

## 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
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	in each month at	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	in each month at	7.30pm W.I.	Committee Room
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

## CHURCH SERVICES

There are changes to the Services during September - **please see details inside.**

Every Thursday morning	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month	All Age Holy Communion 11.00am	St Mary's Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month	Choral Matins at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
5 <sup>th</sup> 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

Wed 28 Aug	Community Shop opens 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 3 Sept	Table Tennis commences at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 4 Sept	Community Shop 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 7 Sept	Coffee Morning in the Church at 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 8 Sept	Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show	Village Hall
Wed 11 Sept	Community Shop 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 14 Sept	Beds & Herts <i>Bike 'n Hike</i>	Various churches
Sat 21 Sept	Barn Dance 3.30pm to 6.00pm (scarecrow dress!!)	The Sun, Grange Rd
Wed 18 Sept	Community Shop 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Wed 25 Sept	Community Shop 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
17-21 Sept	"Glorious" 7.30pm at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre	Sharnbrook Mill
Sun 28 Sept	The Whybirds (Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Event)	Mill Theatre
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	GREASE Sing-a-long 7.00 for 8.00pm start	Village Hall
Sat 30 Nov	Annual Village Hall Quiz 7.30 for 8.00pm start	Village Hall



Village information online [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)

SEPTEMBER 2013



**Felmersham Community Shop**

**Wednesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm**

*in Felmersham Church*

*Refreshments will be available*

Many allotment holders have surplus fruit & veg which often go to waste. Some people may have surplus eggs they would like to sell. Likewise, there are some very talented people in the village who make cakes, jams, honey, cards, gifts etc.

The idea is for the person providing the produce/gift item to choose the price they would like it purchased for and the shop will put a small mark up on that price.

No perishable items will be stored in the church so if not sold they must be collected or they will be given away.

It is planned to have fresh bread on sale every Wednesday afternoon – why not come along for your bread and a cup of tea and browse amongst the items for sale in our shop.

The **Community Shop** is a trial and, if successful, the plan is to move the shop to a more permanent location in the future. It is a church project with no monies going into a private business.

Please email [Rosemary@madewithlovinghands.com](mailto:Rosemary@madewithlovinghands.com) if you would like your produce etc, to be sold in the Community Shop.

## GREASE SING-A-LONG EVENING – Date Changed

Sam Bance

Sing-a-Long-a

GREASE



This will now be held on

**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER**

**7.00pm for 8.00pm start.**

Tickets are **£12.50 per person (this includes the fee for performing rights) and also included in the ticket price is a light American Buffet.** There will be a licensed bar available on the night.

Tickets are available now from Maxine Boswell on 782128 and Annette Franklin.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DRESS UP, THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED.**

Don't forget the date is now **SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 7.00pm (for an 8.00pm start).**

## QUIZ NIGHT – Date Changed

Sam Bance

The Quiz night will now be held on **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - 7.30pm** for an 8.00pm start. **Tickets are £10.00, and this price includes a light buffet.**



A licensed bar will be available and there will also be a raffle, with super prizes to be won. Tickets are available from Sam Bance on 782869 or Claire Lurcuck on 782948. Please make a note of the new date and get your tickets for this very popular evening.



All funds from the above two events will go towards the update of our kitchen facilities and the up-keep of the Village Hall and Play Park.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013

**The North Beds Villages raised a grand total of £5,327.03**

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## 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)  
Lay Pastoral Assistant: Rosemary Drewery (07792926004)  
Churchwarden: Ken Shrimpton (781381)  
Treasurer: Stephen Hill (781064)

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

**Items for inclusion in the Ouse News should be with the Editor  
by noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**

**15<sup>th</sup> Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show  
and Art Exhibition**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm**

**in the Village Hall**

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**SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING**

The September Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by Sharon Facey and family in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, at 10.30am.

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

Why not come and browse our books or DVDs, there is a good range to suit all tastes.

