

## REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
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 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	in each month at	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	in each month at	7.30pm W.I.	Committee Room
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Committee Room

## CHURCH SERVICES

The monthly timetable of Services is given below (occasionally it is changed). For up-to-date weekly confirmation of services, please refer to the small notice board at the Lych Gate. Details of changes to this month's services marked \*\*, are given inside.

Every Thursday morning	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am,	St Mary's Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month	All Age Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month **	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month **	Choral Matins at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
5 <sup>th</sup> 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

Tue 2 July	Confirmation at Felmersham 7.30pm	St Mary's Church
Fri 12 July	Flower Demonstration/church flowers 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Sat 13 July	Coffee Morning in the Church at 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 14 July	Choral Evensong at 3.00pm	Knotting Church
Thur 18 July	Tea & Cake in the Church 2.30pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 20 July	BBQ at The Popes (Mill Theatre event) 7.30pm	Rushden
Sat 27 July	Visiting Bell Ringers at 10.15am	St Mary's Church
Sun 28 July	Open-air Service & Baptism at 11.00am	Radwell
Sat 7 Sept	Morning in the Church at 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 8 Sept	Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 14 Sept	Beds & Herts <i>Bike 'n Hike</i>	Various churches
Sun 28 Sept	The Whybirds (Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Event)	Mill Theatre

## WEDDINGS TAKING PLACE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH DURING 2013/2014

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Ian Painter and Lisa Stratton	at 1.30pm
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> October	John Dunn and Abbie Honeywood	at 1.00pm
Sat 12 April '14	James Bell and Nicola Povey	at 2.00pm



Village information online [www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net)

**JULY 2013**

## TEA AND CAKE IN THE CHURCH

**Jane Wells**



Teas will be served in the Church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and a slice of cake too. A reminder of the other dates if you cannot make this one: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Offers of help on the day and/or to make cakes greatly appreciated. Please contact Jane Wells on 782462. It will be great to see you all.

## CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO CHURCH SERVICES DURING JULY

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm**

**Confirmation Service:** four adults from Felmersham will be confirmed at St Mary's Church. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Bedford.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm**

**Choral Evensong** at St Margaret of Antioch, Knotting, to celebrate the feast of St Margaret.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10.15am**

There is no service at Felmersham, instead there will be a **Benefice Service at Sharnbrook** (followed by lunch).

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am**

**St James' Day, open-air Service and Baptism at Radwell.** This Service is to celebrate St James' Day and will be held either on the Green or at Hall Farm next to the bridge (in the barn if inclement weather). The reason for this is that it is speculated that the farm (formerly the site of Radwell Hall) is the site of the original St James' Chapel, Radwell (circa 1204). (See "*Felmersham: The History of a Riverside Parish*").

## A MESSAGE FROM REVD. ROBERT EVENS

Dear Friends

“If something isn’t broken don’t fix it” we do not like change. We want things to stay the same. Or do we? When it comes to the house, we all like a vacuum cleaner instead of a broom. Well before 1908 we couldn’t, since James Spangler had only just invented it. Had it not been for the sales promotion of Mr Hoover, it might never have made it to the commercial market place. Before 1880 we would never have got stuck behind a caravan and imagine before 1892 there was no such thing as a tractor. Imagine how fast we could travel then. Except most of us were only able to walk, as cars were a rarity. The first mass produced car, the Model T Ford, was not produced until 1908.

The Church both locally and nationally is facing change, women bishops, gay marriage, deanery pastoral plan to name but a few. When it comes to church most of us are even more certain that we do not want change. Things are all right as they are. Well if we do not want change then the average sermon in the seventeenth century was at least an hour and the congregation usually stood. If we go back even further services were in Latin or further still, the early church services were in homes and hired rooms with no sense of a Church building.

What we really mean is “we like what we like and do not like anything else.” But think back to the Golden Age, when Sunday school was a must, two services a day was the norm and nothing else happened on a Sunday.

