

**FORTHCOMING AUDITIONS FOR SPRING - SUMMER 2018:**

1) Show: 12 - 17 March '18: *'The Farnedale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of MACBETH - a comedy'*; Read through: 23.Nov. 7.30 pm; Auditions: 30 Nov. 7.30 pm.

2) Show: 4 – 9 June '18 *'Monty Python's SPAMALOT' - a musical*; Workshops: Mon. 20 & Wed. 22 Nov. 7.30 pm Auditions Sat. 25 Nov

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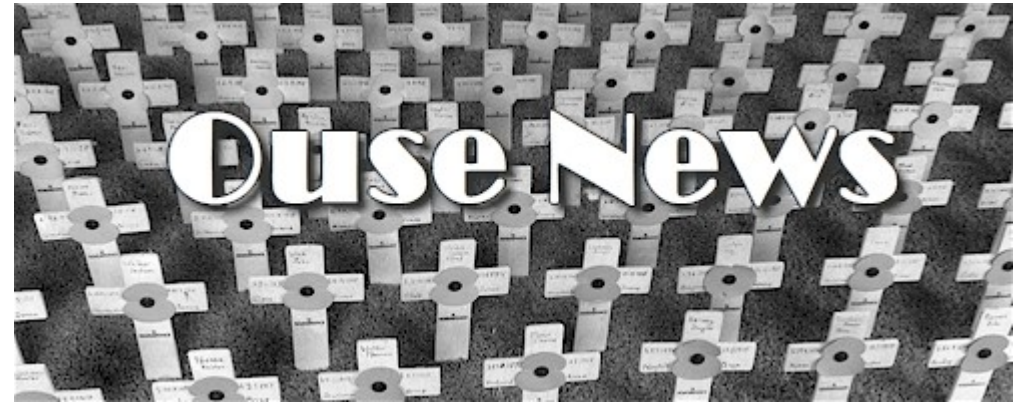
**REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

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

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November 2017

LETTER FROM Fr REUBEN PRESTON

***“Silence is the language of god, all else is poor translation.”***  
**Jalaluddin Rumi**

The mystics of all religions have taught this throughout the centuries. Mysticism has always been the point of intersections with all of our world religions and none. Rather like a huge Venn diagram, the point of intersection in all world religions is silence – the place where we share something together.

November is always a month of organized silence. Times are made to help us to use silence together in a non-embarrassing or awkward way. We have the silent remembering of loved ones at All Souls services (2<sup>nd</sup>), as candles are lit and memories recalled and occasional tears run silently down the cheek. Then the rather more grand silence as a Nation Remembers lives of women and men taken in wars and conflicts at Remembrance Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>) commemorations.

The qualitative value of silence is enormous as it offers us an opportunity to stop, think, reflect and ponder why and how we are here. We can do silence together and in private.

If you find yourself passing St Mary's this month, pop in and do your own silence and see what emerges for you. As a place of great prayer for centuries, you may find the quality of silence profound and life-enhancing.

Relish the silences of this month of November to connect with the world you inhabit and the spiritual life you certainly have.

**Who was Jalaluddin Rumi ?** Rumi was a 13th-century Persian poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic. His poems have been widely translated into many of the world's languages, and he has been described as the most popular poet and the best-selling poet in the United States. His poetry has influenced Persian literature, but also Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, Azerbaijani, Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu, as well as the literature of some other Turkic, Iranian, and Indo-Aryan languages including Chagatai, Pashto, and Bengali.

## Services at St Mary's, Felmersham

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> 9.30 Felmersham Morning Prayers of Remembering 7.30pm Sharnbrook Benefice Sung Communion for All Souls
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 11am Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, followed by walk to the Church for a Community Remembrance Service
<b>Sunday 19<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 11am Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 11am Choral Matins

### COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Jane Wells

The October Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund will be at the home of **Bruce and Lynn Edwards, Felmersham** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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. Everyone welcome.

The **December Coffee Morning** will be hosted at the home of **Graeme and Cherrie Dawson, Milton Ernest** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 10.30am.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Andy Evans

A big thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas Cards/Wrapping paper at the Church Coffee morning on 7<sup>th</sup> October. A wonderful total of £181 was raised to support the work of the charity in this country but also around the world. If anyone missed the opportunity and would like to purchase some cards, please contact me on 782523, and I will happily make arrangements for you to view the range.

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**THE FANTASTIC FOXES: Joanna David, Edward Fox and Freddie Fox will be in conversation with David Saint about their careers as part of a celebrated acting dynasty on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30 for 3 pm.** Tickets are £20, to include Fizz Reception, tea and cakes: available now from: Brian Woodrow - 01234 349455. A Fundraiser in aid of the 'Warm-Up' Appeal.

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## JOSEPH BATTY- PEIRSON

Passed away peacefully in  
Bedford Hospital on  
22nd September 2017  
in his 100th year.