The October Coffee morning will be held at the home of Mrs Jennifer Knowles, on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**. Sue Evans will be there selling Christmas cards and wrapping paper in aid of Save the Children. Please come along to support both the Church and Save the Children. Enjoy a cup of coffee while choosing your Christmas cards.

**THANK YOU from the Facey family**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone so much for their prayers, good wishes and encouraging support regarding Andrew. At the time of writing he has been moved from the Critical Care Unit but he is still very ill and we have a long, difficult road ahead of us. We are so grateful to everyone for being here for us during this worrying time. Thank you.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Thank you to all the residents of Marriotts Close and Trinity Close for giving so generously in the recent door-to-door collection when £67.58 was collected. All the money will go to support the work of the Charity both in this country and abroad. Your support is much appreciated.

**Jane Wells**

*Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



**BARN DANCE**



**PLEASE CAN EVERYONE MAKE SOME  
ATTEMPT TO DRESS AS A  
SCARECROW?!!!**

There will be a prize for the best dressed adult and best dressed child scarecrow, judged by Hannah and Ben.

There will be cream teas available and a hot dog for the children. A selection of beers, soft drinks and crisps can be purchased from the bar.

So, please put on your dancing shoes, your best scarecrow outfit, and we'll see you there.



**Rosemary Drewery**

St Mary's Church, Felmersham  
invite you to a  
**HARVEST BARN DANCE**  
to be held on  
**Saturday 21st September**  
**at The Sun Public House**  
**Felmersham**  
**from 3.30pm to 6.00pm**

Entry to the Barn Dance is £5.00 for adults, for under 16s it is free.



**Sponsored Bike 'n Hike**  
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

On Saturday 14 September Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust are holding their Annual Sponsored Bike 'n Hike. You are encouraged to either cycle or walk to any of the 600 participating churches in Beds and Herts and to be sponsored by your friends and family for the number of churches you visit. For example cycling to 10 churches at say 20p per church will raise £2.00. One pound of which will go to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund and the other pound will go to help restore other churches in Beds and Herts. If you would like more details or a sponsorship pack then please contact Ken Shrimpton 781381 Also visit [www.b-n-h.co.uk](http://www.b-n-h.co.uk)

## SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

**GLORIOUS** - on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 pm. ♦ **Tickets are £9/£11, now on sale** at Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) or from Bedford Central Box Office 718112, at Bedford Tourist Info. Centre; tickets can also be purchased ON LINE at [www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk)

Theo Gibbs



**FAMILY FRIENDLY D.I.S.C.O.** Mill Theatre, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Tickets £5 are available from Alex on 07745 419815, [alex\\_kenzie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alex_kenzie@yahoo.co.uk) or Sandy 07525 419815. An H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal Fundraising Event.

## ROCK AT THE MILL with The Whybirds ([www.thewhybirds.com](http://www.thewhybirds.com))

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 8 pm. ♦ **Now booking!** Tickets £10 (unreserved seats) from Roger Wiltshire 07704 700785 or Sharnbrook Post Office (in person only). A special performance for the Mill Theatre H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Dave Girling

Joan White, a resident of Felmersham has over the last 19 years been a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer Street Coordinator and at various times also Felmersham's volunteer Area Coordinator. During that period she has seen the official funding and backing for Neighbourhood Watch schemes take a roller coaster ride with the present effort in political circles being to push No or Low Cost schemes such as these.

Joan has now decided the time is right to leave Neighbourhood Watch to others and in a typical helpful final act found a replacement to take her place. I would like to thank Joan for all her past efforts and her help when initially I was one of her street coordinators and more recently she was one of mine.

Many people may not be aware that Neighbourhood Watch is a National scheme with a hierarchy that for us runs from – National, Eastern Region, Bedford and District, Area coordinator, Street coordinators, Residents.

