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at

Pinchmill Pre-School, Fleur's Garden

12th June between 11.30am - 2.30pm

(opening ceremony at 12pm)

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June 2005

Parish Diary

June

Sat 4 10.30am	Coffee Morning	6 Marriott's Close
Sat 5 10.15am	Choral Communion Trinity 2	St Mary's Church
Sat 11 10.00am	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
Sat 11 7.30pm.	Charity Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun 12 10.15am	Family Service Trinity 3	St Mary's Church
Sun 12 11.30am	Pre-School Opening	Fleur's Garden, Pinchmill School
Sun 12	Open Gardens and Flower Festival	
Tue 14 7.30pm	Licensing Service at Sharnbrook	St Peter's Sharnbrook
Thu 16 2.15pm	Thursday Club trip to Stoke Bruerne	Bus Shelter
Sat 18 9.30am	Churchyard maintenance	St Mary's Church
Sun 19 10.15am	Choral Communion Visiting Preacher	St Mary's Church
Sun 26 10.15am	Sharnbrook Patronal Festival	St Peter's, Sharnbrook
July		
Sat 2 10.30am	Coffee Morning	
Sun 3 10.15am	Choral Communion Trinity 6	St Mary's Church
Sun 10 10.15am	Family Service Trinity 7	St Mary's Church
Sun 17 10.15am	Choral Communion Trinity 8	St Mary's Church
Sun 24 10.15am	Matins followed by Communion Trinity 9	St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Sally Carr (781225), Paul Keeble (782134)

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A Testing Time

David G Mason

For many this is the season of examinations. Often this is a testing time not only for the candidates, but also for the rest of the family. So much can seem to hang upon the results that it is often a time of great pressure and tension. Exams are important but it is necessary to keep a sense of proportion. During the exams it is important to concentrate and to perform as well as you are able but when they are over do not dwell on the possible results. What is done is done, and no amount of worrying will alter that. The time spent waiting for results should not be allowed to feel like waiting in the condemned cell. By all means consider the various ways forward that depend on the outcome of the examinations, but try not to be too pessimistic. Think of all the energy that will have been wasted in worrying should the results be better than was believed possible. Life will go on whatever the results, although its direction may not be exactly as was wished.

Throughout our lives we will undergo tests of many different types. Often our lives will be affected by the outcomes of the tests, and sometimes we may be disappointed with the direction that life takes. But sometimes what seemed to be a disadvantage will, in time, prove to be much better than we could have imagined. Those who have committed their lives to Jesus are warned that their journey through life will not always be easy, that they may undergo very challenging tests on the way. Sometimes they may come to believe that God has deserted them that they have in some way failed and become lost on the way. This is no time for resting and feeling sorry for themselves. It is a time to seek God in prayer, and to learn again his will for them. In years to come they may well come to see that this time which seemed to be a time of failure proves to be a turning point which brought them closer to God and deepened their involvement in discipleship.

I hope that all those undergoing examinations will achieve the results that they require, and move on to the next part of life's journey. In fact they will move on to the next part of the journey whatever the results, even though the journey may not take the direction that they expected.

Christian Aid

Gill Greenish

Thank you to those who collected and everyone who donated. The total collected was £428.45

Churchyard Gardening

The annual churchyard gardening and tidying up will take place on Saturday 18th June 2005 starting at 9.30am and helpers are sought. We welcome help from all parishioners especially those with green fingers

Save the Children Fund

Many thanks to the residents of Marriotts Close and Trinity Close in Felmersham for the excellent door to door envelope collection of £63-45 in early May during national Save the Children Week. If anyone in the villages is willing and able to collect at the same time next year so that more of the village is covered, I would be grateful for a call on 782523. Thanks again.

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall

Thank you to those six representatives of the parish who attended the recent AGM. The Committee is currently looking for a representative for Radwell, a Secretary and a cleaner. For details please contact the Chairman, Janet Cook on 781373. The Hall is a vital meeting point for people of all ages in the community, so now it's your opportunity to take a valuable part in village life.

Janet Cook

Flower Festival
The Flower Festival will take place over the weekend of 11/12 June 2005. The Organisers wish to thank the Vicar and the PCC for allowing all profits from this weekend to be donated to Cancer Research UK. So please come along and support this worthy cause.

Felmersham and Radwell Parish Council

At the meeting held on the 3rd May 2005, the Chairman, David Cook was re-elected, as was Vice-Chairman Michael Thomas.

The meeting was attended by all Parish Councillors and several members of the public. Also attending was our new Beat Officer, PC Rob Smith, following several incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the parish. PC Smith urged residents to report all such incidents to the Police, and if necessary to ask for an incident number to make sure the calls are logged.

The damage to the bus shelter at Radwell was discussed. It was decided it would not be economically viable to re-build and the Council will look at other designs which would be more in keeping with the location.

Following a question regarding the cutting of verges, the Clerk advised that these are cut to one metre width only. There is a problem on wide verges when undergrowth and brambles grow out from hedges.

A meeting with the Chief Planning Officer regarding the proposed new playing field at Felmersham had been positive. However, he would like to see evidence that parishioners are in favour of the scheme – a playing field in return for plots for two new houses. This will be included in the Vital Village questionnaire which, following trials, is about to be distributed.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30 pm.

