

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 July & beginning of August (all Services commence at 10.15am)

Sun 3 July	Choral Communion - with Baptism	St Mary's Church
*Sun 3 July	Evensong - Tom Sander at *6.00pm	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Sun 10 July	Family Service (Trinity 3)	St Mary's Church
Sat 16 July	Wedding at 2.00pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 17 July	Choral Communion (Trinity 4)	St Mary's Church
Sun 24 July	Matins & Communion (Trinity 5)	St Mary's Church
Sun 31 July	Choral Communion (Trinity 6)	St Mary's Church
Sun 7 Aug	Choral Communion (Trinity 7)	St Mary's Church
Sun 14 Aug	Benefice Service (Trinity 8)	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook

Dates for your Diary

Sat 2 July	Coffee Morning 10.30am	Storrington, Hunts Lane, Fel'm
Sat/Sun 2/3 July	Book Fair 10.00am-4.00pm	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Sat 7 July	Alfresco afternoon 2.30pm-5.00pm	Harrold church green
Sat 9 July	Annual Churchyard Clean 10.00am	St Mary's Churchyard
Sat 16 July	PSA/Village Hall Fete 2.00pm	Village Hall and Playing Field
Tue 19 July	Drop in for Tea & cake 2.30-4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 13 Aug	Coffee Morning 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Sat 10 Sept	Bike 'n Hike 10am to 6pm	Village Hall
Sun 11 Sept	Autumn Show	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Sept 20-24th	"Dead Guilty"	

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Rural Dean: Rev David Mason (309737)

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We welcome any items of general interest for inclusion. All items should be with the editor by noon on the 25th of each month, and can be sent either by email to lorraine@felmersham.info or in written form to the above address. If you use either method, please provide a telephone number in case there are any queries.



Village information online at www.felmersham.net

JULY 2011



Village Fete 2011 (the photograph above is of the 2010 fete)

Sam Bance

PSA / VILLAGE HALL SUMMER FETE on SATURDAY 16th JULY at 2.00pm

Please put the date in your diary and bring your friends and family to an afternoon of fun. The Fete is being jointly organised between the Village Hall and the PSA to specifically raise funds for a new projector and screen for the hall.

We have Julia Jarman, children's author of the 'Time Travelling Cat' and other books to open the Fete, alongside the school children doing County Dancing. We also have lined up a tug-of-war, so please start getting together your teams of 6. We also have races for all ages – all you need to do is sign up on the day.

We have lots of games and stalls, we also have teas, a bar and BBQ, but we cannot do this without your help. If anyone can help set up, run a stall or game or help clear away for an hour on the day, we would be very grateful. Please contact Sam Bance on 782869.

We are asking for your generosity for donations for the following as soon as possible:

BOTTLES - for a 'Bottle Tombola' stall - anything in a bottle.

JEWELLERY - for a second-hand jewellery stall. Any items hiding in the back of a drawer that you no longer wear, please pass them on to us.

'PAMPERHAMPER' - for the raffle, anything for men, bubble bath, shower gel, moisturiser, after shave, etc.

CUDDLY TOYS - washed cuddly toys for 'teddy tombola'.

Please could all items be dropped off to the school office by Friday 8th July.

Many thanks from the PSA & Village Hall Committee – we look forwarding to seeing you on 16th July.

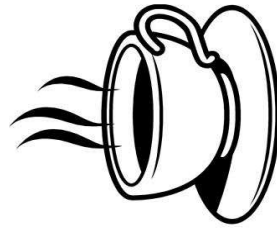
A Worrying Year

The very long dry spell of weather this year has serious implications for us all. For the farmers there are the concerns about the quantity and quality of the growing crops as well as worry about the adequate feeding of their livestock. For gardeners there are concerns about maintaining the growth, flowering and cropping of their produce. There are concerns for all of us that food costs may rise as fresh fruit and vegetables become scarcer. The longer the dry spell persists the greater concern that even more difficulties may arise. Drought conditions are relatively rare in this country, we tend to complain about rain and wet weather and take the general availability of water for granted. We hear accounts and see pictures of the effects of droughts in other parts of the world which are often in the news, but we do not expect to have such terrible problems in our own country. Indeed the situation in our own country is still very much better than it is in so many countries, most of us still have an ample water supply provide to our own houses, we do not see animals dying in the fields through lack of food and water, we do not face starvation as the consequence of crop failure. Perhaps it is good that we are reminded from time to time how fortunate we are to live in such a relatively benign climate with rare excesses in seriously adverse weather conditions. Perhaps it is good that we are reminded that our climate seems to be changing, and many believe that this is the consequence of man's abuse of the resources of the planet on which we live.

In the book of Genesis we read of how God created the world, and everything that is in it. God gave the stewardship of the planet into the hands of man. Wise stewardship of God's creation would ensure that the development of the generous resources given by God would be for the benefit of us all. Climate changes could be seen as the warning of the serious consequences for the whole of mankind that will result from the abuse and selfish exploitation of those generous resources that were given by God. If we are wise we will heed the warnings that we are being given, and work to ensure that those generous resources are used wisely in a way that is beneficial for all God's created world.

