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### REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Thursday in each month	7.30pm Thursday Sisters	The Sun
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz tbc	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 tbc	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	tbc

### CHURCH OFFICERS

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	Jane Templeman	(07885 617 583)
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Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

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



# HOUSE NEWS

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October 2021

**HARVEST TIME**  
**Sue Whitehouse**

By the time this drops through your door the local harvest will mostly have been gathered in. At time of writing the tractors are still rushing up and down the road will trailers full of grain and I am reminded of the debt of gratitude we owe to our farmers who work so hard around the country to keep us all fed. In this season of mellow fruitfulness some of us will soon be out gathering our own harvest from the hedgerow blackberries and sloes, listening to the autumn sound of the geese migrating and feeling that nip in the air that brings the changing colours to the trees.

Every year, at this time, the Bishop of St Albans makes a harvest appeal on behalf of people who are living, often at a subsistence level, in other countries. This year's appeal is to bring clean, safe, drinking water to rural communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The last eighteen months have shown in just what an active and caring community we are privileged to live with the church, the pub, the school and various community groups helping to meld it all together.

**On 10th October at 11am we will be celebrating the harvest in the garden of The Sun (indoors if raining). We want this to be a fun family occasion for all followed by a harvest ploughman's lunch - so please bring children, dogs if you wish, and if possible something to show what you have grown, whatever that may be and no matter how unusual....fruit, flowers, a weed?**

This is an opportunity to thank God for all that he provides for us and to think of those who have so little, including those we help as a community by giving to Gordon, the bin man's food bank collection, but mostly we want it to be a happy community occasion.

**Do join us. If you would like to stay for the lunch, please give your name and cash if possible, at the pub by Sunday 3rd October. The cost of £7 includes a Ploughman's lunch and apple crumble and a £2 donation to the Bishop's charity. Children's meals will be £3 with no donation. There will also be details on The Sun's Facebook page.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Welcome**



### FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

<b>Sun 3 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)
<b>Wed 6 Oct</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
<b>Sun 10 Oct</b>	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Harvest Festival Service at The Sun, Felmersham</b>
	10.30am	Harvest Comm. and Hymns at All Saints, Souldrop
	6pm	Harvest Evensong at St Margaret's, Knotting
<b>Wed 13 Oct</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
<b>Sun 17 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Harvest Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)
<b>Wed 20 Oct</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
<b>Sun 24 Oct</b>	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Non Comm Ecumenical Service at St Mary's (+ZOOM)</b>
	6pm	Benefice Evensong at St Peter's
<b>Wed 27 Oct</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
<b>Sun 31 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	10.30am	Choral Holy Comm. at All Saints, Souldrop (+ZOOM)



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<b>Community Care</b>	<b>07786 344 176</b>	IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967 783246
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21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm

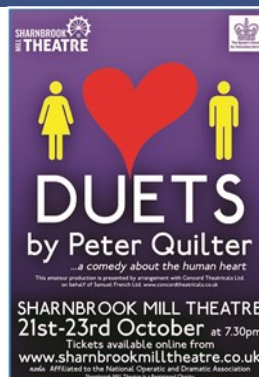
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**TICKETS: Thurs. £12.00, Fri. & Sat. £13.00**

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Please note: Ticket price correction, as above; we apologise for stating the incorrect price in the September edition.



## *Rhythm of Life*

*An evening of Song, Music, and Sketches  
performed by Rod and Kim Arkle*

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

The Clubroom, Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

Licensed Bar Tickets: £12.50 (+ £1 booking fee)

A fundraising event in aid of our 'Cool-Down' Appeal



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

A festive collection of music, poetry and readings  
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Groups: 10+ 10% discount, Thursday only

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## 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.

## COFFEE MORNING WITH EXTRAS: SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER

Jane Wells

A coffee morning will be held in the Church on **Saturday 2nd October at 10.30am**. Doors will be opened to help with air flow, plenty of hand gel will be available and social distancing advised.

This coffee morning will not only have tea/coffee and biscuits and the usual raffle to support the Church Restoration Fund, but there will also be an opportunity to purchase the beer glasses that were originally to be sold as part of the St Mary's Church 800 year celebrations last year. That event had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

The beer glasses, plus a free raffle ticket, cost £5 each. The raffle prizes will include a meal for two at The Sun, a case of Brew Point beer, an artist's easel plus paints, a food hamper and more. The raffle will be drawn at the Harvest Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The beer glasses may also be purchased at The Sun.

There will be an opportunity to buy Christmas cards etc as Andy and Sue Evans will be there with a table selling the cards in aid of Save the Children. A good box to tick off the 'to do list' in preparation for Christmas!

Looking forward to seeing you.

## TEA IN THE CHURCH, ST MARY'S, FELMERSHAM

Jane Wells

The Church will be open for Teas and Cake on Thursday 14th October from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Please come along with your friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake. If you are new to the village it is a good way to meet your neighbours.

Everyone and all ages are welcome. So do come along and have a chat!

Very much looking forward to seeing you.