Hemingford Ladies Choir

The Choir will sing at St Mary's Church on Saturday 11 June at 7.30pm, as part of the village Flower Festival weekend to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

They have a repertoire of varied music - from John Rutter to Richard Rogers, Bach to Bernstein, and some well-known fun favourites. The Cambridgeshire based choir has some exceptional musical talent amongst its members, none more so than Caroline Jones, the Musical Director, who recently sang in concert with Denise Leigh (the joint winner of Channel 4's "Operatunity"). Join them for an evening of fun and uplifting entertainment and support a very worthy cause. Tickets £6 from Lorraine (781381) 1 Trinity Close, or Pat (782165) St Mary's Cottage.

Andrew Evans

Our speaker this month was David Braybrook, who after 7 months of training became an RSPCA Inspector, 18 years ago. He described the trials, tribulations and rewards of the job, and gave us some details of the cruel and illegal animal traps discovered by himself and his colleagues.

Felmersham and Radwell W.I.

We celebrated not only Wendy Williamson's first meeting as President, but also her birthday, and toasted these events with a magnum of champagne kindly provided by Derek, her husband. May Mills presented Wendy with a plant.

Our summer outing on 21st June will be to the Thurleigh World War II museum. High Rd.- during the Festival Weekend, on 11th and 12th June.

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LINCROFT SCHOOLFUND RAISING

Mike Lavelle
Lincroft School is currently fundraising for a first class sporting and arts facility to be opened in January 2006. Not only will present and future pupils benefit but also past pupils and the entire community served by the school.

The school has raised about 80% of the project costs through a combination of fundraising and capital grants. Nevertheless we remain short of the overall funding we need to realise the full scheme (albeit tantalisingly close!).

The School would be interested in any ideas that would support our efforts. We are planning a very prestigious opening of the new facilities and full acknowledgement of the support the school has received will be prominently advertised and displayed. The following are suggestions only – we would be keen to accept support 'in kind' or benefit from any ideas offered:

We would also invite more significant contributions to the development from benefactors or companies wishing to help build a legacy, with the School and the community as beneficiaries. There is an opportunity to contribute, as a significant sponsor, to one of the discrete developments of the project.

These include: a new music room; a music practice area; a drama and dance studio; the redeveloped school hall (already used extensively by the local community); the sports hall (4 badminton court size); and, the refurbished changing rooms (suitable for adults to use during evenings and weekends).

We are interested in providing better sports and arts facilities for the disabled. This could mean, for example, the provision of disabled changing and bathroom facilities, and the further extension of access to the facility

We are aiming to launch a major raffle and would be very interested in any ideas or donations for prizes. We hope to extend the scope of our fundraising further afield because of the quality of the prizes we would be offering. Points of sale and collection points for raffle tickets in the Bedford area would be a great help.

We will be holding our Summer Fête on Saturday, 18th June. If you are interested in helping or perhaps running your own stall please contact the School. All proceeds have been earmarked for the project.

We are also looking for mutual support from local clubs and societies. For example, the provision of equipment and resources that could be used jointly by a community group and the School (e.g. 5-a-side goals, indoor cricket nets and matting, demountable staging and arts equipment, badminton posts and nets etc). The School operates a generous concession to hire facilities for local community organisations.

We look forward to hearing from interested individual, organisations and businesses – any help, regardless of scale, and fresh ideas would be great. If you think you can help the school realise an important community facility, please contact one of the following through the School on 01234 822147 or by email on admin@lincroft.beds.sch.uk: Susan Chennells, Bill Chalker, Mike Lavelle, Alyn Walker

Open Garden

Kanzy & Mohab Zaki
Our garden at Perch Heights, Carlton Road will be open again this year for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday June 12th from 2-6 pm, the day of the Flower Festival. We are also open by appointment (Tel: 01234 781617) any day in May and June.

Harrold-Odell Country Park

Why not join us for some of the following events. They are all free but any donations are gratefully received. This means we can then put on more events at the Park. You will need to phone or email the Park if you want to reserve a place.

Bird Walk - Weds 8 June, 10am – 1pm: Summer Visitors to the Park...Listen and learn those calls and songs! Sort out your LBJ's and experience the JZZ!

Heritage Walk - Weds 29 June, 2.00 – 5.00pm: Discover the hidden history of the Park and visit heritage sites within the village of Harrold, learning about recent archaeological discoveries.

Mammal ID - Thurs 21 July, 10am – 4pm: An introduction to the tracks, trails and signs of Bedfordshire's mammals; and how to identify them. Slide presentation and hands on session before a walk around the Park to put what you have learned into practice.

You may also like to join in with the Friends Group conservation tasks on Monday 27 June starting at 10am and finishing mid afternoon. You need stay only as long as you want. Contact tel/fax 01234 720016 or email lyndsey.bignell@bedscc.gov.uk

Thursday Afternoon Club

Jo Morris

Please note that this month's meeting will be held on Thursday 15th June and not the second Thursday. We are having an outing to the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne and the Villager and cars will leave the bus shelter by the church at 2.15pm. There will be a chance to wander in the museum, stroll along the canal, watch the long boats negotiating the lock, browse the shop and have tea in the Old Chapel tea-rooms. The only payment will be £2.25 for your entry ticket to the museum if you want to go in. If you normally have transport you will be collected at 2 o'clock. Please ring Joan (781722)

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Theo Gibbs

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German/French tuition	Gillian Whiteway 782686
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