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Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803 201 399	For info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun Pub
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	Committee Room
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
2nd Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S FOR JANUARY are now in full on page 2.

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January 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

In many ways New Year is a bit of a non-event for many of us and, as I begin to think about what to write, I am reminded that I shall miss the spectacle of fireworks on the London skyline – unless the Parish Council have organized fireworks along the river?!

New Year has many overtones for bettering ourselves by getting fitter, getting rid of a bit of weight, being more involved and supporting others more it is also a time to take stock of what the previous year brought to us.

I always like to gather together some of my favourite photos from the previous year and give thanks for the opportunities and blessings I have received: maybe that would be something we could all do – select a photo which has a personal resonance for us at the start of a New Year.

Whatever the New Year yields to your life and household may you have a heart that cherishes those around you and seeks to engage in deeper ways with the life of the village, the country and the world. I was sent a few years ago this poem.....

People Like You by Joanna Fuchs

A brand new year!
A clean slate on which to write
our hopes and dreams.
This year:

Less time and energy on things;
More time and energy on people.
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people like you.

Happy New Year!

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DINNER AT THE COCHIN RESTAURANT on WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY, 7.30pm, Tavistock Street, Bedford, to savour their authentic South Indian cuisine, vegan (ctd)

The Feast of Epiphany



On **Friday 6th January** at St Mary's, Felmersham there is a special **Benefice Sung Communion** followed by an 'Epiphany party'.
All welcome. Do come and join the celebrations!

Services at St Mary's, Felmersham for January 2017

Sunday 1st January **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**
11am Parish Communion

Friday 6th January **Epiphany (See above)**

Sunday 8th January **The Baptism of Christ**
11am All Age Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January **11am Parish Communion**

Sunday 22nd January **11am Choral Matins**

Sunday 29th January
****There is NO SERVICE in St Mary's on this day****

Instead there is a **Benefice Candlemas Celebration at St Peter's, Sharnbrook at 10.30am**, followed by a lunch party in St Peter's Room. All are welcome.

Every Tuesday **9.30am Holy Communion**

COFFEE MORNING

Jane Wells

There will be **NO Coffee Morning in January.**

The **February** Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be held in the home of **Jane Rhodes, Felmersham on Saturday 4th February at 10.30am.**

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

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ORANGE RECYCLING SACKS

Rosie Cheetham

The Parish Council has been given a large quantity of orange recycling sacks to help people tackle all that wrapping paper and extra Christmas recycling. The Borough Council has advised that "residents will be able to place the extra sacks of orange recycling beside existing bins and these will be collected throughout January 2017."

Orange Sacks will be available for collection from The Sun Inn (during normal opening hours) or from Jason Boswell (Radwell Residents only).

QUESTIONNAIRE

“OUR PLAN, OUR FUTURE”



Thank you to everyone who completed and returned their questionnaire. They will now be collated and in due course the results will be published.

SUNDAY SISTERS

Rosie Cheetham

Change of Date - Sunday Sisters will be meeting on Sunday 8th January 2017 rather than New Year's Day.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Jane Carwithen

Play will resume on Tuesday 10th January. New members are most welcome to join us at 7.30pm on Tuesdays in the Village Hall.



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COLD CALLING

Rosie Cheetham

It was recently brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there has been a significant increase in cold calling within the village. Whilst we do have several "No Cold Calling Zone" signs within the Parish these are designed to act as a deterrent only. Trading Standards have advised us that "in 2008 a specific offence was created in the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading regulations which prevents a trader from calling at a consumer's home address when they have requested them not to..... the offence is committed by ignoring a sign on the consumer's home. The cold calling signs have therefore moved from a general sign in an area to a specific notice on a consumer's home".

The Parish Council requested and received a small number of door/window (ctd)

stickers for residents to display should they wish to deter cold callers. If you would like one of these stickers, they are available to collect from the Sun Inn (during normal opening hours). Should we run out and you would still like one please contact Rosie Cheetham (781046) and the Parish Council will request more from Trading Standards.

