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REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday	Table Tennis Club-now restarted under COVID guidelines	Village Hall
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REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES - ALL POSTPONED EXCEPT PC

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)
Lay Leaders of Worship	Rosemary Drewery	(07792 926 004)
	Jane Templeman	(07885 617 583)
Churchwarden	Sue Whitehouse	(781300)
Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

Editor : Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janecarwithen@gmail.com

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



Parish Online: www.felmersham.net August 2021

CHANGES TO SUNDAYS IN CHURCH

Sue Whitehouse

Since the relaxation of regulations, the church is now able to allow singing for full choirs and congregations; something many have looked forward to. During Covid restrictions we have had to be very careful about all aspects of coming into church, not least at the Eucharist. It is our intention to move forward very cautiously so as not to place people at unnecessary risk, so some existing restrictions may be encouraged but are not now mandatory. For those who wish to come to church, the clergy will explain any new procedures at the start of the service to give everyone a choice. Services will continue on Zoom for those who prefer to exercise more caution.

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST

Jane Wells

After 18 months of not being able to hold a coffee morning we can now do so. **A coffee morning will be held in the Church on Saturday 7th August at 10.30am.**

Covid care is advised. Doors will be opened, social distancing and plenty of hand gel will be available.



Do come along to support the Church Restoration Fund, to meet neighbours and friends with a cup of coffee/tea, biscuits and most importantly friendly chatter. It would be good to see everyone and to catch up after 18 months of covid isolation! There will be the usual raffle but **no** bring and buy stall this time.

Looking forward to seeing you.

The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP All
Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

www.sharnbrookcofechurches.org



Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sun 1 Aug	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also Zoomed)
	6pm	Benefice Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 4 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 8 Aug	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also Zoomed)
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
Wed 11 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 15 Aug	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also Zoomed)
	6pm	Benefice Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 18 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 22 Aug	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also Zoomed)
Wed 25 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 29 Aug	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also Zoomed)
	6pm	Benefice Evensong at St Peter's



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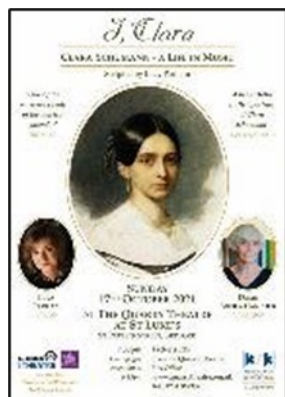
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'STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE'
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Wine & soft drinks available
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*Michelle's disabled brother, Barry George, was wrongly convicted of the high profile murder of BCC television presenter, Jill Dando. The impact of this catastrophic event, followed by eight years of wrongful incarceration changed life beyond recognition. Barry was released on 1st August 2008, following a unanimous not guilty verdict. He has consistently been refused compensation.



'I, Clara, Clara Schumann'
Sunday 17th October
Quarry Theatre at St Luke's,
St Peter's Street, Bedford
7pm; Champagne Reception 6.15pm
LUCY PARHAM

Internationally renowned pianist makes her sixth visit to Bedford to present another of her acclaimed 'Composer portraits' in words and music; on this occasion **narrated by DAME SHEILA HANCOCK.**

Tickets £25 from Quarry Theatre: 01234 362337
www.quarrytheatre.org.uk

All events are in aid of The Mill Theatre 'Cool Down' Appeal. Covid-Safe protocols, as are required at that date. Event details: www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk

Online Links

For online services:-

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

The Password is: 079014

For 'Hall of Friends' every Tuesday at 10.30am:

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

The Password is: 019892

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



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike

BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
Bike 'n Hike in Beds 'n Herts

The annual bike and hike to raise money for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and our own church restoration fund (half each) takes place on **Saturday 11 September**. You can visit local churches at your own pace and in any order you choose, being sponsored per church visited, or simply self-sponsoring for a gentle day out. For more details and for sponsorship forms, please contact Stephen Hill (781064).

TOWERS AND SPIRES WALK

Ed Chamberlayne

Saturday 4th September 2021, 10am

Please join us for all or part of a 13 mile circular route linking the four churches of the Sharnbrook Benefice. **Starting and finishing at All Saints, Souldrop** we will walk through the woods to St. Peter's in Sharnbrook, across the fields and along the river to St. Mary's, Felmersham and then make our way, via a picnic lunch spot at The Mill in Sharnbrook to St. Margaret's in Knotting before returning for a well deserved drink at The Bedford Arms in Souldrop.

Feel free to walk the whole way, part way or just for the tea and refreshments at each of the Churches. Everyone and their dogs are welcome to walk and talk their way round, and it will hopefully be a great way to celebrate our beautiful countryside and our local communities which have seen many of us through what has been a difficult year.

Timings to be finalised nearer the time but for the moment save the date and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

This month's Header : Radwell Bridge

DON'T MISS

Pages 6 & 7: The Edited Highlights of the Parish Council Meeting

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EMMAUS VILLAGE CARLTON IN SEARCH OF BISTRO VOLUNTEERS

Bedfordshire homelessness charity Emmaus Village Carlton is appealing to local people to help out in their bistro.

em's Bistro, at the charity's site on School Lane near Carlton, serves proper coffee, breakfasts, hot and cold lunches, sandwiches, paninis as well as delicious cakes. It raises vital funds to help provide a home and meaningful work for 42 people who have experienced homelessness.



Volunteer Sarah at em's Bistro, Emmaus Village Carlton

The popular bistro has continued to trade during the lockdown periods by offering takeaways. With the indoor seating area now reopened; customers can dine inside or make use of the outdoor marquee and picnic benches across their large site.

