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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

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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

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October 2020

A Harvest Message from Revd Paolo Di Leo

Harvest season is a time when after a long period of preparation and cultivation farmers and gardeners know for sure if their efforts have been a success. They know that a successful harvest is never guaranteed. Every year farmers and gardeners apply their skills, experience and knowledge to produce a harvest. Each year they research and learn something new about the environment, their crops and then apply that learning in the hope of a harvest. They need to work hard and consistently apply all they have learned and experienced to ensure a good harvest.

I for one seem to be a past master at poor or failed harvests, mainly due to my lack of experience, understanding and skills to do with anything agrarian or horticultural. In my family I am famous for proudly declaring my horticultural achievements in the singular, such as the year I eventually produced 'a radish'!!!!

Now I could address this by researching and reading about the effects of the weather, soils, feeds etc and in so doing understand how to improve my chances of a better harvest. But research and reading alone will never produce a crop of anything. I would have to, as they say, 'get my hands dirty' and actually plant something and cultivate it. Without the actual experience of planting and cultivating all my research, reading and learning will never produce a single fruit, vegetable or flower.

And this principle applies to our lives. It is not only what we learn that matters but how we apply it. To use a farming and gardening term, 'we reap what we sow'. The 'life harvest' we reap is dependent on the way we live our lives, what we say and how we behave. Putting this another way, all our words and actions have consequences and change us and

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The Online Services each week are as follows:-

Sundays: 9.30 am - Parish Communion

Wednesdays: 9.30 am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursdays: 9.30 am - Morning Prayer (CW)

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

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OUR THEATRE IS ALIVE! RESULTS FROM THE YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS' COMPETITION, ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

Anyone aged between 13 and 18 was invited to submit a play or scene, with a total of 16 actors past and present from the Trust performing the entries, all via Zoom video conferencing. 16-year-old Connie, who originated the idea of the competition, explains.

"I came up with the idea of the Young Playwrights' Competition when I was thinking of ways to keep the youth of the theatre occupied during the lockdown period as well as keeping them connected to theatre," Connie said. "I wanted to create something for all ages to keep their creative minds working. I believe it's crucial to involve the youth at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre because the youth is the future of the Mill. Not only that, it is also an opportunity for young actors and actresses to learn from the experience and to become better at what they do."

THE WINNERS OF OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS' COMPETITION:

Overall Drama – *A Moment of Rust* – Jake Stevens, aged 18

Most Creative – *The Last Tecmancer* – Callum, aged 15

Best Comedy – *The Robbery of Errors* – Sian, aged 14

Most Promising – *Name in Lights* – Penny, aged 14

Best Plot Twist – *The Cornershop Thief* – Comfort, aged 14

From the Overall Drama winner, Jake Stevens, winner with his play *A Moment of Rust*:

"I'm eternally grateful to The Mill Theatre for all the opportunities they offer young people.

This young writers' scheme has been an inspiring lockdown project."

Judge and Vice President of the Trust, David Saint, said:

"Theatre is alive and well at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre with these youngsters", and

Douglas Pope, Judge and Chairman of the Trust:

"I am so proud of the commitment they made. We have always encouraged the youth to get involved at The Mill and this has given them a time to shine when we are unable to open.

This has given us all a glimmer of hope and encouragement about the future of The Arts we all so desperately need."

The full judging panel: Douglas Pope (Chairman of the Trust); David Saint (Vice-President and writer/actor); Richard Fitt (Representative for The National Operatic and Dramatic Association – NODA Eastern Region); Michael Horne (Head of Marketing and Director/Performer with The Mill Theatre); Connie (Youth Ambassador and recent Mill Performer).

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(ctd from page 1) those around us. We are able to create a harvest of good things or bad things by the way we speak and act. In Galatians¹ St Paul makes this clear when he writes 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap'. We know that there are certain words and actions that bring about good things, we know that cultivating a certain way of acting and speaking with people will produce a good 'life harvest'. If we sow and cultivate a life of 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control', all vital 'life virtues' that St Paul calls 'fruits of the Spirit of God', then our life harvest will be one where we will reap the blessing of God and the good will and blessing of others.

¹ Galatians 5:22-23

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 4th Oct	6pm Harvest Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Wed 7th Oct	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Sunday 11th Oct	11am Harvest Communion at St Mary's, Felmersham
Thursday 15th Oct	11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Sunday 18th Oct	6pm Benefice Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Wed 21st Oct	11am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Felmersham
Sunday 25th Oct	11am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Thursday 29th Oct	11am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Felmersham
Sunday 1st November	11am Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
	6pm Evensong at St Peter's, Sharnbrook

Valerie Horrell

I would like to thank everyone in Radwell who stood out on September 11th to pay their last respects to my mum Jean Turner as she was driven up Moor End Road on her way to Felmersham Church.

Also a big thank you to the helpers and members of the Thursday Club who gathered outside the church, it was a lovely gesture. Mum always looked forward to the monthly get together, enjoying a wonderful afternoon tea and playing cards, I'm told she played a mean game of whist.

I have been overwhelmed with all the cards and messages I've received and feel blessed to live in such a wonderful village.

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Bedford Borough Libraries launch Select and Collect Service

Bedford Borough Council began the phased reopening of libraries with a free Select and Collect Service at Bedford Central and Kempston Libraries on Thursday 20th August.

Opening hours at these libraries have temporarily changed and it isn't possible to freely browse the shelves at the moment. Our new Select and Collect Service allows you to borrow library books according to your preferences, which can then be collected from the library entrances

This is the first step in the reopening of libraries. Our approach to reopening is informed by government guidance and our main priority continues to be the health and safety of customers and staff.