So really we do not usually mean “we do not like change that has taken place”, what we are concerned about is where change might lead us to or what might happen to the bits we like?

First I have to ask a question for who does Church exist? Certainly not for those of us who are members!! The church is the body of Christ on earth here to do the work of Jesus which as he said Himself “is to preach good news..... and recovery of sight to the blind” We exist for those who are not yet members. Therefore our question should be what must we do to reach the others who do not come? Once we have the answer to that question the next stage is simple. Do it!!

So before we next complain about change, ask this question. Is it having an effect? Are new folk coming in? If not, perhaps we need to try something else or would you prefer to put the hour glass back in the pulpit?

With every blessing

Robert

## VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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		Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
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		Kennels (Daisy Bank) Felmersham	Mrs Gee 720241
		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
		Secretarial/Business Support Service	Ruth Barratt 781876
		Soc. Psychology Management	Anthea Coghlan 782332
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Children’s Party Entertainment	Samantha Cook 781859		
Chemistry/Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897		
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Dog Walking	Melissa Facey 312385 or 7501328660 (Felmersham tel numbers)		
Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180		

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 Curate: Revd. Thomas Sander (781773)  
 Churchwarden: Ken Shrimpton (781381)  
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## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH DURING JULY

- ◆ **MONTHLY SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING** **Jane Wells**  
(Please note change of date). The July Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by **Chris and Maggie Spoor in St Mary's Church, Felmersham on SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY, at 10.30am.** Please note the date has changed to accommodate a wedding in the church on that day.



Please come along, coffee and biscuits cost just £1. We hold a raffle with super prizes.

Any contributions of homemade cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome. We have books galore for your holiday read – why not come along and choose one? All this for the price of £1!

Everyone is welcome, I look forward to seeing you there.

**Please note:** There is no coffee morning in August but Jane Templeman will be hosting the September Coffee Morning in the Church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.

- ◆ **AFTERNOON TEAS IN THE CHURCH** **Jane Wells**  
Teas and home-made cake will be served in the Church on **THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.** Everyone welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and a slice of cake too. Please support us.

### THURSDAY CLUB

**Pam and John Norris**

The sun certainly had his hat on for the “Thursday Club” outing to Wrest Park. We all had a great time. We toured the house, admired the beautiful gardens and had a tasty lunch. Ice creams were the order of the day. Naturally, of course, we then forced ourselves to have tea and cakes before Laurie drove us safely home.

We would like to thank Celia for all her hard work in arranging an outing, which was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.

## VISITING BELL RINGERS

**Mike Benson**

A group of ringers who cycle from tower to tower will be ringing at Felmersham on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 10.15am to 11.00am.

## WALK THE WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

**Cherrie Dawson**

I would like to say a big thank you to all who wished me luck and sponsored me in the Walk the Walk Marathon for breast cancer which took place recently in London. Thanks to your generosity I raised £504.66p.

After a very cold day of rain and hail, by the time we set off it was a lovely night. I walked with my daughter-in-law, Victoria (who came over from Oslo to take part!) and we took six hours and twenty five minutes to complete the 26.2 miles.

At about 22 miles we said that it was the last time but by the time we arrived home, very tired but extremely happy, we were talking about next year!

Watch this space!!

*(Photograph shows a tired, but very proud Cherrie, back home after the race, with medal).*



**A date for your diary**

**15<sup>th</sup> Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show  
and Art Exhibition**



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Pinchmill Hall**

**Delicious WI Teas**



**Look out for the schedules which are being delivered this month.**

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## SUMMER with SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

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\* **20<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm 'BBQ at The Pops'** This will be held in the lovely garden of Douglas (the Chairman of Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust) and Virginia Pope, 109 Newton Road, Rushden NN10 0HJ. All are welcome! Super BBQ Delicious sweets Good company! Licensed cash bar – Tickets (limited): £16 pp. Please contact Douglas or Virginia, soonest on, 01933356974 or [mail@douglaspope.com](mailto:mail@douglaspope.com) A 'Warm Up' H&V Appeal event.