Emmaus Village Carlton is calling on local people to volunteer and help in the bistro. Working alongside staff and those supported by the charity, volunteers support the enterprise by serving customers, clearing tables, and assisting with simple kitchen tasks.

Speaking about the volunteer search, Catering Manager Chloe Goodship said: "Emmaus Village Carlton supports some of the most vulnerable people, and we're extremely proud that our popular bistro helps raise money for the charity. We do our best to provide great food and customer service; the more people we have helping, the better our bistro will be. This is why we're hoping that more local people will join our volunteer team. We provide all relevant training along with a full induction, paid travel expenses and lunch on the day you volunteer."

Anyone interested in volunteering can get in touch with the charity by calling 01234 720826 or emailing barbarafitzgerald@emmausvc.org

To find out more about Emmaus Village Carlton visit www.emmaus.org.uk/village-carlton

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2021

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This year's theme ~
**CHILDREN'S STORY
BOOK CHARACTERS**

**SCARECROWS
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1ST AUGUST**

Judging to take place on 5TH SEPTEMBER

by Rev'd Paolo Di Leo & Tom Southam

**Points awarded for: Most Traditional Looking, Scariness,
Funniness, Robustness & Creativity**

**Winners to be announced at
The Sun Pub ~ 3pm on Sunday 5th September
*Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon – free drinks & sweets for the kids***

1st prize ~ £50 wine voucher ~ donated by THE WINE CELLAR

2nd prize ~ Sunday Lunch for 4 ~ donated by THE SUN PUB

3rd prize ~ Voucher for box of donuts ~ donated by MINKIEMOO BAKERY

**Special Prize ~ For most entertaining / best comedy value scarecrow ~
Hamper donated by ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Contact for any queries: mercedeslovesoscar@hotmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 13 JULY 2021

EDITED HIGHLIGHTS

Bedford Borough Local Plan Review

Bedford Borough Council already has a Local Plan in place up to 2030, and is now looking beyond that period to 2040. The plan will set out how much growth is needed in the Borough in the coming years (housing, jobs and associated infrastructure) and where it will take place.

The Borough Council has identified the need, over the plan period, to allocate land to enable a minimum of 25,500 dwellings to be delivered. Current commitments amount to around 13,000 dwelling, thus land to accommodate in the region of **12,500 new dwellings** must be allocated in the new Local Plan to 2040 (which must be submitted for examination by January 2023).

The Borough Council has recently, therefore, launched a consultation to gather comments about the range of subjects to be covered in the plan and where in the Borough new growth should be located. It will also look at policies around town centre and retail, the environment, quality of development and residential space standards and self-build and homebuilding. A consultation leaflet has been distributed to all households by Bedford Borough Council to help people think about and comment on these issues. The deadline for submitting comments is 3 September 2021.

Leisure Centres

Borough Council leisure centres are operated by Fusion Leisure and all facilities are now open. Bookings can be made up to seven days in advance, via download of the Fusion Lifestyle app or by visiting www.fusion-lifestyle.com to register and use the booking facility. Centre opening times and timetables are available at: www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/mowsbury-golf-and-squash-centre.

Traffic Data

The following traffic data was available from the installed speed activation devices:

Felmersham traffic monitoring:

30-day period during May 2021:

- The highest speed recorded in 20mph zone was 45mph.
- There were 21 instances where speeds were recorded at or above 35mph.
- The average recorded speed was 23mph.
- There were 8,987 vehicle movements in a southerly direction.

28-day period during June 2021:

- The highest speed recorded in 20mph zone was 40mph.
- There were 18 instances where speeds were recorded at or above 35mph.
- The average recorded speed was 23mph.
- There were 8,361 vehicle movements in a southerly direction.

Radwell traffic monitoring:

30-day period during May 2021:

- The highest speed recorded in 30mph zone was 65mph.
- There were 14 instances where speeds were recorded at or above 60mph.
- The average recorded speed was 36mph.
- There were 15,029 vehicle movements in an easterly direction.

28-day period during June 2021:

- The highest speed recorded in 30mph zone was 74mph.
- There were 10 instances where speeds were recorded at or above 60mph.
- The average recorded speed was 36mph.
- There were 14,339 vehicle movements in an easterly direction.

Parish Assets

The Parish Council had been considering the possible replacement of the bus shelter on The High Road, Felmersham with an appropriate, more traditional hardwood structure given its proximity to Grade 1 listed St Mary's Church. The condition of the bus shelter has been a source of complaint in the past and its replacement is now regarded as a priority. The Parish Council has successfully applied to Bedford Borough Council for a 50% contribution to the project, with the balance of funding in the sum of £3,859.00 plus VAT to be met from Parish Council balances. The generous financial contribution from the Borough Council to this village project is most appreciated. The expected delivery time of installation from order is about 8 weeks but there is a process of obtaining searches for underground utilities that has to be undertaken prior to the order being made. Every endeavour will be made to coordinate the replacement at the earliest opportunity.

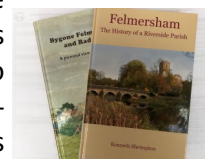
A new dog waste/litter bin has also been installed on The Green at Radwell.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.30pm.**

Felmersham and Radwell Archives

As many of you are aware, as well as writing his two books, Ken Shrimpton held the archives for the villages.



Before he passed away this collection was handed on to me for safekeeping. If you have any queries on the history of the villages, or indeed find any articles or artifacts that would be of interest to future generations, then please do not hesitate to be in touch.

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