A Service of Thanksgiving  
will be held at Elstow  
Abbey Church, Church  
End, Elstow, Bedford on  
Thursday 2nd November  
at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only please.  
Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society c/o

Arnolds Funeral Service,  
28 Roff Ave., Bedford, MK41 7TE,  
tel. 01234 359529

## JOSEPH BATTY-PEIRSON

Dad was a well-known character in the village. We lived at East Grange from 1970 to about 1980 and he built the water gardens that still exist there. My Mum passed away in 1995 and is buried in Felmersham churchyard. I have been living in Belgium for the last 17 years, but will soon be moving back to Felmersham.

My Dad was a great supporter of the village; he donated to the church whilst Gerry Sidebottom was vicar, and had a bench installed at the Jubilee Gardens, amongst other things.  
**Bridget Peirson-Davis**

## David Stevenson (died 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016) Felmersham

The executors would like to dispose of David's household possessions for the benefit of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The house will be open to all to view the remaining items including furniture, pictures, ornaments, kitchen equipment and stores, and hopefully take away what they would like for the cost of what they deem to be a suitable donation to the MND. **Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 until 2pm.** Cash and cheques acceptable. Nothing will be "priced". Tea and coffee available.

We look forward to seeing you.  
**Chris Ward (781516) and Martin Banham-Hall - Executors**

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### BEDFORDSHIRE MIDWEEK

You may be aware that the **Bedfordshire on Sunday** is no longer being published. It has however been replaced by the **Bedfordshire Midweek** printed on Wednesdays, and this paper is available for collection from The Sun.



### CALLING ALL ALLOTMENT HOLDERS, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Sue Whitehouse

If you have an allotment, or think you might like one in the future, please come along to our meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the back room of The Sun.

We will be updating you on the water supply issue and can discuss any other concerns or ideas you may have. We wish to encourage people to take up allotments but it can seem a bit daunting. If you are just thinking about it, come and join us anyway.

## FELMERSHAM & RADWELL VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

The **Village Hall Quiz** is on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £12 which includes a ploughman's buffet and there will be a licensed bar. Maximum of 8 in a team. Tickets available from Marjorie: 781140 or Claire: 782947 or emailing [FRVHC@yahoo.com](mailto:FRVHC@yahoo.com). Please note this email address can be used for any Village Hall enquiries.

## VILLAGE HALL AGM

The **Village Hall AGM** is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, which will be followed by our normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come at 7pm. We are always looking for new members to join our friendly committee.

## FELMERSHAM TO CARLTON WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SCHEME

Remember that **The Causeway, Carlton** is due to be closed until **12<sup>th</sup> November** and the **Felmersham Road, Carlton** from **13<sup>th</sup> November** until **3<sup>rd</sup> December**. For further information contact **03457 145145** or go to the website [www.anglianwater.co.uk/yourarea](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/yourarea).

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Blanche Smith

Steve Bish, Solicitor and Director of a Lifetime Planning company, gave a very interesting and detailed talk on the advantages of us all having an up-to-date will. He encouraged us to ask questions as he went along, which resulted in a lively evening of intense audience participation! Steve commented on the fact that at least 47% of us would eventually require Residential Care and that proper planning could minimise our costs. He pointed out that 100,000 homes each year are taken and sold to provide for Care Home fees. In the time allowed, he touched on Enduring Power of Attorney, Probate Fees and Inheritance Tax planning.

Steve was thanked by me for a most interesting and informative talk and we would, I'm sure, take his advice to heart.

The competition for a family heirloom was won by Karen who produced, in perfect condition, a romper suit worn by Jeff as a baby!

At next month's meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, Catherine Elworthy will demonstrate how to make Christmas decorations.

## PINCHMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vanessa Coleman



This half-term has flown by! We have been busy working on various topics, and have had an exciting start to the year. Our youngest children have been on a visit to the 'playhouse' in Milton Ernest where we had an exciting morning being 'Superheroes'. They climbed, bounced and whizzed around and had a great time. We have also held an Open Day for prospective children and parents. If you missed out and have a child due to start school in September 2018, please contact us. You will be very welcome to come and have a tour of the school to see us in action.

We are planning a visit for our Year 3 and 4 children to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, and our Year 5 children to The National Space Centre in Leicester. These promise to be very exciting experiences.

We are now also beginning to think about Christmas and preparing for our **Nativity performances** at St Mary's Church. Once again we will be inviting members of the community to join us for our **10am performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Preparations are also well under way for the **Christmas Fayre**, which is to be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 2 and 4pm**. This will be a great event with lots of opportunities to get some Christmas shopping done. We hope to see many of you on the day.

## ACTIVI-TEA

at The Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook

- Are you a Carer looking after someone with dementia or some other condition?
- Would you welcome the opportunity to meet with other Carers knowing the person you care for is enjoying activities in a safe and friendly environment?

**Churches Together in Sharnbrook has worked with the Tibbs Dementia Foundation to set up a group in Sharnbrook called ACTIVI-TEA, offering support for Carers and life-enhancing experiences for Cared-For.**

Tibbs Dementia Foundation already run groups like this in the Bedford area and their trained staff are responsible for providing activities for the Cared-For, while the Carers have the chance to have tea and chat together. Carers are also welcome to come on their own. There is the opportunity for one-to-one conversations with an experienced counsellor.

**November meetings will be at 2.30pm on**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator, Linda Hoar 07791214148,