

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	PinchmillSchool
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803	201399 for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
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 nd Sunday	in each month at	7-10pm Sunday Sisters wine & nibbles	The Sun
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 Tues	every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES DURING

The monthly timetable of Services at St Mary's Church is given below. On occasions this timetable may vary according to special services (ie Patronal Services, Easter, Christingle, Christmas etc). Coffee and biscuits are served after every Sunday morning service.

For confirmation of weekly services please refer to the notice board near the Lych Gate.

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 Communion at 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

Fri	29 Mar	Meet at Church at 11.00am for walk with Cross to Radwell (not Sharnbrook as previously published)	St Mary's Church
Sat	6 Apr	Coffee Morning 10.30am	Felmersham
Thur	11 Apr	Fine Art Evaluation 7.30	St Marks Church Bedford
Thur	18 Apr	Teas in Church begin from 2.00pm to 4.00pm	St Mary's Church
Sat	20 Apr	Race Night - Sharnbrook Mill Theatre at 7.00pm	Sharnbrook Mill
Sat	11 May	Coffee Morning at 10.30am in the Church	St Mary's Church
Sat	11 May	ABBA Sing-a-long 7.00 for 8.00pm	Village Hall
Thur	23 May	Teas in Church 2.00pm to 4.00pm	St Mary's Church
Sat	8 June	Strawberry Fayre at Corn Close, Felmersham	Felmersham
Sat	22 June	Ringers' Barn Dance, Village Farm (details later)	Village Farm
Sat	22 June	Felmersham Summer Fete 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Village Hall/Field

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All items for publication should be with the Editor by noon on the 25th of each month.



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TEAS IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

Teas in the Church will begin again in April BUT will be on the 3rd THURSDAY in the month this year (not on the 2nd Tuesday as last year).

The first will be on **Thursday 18th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**. Please come along, bring your friends and neighbours for a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake.



If you cannot come along to the first "tea party", why not come along on one of the other dates? These are: Thursday 23rd May; Thursday 20th June; Thursday 18th July; Thursday 22nd August; Thursday 19th September.

Offers of help serving tea and cake on all the above days would be greatly appreciated, please contact Jane Wells on 782462 if you can help. Offers of home-made cakes are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

COFFEE MORNING

The April Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund, will be held at the home of Bill and Hazel Pearce, Felmersham on Saturday 6th April at 10.30am.

Any contributions of home-made cakes to sell or items for the bring-and-buy stall will be most welcome.

We also have a good selection of paperbacks, just waiting for you to take on your Spring holiday!

The May Coffee Morning will be held in the Church at 10.30am on Saturday 11th May and will be hosted by Denise Canning (*please note, this coffee morning will be held on the second Saturday in May and not the first as usual*).

OVARIAN CANCER ACTION

Anna Lewes and Wendy Mansell

A huge thank you to all those who attended “Coffee 4 a Cause” on Friday 8th March at Corn Close. The morning was an enormous success raising £3,250 on donations, coffee, cakes, raffle and the Silent Auction of Promises. It was so lovely to see so many of you from the village leaving with raffle prizes and laden with cakes!

For our next fundraiser, we are planning a “Strawberry Fayre” at Corn Close on Saturday 8th June and it would be lovely to see you all again. Further information will follow nearer the time.

ANNUAL PARISHIONERS’ MEETING AND ANNUAL PCC MEETING

The Annual Parishioners’ meeting and the Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm** in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. The meetings will follow each other directly, beginning at 7.30pm. EVERYONE in the parish is welcome to attend. In the course of the meetings, we will elect Churchwardens and the PCC members, amongst other Agenda items.

We are hoping for significant support at these meetings this year. The church is an integral part of our village life; do come and find out what’s happening, and be part of the discussion about the church in the community. We look forward to seeing you.

There will be a short PCC meeting afterwards to elect church officers.

ALTERATION TO CHURCH SERVICES PUBLISHED LAST MONTH

Good Friday 29th March – meet at St Mary’s Church at 11.00am and walk with the Cross to Radwell (not to Sharnbrook as previously published).

Jane Wells



VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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		Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
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		General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
		IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
		Maths Tuition	Geraldine Hubbard 781413
		Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/07500828404
		Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
		Pet Care Services	Annette Courtney 782809
		Piano/Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
		Soc. Psychology Management	Anthea Coghlan 782332
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 782128		
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Chemistry/Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897		
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NORTH BEDS ONLINE

Clare Mullarky

Like it or loathe it the internet, and social media especially, is playing an increasingly large part in modern day communication. At North Beds Online we have brought together some of these channels as a way of publicising various events etc to a broad audience. Our website www.northbedsonline.com features details of upcoming and regular events in the area and we keep the site updated with the details of events and/or information about any changes, ie if an event is postponed due to bad weather etc.

We have a particular interest in charity and fundraising events and get a lot of our information from local posters and great publications like this one. We'd really like to include as many events as we can and this is where we'd like your help. If you're organising a charity or fundraising event in North Bedfordshire, or are aware of any changes to those events, we'd love to hear from you. We can publicise the event, share the poster/flyer on our website and generally do our best to make sure that as many people as possible know about what's going on. If you're a fan of social media please feel free to contact us via Twitter or Facebook. If email is your preference, info@northbedsonline.com is the address you need. And, if you're more in the "loathe it" camp and really not keen on electronic communication, you can always give us a call on 01234 721251. We look forward to hearing from you.

