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Tuesday	**7.30pm**	**Table Tennis Club**	**Village Hall**
Thursday	**1.30—2.30pm**	**Book Barn**	**Update page 4**
Saturday	**11—12 noon**	**Book Barn**	**Update page 4**

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Wednesday in each month	**7.30pm Wednesday Sisters**	**The Sun**
2nd Tuesday every other month	**7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)**	**Committee Room**
3rd Tuesday in each month	**7.30pm WI**	**Pinchmill School**

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Curate	**Revd Dr Diana Stretton**	**(07807 341 638)**
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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

Parish Online www.felmersham.net **From Revd Dr Diana Stretton**

Heaven in ordinary

As this is my first time writing for Ouse News I should probably introduce myself. I'm Revd Diana and I'm the new curate for the Sharnbrook Benefice. Please do feel free to stop me and say hello when you see me around.

One of the things which I have been trying to do as I get to know the surrounding area is to walk as much as possible. Sometimes jumping in the car can't be avoided, but we see so much more when we walk. People to say hello to, wildflowers bursting out of grass verges, bees busily moving from stem to stem. My original academic interests were in the areas of biology and evolution, so I love being able to be outside and see the wonderful interactions of the natural world.

For me this is also a way to pray. I studied biology because I was fascinated to see the creative hand of God at work in the complex and yet everyday processes of nature that scientists explore. There are amazing things going on all around us, but because we are so used to them we probably don't usually notice. We might not think about how the crops are growing or how the sunflowers are turning towards the light. But if we take a moment to pause and look then we can see wonderful creativity in the things that we might otherwise ignore or pass by.

Seeing God all around us and finding inspiration to pray in things that we might otherwise overlook is of course nothing new. In his famous poem, one of the phrases that George Herbert uses to describe prayer is 'heaven in ordinarie'. Prayer can be finding the extraordinary creativity and presence of God in the things that we might assume are ordinary or everyday. Noticing and enjoying simple things, like a walk through the fields or sitting and looking out the window at the birds.

This time of year can be very busy with going back to school and the end of holidays. As we move through the end of summer and into autumn there are many things which might be on our minds. I hope that at some point amidst everything going on right now you will be able to find time to pause, put aside worries and to do lists, to notice the amazing things happening in nature and find a little bit of heaven in the ordinary.

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FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER

Sun 4 Sept	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	**Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)**
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 7 Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 11 Sept	**9.00am**	**Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also ZOOM'd)
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
Wed 14 Sept	**9.30am**	**Holy Communion at St Mary's**
Sun 18 Sept	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	**Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also ZOOM'd)**
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 21 Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 25 Sept	**9.00am**	**Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**
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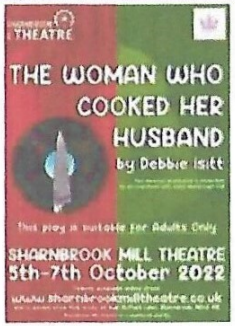

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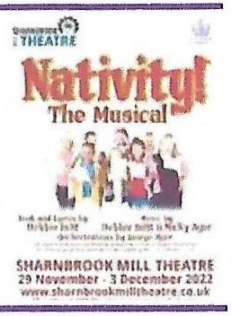

Show tickets from Pick-a-Lily, Florists, Sharnbrook (in person) or on-line:

www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk

Online Link for Church Services

https://zoom.us/j/763110804 The Password is: 079014

HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2ND

Last year's celebration of the harvest at the pub was a great success and this year we will again be trying something a bit different. We are going to focus on the environment, appreciating God's wider harvest in nature and our role in nurturing it. We would love to have some children and parents or grandparents come along and help us to plant wild flower plants and seeds in the front of the churchyard where a wild-flower area is already establishing itself but could do with a bit of help. We also want to look at what wildlife is making it's home there, birds, bugs, and all sorts. Revd Dr Diana Stretton, who is a biologist, will lead us.

We will aim to provide some trowels, hand washing facilities and good things to eat afterwards. If you have any small garden hand tools do bring them along with children suitably dressed for damp conditions and perhaps a little bit of mud. **(SEE OVER)**

The annual ***Bike 'n Hike*** to raise money for the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust** and our own church restoration fund (half each) takes place on **Saturday 10 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 local, eco-friendly day out. For more details and for sponsorship forms, or if you would like to volunteer for an hour on the day as a greeter at St Mary's, please contact Stephen Hill (781064).

90TH BIRTHDAY

I send my thanks to all those in the Benefice who sent me cards and good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday in July. They helped to make what was a wonderful day I shall never forget.

With all blessings

Father Mac

COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER **Jane Wells**

The September Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be held **in St Mary's Church, Felmersham, on Saturday 3 September from 10.30am.** There will be a small raffle and plenty of chatter! Do come along. Everyone is welcome. It will be lovely to see you**.** The October Coffee morning will take place in the Church on Saturday 1 October.

