

Parish Diary

Regular Activities

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Tues	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803	201399 for info
Wed	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Zumba Dance Fitness	Village Hall
Thur	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am - 11.00am	Parent & Toddler Group	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall
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 for August & beginning of Sept (all Services commence at 10.15am)

Sun 7 Aug	Choral Communion (Trinity 7)	St Mary's Church
Sun 14 Aug	Benefice Service (Trinity 8)	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Sun 21 Aug	Matins (Trinity 9)	St Mary's Church
Sun 28 Aug	Choral Communion (Trinity 10) (with Baptisms)	St Mary's Church
Sun 28 Aug	Wedding at 2.00pm (Natalie & Marc)	St Mary's Church
Sun 4 Sept	Choral Communion (Trinity 11)	St Mary's Church
Sun 11 Sept	Choral Communion (Trinity 12) (Patronal Festival)	St Mary's Church

Dates for your Diary

Sat 13 Aug	Coffee morning (Ouse News fund-raising event) at 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Tue 16 Aug	Drop in/Tea & cake at 2.30-4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 16 Aug	WI walk to Pavenham Golf Club	
Fri 26 Aug	Karaoke night	The Sun
Sat 3 Sept	Monthly Coffee morning at 10.30am	Paul & Pat Keeble, Owls Rest, Moor End Road, Radwell
Sat 10 Sept	Bike 'n Hike from 10am to 6pm	Village Hall
Sun 11 Sept	Autumn Show (times TBA)	Village Hall, Committee Room
Tue 13 Sept	Thursday Club at 3.00pm	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Sept 20-24 th	"Dead Guilty" at 7.45pm	The Sun
Fri 30 Sept	Karaoke night	

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Parish information online at www.felmersham.net

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The above picture shows Mrs Jenny Tucker (on the left) talking to her class during a nature walk. Mrs Tucker retired as a teacher at Pinchmill Lower School at the end of the Summer term, we wish her well in retirement.

COFFEE MORNING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUSE NEWS

SATURDAY 13th AUGUST at 10.30am in ST MARY'S CHURCH, FELMERSHAM

The Ouse News is published monthly by St Mary's Church and self-funded through the selling of advertising space. It's delivered free to every house in Felmersham & Radwell, but unfortunately we are running low on funds!

To raise funds in order to continue and expand this newsletter, we are holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 13th August at 10.30am in St Mary's Church.** Please support this fundraising event.



Remember, it's **your** monthly newsletter. There will be a raffle, a home-made cake stall, book stall, bric-a-brac and other items for sale, as well as the chance to have a reasonably priced coffee with biscuits plus a chat with friends and neighbours. Bring along the children – we have toys for them to play with.

Can't make it on the 13th August? A donation, no matter how small, will be very much appreciated. Donations can be sent to Stephen Hill at 46 Marriotts Close, Felmersham.

SUMMER REFLECTIONS

We are entering the season when holidays are in many people's minds. People will also be facing great changes in their lives with change of class or school, move to college, or facing paid employment for the first time. At these times there is a tendency to reflect on our lives, and to remember events in those lives. As we get older there is more to reflect on, and also more changes in our lives to think about. Important national anniversaries are also occasions for rousing memories.

I have been thinking about the war years and how life was for us children in that time. We did not notice the effects of rationing as much as our parents, for we could not remember when there was no rationing. For many of us visits from or to our fathers were great occasions as they were involved with fighting the war, either at home or abroad. There were no supermarkets, shops were smaller and more restricted in what they sold. There was no television, we had a battery radio with accumulators that had to be taken to a shop to be charged. There was no electricity in our house. It may sound as though we were deprived but I do not believe that we were. We shared much more of our lives together. We actually ate meals together, we talked, we played games together as a family. There were occasional visits to the local cinema where along with the main film there was always news.

We saw news about the war, the scenes of fighting, the pictures of war damage in the bombed areas of our country. Towards the end of the war there were pictures of war torn Europe and the conditions in the liberated concentration camps. But in the countryside there was little direct evidence of war activity apart from the odd convoy of military personnel and vehicles passing through, and around D-Day the still memorable sky full of planes towing gliders. There was sorrow for some local families as loved ones were killed or badly injured in the war.