## CONCERT

Janet Welsh

Ouse Valley Singers and Kempston Musical Society will be presenting a light concert on 30th October at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Felmersham. Tickets are £8 to include wine and nibbles, and can be obtained from Janet on 781010.

All proceeds to St. Mary's Church.



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### ACT NOW FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

### Churches Together

Due you care about the future for your children and grandchildren?  
**Sunday 24th October is the start of One World Week** and all local Christian churches will be meeting in St. Mary's to focus on care for the environment, protecting the planet for future generations and discovering what we can do.

**Beginning at 10.30am**, please join us for this service of reflection and call to action.

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 8 SEPTEMBER 2021

### EDITED HIGHLIGHTS

#### New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that Marcello Martignetti from Felmersham has been co-opted to the Parish Council. Marcello has valuable experience and good knowledge of the Parish and, as such, will be a valuable member of the Parish Council.

#### Traffic Data for July and August

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

**Felmersham traffic monitoring:** the highest speed recorded was 43mph and there were 45 instances where speeds were recorded at or above 35mph.

**Radwell traffic monitoring:** the highest speed recorded was 70mph and there were 29 instances where speeds were recorded at or above 60mph.



#### Parish Assets



The replacement bus shelter on The High Road, Felmersham with an appropriate, more traditional hardwood structure was installed on 8 September 2021.

#### 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.**

#### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 9 November 2021** commencing at 7.30pm.



### CHRISTMAS ELVES WANTED!

Last year lots of people helped put on some wonderful events. If you would like be involved in helping create something really special this Christmas we'd love to hear from you. We need help with IT, DIY, artists, knitters and actors!



### ADVENT WINDOWS

We are looking for 30 volunteers from Felmersham and Radwell to host an advent window between Sunday 30th November and Christmas Eve. This year's theme is "Follow the Star". Whether it's a window decoration or garden display we will also need you to be able to display a QR code that is accessible from the street.

Please contact Rosie Cheetham (781046) or [mrsrosemarycheetham@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrosemarycheetham@gmail.com) to let us know if you'd like to help.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Andy Evans

In addition to the sale of cards at the Church on Saturday 2 October reported elsewhere in the Ouse News, we will keep hold of the merchandise for anyone unable to get to church. Contact us on 782523 for a viewing in our garage as last year.

The next **Chilterns Walking Festival** will take place **16 – 31 October 2021**, with another action-packed programme of 65+ guided walks and outdoor activities. Alongside challenging hikes you'll find many stile free walks, family friendly wildlife experiences and even toddler paced toddles -



[Visit the Chilterns : Chilterns Walking Festival \(visitchilterns.co.uk\)](http://visitchilterns.co.uk)

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## THE VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Claire Lurcock

**The date for our AGM is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at the Village Hall, the first 30 minutes is open to the public** so please come along if you would like to join the committee or have any comments regarding the play park or village hall. We would especially like to have some new, younger members on the committee who could help with suggestions for fund raising ideas and events. We meet for monthly for around 1-2 hours. Please email [FRVHC@yahoo.com](mailto:FRVHC@yahoo.com) for more information.

The Committee Room ceiling unfortunately has still not been repaired, but once it has we plan to redecorate the committee room, toilets and lobby. We would also like to install a new kitchen as the old one has definitely seen better days. This will include a new cooker, fridge, freezer and dishwasher. Quotes are currently being obtained so if there is anyone local who would be interested in providing a quote for the decoration or kitchen then please get in touch at the email address above.



## May Mills

Felmersham and Radwell Women's Institute is 100 years old this year and as part of our centenary celebrations The Sun provided us with a buffet lunch in the garden. We would like to thank Connie, Pete and staff for their warm hospitality and delicious food on this special occasion. Our thanks also go to Karen Stokley who baked not one, but two spectacular cakes, which were cut by Sylvia Wilson, our longest serving member, and Blanche Smith who returned to Felmersham especially to join us. Sylvia was presented with a lovely garden planter in recognition of her service over many years, and we hope she will continue as an honorary member in the future. The dull weather did not dampen our spirits nor our enjoyment at being able to meet together once again.



## Competitive Growing and other sports...

Over the summer, progress has been made on the allotment pavilion thanks to Eric Barford, Noel Horrell and a number of other contributors. It has yet to be completed but will make an excellent facility when done. Our thanks to our hard-working team of builders but also to the Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust for contributing much of the funding for materials. An extension to the water supply is also expected to be completed within the next few weeks, thanks also to FRCT funding.

The young trees donated by individuals to form our community orchard are doing well and, with care will be a welcome feature of the site in years to come.

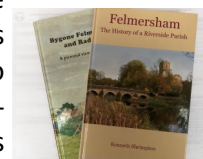


It has been lovely to see the increased level of activity and interest on the allotment site and at the beginning of September allotmenters held a weigh-in to see who had managed to grow the most potatoes in a container. Results ranged from little over a 1lb to a winning 10lb14oz. Congratulations to Tony and Jackie Harrington who took

first prize and Abi Pigeon who won the best sunflower prize in the teeth of almost no competition!

## 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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