\* **17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September nightly at 7.30 pm "Glorious"** - Peter Quilter's 'gloriously' funny, heart-warming comedy – the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, an American operatic soprano of considerable passion and wealth, known and ridiculed for her lack of rhythm, pitch and tone – following her extraordinary career via charity recitals and recording sessions... to an 'ultimate triumph' at Carnegie Hall! 'The glory (????) of the human voice'. Tickets on sale from 12<sup>th</sup> August at Sharnbrook Post Office (In Person) or Bedford Central Box Office 718112 which is now at Bedford Tourist Information Centre in St Paul's Sq. (NB new phone number).

\* **28<sup>th</sup> September 8 pm 'Rock at The Mill with The Whybirds'** Tickets £10, (unallocated seats), may be reserved now - contact Roger Wiltshire 07704 700785; on general sale from 1<sup>st</sup> July, from Roger also at Sharnbrook Post Office (in person). A 'Warm Up' H&V Appeal event.



## STRAWBERRY TEA

Wendy Mansell and Anna Lewes

Thank you so much to all of you who helped and attended our Strawberry Tea and Lawn Games on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Despite the rather chilly weather, a good time was had by all.

We made a profit of just over £800 and we have given a cheque to Tony Morris to pass on to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger for £500, in memory of the wonderful Jo Morris. The rest of the money will go to Ovarian Cancer Action.

We really are so appreciative to you all for your continued support and we really

## FROM CLIVE & ROS:

Probably by now most people know that Ros and I have bought The Sun! The primary reason for doing this was to try and ensure The Sun remains a permanent facility in the village and also to grow it into a hub for the community.

The pub will be managed and run by Benjamin and Hannah Just (our son and daughter-in-law) whom many of you know - not least since Ben was born and raised here and because Hannah ran the Zumba class in the village and works at Sharnbrook Upper.

## FLOWER ARRANGING IN THE CHURCH

Lorraine Shrimpton

We are still seeking volunteers to join the flower arranging rota for the church. This involves being responsible for providing, arranging and looking after the flowers for a two-week period.

If you are interested but feel you need encouragement, why not come along to a flower arranging demonstration in the church given by Hazel, one of our rota volunteers. She will be happy to give any advice and loads of simple tips, thus squashing any reservations you may have! Come along, enjoy the demonstration and have coffee with us afterwards.



**FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup>  
JULY at 10.30am  
in St Mary's Church  
Felmersham**

All are welcome

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## SMILE LINES FOR JULY

Are you camping this summer? Here are some helpful hints...

- ~ When using a public campground, a tuba placed outside your tent will keep the spaces on either side vacant.
- ~ You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag filled with several geese.
- ~ Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping: shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.
- ~ A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.
- ~ A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.
- ~ The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

## VILLAGE FÊTE & DOG SHOW

**Marjorie Pipe**

A very **BIG** thank you to everyone who supported us on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We raised a fantastic **£1000.00**. With this money we will be able to buy a sound system for the projector.

I would like to especially thank the following people and families for all your help on the day, helping to set up, clear up and running of stalls: Sally, Terry and William Hellmore; Mike, Jo and Oliver Bowyer; Tony and Tracy; Mr & Mrs Coomber; Jill, Pauline, Silvia, Chris and Jess Winton; Karen and Niall Yassen; Hannah, Jess, Claire's Mum Anne, Julian, Martin, Jeff, Haley, John, Chris, Harrison and Adian and many others who, without their support and kind donations, the fête would not have been such a success.

To Annette Courtney who did an amazing job organising at very short notice the dog show, bringing lots of extra people to the fête, I am sure you will all agree it added to a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Committee worked extremely hard to bring this event together, but a special thank you to our Fundraising Committee: Sam, Annette, Claire and Maxine, without whom us oldies on the committee would find things very difficult. They are always smiling and their optimism keeps the rest of us going. I would also like to thank Vanessa Coleman and Andy Evans for letting us use the school playing field for this event.