I am sure that we tend to remember the good things better than the bad ones but even taking this into account, it seems as though life was much simpler then, it was also more settled and less pressured. It is true that we did not possess much of the domestic equipment that we consider essential today (no refrigerators, deep freezers, washing machines, television sets, mobile phones, personal music devices, etc) but we did, I believe, have something that we miss today - time to talk meaningfully with each other, time to think, time to be quiet. Perhaps we were also less selfish and more aware of other people. Possessions did not take over our lives in the same way that they often seem to today.

In those less pressured lives there was, I believe, more time to ponder on the spiritual aspects of our lives. Perhaps one of the reasons for the growth of secularity which places man at the centre and does not recognise the existence of God is that we have stopped taking time to think in any depth about spiritual things as we are so pre-occupied with our day to day living which seems to move at an ever increasing pace. It would be good if we each take time during the holiday period to reflect on our lives, and how we may reduce the pressures on them. Is all the activity that we are undertaking really necessary? I am sure that we would feel more calm and contented, and our relationships with each other would be improved if we began to take more time out of the rat race.

FAREWELL TO AN OLD TREE

One of the three horse chestnut trees in the churchyard has been cut down because it was in danger of shedding one or both of the heavy boughs that fork out from the main trunk.

Two Tree Surgeons expressed concern at the dangerous state of the tree and this concern was upheld by the Borough Tree Officer.

During the felling it was found that some of the wood above the fork was solid, however at the fork the wood was fibrous, wet and slimy with only a thin layer of "healthy" timber.

With the boughs weighing several tons and the strength at the fork severely reduced, it was an accident waiting to happen. So it had to come down. There were outward signs of distress - large fungi growing out of the fork and a bleeding canker which was continuously dripping brown liquid onto the ground.

On the brighter side, with the horse chestnut gone the replacement hornbeam trees will get the chance to flourish.



Ken Shrimpton

BUS TIME TABLE UPDATE

From Monday 25th July there are changes to bus times on route M50. The 08.12 to Bedford will now run on schooldays only, but otherwise the service pattern is unchanged. In the majority of cases the buses run 2 minutes later in both directions, but some mid-afternoon and evening journeys are retimed up to 15 minutes later. The Sunday timetable is unchanged.

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SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

Theo Gibbs

- 20th - 27th September 7.45 pm Dead Guilty, an unusual psychological thriller by Richard Harris. You think you know what's happening, but...Tickets will be available from Monday 15th August at Sharnbrook Post Office in person and Bedford Central Box Office*; 10 % discount for 10 or more (excluding Charity performance). Lift; 2 wheelchair spaces (*please book thru' BCBO), easier access seating Rows A - C; hearing loop effective Rows A - E.
- Advance booking for the new version of Half a Sixpence by Warner Brown, the wonderful musical for all the family, on stage 11th -19th November, will be available during Dead Guilty, but only at The Mill Theatre. High demand expected, book early!
- The Threepenny Opera: For a critical review of our May production and much more, please visit our website www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk.
- 'Enjoy fishing The Great Ouse? The Theatre Trust owns the Fishing Rights of 'The Mill' island. To fish from the banks, in season, and enjoy full membership rights too is just £25 pa. To apply, please phone Virginia Pope 01933 356974 or email via website.

“DON'T FORGET” SECTION



**Saturday 10th September
10.00 am to 6.00 pm**

COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 3rd September at 10.30am

The usual September Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Paul and Pat Keeble, Owls Rest, Moor End Road, Radwell

**Pat has been busy making dressed teddies to sell so come early
so as not to be disappointed**

13th FELMERSHAM & RADWELL AUTUMN SHOW & ART EXHIBITION

Sunday 11th September in the Village Hall

***** Download the Schedule at www.fwelmershams.net *****

(Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre)

DROP IN FOR TEA AND CAKE

Jane Wells

Why not drop into the Church on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th August from 2.30pm to 4.30pm for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat with your friends and neighbours?



The idea is to encourage the use of the church as a drop-in centre for ALL members of the community, young or old, and this will take place once a month during the summer (2.30pm to 4.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday in August and September), to give everyone the chance to meet together over tea or coffee and “shoot the breeze”. Everyone is welcome. After all, it's somewhere different to take the children during the school holidays! Look forward to seeing you.