TEAS IN THE CHURCH WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER from 2.30pm. Do come along and join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake. Bring your friends and neighbours for a chat, to meet others and to find out what is happening in the village! Everyone and all ages are welcome.

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BOOK BARN UPDATE

Caroline Forni

The Book Barn will not be opening for the next couple of weeks as it is becoming difficult to open it regularly during the pub refurbishment.

From w/b 5th September the Barn will be used daily by the pub and the door left open. It will therefore be possible to take and return books to the shelves during pub opening hours.

PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD

We will hopefully return to the regular slots in the autumn once the refurbishment is complete.

CARERS TOGETHER

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Please note that for the **Olney (VL5a) and St Ives (VL14)** services you need to book a seat by phoning **01234 718005** up to 16.00hrs the day before travel.

VL4 - Milton Keynes - 2nd Tuesday of each month (via Harrold, Lavendon, Olney)
Dep 09:10 The Sun, Felmersham Arr 10:00 The Point, Milton Keynes
Dep 12:30 The Point, Milton Keynes Arr 13:13 The Sun, Felmersham

VL5a - 09:15 Olney Market - Every Thursday (via Odell, Harrold, Lavendon)
Dep 09:15 The Sun, Felmersham Arr 10:00 Market Place, Olney
Dep 11:20 Market Place, Olney Arr 11:43 The Sun, Felmersham

VL14 - St Ives - 3rd Monday of each month (via Sharnbrook, Riseley, Kimbolton, Huntingdon)
Dep 08:50 The Sun, Felmersham Arr 10:25 Bus Station, St Ives
Dep 14:15 Bus Station, St Ives Arr 15:50 The Sun, Felmersham

This information will also be updated on **http://www.felmersham.net**

For those in Felmersham and Radwell the routes above are the most relevant but if people access the main website they will be able to see all the routes and times. There is a service to Milton Keynes every Tuesday and some people drive to eg Sharnbrook and Harrold to pick up the bus. **Andy Evans**

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2nd October 10:30am

St Mary's Felmersham

We will be in the churchyard so please dress for the weather! In the event of bad weather we will be inside the church.

Activities will include planting wildflowers in the churchyard, exploring to find different types of insect, identifying trees and more!

Images by Kate Maldjian, Bethan Mitchell, ME and parkjisun from Noun Project, photos by Diana Stretton

The Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition

is back after a two year break. This traditional village show is run with the aim of providing a day of friendly competition in the villages of Felmersham and Radwell and we are pleased to acknowledge the support given by the Village Hall Committee, Milton Ernest Garden Centre and Pinchmill School. Our thanks to the Art Group who will be exhibiting their work, to the WI who organise the teas and to our judges who give their time and expertise. And last, but by no means least, our thanks to you the exhibitors for your hard work and support.

Schedules were distributed with the July edition of Ouse News and can be downloaded from the village website www.felmersham.net. The Show is open to all residents of Felmersham and Radwell and to children who attend Pinchmill Lower School and the Pre-School.

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall

We are pleased to announce the next event in our calender is going to be our first ever Barn Dance. It will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st October at 7pm. There will be a live band, kindly arranged by Clive Just. The food is to be provided by Pete from the Sun, a hog roast with a vegetarian and vegan option and a dessert. A licensed bar will also be provided.

We are only a small group of volunteers on the committee and we really need some more members. In particular we looking for a new Treasurer, if you think you might be interested or would like more information, please contact us on FRVHC@yahoo.com.

PLEASANT VILLAGES **A Village Resident**

As a community we owe a debt of gratitude to the unsung heroes and heroines who put a great deal of effort into keeping our villages pleasant places to live. The organised litter pick is an excellent example of community cooperation, but also week after week, our neighbours in every road clear up after litter louts and fly tippers.

Our thanks are due, especially after this spell of fine weather, to the dedicated people, who tidy up after the crowds of visitors who come to enjoy 'Costa Felmo', (aka Jubilee Lawn) and special mention must be given to the gentleman from Radwell who loaded his trailer with the black sacks of rubbish dumped in Baker's Lane and brought to the Bulky Waste Collection.

We are fortunate indeed to have such public-spirited people among us.

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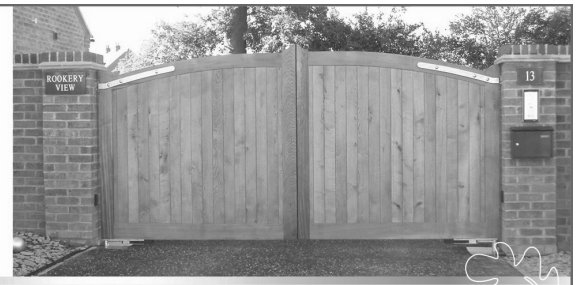

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