PARISH COLLECTION OF BULKY WASTE	Beds Borough Council
Saturday 27 th April: The Green, RADWELL	3.00pm until 5.00pm
Sunday 28 th April: Marriotts Close, FELMERSHAM	1.00pm until 3.00pm

Times are approximate to allow for travel between sites
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE WASTE AT THE SITE IF THE
COLLECTION VEHICLES ARE NOT THERE.

REMINDERS

- Table Tennis: starts again on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm.
Clocks: don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD one hour from midnight on the 31st March.
Floods: to check whether or not the river is flooded at Felmersham or Radwell, go to Clive Just's excellent website. A quick way is to go onto the front page of felmersham.net and click onto "Real time flood information".
Race Night: Mill Theatre Race Night on 20th April at 7pm for 7.39pm. First race 7.45pm. Tickets £10 (includes supper) from 782377.

LITTER PICK IN FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL

Because of snow, the litter pick has been postponed and will now be held in April on a date to be decided. Details will be published on *Felmersham Forum* and on felmersham.net

FELMERSHAM IN BEDFORDSHIRE ON SUNDAY The Churchwardens

In their series "Best of Bedfordshire", *Bedfordshire On Sunday* published a two page spread on Felmersham. The main theme of the article was the friendly nature of the people who live here, The Sun public house and the Church, featuring the sanctuary handle on the church door.

One tiny error was made regarding church attendance; it had been suggested that we numbered about 20 on Sunday, but we are delighted to note that the average number of people in Church on Sunday this year (2013) has been 47! However we are not complacent about this figure, we would rather it be much higher!

In a rural community such as ours the church has to appeal to a broad spectrum of Christian worship ranging from a Catholic tradition to a non-conformist tradition and all those in between. At St. Mary's we try to provide something for everyone. On the second Sunday in the month we have a 45 minute *All Age Communion* service which is designed to suit both young and old, those new to church and those familiar with it. For those who prefer a non-communion service using *traditional* language then on the fourth Sunday we have *Choral Matins*. On the other Sundays we have *Parish Communion*. After every service we get to know each other over coffee, biscuits and quite often homemade cake. If you can't make it on Sunday, why not come on a Thursday morning when we have a short service of Holy Communion (20mins)?

At St Mary's we welcome all those of the Christian faith and those with none. So if you want to be part of our friendly community why not join us at 11.00am on Sundays.

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE – Spring into Summer! Theo Gibbs

≈ **GYPSY: 18th to 25th May 2013** at 7.30 pm. Matinée: Sat. 25th May; (NB: No performance Mon. 20th May. *Tickets (£11 - £13) on sale from 15th April* at Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) or Bedford Central Box Office 718112.

≈ **PERFORMERS! GLORIOUS** - On stage: Tues. 17th to Sat. 21st September: Peter Quilter's "gloriously" funny, heart-warming comedy, the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins' extraordinary operatic career. *Read-through: Tues. 7th May at 7.30 pm - Auditions: Thurs. 9th May. Enquiries: Director: Zandra Saxby: 01933 312755 or zandrasaxby1@btinternet.com*

VILLAGE FETE – CHANGE TO PUBLISHED DATE Sam Bance

The new date for the Fete is **SATURDAY 22nd JUNE**. Reminder: please can you donate any of the following, BOTTLES, JEWELLERY, PLATES, TEDDY BEARS? Donations, please, to Marjorie Pipe, Cassiobury, Pavenham Road.

CAKE PLEDGES FOR THE FETE

In addition to the details given in last month's edition, we are asking for **CAKE PLEDGES** for the Fete. If you would like to pledge a cake, please call Maxine Boswell on 782128 – she will be happy to hear from you.

ABBA MAMMA MIA SING-A-LONG AT VILLAGE HALL Sam Bance
Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall Committee are putting on an **ABBA Mamma Mia sing-a-long night on Saturday 11th May at 7pm for 8pm start.** Tickets are £10 per head, and this includes a 70s style buffet and the sing-a-long. Please provide your own drink. Dressing up is encouraged and there will be a prize for the best fancy-dress outfit. Come along and have a fun night out for just £10. Tickets are available from Maxine Boswell on 782128.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Sam Bance

The funds raised from the events that the Village Hall Committee are putting on this year will be going towards the upkeep and upgrading of the facilities to the Village Hall and Playing Field. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support.

YOUTH CLUB OPEN NIGHT

Sam Bance

Calling all children from 9-13 years old. Felmersham & Radwell Youth Club are having an **Open Night on Friday 19th April** at the Village Hall 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Bring your parents and come along and join in with the fun and make new friends. There is also a tuck shop where you can buy sweets and drink, so remember to bring a bit of pocket money.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like further details please contact me on 782869.

W.I.

May Mills

Julia Jarman is a children's author with a penchant for drama, but you could be forgiven for thinking that she was an actress with a penchant for writing! Her passion for story-telling began as a child while visiting her grandmother, where the seeds of one of her later books were sown with a vision of a fairy ring. She posed the question 'are writers made or born' and made a strong case for the former – she had bags of encouragement from a creative mother; her family was very talkative; they loved libraries as did she from a very early age – they all played a huge part in her formation.

After reading English and Drama at university she became a teacher before having three children. It was reading to them which rekindled her love of story-telling and she wrote and published her first book 'When Poppy Ran Away' for them. She has written 116 books mainly for 8 to 12 year olds and spends her time talking to children in schools. How fitting therefore that her latest book 'The Big Red Bath' is to be dramatised on stage later this year.

Our next meeting is the AGM on 16th April when we will be having fish and chips.



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