THURSDAY CLUB

Our July Thursday Club meeting was held at West Grange, Felmersham, the home of Blanche & Brian Smith.

A lovely warm and sunny afternoon enabled us to enjoy a “Ritz” style tea served on the patio overlooking the river, with boule and croquet being played on the lawn whilst other members enjoyed the warm sun and the stunning river view from the patio.

Joan Thomas is shortly moving to Oxfordshire and during the afternoon she was presented with garden vouchers and a signed card as a farewell present.

There will be no meeting in August – the next meeting is on 13th September at 3.00pm. If you are over 60 and would like to join us for an afternoon of friendly company, please do come along



ANNUAL CHURCHYARD SUMMER CLEAN

Churchwardens

Jane and Ken would like to extend a big thank you, to all who came along to the Annual Churchyard Summer Clean on Saturday 9th July. The weather was perfect for gardening and it was lovely to see young families helping too. The Churchyard looks splendid now. Thank you.

CRIME STATS FOR FELMERSHAM & RADWELL

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Crimes for Beat 733 - committed between 31 May & 5 July 2011.

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Opera buffs, and indeed all of us, had a rare treat this month, as we were transported to Glydebourne, with the help of a glass of bubbly, a bit of imagination and the wonderful voice of Patricia Purcell. She is a retired professional mezzo soprano who during the course of her career sang with Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Joan Sutherland and worked with Sir George Solti. As she recounted details of her life, from her beginnings in the chorus at Saddle's Wells to The Scottish, Welsh and English National Opera Companies, she interspersed hilarious behind-the-scenes anecdotes with descriptions of the operas she appeared in, accompanied by an aria or two! She spent 22 years at The Royal Opera House and when she sang, if you closed your eyes, you could have been there! Bravissima!

On 16th August we are planning a walk to Pavenham Golf Club, leaving Felmersham at 6pm to arrive at 7pm for a buffet supper. Anyone interested please contact May Mills tel: 781788.

KARAOKE AT THE SUN

The Sun is hosting a karaoke night the last Friday of every month, the next two dates being the 26th August, and 30th September. The emphasis is on the best performance, not the best singer! A bottle of finest fizz to the winner, along with £25.00 donated to the winner's favourite charity. A good laugh and a good cause all in one evening!

ORANGE-TOP WHEELIE BIN

Has everybody seen the sticker on the inside of the lid on your orange wheelie bin? In case you missed it or didn't get one, the following details may be helpful:

YES – can be placed in the bin:

Plastic bottles

Aluminium & steel cans

Worn-out clothing & shoes

Plastic food packaging

Aluminium foil

Paper and cardboard

Plastic bags

Empty aerosol canisters

Cartons (incl. juice)

NO – do not place in the recycling bin:

Food Waste

Nappies

Glass

Black sacks

I find I am still confused over which yoghurt pots can be recycled. Some pots have the relevant information on the side of the pot and some don't mention it at all! If anyone has more information, please contact me and I will share with everyone else.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL SUMMER FETE

Thank you to everyone who participated, helped and supported this year's summer fete. It was a roller coaster of a day with the weather but luckily it dried up just before we opened the doors at 2pm.

I can now reveal that we have raised £1500.00 which is a fantastic amount considering the weather.

IT'S NOT YOUR NAME ON IT!

A new scam has come to notice whereby parcels are being delivered to residences with the labels showing a correct address, but an unknown name. The person receiving the parcel is asked to sign for it and, in some cases, has done so.

Soon after the delivery, usually the following day, a woman visits the address saying she believes a parcel intended for her has been delivered there by mistake. The woman takes the parcel and is not seen again. Within a few days, occupants of the address invariably start to receive paperwork, often including payment demands for the parcel. The woman is described as being of mixed race, aged in her 20s, large build and approximately 5'5" tall. She has 'significant red hair'.

Sergeant Andy Rivers said, "Even if you are expecting a delivery, make sure the label is correctly addressed to you or a member of your household. If you are not expecting a parcel, carefully inspect the label and if there are any discrepancies in the details, you must seriously consider declining the delivery."

