

REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803	201399 for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Weds	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Community Shop	St Mary's Church
Thurs	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Village Hall
Thurs	7.00pm	Zumba Fitness Class	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
1 st Sun	in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun Pub
2 nd Thurs	in each month at	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3 rd Tues	in each month at	7.30pm W.I.	Committee Room
1 st Weds	in each month at	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
1 st Tues	every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES

There are no changes to the Services during this month (Harvest Festival on 1st Sunday)

Every Thursday morning	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
1 st Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
2 nd Sunday in the month	All Age Holy Communion 11.00am	St Mary's Church
3 rd Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
4 th Sunday in the month	Choral Matins at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
5 th Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
Every Sunday evening	Evensong at 6.00pm at Sharnbrook	St Peters Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 2/9/16/23 & 30 Oct	Felmersham Shop 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 5 Oct	Coffee Morning 10.30am, Long Mynd, Pavenham	Road, Felmersham
Sun 6 Oct	Harvest Festival Service 11.00am	St Mary's Church
Sun 6 Oct	Sunday Sisters 7.30pm	The Sun Pub
Sat 12 Oct	Classical Concert at Sharnbrook Church	Sharnbrook Church
Sat 19 Oct	GREASE Sing-a-long 7.00 for 8.00pm start	Village Hall
Sat 16 Nov	Art & Craft Fair Sharnbrook Bowls Club	Sharnbrook V.Hall
Sat 2 Nov	Coffee Morning 10.30am,	Felmersham
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Memorial
Sat 30 Nov	Annual Village Hall Quiz 7.30 for 8.00pm start	Village Hall
Sun 1 Dec	Advent Sunday & Back-to-Church Sunday	St Mary's Church
Sun 15 Dec	Carol Service	St Mary's Church



Village information online www.felmersham.net

OCTOBER 2013

(The above photograph features the rear view of the Tithe Barn circa 1972.)



Felmersham Shop

will be open on Wednesdays 2.00pm to 4.30pm

in Felmersham Church

(Tea or coffee and cake are available during the afternoon)

The dates on which the shop will be open during October are as follows:

Wednesday	2 nd October	3.00pm to 4.30pm
	<i>(please note the shop opens at 3.00pm on this day – the school Harvest Festival Service takes place in the church at 2.00pm)</i>	
Wednesday	9 th October	2.00pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	16 th October	2.00pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	23 rd October	2.00pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	30 th October	2.00pm to 4.30pm

We sell fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, bread, home-made jams and chutney etc. There are also stalls selling hand-made cards and many craft items, all of which will make excellent Christmas presents. Why not come along and browse, who knows you may finish your Christmas shopping early!

Please email Rosemary@madewithlovinghands.com if you would like your produce etc, to be sold in the Community Shop.

GREASE SING-A-LONG EVENING

Sing-a-Long-a

GREASE



**SATURDAY 19th
OCTOBER**

**7.00pm for 8.00pm start
Tickets are £12.50**

from Maxine Boswell on
782128 and Annette
Franklin on 783085

SUNDAY SISTERS

So called because it takes place on the first Sunday evening of every month, at the Sun pub and is aimed at giving women in the village an opportunity to get together for a drink and a chat. A great way to meet new people or catch up with friends, we'll be meeting in the back bar from 7.30pm on Sunday 6th October. Come and enjoy a glass of prosecco and some nibbles. If you'd like more information call Rosie on 781046 or email mrsrosemarycheetham@gmail.com

Rosie Cheetham

OCTOBER COFFEE MORNING

The October Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be held

Jane Wells



at 10.30am on SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER.

Contributions of homemade cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for our bring and buy stall will be most welcome.

Mrs Sue Evans will be there selling Christmas cards and wrapping paper in aid of the charity "Save the Children". Please come along to support both the Church and this charity. Take some of the stress away and buy your cards early whilst sipping a cup of coffee and chatting to neighbours. Please come along. Everyone is welcome.

The November Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 2nd November.

FELMERSHAM ON TV

During the Felmersham Dog Show in June a television camera was filming for **Ronnie's Animal Crackers** presented by Ronnie Corbett. Look out for the Felmersham episode which will be screened on BBC1 on a Friday in October at 7.30 pm.