Drop in for Tea and Cake

Why not drop into the Church on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th July 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 July, August and September), to give everyone the chance to meet together over tea or coffee and "shoot the breeze". Everyone is welcome, so bring along your friends and relatives, children and grandchildren or anyone who happens to be passing-by!!!

For those with young children, on the afternoon of 19th July we have arranged for a representative(s) from Sure Start to come to Felmersham and organise children's activities in the church. Why not bring your young children along, or older children on the way home from school, and join in these activities in the church? Don't forget, we have toys for the children to play with. Look forward to seeing you there.

Village 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	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
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Coffee Morning

The usual monthly Saturday coffee morning will be held at the home of May and Laurie Mills, Storrington, Hunts Lane, Felmersham, on Saturday 2nd July at 10.30am. Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. There is also a good selection of used books for sale. Everyone is welcome. Details of the August and September coffee mornings will be in the next edition of Ouse News.

Tom Sander

On the first Sunday in July, Tom Sander will be ordained as Deacon. He will be taking his first service in our Benefice (Evensong at 6.00pm) in St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook. We welcome him and hope that he will find his time among us to be fulfilling and enjoyable.

David Mason

Anoushka's Upside Down Garden felmersham.net
Pat and Peter Hartop's daughter Anoushka Feiler has designed a concept garden for the forthcoming Hampton Court Show 5-10th July 2011. Her garden *'Excuse me while I kiss the sky'* is an upside down garden.



Peter Hartop (far right) constructing a section of the Upside Down Garden, whilst being filmed by the BBC

On Thursday 9th June a BBC production Unit visited Felmersham to interview Anoushka and film Peter constructing the mirrored boundary to the garden. The filming took 8 hours for a 4 minute feature to be screened on BBC2 on Monday 4th July. Interruptions from clouds, aircraft, lawn mowers, school buses and motorbikes probably prolonged the action although they did not need much excuse to enjoy Pat's lunch and cream teas. Filming will be completed on Sunday 3rd July at Hampden Court Palace when hopefully all 23 mirrored sections of the garden will have been erected.

Moon Walk in aid of Breast Cancer

Editor
On 14th May, three generations of the Dawson family (Cherrie, her daughter-in-law and her grand-daughter) went up to London and walked 26 miles during a cold and windy night to raise money for Breast Cancer. Cherrie completed the walk in 6 hrs 40mins and raised in excess of £600 for the Charity. Cherrie's family came over from Norway to do the walk, and brought with them two friends. Many congratulations to Cherrie, Victoria, Rebekah, Hanne and Berit. The photo below says it all, five very tired but very happy walkers.



Christian Aid Week 2011

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who generously donated monies. We raised the record sum of exactly £500..... an excellent effort. Special thanks of course to all the people who distributed and collected the envelopes, they deserve a major prize!! This can be an onerous task..... If you do not agree, contact me on 782897 and I will gladly include you in the team for next year. In addition to the £500, there were assorted foreign coins plus six shillings and one button (I jest not).

Used Printer Cartridges

Again, I exhort you to continue to leave printer cartridges and mobile phones in the box in the church porch.... I will sort/reject and recycle for charity. Basically it is almost something for nothing and Albert Einstein may have described it as "a no-brainer".

Crime Stats for Felmersham and Radwell (Beat 733)

www.felmersham.net
The following crimes were committed between 30/4/2011 and 2/6/2011:

On 20th May at 1600hrs CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES – THE HIGH ROAD, FELMERSHAM.

Reminder: Churchyard Summer Clean

A reminder that the annual Churchyard summer clean is on Saturday 9th July at 10.00am. Please come along and help tidy up the churchyard – coffee, biscuits and friendly chatter will be provided. Look forward to seeing you.



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• **20th – 24th September 7.45 pm. *Dead Guilty*** – an unusual Psychological Thriller. When John Haddrell dies of a heart attack at the wheel of his car with his lover beside him, two women end up locked in deadly combat.... You may think you know what's happening...but.... Tickets available from mid-August from Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) & Bedford Central Box office 269519. Parties 781372 10% discount 10+ (excluding Charity performances) [This replaces *Wait until Dark*, which has been withdrawn by the copyrighters.]

• **Advance Booking for *Half a Sixpence***, the *new* version by Warner Brown of this wonderful musical for *all* the family, Friday 11th – Saturday 19th November, will be available during *Dead Guilty*, but only at The Mill Theatre.

• **Raising Funds?** Are you connected to, or involved with an organisation that raises money for charitable purposes? Did you know that by hiring a night of one of our shows you could make a *profit* of over £1200 in a single evening?! To find out how, phone Erica Lester (01234) 781210 / email: erical@email.com

Thursday Club

Joan Thomas

We are looking forward to a "Garden Party" at West Grange on the 14th July when we hope the sun will shine on us!!! New members always welcome.

If you need transport please contact Joan on 781722.