Without the help of the community these functions would just not happen. Thank you.



Photographs: Ken Shrimpton

## CRIMES FOR BEAT 733 COMMITTED BETWEEN 30/4/2013 & 31/5/2013

Criminal damage – to vehicle on 5/5/2013 at 1430hrs Sharnbrook Road, Felmersham  
Other miscellaneous thefts on 17/5/2013 at 2030hrs Town Lot Lane, Felmersham

Support from residents has been overwhelming - not just with encouragement but with practical help in so many different ways to get the buildings in a state to open. This help included painting, cleaning the cellar and its equipment, signage, repairs etc. We are all immensely grateful for all the support given so far - long may it continue!

Once the pub is open we can then look at other activities that can go on there. There has been interest from people wanting to sell things such as handmade gifts etc and produce. These may be integrated into a Community Shop - run on a *Not for Profit* basis - utilising part of the barn. If you would like to participate in this project and have not already contacted me please feel free to do so - [clive.just@gmail.com](mailto:clive.just@gmail.com) or 781967.

I am sure Ben and Hannah would love to hear from you regularly - whether to congratulate them when they do things well but also with suggestions as to what would need to be done for you to support it more - the pub will only thrive if it is used!! The goal is for everyone to feel that this is their pub.

We look forward to seeing you in the The Sun - hopefully very soon.

### FROM BEN & HANNAH:

Hannah and I are really looking forward to the new challenge of running the pub and getting more actively involved in village life. We will be moving into the pub over the next week enabling us to spend more time getting it ready for opening.

The plan is to get the back bar open within the next few weeks, we will then continue to work on the front bar and kitchen so that within a few months we can be fully operational. Once all the work is done we will organise a proper launch party.



We are passionate about serving good quality, local produce, as a result we intend to offer proper home cooked, traditional pub dishes, and portions, at sensible prices. In addition to the standard pub service we are looking at other ways we can serve the village, we are open to suggestions on what we can offer but current ideas include offering a parcel collection service, opening for afternoon teas, providing a venue for public or private events and holding regular exhibitions for local people to present their work.

The level of support we have received over the past few weeks has been overwhelming and we are looking forward to providing the village with a great local.

## BARN DANCE

Editor

The setting was perfect, the band excellent, feet were tapping and dancers reeling (in time to the music, nothing else!). Seating was on hay bales, the BBQ was tasty and plentiful, beautifully cooked and served – what a fantastic, fun evening.

Thanks go to Tom for the idea and to all the bell ringers for bringing the idea to life. Thanks especially to Debbi & Michael Gavin for allowing the use of their barn and for clearing it out. Also thanks to Rosemary and all those involved, for their hard work in making the whole event a resounding success. Next year..... ? Who knows!



Photographs: Ken Shrimpton

## SEASONS – by Steve Turner

Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, every year the same.  
Round and round the seasons go like a party game.  
Spin the leaves from green to brown, spin them on to gold,  
Turn the weather up to hot, turn it down to cold.  
Chase the clouds across the sky, paint a yellow sun,  
Then the rain comes tumbling down spoiling all our fun.  
Spring, Summer, Autumn Winter, every year the same,  
Round and round the seasons go like a party game.

## BIKE 'N HIKE 2013 - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Ken Shrimpton

Are you a cyclist or a walker and would you like to raise money for St Mary's church, Felmersham? The annual Sponsored Bike 'n Hike organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will this year be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please make a note of the date in your diary or on your calendar.

More details next month, giving plenty of time to pump up those tyres or bang the "summer" mud off those walking boots. Don't forget, **Bike 'n Hike on Saturday 14th September 2013**



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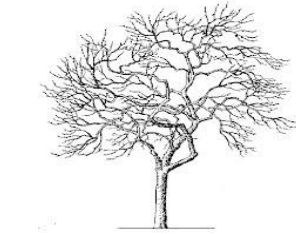
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