NEW FORUM FOR FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL

Tim Hoyle

I have recently set up a new online discussion forum for residents of Felmersham and Radwell. You can find it at www.felmershamforum.org.uk. This has created a bit of confusion as we now have several ways to communicate with each other online. In the interests of completeness I will list all the ones I know about:

Firstly there is www.felmersham.net which has been going for many years and does a fantastic job at providing news and information for the Parish. As it has grown over the years, it has formed a really interesting and useful archive of what has happened in the villages.

Then came the Yahoo Group called Felmersham Forum. This is still going and has 120 subscribers. You can access it on the web via the Yahoo website but I think most people who use it just send an email to felmersham@yahoogroups.com and this then gets posted on the web and also emailed to everyone else in the group. This works pretty well but, I think that the fact that everyone knows anything they post will be instantly sent to all 120 people, can inhibit people a bit.

More recently people have set up various groups on Facebook. The ones I have found are the (deep breath) 'Sharnbrook, Felmersham, Odell, Souldrop and Harrold Community Page' with (532 members) and the Felmersham & Radwell Village Group (121 members). If you are a Facebook user they are worth a look.

So with all this going on do we need another forum? Well only time will tell! The new forum is very flexible and can be set up with any number of sections and subsections for different topic areas. I've created a few just to get us started, but if anyone wants to have a section dedicated to other areas they can just let me know. There isn't much content there at present but people should feel free to add their own items.

All you need to do is go to www.felmershamforum.org.uk and register. People are welcome to email me with questions or ideas – tim@teamhoyle.com.

STEVINGTON VILLAGE HALL: YOUR LOCAL CINEMA

Linda Penney

Since the first film showing by Stevington Cinema Club in 2015, our regular film showings and live broadcast events from the National Theatre, the Royal Ballet and the Royal Opera House have proved to be very popular with increasing audiences. In 2016, there were 31 shows, many watched by a full house drawn from several villages, including yours.

A new satellite dish and professional, cinema-quality projection and sound systems offer a true cinema experience on your doorstep, in a warm and friendly sociable environment, with free parking, a bar, tea and coffee, light snacks and our very popular ice-cream (salted caramel is the current best seller).

We already welcome several of you to our shows but hope to see more of you in 2017. To whet your appetite, the 2017 programme begins with the film **'Shirley Valentine'** on **5th January**, followed by:

Tuesday 31st January

Live broadcast from the Royal Opera House of the first revival of David Bösch's new production of **'Il Trovatore'**.

Thursday 2nd February

Live broadcast from the National Theatre of **'Amadeus'**. Lucian Msamati (*Luther, Game of Thrones, NT Live: The Comedy of Errors*) plays Salieri in Peter Shaffer's iconic play, broadcast live from the National Theatre, with live orchestral accompaniment by Southbank Sinfonia.

Thursday 9th February

'In the Heat of the Night'. The classic 1967 film starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger. Full information and tickets at www.stevingtoncinemaclub.uk.

Wednesday 15th February

Live broadcast from the Royal Opera House of the Royal Ballet's performance of **'Woolf Works'**, choreographed by Wayne MacGregor and inspired by the writings of Virginia Woolf.

Thursday 16th February

Live broadcast from the National Theatre of **'Joan of Arc'**. Bernard Shaw's classic play depicts a woman with all the instinct, zeal and transforming power of a revolutionary.

Tuesday 28th February

Live broadcast from the Royal Opera House of the Royal Ballet's performance of **'The Sleeping Beauty'**, Pepita's classic ballet in an enchanted world.

Full details of the 2017 programme of live broadcasts, recorded performances, and monthly films, including trailers of all films, are available on the website, along with starting times and ticket prices. Go to <http://stevingtoncinemaclub.uk>

Tickets can be purchased readily on the website and from Stevington Community Shop. We look forward to seeing those of you who already enjoy our shows in 2017 and hope to welcome new attendees and friends and family in the near future.