If this has happened to you, or you have any information about the scam, please contact Sgt Rivers on 01234 841212 or text 07786 200011, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Trades and Services

Babysitting (Felmersham)	Zoe Mansell	07810 840629
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Laura Hewlett	782063
Babysitting (Radwell)	Darina Carter	782622
Childminding	Maxine Boswell	782128
Children's Party Entertainment	Samantha Cook	781859
Chemistry/Science/Maths tuition	Peter Rankin	782897
Community Care: free, short-term help for all parishioners	Charles Tweeddale	07786 344176
Dog walking, feeding, boarding etc	Charles Tweeddale	781279
Drain Clearance including sinks/toilets etc	Andy Sharpe	781180
Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman	782290
Electrical Services	Martin Blizard	782527
Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer	783472
Financial Planning/ Mortgages/Pensions	Stephen Rudd	783122
French Tuition	Marigold Sykes	781801
General Building/Renovation Work	Allan Levene	781918
German/French Tuition	Gillian Whiteway	782686
IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just	781967
Maths Tuition	Geraldine Hubbard	781413
Painting and Decorating	Eric Barford	781719
Pet Care Services	Annette Courtney	782809
Piano & Guitar Lessons (all ages/levels)	Margo Payne	782355
Social Psychology/Studies, Management	Anthea Coghlan	782332

RHS GARDENS AT HAMPTON COURT

Last month I wrote about Anoushka Feiler and her entry of a concept garden at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. On the last day of the Show her conceptual garden "Excuse me while I kiss the sky" won People's Choice receiving most public votes in the small garden category. The RHS presented Anoushka with an engraved crystal vase and a framed notice to mark the occasion.



On the previous Monday, before the show opened to the public, the garden was assessed by a panel of experts and awarded an RHS Silver Gilt Medal. Many congratulations and well done, Anoushka. (Also well done, Dad!)

CORNER CLUB

The Corner Club is a club for people with learning disabilities living in North Beds. Corner Club meets on Friday afternoons at Harrold Institute and on the second Tuesday each month for a Disco at Lincroft School Oakley. If anyone would like to join in and make a difference to people with learning disabilities please contact May Bonney on 01234 781254.

CONCERT featuring KECSKÉS ENSEMBLE
on Monday 12th September 2011 from 7 pm at
The Chellington Centre, Felmersham Road, Nr Carlton

This is a rare chance to hear this Hungarian music style. Tickets are £12.50 (includes refreshments) from Scott on 07921 466338. All proceeds go towards the provision for young people using the Centre.

PUZZLE PAGE

Here is a holiday quiz for all the family. The following initials represent the first line of a Nursery Rhyme - can you guess which ones? As an example the first one has been done for you. Answers below.

1. OTBMS ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE
2. RRGACAAD
3. LMMSOAT
4. LBIFDFDFD
5. MMQCHDYGG
6. BBBSHYAW
7. MHALLIFWWAS
8. DFWTGITPR
9. LTTSFHS
10. DDDMSJ
11. LBBCBYH
12. GABCOTP
13. LPFSATC
14. OKCWAMOSAMOSWH
15. PACPACBM
16. HWGRTMB
17. OALSTBOSC
18. SASOSAPFOR
19. HABBOTT
20. ISTSCSBOCDOCD
21. TBMTBMSHTRSHTR
22. PCPCWHYB
23. DDBPITW
24. JSCENFHWCENL

Did you know

That **EVEDROPPERS** are people who deliberately try to overhear another's conversation without detection. Centuries ago houses in England had no gutters and drain pipes. Instead the roofs extended far past the walls of the house enabling rainwater to drip to the ground away from the building. The area between the dripping rain and the walls was originally known as the "eavesdrip" and latterly the "eavesdrop". The eavesdrop also served as a shelter for passing pedestrians who would stand close to the walls of a building and out of the rain, but they could also overhear conversations going on inside a house, and became known as "eavesdroppers".

And finally, something for the kids

- Q: Why did the computer squeak?
A: Because someone stepped on its mouse!
- Q: Why don't skeletons fight each other?
A: They don't have the guts.

Answers to the quiz

13. LITTLE POLLY FLINDERS SAT AMONG THE CENDERS
14. OLD KING COLE WAS A MERRY OLD SOUL AND A MERRY OLD SOUL WAS HE
15. PAT A CAKE PAT A CAKE BAKER'S MAN
16. HERE WE GO ROUND THE MOUNTAIN IN A BUSH
17. ORANGES AND LEMONS SAID THE BELLS OF ST CLEMENTS
18. SING A SONG OF SIBRENCE A POCKET FULL OF RYE
19. HUSH A BYE BABY, ON THE TREE TOP
20. I SAW THREE SHEPS COME SAILING BY ON CHRISTMAS DAY ON CHRISTMAS DAY
21. THREE BLIND MICE, THREE BLIND MICE, SEE HOW THEY RUN, SEE HOW THEY RUN
22. PUSSY CAT, PUSSY CAT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
23. DING DONG BELL, PUSSY'S IN THE WELL
24. JACK SPRAT COULD EAT NO FAT HIS WIFE COULD EAT NO LEM

1. ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE
2. RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY
3. LITTLE MISS MUFFET SAT ON A TUFFET
4. LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN, FALLING DOWN, FALLING DOWN
5. MARY, MARY QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW
6. BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP HAVE YOU ANY WOOL
7. MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB ITS FLEECE WAS WHITE AS SNOW
8. DOCTOR HOSIER WENT TO GLOUCESTER IN THE POURING RAIN
9. LITTLE TOMMY TUCKER SINGS FOR HIS SUPPER
10. DIDDLE, DIDDLE, DUMPLING MY SON JOHN
11. LITTLE BOY BLUE COME BLOW YOUR HORN
12. GIRLS AND BOYS COME OUT TO PLAY

THE QUEEN AT BLETCHLEY PARK

On Friday 15th July, the Queen and Prince Philip visited Bletchley Park for the unveiling of a memorial. Simon Greenish, from Felmersham, escorted them around the Park. Simon is CEO of the Bletchley Park Trust.

It is well worth a visit to Bletchley Park. The war-time exhibits are really well presented and seeing the famous Enigma Machines, including the rare 'Abwehr G312' is fascinating. You even get to see the code breaking machine in action!



Editor

SAVE THE CHILDREN COLLECTION

Marriotts Close/Trinity Close - The door-to-door envelope collection carried out at the beginning of July, raised the wonderful sum of £83.44. Very grateful thanks to all who gave so generously to make this a record collection despite the harsh financial times. It is even more significant and timely given the emergency work currently being undertaken by Save the Children in the Horn of Africa to help address the current famine taking place there with the pictures of the starving children currently on the television. Should anyone be willing and able to help, locally, with the work of the charity, I would be really pleased to hear from you - 782523.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SHOW

Each year the Friends of St Andrews Church in Bedford organise a trip to see the spectacular Christmas show at Thursford This year the trip is on Friday 9th December, and the coach will leave St Andrew's Church at 8.50am. There will be a stop for lunch at Swaffham and it will arrive in Thursford in good time for the 2.00pm show. The estimated arrival time back at St Andrew's Church is about 8.00pm. The cost of the trip and show will be £44.00. Further details from Dr Richard Maddison at 4 Balmoral Avenue, Bedford, MK40 2PT, (01234 212293) (email; richard.maddison@timiticomail.co.uk) Cheques to be made payable to 'The Friends of St Andrew's Church'.

David Mason

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Due to the resignation of our secretary, we are looking for someone with secretarial experience to help us. We meet once a month and the secretary will be responsible for taking, typing and distributing to committee members the minutes; typing the agenda and attending to correspondence.

Marjorie Pipe

If you feel you can help us, please contact the Chairman - Marjorie Pipe on 781140.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The following notes were taken at the Parish Council meeting held on 5 July.
Highways:

The hedge is still overhanging the road opposite Harrowdene Farm;
Blocked road drains are a problem apparently they are only cleared every 3 years!

White road markings need repainting;

Borough Council propose to top dress the road from Felmersham Bridge to Dropshort. Speeding through the parish is still a problem.

Radwell matters: Safety - Weeds under causeway are blocking the view for traffic;

Radwell children need a play area;

A 20mph speed limit would make it safer for children;

The "Big Society" has been at work in Radwell, villagers have cleared away the vegetation around the bus shelter.

Doug McMurdo (Borough Councillor) reported that Sharnbrook is to get a Zebra crossing;

An unspecified sum of money will be available to the Parish Council to spend as it chooses.

The Borough Council are completing the purchase of land in readiness for the Western Bypass.



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