A large part of Felmersham is covered by volunteers helping to run a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The original idea was that Street coordinators would each cover between 10 and 20 houses. In Felmersham there are only 4 Street coordinators, so additional coordinators are always welcome. We are very lucky in Felmersham that crime is very low and the effort required by the coordinators is very small and long may it stay that way.

If you are interested in becoming a street coordinator then please contact me – [Dpgirling@btinternet.com](mailto:Dpgirling@btinternet.com) or 781955.

## FELMERSHAM FORUM

Ken Shrimpton

I have already written in Ouse News about clubs and event organisers not making full use of communication technology in order to promote their event and I would now like to draw your attention to another piece of helpful technology that is available to all Forum members - the Forum Calendar.

If we all made use of the Forum Calendar before organising an event we could, hopefully, avoid double booking of dates. As far as I can tell the only group making use of this facility is the WI. So why don't we all give it a try? Like all these new technologies the Calendar comes with bells and whistles, so if you wish, you can programme it to automatically email details of the event to Group members on a day of your choosing!

I note that the number of members in the group has gone down from 109 to 93, which I think is a shame. I do know that one or two members have had problems with *bouncing*. If you do not use your account i.e. sign in occasionally then Yahoo will bounce the account and this will result in you not receiving group emails. If your account is bouncing then take a look at the Forum Group message No. 2816. If your account is *bouncing* for too long then Yahoo may delete it.

I would also like to recommend the Forum Group to those of you who are not members. Go to [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net) and in the header menu select *Groups – Felmersham Forum Group*.

## “STRICTLY” COMES TO FELMERSHAM

Margot Needham

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**FREE “TASTER” SESSION** at Felmersham Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Arrive at 7.45pm to complete your H&S registration form. We start at 8.00pm and finish at 8.45pm. Wear trainers and ordinary fitness clothing, and bring water to drink. At the end of this **free** session you will have the chance to guarantee your place on the course by paying a **reduced fee of just £20 cash** for your next 4 classes and get your 5<sup>th</sup> class free (this offer is available at this session only).




To book your place on 11<sup>th</sup> September please call me on 01234 843747 or email me at [margotneedham@gmail.com](mailto:margotneedham@gmail.com) **BOOKING IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL.**



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## SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH DURING SEPTEMBER

The changes are highlighted below:

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> September 11.00am Parish Communion & Messy Church  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> September 10.15am Patronal Festival at Felmersham\***  
 Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am Family Communion  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> September 11.00am Pet Service\*\***  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am Choral Matins\*\*\***

- \*\* Patronal Festival - celebrates our patron saint St Mary and this service will be attended by parishioners from Sharnbrook and Souldrop.
- \*\* Pet Service - this is a new venture for Felmersham but it has been held in Sharnbrook several times and has been very popular, especially with the children. See details below.
- \*\*\* In September, Choral Matins will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and not the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The Service will be taken by Rosemary Drewery, Lay Pastoral Assistant for the Benefice.

### PET SERVICE

**Rosemary Drewery**

At 11.00 am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, St Mary's Church, Felmersham invite you to an all-age pet service. **All pets are welcome.**



The service will be of a similar format to nine lessons and carols except that the children from our village will choose nine hymns, nine readings and prayers relating to animals, which they will deliver.

We will be putting the service together at the first Messy Church in September, but you do not have to be a member of Messy church to join us, all children are very welcome.

The first Messy Church will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Just come along to the Service at 11.00am and join the other Messy Church children taking part. The children do not stay in the church but leave for their Sunday school premises (at Pinchmill School) before the Service commences.

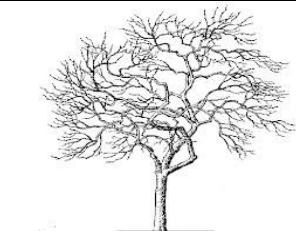
We would love as many children as possible to take part in the preparation and delivery of the service. So parents, if your children show an interest in taking part please bring them along on 1<sup>st</sup> September, or come along with your pet(s) to the Pet Service at 11.00am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

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