Bedford Central Library and Kempston Library are now open for the following services, which are available at the library entrances during opening hours:

Select and Collect – pre-order a selection of up to 10 books (4 books for instant and online registered members)

Request a specific book title using Arena, the online catalogue

Return your books.

Select and Collect Opening Hours:



Bedford Central Library
Monday to Friday 11.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm

The Select and Collect phone line (01234 718178) is open Monday to Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm.

Annual Parishioners' Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parishioners' Meeting for the purpose of electing church wardens is to take place on **Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.30 pm**. This meeting is open to all parishioners. Due to the current situation with Covid - 19, the meeting will take place via Zoom, using the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88049619584>. The passcode is 551965. If anyone requires help to access the meeting or has any queries regarding voting on this issue, please contact Mrs Sue Whitehouse on 781300. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow immediately afterwards and is open to those who are named on the church electoral roll, using the same link.

21ST CENTURY MONEY

Stephen Hill

In our 800th anniversary year, not only has St Mary's church embraced technology by conducting a full programme of services on Zoom, we are also now able to accept donations by digital means. What would Friar Tuck or Oliver Cromwell have made of it all?

It costs around £25,000 per year to keep St Mary's open, so donations large or small, occasional or regular, are always gratefully received.

You can donate by scanning this QR code or by visiting www.stmarysfelmersham.org.uk/donate.



If you wish to set up a standing order, or if you want your donation to be directed to the Restoration Fund which is dedicated to the fabric of the building and the churchyard, or for more information, please talk to our treasurer, Stephen Hill, or you can email him at treasurer@stmarysfelmersham.org.uk or phone 781064.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

With the lack of opportunity to fundraise in recent times but an ever increasing demand for support for at risk children both in this country and throughout the world, we will be holding a socially distanced **Christmas card sale** at our house at Felmersham on **Saturday 10th October at 10.30am**. We will put up a table either in the back garden or the garage (weather dependent) to display this year's selection of cards and wrapping paper so please feel free to pop round and have a look. Otherwise if this is not convenient, please ring to arrange a personal viewing on a date near the 10th (782523).

I look forward to seeing you on the 10th!
Thanks for your support.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

EDITED HIGHLIGHTS

Bedford Borough Council Libraries

The Borough Council is beginning the phased reopening of library services. Bedford Central and Kempston libraries opened on 20 August 2020 with a new 'Select and Collect' service, as well as for customers to return books they have had on loan during lockdown. Select and Collect gives customers the opportunity to borrow library books again by making requests based on their favourite genres or subjects, online or via the phone. Library staff will then choose books based on these preferences and issue them to customers, who will be notified when they are ready to collect from library entrances during Select and Collect opening times.

Customers will also be able to use the request service to choose specific titles through Arena, the online catalogue, and to pick them up from the library.

Overgrown Vegetation

Several parishioners have complained or commented upon a few instances in Felmersham where overgrown shrubs and hedges are obstructing the highway, restricting the footpath or obliterating traffic signs. There is a requirement on landowners to cut or trim hedgerow that overhangs a highway, road or footpath and that obstructs public access and, in this regard, the Parish Council urges you to keep your trees and hedges maintained in good order for the benefit of highway and footpath users. This would be most appreciated.



You are responsible for cutting your hedges back to the boundary of your property. Could you please respond to this matter as soon as you can. Your support in resolving this matter is appreciated.

Margaret Alleyway Memorial Garden (MAMG)

A large dead willow tree has been removed from the MAMG, three others have been pollarded and a further one fallen in the river has been removed. The surrounding hedges have been lowered to between 1.2 and 1.5 metres to discourage anti-social behaviour and the whole site has been made much more presentable. The Felmersham & Radwell Community Trust has re-opened the MAMG following the completion of the essential works and relaxation of the COVID-19 regulations.

Local Plan 2040

Bedford Borough Council had commenced work on a new local plan. The plan will set out how much growth is needed in the Borough in coming years (housing, jobs and associated infrastructure) and where it will take place. The recently adopted local plan looks ahead to 2030 and, in line with Government policy, this new local plan will extend the period that development is planned for beyond that date. Its main focus will be the allocation of new development sites to meet the Government's growth targets but it may also be appropriate to update existing or add new policies to guide decisions on planning applications and to repurpose the town centre.

A recent consultation identified the need to build up to 20,000 homes in the Borough during the period to 2040 and it would appear, from the locations identified in the consultation, that the intention of the Borough Council is to allocate land in North Bedfordshire for the majority of these new homes. The Parish Council is very keen to ensure that well respected and valued rural communities are not destroyed; the level of development envisaged by the Local Plan Review will vastly change the dynamics of these communities and there should be assurances given that existing rural settlements will not be further targeted for unacceptable growth.

Parish Councillors expressed serious concern at the impact of the significant level of growth proposed and, in particular, at the impact on the rural area given the poor infrastructure that exists to support growth. Further development in North Bedfordshire would put unprecedented strain on the local road networks particularly the A6 and the bottleneck "magic roundabout", with inevitable rat runs through the villages. It is considered that future justified growth should be concentrated on the A421 corridor where the environmental impact would be less significant and the new infrastructure that is already planned in the area would provide a well connected, accessible and sustainable location for growth. The A421 corridor, therefore, represents a much better location for growth and is better able to meet housing need without ruining the character of the Great Ouse Valley, thus making residents lives miserable through increased traffic and pressure on local services.

The Parish Council has responded to the consultation accordingly.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 10 November 2020** commencing at 7.30pm.