

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

Theo. Gibbs
Entertaining Mr Sloane - 22nd - 26th September 7.45 pm. Prepare to be shocked - and amused - by this classic black drama of a murderous, sexual ménage à trois, from the pen of the famous playwright Joe Orton. Full of humour and innuendo, but with a very dark undercurrent...*Not suitable for children.* Tickets: £9 - 11 from 17th August at Sharnbrook Post Office

Parish Diary

Regular Activities

Mon-Fri	9.15am - 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
Thu	9.30am - 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
Thu	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village - call 07803 201399 for info	
Thu	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
Fri	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn

August

Sun	2 10.15 am	Choral Communion - Trinity 8	St Mary's Church
Sun	9 10.15 am	Family Service - Trinity 9	St Mary's Church
Sun	16 10.15 am	Choral Communion - Trinity 10	St Mary's Church
Sat	22 2.00pm	Marriage of Sarah Evans to Shaun	St Mary's Church
Sun	23 10.15am	Matins & Communion - Trinity 11	St Mary's Church
Sun	30 10.15am	To be announced	

September

Tue	1 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Mayor present	Pinchmill Hall
Sat	5 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Rectory, Sharnbrook
Sat	12	BHHCT Sponsored Bike Ride	
Sat	12 7.30pm	Carol Curley Organ Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun	6 10.15am	Baptism and Communion - Trinity 13	St Mary's Church
Sun	13 10.15am	Patronal Festival - St Mary	St Mary's Church
Sun	13 10.15am	Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	20 10.15am	To be announced	
Sun	27 10.15am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Richard Phipps (781789)

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August 2009

Swine Flu

The following is an extract from a letter written by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Rev David G Mason

'It now seems right to offer guidance at a national level about how the Church of England's worship might best take into account the interests of public health during the current phase of the swine flu pandemic.

The Department of Health have recently advised us that "in a pandemic it makes good sense to take precautions to limit the spread of disease by not sharing common vessels for food and drink". In the light of this advice, we recommend those presiding at Holy Communion suspend the administration of the chalice during this wave of pandemic flu. For those who still wish to offer in both kinds, we recommend the practice whereby the presiding minister, whose hands should have been washed with the appropriate alcohol based rub before handling the elements and the vessels, personally intincts all wafers before placing them in the hands of communicants. This is a practice widely observed in Anglican churches throughout Africa. Communicants receiving in this way need to be confident that the clergy and all assistant ministers follow the relevant guidance on hygiene.'

It is also recommended that when sharing the peace physical contact should be avoided. We will be following these recommendations.

Churchyard Clean

Jane Wells

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Churchyard Summer Clean on the 18th July. A record number of people came equipped with gardening implements, chatter and laughter. Before we knew it, it was time for coffee which was prepared in the new kitchen. Then after a quick tidy round all was done. The Churchyard now looks much better for its summer clean. Thank you all

Bike Ride (BHHCT) Sponsorship

Paul Keeble

I am seeking sponsors to support my bike ride on Saturday 12th September raising funds for The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Last year I cycled

to 16 churches in North Beds and hope to do the same this year.

If you can assist by sponsoring me please call me on 782134 or e-mail keblepaul@fiscali.co.uk. Please also call me if you would like to ride too.

Parish Council Meeting

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2009

Matters Arising: Litter bins are still not being emptied regularly. the Clerk will contact them DSD again. A litter bin is needed at the Playing Field. There is a new Parish Council noticeboard by the bus stop in Felmersham. Thanks were expressed to Mr&Mrs Shrimpton for hosting the old one in their garden.

Parishioners Talk Time: Peter Hartop will contact the headteacher at Sharnbrook School. about pupils jumping into the river from Felmersham bridge.

Highways report: The lime tree by Felmersham bus shelter needs to be trimmed. .The side of the road in Memorial Lane is in poor repair. Memorial Lane is unsuitable for long vehicles which cannot turn into Church End. Warning sign to be requested. Discussion took place on speeding down The High Road.

Village Hall report: The new playing field was officially opened on 27th June by Janet Cook and Ben Franklin. The Village Hall Committee has received a draft lease from the solicitors to the North Beds Schools Trust for consideration.

Councillor's report: Councillor Brandon reported that it was early days for the new unitary authority but that it was working well.

Radwell matters: A sign is still needed for Moor End Road. The Highways Dept. will be asked to look at the blocked ditch on Felmersham Road.

Finance: It was agreed to give £500 to help with the start up of the Youth Club; to send £100 to the Villager Bus; to buy a litter bin for the playing field. The Parish Council will sponsor 'Best Kept Allotment' at the Autumn Show.

Correspondence: Dates for bulky refuse collection: 26th Sept 3pm-5.00 pm, and 27th Sept 1pm - 3 pm. Venues to be confirmed, look out for notices.

Date of next meeting: 1st September 2009 at 7.30 pm in Pinchmill Committee Room when the Mayor of Bedford will be attending.

Felmersham Bridge Club

We welcome new players from Felmersham to the regular Duplicate Evenings every first and third Monday of the month at 7.15 pm at Pinchmill Lower School. Either just come along with your partner or give me a ring on 772948.

Pulling out the Stops

There are still tickets available at £12, for what will certainly be an entertaining evening with Carlo Curley, the world-famous American organist, usually referred to as "the Pavarotti of the organ"! This will be on Saturday 12th September, at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. Carlo will be playing an assortment of music on the organ, interspersed with amusing anecdotes. There will be a large, high definition screen so you will be able to see his hands and feet flying. Tickets from Lorraine or Ken Shrimpton, on 781381. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bedfordshire Walking Festival 2009

This is on between 5th and 13th September. The programme is available at www.bedswalkfest.co.uk or call 353794 (office hours). More details next month.

Barry Ingram

A date for your diary

The 11th Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition

Will be held on Sunday 13th September 2009

In Pinchmill Hall

Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre

Wonderful WI Teas!

**Schedules will be delivered over the
next few weeks or download from www.felmersham.net**

Calling all allotment holders. The annual Autumn Show is being held on Sunday 13th September and this year, for the first time, the Parish Council is sponsoring a new class - Best Kept Allotment. So new in fact that it isn't in the schedule that was distributed at the beginning of July! The competition is open to all allotment holders, entries can be made using the entry form in the back of the show schedule and there's just over a month to get your plots in trim - so ENTER NOW!!

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee

We need a treasurer! Urgently! You don't have to be a financial genius, just someone who can play their part in running a vital part of our community. We meet once a month and the remit includes the newly refurbished playground. So don't be shy, it's not an onerous task! Contact me on 781373 for further details.

David Cook

PCC Meeting

You will have all noticed that the wrought iron gate on the West side has been painted. We have Mark and Leslie Shaw to thank for that! Open Gardens raised over £2040.00 of which half goes to the church. Many thanks to all involved, especially Alan Stevens and Carol Stork. Ongoing work includes the restoration of the lych gate, tree work, and the application of new sealant to the notice board (thanks to Jeremy Carr in advance). We are also considering the provision of a wildflower garden, an idea floated by Ken Shrimpton and supported by the PCC. The churchyard had its annual clean in July. September is packed with events: 12th Sept there is a sponsored bike ride plus Carlo Curley concert.

Peter Rankin

14th Sept PCC meeting. 27th Sept is Harvest Festival.