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REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES— POSTPONED

Tuesday	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
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REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—POSTPONED

1st Monday in each month	7.30pm Monday Sisters	The Sun
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
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	Committee Room

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000)
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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

July 2020

From Revd Paolo Di Leo

Opening of our Churches following COVID -19

Recent easing of Lockdown restrictions for 4 July



As of 25 June there is no official guidance from the Church of England on these announcements and so online services will continue until further notice.

Stage I of the opening of our Churches at St. Mary's Felmersham and St. Peter's Sharnbrook commenced on Monday 15th June. This is intended to facilitate private prayer only. Detailed signage is shown at the South Doors of each Church giving information on hygiene, distancing, etc. It is expected that the opening core times of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm will be covered but this will be under review.

Group worship is not expected to return until Government Regulations permit and the diocese and local parish clergy have agreed a plan for their individual Churches.

For details of online services and further thoughts and prayers from Revd Paolo, see the next two pages.

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The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

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Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org



Welcome



The Online Services each week are as follows:-

Sundays: 9.30 am - Parish Communion

Wednesdays: 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Thursdays: 9.30 am - Morning Prayer

and also do remember

Tuesdays: 10 -11 am 'Hall of Friends' An informal chat session with
friends over your cup of coffee

For online services:-

the Link is: <https://zoom.us/j/763110804>

The Password is: 079014

For 'Hall of Friends':

the Link is: <https://zoom.us/j/99397336200>

The Password is: 019892

See <http://www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org/> **for further details.**

This Month's Header

If the COVID-19 pandemic had not happened the Festival 2020 Weekend would be taking place this month with our Street Party in Church End.



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Although we have sadly had to cancel most of our events for 2020, we have some very exciting and brilliant news to share with you.

It is with great pride that we can announce that The Trust has been awarded:

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service

This is the equivalent of the MBE and is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. SMTT is one of only 230 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the award this year.

This was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and is announced each year on 2nd June, the anniversary of the Queen's coronation

It is to recognise the work our volunteers have undertaken to transform the former redundant water mill into a thriving community theatre, for more than 40 years.

Douglas Pope, Chairman of the Trust, said to the members: "It is a great honour to receive this award, which is to recognise the selfless endeavours of many, since we embarked on 'The Mill Theatre Project' in 1975. You have all played a part in this and as Chairman I would like to say thank you and congratulations for whatever part you have played in this achievement".

A formal presentation by HM The Queen's Representative, The Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis, and, we understand, an invitation for two members to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, will follow in due course.

To you our audience members and supporters

Thank you for your continuing valuable support; which we warmly appreciate and will never take for granted.

We look forward to rehearsing, preparing for performance, fundraising, socialising and welcoming you to Sharnbrook Mill Theatre again, just as soon as circumstances will allow.

Meanwhile, our best wishes to you All.
Please take care and stay safe.



A Prayer for those affected by Corona virus:

God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear.

Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger.

Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us.

Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you.

Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.

(Rev'd Dr SamWells)

PSALM 121

Assurance of God's Protection

A Song of Ascents

- 1 Lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

(NRSV of the Bible)

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Suggested Donation £2

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

Introduction to Meditation in the Christian Tradition

16 July at 4pm

Learn about the way of meditation rooted in the Christian tradition that is easy to learn and has spiritual, mental and physical health benefits. See next week's Pew Notes for Zoom joining details or contact : paul@chardonnay.co.uk for more information.

A COMMUNITY SHOP?

Clive Just

Peter and Conny have done a fantastic job through lockdown - both with the meals (for us and the NHS) and turning The Sun into a brilliant shop. However, the days of the shop in its current form are likely to be numbered. Those of you on Facebook may have seen the discussions going on about the possibility of keeping a permanent community shop. So far the idea has had quite a lot of support and in this edition of Ouse News there is a questionnaire which we hope everyone will fill in.