Editor

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

Babysitting (Felmersham)	Zoe Mansell 07810 840629	Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Laura Hewlett 782063	Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Jade Facey 07826354060	Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Milly Dalton 781727/07986348347	General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Katie Henman 782290 (References can be provided)	IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
Babysitting (Radwell)	Darina Carter 782622	Kennels (Daisy Bank) Felmersham	Mrs Gee 720241
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 782128	Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/07500828404
Children's Party Entertainment	Samantha Cook 781859	Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
Chemistry/Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897	Pet Care Services	Annette Courtney 782809
Community Care	07786 344176	Piano/Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
Dog Walking, feeding/ boarding	Ch. Tweeddale 781279	Secretarial/Business Support Service	Ruth Barratt 781876
Dog Walking	Melissa Facey 312385 or 7501328660 (Felmersham tel numbers)	Soc. Psychology Management	Anthea Coghlan 782332
Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180		

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean: Revd. Robert Evens (782000)
 Curate: Revd. Thomas Sander (781773)
 Pastoral Assistant: Rosemary Drewery (07792926004)
 Churchwarden: Ken Shrimpton (781381)
 Treasurer: Stephen Hill (781064)

Editor: Lorraine Shrimpton (781381) or email lorraine@felmersham.info

Items should be with the Editor by noon on the 25th of each month

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE IN

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER - www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk



◆ **MOVIES AT THE MILL** A new initiative – the first show is JANE EYRE starring Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender, and Jamie Bell on **Saturday 5th October** 7 for 7.30 pm. □ Ticket £6, including first drink, on sale now from Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) & Sharnbrook *Learning for Pleasure* per Ven Bolton brian.ven@tiscali.co.uk A 'Warm up' Appeal event.

◆ **PERFORMERS!** Join us for our Spring play, Season 2014: **On Golden Pond** - Show dates: Mon. 17th to Sat. 22nd March. *Workshops*: Tues. 29th & Thurs. 31st October 7.30 pm. *Auditions*: Sun. 3rd November, Mill Theatre. For further details, please contact the Director Pat Gale: patricia.gale@tiscali.co.uk or (01234) 823889.

◆ **COMPANY** Tuesday 19th - Saturday 23rd November, at 7.30pm A bittersweet masterpiece from the incomparable Stephen Sondheim. This super-funny musical comedy, explores the pros and cons, ups and downs and ins and outs of being single. Presented as a series of vignettes, the musical throws a comic spotlight on the eternal issues faced by intimately involved couples...While relationships rarely turn out as they do in fairy tales, life is still better when you have someone to share it with. □ Tickets £11 – £13 available from 30th September: Sharnbrook Post Office in person; Bedford Central Box Office / Tourist Information (718112) & On-Line via www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk. 10 % discount for 10 or more (excl. Fri., Sat. & Charity performance) 2 wheel-chair spaces, easier access seating Rows A – C: hearing loop Rows A – E.



◆ **A SEASONAL TALK** 'The Christmas Customs In Victorian Times & Their Pagan Origins' by Anita Marie Sackett: on Wednesday 27th November at the Mill Theatre, preceded by a **2 –course lunch** with a glass of wine, 12.30 for 1 pm, to which you are warmly invited. □ Tickets: £15 Christine Summerling: 01832 730255, Virginia Pope: 01933 356974, Erica Lester 01234 781210. A 'Warm Up' Appeal event.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CARLTON
are holding a
VICTORIAN BAZAAR
on **30th November 2013**

NEWS FROM THE SUN

Hannah & Ben Just

We wanted to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who has supported us in our first two months of trading. The welcome we have received has been wonderful and we really feel part of the village already. Our first Quiz was an absolute hit, with a packed pub and fantastic atmosphere. The Quiz is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:45pm. We will have the front bar open in the next couple of weeks, and will then be working hard on phase three of the re-opening; the kitchen. We'll keep you posted with our progress!

