owners do keep their hedges etc under control; and as a walker I am grateful. However, in several places around the village, hedges are not being trimmed back to the boundary of the property or to the full height of the hedge sending high sided vehicles into the middle of the road on dangerous bends.

If you are a hedge owner, please take a few minutes to walk outside your perimeter hedge and check it does not protrude into the path or road sending walkers far into the road at dangerous spots in the village. Please note the Borough Council have authority to cut your hedge and charge you if they feel it is dangerous to pedestrians and traffic.