Books for Sale

We have expanded our second hand book sales from the "once a month" coffee morning for Church Funds into a small "Shop" at the back of the church. Books are still available at the coffee morning. We have already received some generous donations of adult and children's books (including some making a second appearance!) If you are looking for a holiday read come and browse; lots of previous prize winners, and "I always meant to read that" sort of titles also relaxing "chick lit" beach reads. All will be welcome back when you have read them. The Church is open every day during the Summer, until the end of October.

Sally Carr

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Swaziland Schools Appeal

Sally Carr

Pat and I would like to thank the many people who supported our fund raising effort in the Church last month. A cheque for £240 (which will attract tax relief) has been sent to them. A special thank you to those who helped on the day: members of the Beecham and Going families, Gill Greenish, Lorraine Shrimpton and many others who made cakes, washed up etc. The Appeal will, I am sure, put the proceeds to very good use.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HARROLD - SATURDAY 2nd JULY

Come and enjoy an alfresco afternoon with the Willing Warblers on the church green (inside church if weather unsuitable)

2.30pm to 3.30pm - Sing-a-long 3.30pm to 5.00pm - Cream Teas
Church open, with flower arrangements. Church Quiz for children

SUNDAY 3rd JULY - 11.00am Patronal Festival Service

Preacher: Revd Barbara Johnson

Senior Chaplain, Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service

WI

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The Felmersham and Radwell WI celebrated their 90th birthday in style on Tuesday 21st June, with a dinner at the Shambrook Hotel. It's apparent from the photo that a good time was had by all. (especially whilst doing the Conga!). Many Happy Returns.



Photograph by Derek Williamson

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those kind friends and neighbours in the village, for their flowers, plants, cards, telephone calls and good wishes following my accident with a stone wall. In this case the wall won the day. With a face almost back to normal, the staff at A&E did a grand job too.

Wendy Williamson

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

Felmersham church is taking part in a Sponsored Bike 'n Hike and this is an opportunity to see some of over 600 ancient, unusual or modern places of worship throughout Beds and Herts, opened specially for the day. Work out your route and persuade your friends, relations and work colleagues to sponsor you per church visited or a single donation. Anyone can join in but it is more fun to enter with a group. Half the total raised will come back to Felmersham church, and the other half, goes to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust to help churches and chapels of all denominations in the two counties, with repair or restoration work. For entry details please contact Ken Shrimpton (781381) or Stephen Hill (781064).

Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

I have 13 tickets for the above for Wednesday 9th November. I have a coach for 50, and we start at Aspects at 9.30 in the morning, and stop off for coffee. The performance is at 2.30pm and we stop on the way home for a Christmas meal in Swaffham. The price of the tickets for the performance is £32 – on top of that will be the cost of the coach plus the price of the meal. If you are interested, please contact me on 781010.

Janet Welsh

A date for your diary
and
Art Exhibition
Sunday 11th September in Village Hall
 Delicious WI Teas
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Book Fair at Sharnbrook

Why not come along to the Book Fair which will be held at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook on 2nd & 3rd July, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Admission is free, refreshments available. If you have a book or map, which may be valuable, there will be a free valuation service too.

From The Review (Sharnbrook)



PUZZLE PAGE

WORD GAME

If OUT can be placed with FIT, BOARD and LOOK (outfit, outboard and lookout) find one word that goes with each of these sets. The answers at bottom of the page.

1.	STONE	SOLE	DON
2.	ROD	RED	BED
3.	CUT	SHIRT	NET
4.	BLACK	BOUND	LAND
5.	ART	JET	BOARD
6.	WATER	TIME	BOOK
7.	EVENING	PARADE	CIRCLE
8.	HOLD	WHEEL	FALL
9.	WALK	TURN	ROUND
10.	DRUM	RING	SOLE
11.	WHISTLE	CRY	CUB
12.	ASH	LUCK	SOLE

Did you know

A **PHONEY** is regarded as fake, not the genuine article. "Fainne" (pronounced "fawnya") is a Gaelic word meaning circle or ring. In the 18th century some Irish gold was not regarded as genuine and by 1811 gold rings from that country were known as "fawney", which became an English slang word meaning fake. During the 1920s imitation gold rings passed on by American confidence tricksters were also regarded as "fawney", although their accent led to a corruption and the word became "phony".

And finally, something for the kids.....

Going Bowling . . .

A family went bowling one night and took along seven-year-old Stevie for the first time. Along with the rest of the family, Stevie laced up his bowling shoes and then went to select a ball. Everyone else chose one but Stevie could not make up his mind. Ten minutes went by and finally an exasperated Father said, "*Stevie, for goodness sake, just pick a ball. We don't have all night.*" "*But I can't!*" wailed Stevie, "*Every ball I pick up has holes on it!*"

Q: Doctor, Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?

A: Use a pencil 'till I get there.

Q: Doctor, Doctor I think I'm a bell!

A: Take these and if it doesn't help give me a ring!

Answers to the puzzle

1. KEY	4. ICE	7. DRESS	10. EAR
2. HOT	5. BLACK	8. FREE	11. WOLF
3. HAIR	6. MARK	9. ABOUT	12. POT