FELMERSHAM TODDLERS

Rosie Cheetham

We meet in the green Portakabin at Pinchmill School every Friday during term time from 9.15am – 11.00am. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers from Felmersham and neighbouring villages. Suitable for children 0-5 we've got a great selection of toys, there's normally cake and always a warm welcome. Whether you want to come along every week or just pop in occasionally we've found it's a great way for children and parents to get to know the pre-school and lower school as well as make new friends. For more information call Rosie Cheetham on 781046 or email mrsrosemarycheetham@gmail.com

15th FELMERSHAM & RADWELL ANNUAL SHOW

Maggie Spoor

Many congratulations to Terry Longstaff of Radwell and Monique Eyre-Smith of Felmersham, both trophy winners at this year's Autumn Show. Terry won the Show Plate as he gained 4 First prizes, and Monique's entry in Class 2 (3 onions) was judged 'Best in Show'. Our thanks to each and every entrant whose produce, flowers, craft and photographs make the show, the very talented members of the art groups for exhibiting their work; the Village Hall committee for the use of the Village Hall and the members of the WI who worked hard all afternoon supplying tea and cakes to the many visitors. I would like to add my own thanks to the judges – Laurie Jones and James and Jean Gell, and to Margaret and Alleyne Leach, Hilary Foot, Anne Smith and Lesley Gani for all their help and support. We hope you enjoyed the Show and look forward to seeing you in 2014.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL SHOW

Editor

Once again we all owe a big thank you to Maggie Spoor for the original idea of the Autumn Show and for organising it for the past 15 years. Well done, Maggie, and Chris and all the helpers who, year after year, make the afternoon such a wonderful, community event. Thanks also go to those who take the trouble to enter each year with a wonderful array of exhibits. Well done to you all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Editor

The Harvest Festival service will take place on **Sunday 6th October, at 11.00am.**



Any donations of garden produce, fruit or tinned goods for this Service will be greatly appreciated and can be left in the church (in front of the screen) at any time during the week before 6th October.

We will sort everything out into “Tombola size” prizes on the Saturday.

Tickets for the Tombola can be purchased after the service when coffee and biscuits will be served and all Tombola prizes will be ready for collection. Don't forget, with Tombola every ticket is a winner and you will take home with you a reminder of this year's Harvest Festival. Perhaps it will be fresh vegetables to be served with your Sunday lunch?

The school will be holding their Harvest Festival service in the church on Wednesday 2nd October at 2.00pm.

All monies raised will go towards the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2013, which will go towards helping to transform communities in Ethiopia.

PET SERVICE

Ken Shrimpton

The recent Pet Service held at St Mary's Church was enthusiastically supported by many pet owners, mostly dog owners, from the village. Children from “Messy Church” and young people from the parish took part. The service was taken by Rosemary Drewery (Lay Pastoral Assistant), who thanked all those who took part and helped to make the service a success, including John Myerscough who talked about the pet dog he had during the war.

ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Roy Durston

Sharnbrook Bowls Club are again holding an **Art and Craft Fair at Sharnbrook Village Hall, on Saturday 16th November from 10.30am to 4.00pm.**

Various stalls – some still available. For further information please ring 01234 781348.



FLU VACCINE DATES

Editor

Harrold Surgery: dates not available, patients will be contacted

Sharnbrook Surgery: Monday 7th October to Friday 11th October
2.00pm to 4.00pm - NO appointment needed

Monday 14th October and Tuesday 15th October
5.30pm to 7.00pm - NO appointment needed

CONCERT AT ST PETERS CHURCH SHARNBROOK Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm

A Classic “double bill” with
Elaine Huckle (Mezzo-Soprano)
Robin Ward (Harpist)

Tickets £10 (including wine and finger buffet) from
Sharnbrook Post Office, Ian Campbell 01234 781721
or Colin Scott 01234 781559

ZUMBA IS BACK!

Hannah Just

I am delighted to be teaching Zumba in Felmersham again! Latin-inspired dance fitness, come and have a go, it's lots of fun! For ages 14+ and all abilities, come and have a go.



Commencing in October on **THURSDAYS, 7.00pm**
AT THE VILLAGE HALL. £4 per 1 hour session

(Please note there will not be a class on Thursday 31st October).

THE BELLS ARE RINGING

Mike Benson

Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers (Bedford District) are holding their quarterly meeting in Felmersham church on **Saturday 5th October.**

Before, and after the meeting, members take the opportunity to ring the bells so please expect the bells of St Mary's to ring out from 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm with a long break in the middle





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ON THE PERILS OF HARVEST (tongue in cheek!)

The Rectory
St. James the Least
My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than 3 minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying "Given anonymously by Elsie Jones" and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has an enjoyable evening. My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace