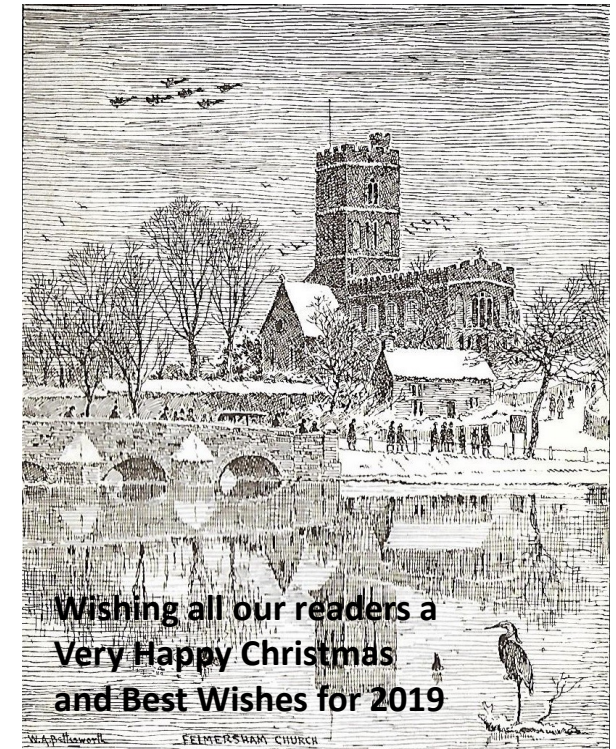


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***Items to be with the Editor for the JAN edition by NOON on 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.***

**Wednesday 19 December.**



## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

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

- Sunday 2 December** *Advent Sunday*  
11am Parish Communion
- Thursday 6 December** 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 9 December** 11am Parish Communion
- Thursday 13 December** 9.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 16 December** 10.30am Sharnbrook Benefice Holy Communion  
6pm Felmersham Nine Lessons and Carols
- Thursday 20 December** 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 23 December** 11am A Christmas Service with a Twist
- Monday 24 December** *Christmas Eve*  
4pm Christingles at the Crib  
11.30pm Felmersham Benefice Midnight Mass
- Tuesday 25 December** *Christmas Day*  
10.30am Sharnbrook Benefice Holy Communion
- Thursday 27 December** No service
- Sunday 30 December** 11am Parish Said Holy Communion

*Compline : Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 December at 6pm*

## A Christmas Service with a Twist

**Sunday 23 December 11am**

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\*Monday 11th – Saturday 18th March 2019, 7.30 pm

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## THE ODELL GARDENING CLUB

Mary Crouch

The Odell Gardening Club had a very successful first meeting in October and is open to anyone interested in gardening. A programme of talks, garden visits and related activities is planned for 2019.

Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, usually at Odell Village Hall but this may vary from time to time. Please check with the organiser Mrs Mary Crouch on 01234 711503 or [maryjcrouch@icloud.com](mailto:maryjcrouch@icloud.com).

It was agreed that Membership would be £20 per annum, plus £2.00 entrance at the door for members and £5.00 for non-members, which will include tea/coffee/biscuits and a door prize.

The speaker of **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019** will be local galanthophile Debbie Horsman who will give a slide presentation/demonstration on propagating and growing snowdrops. Meetings start at 7:30pm.

## St Mary's Church, Felmersham

On Christmas Eve

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm

### 'Christingles at the Crib'

*All welcome!*

in aid of the Children's Society

( Please bring your collection candle if you have one)



## COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER

Jane Wells

The December Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be hosted by **Peter and Pat Hartop, Felmersham on Saturday 1 December 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.

Thank you to everyone who hosted and attended a coffee morning this year. As usual they have been fun and very much appreciated. **There is no Coffee Morning in January**. Details of the next Coffee Morning will be in the next issue of the 2019 Ouse News.

## ON LOOKING FOR A NEW PRIEST

Sue Whitehouse

As you will all be aware Father Reuben has left this group of parishes to move to Scotland.

The process of finding a new priest is not as simple and straight forward as employing someone in another role, and church representatives from all the parishes in the Benefice are being guided through the hoops by the Rural Dean and other church hierarchy in the Diocese.

However, the church belongs to everyone in the Parish and a **leaflet is enclosed with this copy of Ouse News to try to get a feeling about the kind of person we would like to have as our spiritual leader, and any other thoughts you may have on our church and its role in your life or the life of this community**. You may find yourself unable to answer some of the questions as they are phrased but we would still be pleased to hear from you if you feel you have something to say.

Thank you for your time.



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**TABLE TENNIS**

**Jill Girling**



There will be no Table Tennis in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4 December, 25 December and 1 January.

Otherwise we meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm until 9pm, and you are most welcome to join us. Just turn up. Bats provided, and it is only £2 to play each evening.

**ACTIVI-TEA**

at The Methodist Church, Park Lane,  
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Our meetings will be at **2.30pm on  
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**HOUSE VALLEY SINGERS**

**Janet Welsh**

Come and join us on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook for a concert of carols. Our soloist is our own Bridget Peirson-Davis, and you can join in carols to get your voices ready for Christmas.