Any suggestions about how the shop will run and where it could be located are especially welcome. If you have the time, the energy and the passion to help move this forward please let me know as we will soon be setting up a working party.

The Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust

Gillian Whiteway

A reminder to you all that the Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust was set up in accordance with the Will of the late Margaret Alleway, a resident of Felmersham between 1964 and 2002. This trust was set up for the benefit of residents of Felmersham and Radwell and is intended to provide financial help with domestic support for the elderly, sick, disabled or those in need within the two villages. It can also provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure in cooperation with other relevant organisations for the benefit of the inhabitants of Felmersham and Radwell. If you would like to apply for a grant, or indeed if you know of someone who is in need, we would like to hear from you. As of June 2020, the FRCT have awarded over £83,400 to local causes, from tennis tables to toilet facilities.

You can download the application form from the village website www.felmersham.net or approach any of the trustees for advice. The trustees are Peter Hartop, Gill Whiteway, Jeff Stokley, Chris Spoor and Patrick Doyle.



Many people have expressed their thanks to Lorna, Lucy and Eve for their lovely **Positivity Notes** that we have all enjoyed as they have come through our letter boxes during the pandemic.

The girls have now been offered a meal at The Sun by two very grateful readers of Ouse News, and The Editor will be in touch.

Pete Pestell is awaiting your order, girls!

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL AUTUMN SHOW

Maggie Spoor

It is with much regret we have to announce the cancellation of this year's Autumn Show. Although restrictions are easing we don't know what the situation will be in September but feel it's clear we would not be able to stage, judge, view exhibits or run the show as the social event it has been in the past.

We have every intention of holding the show in 2021 and in particular look forward to seeing the produce from gardens that have benefited from all the extra attention during lockdown!

1st Felmersham & Radwell Scarecrow Festival 2020

Sponsored by The Sun Pub

The theme will be 'Championing Keyworkers'



Judging to take place on **Saturday 8th August** by Revd Paolo di Leo and winners to be announced at The Sun at 3pm. Prizes, drinks and sweets for the kids, so come along and join in the fun! Save the date! More details to follow shortly...

Please email Mercedes on mercedeslovesoscar@hotmail.com if you plan to enter.

ALLOTMENT NEWS

Sue Whitehouse

Lockdown has given many regular allotmenters a bit more time to spend digging and planting with the result that almost everything is looking very well tended in spite of the dry weather that has set the ground like rock.

This year we have welcomed back some old friends to the site and been joined by new members who are putting in a lot of effort to set their plots up for a productive future. The result of all this has been a more active social element to the site as everyone gathers to water their plants in the evening and a few, exiled from the pub until reopening, chat at a suitable distance with a bottle of beer or two.



THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND WILDLIFE.

Good progress has been made in preparing to set this up. We have space for 24 fruit trees and hope to include some old local varieties. Consultation with organisers of successful community orchards has been invaluable and donations are coming in to enable us to purchase suitable trees.



This year on the allotment site there seem to be more butterflies than ever in both quantity and diversity. There are bumble bee nests and a good range of little creatures about to help eat the aphids. Many allotment holders grow flowers to encourage the bees and other bugs and birds.

It is hoped to develop wildflower meadow around the fruit trees but this is not a quick process and may take a few years to really establish.



The Latest News

We have been blown away by all the support during these strange times and we are now looking forward to making the pub a pub again.

See below for our new opening times and please use our **Facebook page** to keep up to date with our latest plans.

Thank you so much to you all.

Garden Opening Hours

Monday - Tuesday	16.00 - 22.00
Wednesday - Thursday	16.00 - 23.00
Friday - Saturday	11.00 - 23.00
Sunday	11.00 - 20.00

Restaurant Opening Hours

Wednesday - Friday	18.00 - 21.00
Saturday	12.00 - 15.00 18.00 - 21.00
Sunday	12.00 - 15.00

The Shop

There will be a temporary version of the shop in the Barn from 4th July. An Honesty Box will be provided.

Pete and Conny Pestell