We are also taking part in a concert on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Bedford with Kempston Musical Society and Bedford Brass for the Hospital. Why not come to both? Tickets for both concerts can be obtained from me on 781010.

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**Blanche Smith**

Our Speaker, historian Margaret Bradley, has always championed women in history who are the unsung heroines in their field and who, because they are female, were never recognised in the same way as their male counterparts. Margaret spoke enthusiastically about one such women, Dora Carrington, a painter who was very much a member of the Bloomsbury Group (Virginia Woolf, etc), born in Bedford in 1898 and died in 1932, aged only 39 years. Dora was born into a middle-class, comfortably off, strict Victorian family and attended Bedford Girls School where she was not notably academic but excelled in art and was encouraged by her teachers to draw. She attended the Slade School of Art and won many awards for her work. Her association with the Bloomsbury Group led her into this Bohemian lifestyle where the men and women moved in loose relationships with each other. It was quoted as 'living in a square but loving in a triangle'! When the love of her life, Lytton Strachey, died in 1932 she became so depressed that she took her own life. However, she was a successful artist and some of her portraits now hang in the National Portrait Gallery. Margaret believes Dora Carrington is one of the most unappreciated female painters and should be given the recognition she deserves, particularly in the town of her birth, Bedford.

Can it really be 12 months since our last Christmas Dinner? Time flies but we now look forward to that same event at The Sun on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Dear Felmersham Friends

Christmas Greetings

I'm afraid my hand writing skills have deserted me this year. So may I take the opportunity to wish you all

" A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

With much love from,  
Michael and Debbi xx





Neighbourhood Watch brings neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.

Our vision is for a caring society, focused on trust and respect and where people feel safe from crime and enjoy a good quality of life. Neighbourhood Watch is about making sure that fewer people feel afraid, vulnerable, or isolated in the place where they live.

#### Reporting crimes and incidents to the police

Neighbourhood Watch is keen to support a better awareness of reporting crimes and incidents to the police. Each report that is submitted is logged and if the same problem persists, or frequently occurs, then we would encourage each occurrence to be reported to the police. This helps the police decide on priorities for action.

We have been asked to pass on, through our members, the following information.

There are a number of options available for reporting crime and incidents of crime, and the first two are familiar to us: i.e.:

#### **101 for non-urgent calls and 999 for emergency calls.**

You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. For example, if your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood.

Or to:

Give the police information about crime in your area, or speak to the police about a general enquiry.

**You should always call 999** when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

**A third option is available using the reporting page found on Bedfordshire Police's website.** <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/>

At the top of the front page of the website is a red link to 'reporting crime on line'. Clicking on this link takes you to a new page giving a number of options through which to report your concerns or incidents.

These pages are constantly monitored and reviewed.

This is a better option for anyone who feels more able to write down rather than speak out their concerns.

**A fourth option** is through **Crimestoppers**, an organisation independent of the police. All calls through Crimestoppers are anonymous and the police are not given any personal information regarding the caller. **Crimestoppers number is 0800 555 111 and is the same wherever you live in the UK.**

**Please consider joining and being part of the Neighbourhood Watch network. Register today and automatically receive useful information through our messaging service. Take a look at our website <http://bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk> and join today.**

Felmersham & Radwell

## PLAYREADING GROUP

After our first highly successful and entertaining Play Reading, we'll take a break in December and continue in January, back room of The Sun, Felmersham. Time, date and play to be announced. Watch this space!

All welcome. Any questions or suggestions for future plays, please contact Bridget Peirson-Davis 01234 630129 or [bridgetpd2@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetpd2@gmail.com)

### PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman

Wow! What a busy time we have had this November! It has been an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the children, with reports and parent consultations; we are very proud of all of our children. We also had a **visit from Ofsted** for our routine inspection. This went very well and we had a very positive report. If you would like to read it you can find it on our school website at [Pinchmill.beds.sch.uk](http://Pinchmill.beds.sch.uk), then click on About Us, and Key Information.

We have had two class trips, both to see performances based on the safer use of the internet, something which we all need to recognise the dangers of and know what to do about it if something worrying happens. The performances were both very interesting and informative, and the children were fabulous. We had a great time and learnt lots.

We are taking part in the Milton Ernest Garden Centre Christmas Tree Decorating Competition this year so please keep a look out if you pop in and cast a vote for your favourite. We are busy preparing and rehearsing our **Christmas play** this year. The children will be performing at the **St Mary's Church** as usual, and once again we have an open invitation to any community members who would like to join us – no need to let us know, just turn up at **10am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** to receive a warm welcome and be entertained.

The children have also been busy making things for our **Christmas Fayre**, which promises to be a fantastic afternoon. It will be held in the **school hall from 2 – 4pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. All are welcome to browse and be entertained; we will be having a special visitor for the children so come along and see what is on offer. We are also holding a **Wreath Making Evening on 6<sup>th</sup> December** – **all are welcome**. Please contact the school if you would like to attend or would like further details.

Our final event in December will be a visiting pantomime in school, a fun and enjoyable play where the children can get involved. Oh yes they can!

