

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 details	

June

Sun 1	10.15am Choral Communion - Trinity 2	St Mary's Church
Sat 7	10.30am Coffee Morning	The Wells
Sat 7	8.00pm Cantamus Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun 8	10.15am Family Service with Baptism - Trinity 3	St Mary's Church
Thu 12	3.00pm Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Thu 12	- Sun 15 Back to Broadway	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Sat 14	10.30am P3 Wild Flower Walk	Felmersham Bus Shelter
Sun 15	10.15am Choral Communion - Trinity 4	St Mary's Church
Tue 17	7.30pm Women's Institute	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 22	10.15am Matins and Communion - Trinity 5	St Mary's Church
Tue 24	7.30pm Confirmation Service	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Sat 28	3.00am Wedding	St Mary's Church
Sun 29	10.15am Patronal Festival	St Peters Church, Sharnbrook
Sun 29	1.00pm Companion Dog Show	Swansholme Paddock
Sun 29	6.30pm Songs of Praise	St Mary's Church

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Spring Joys and Trials

David G Mason

For me this time of the year is one that I look forward to. The days are very much longer, the countryside is covered with the fresh green of new growth (apart from the vivid yellow of oilseed rape which covers a much greater area than it used to), the young lambs are cavorting in the fields, and in the garden the flowers and vegetables are growing. After the dull grey days of winter we have the light and the bright colours to enjoy and to give thanks to God for. It is a time of hope and expectation as we anticipate the harvest to come. It is also a time of hard work. The work of caring for the crops and the animals in the fields keeps those who work on the land very busy. Grass seems to grow most quickly at this time of year, those with lawns are kept busy mowing, and the garden needs planting and maintaining.

It is also the time of examinations and assessments of work at schools and colleges, and many of our young people have to resist the call to enjoy the extended daylight and milder weather and instead to work and revise to be able to give their best performances at these testing times. Spring is not only a time of change in the country side, but for many people it is also the time when they face life changes. Just as there is hope but also uncertainty about the harvest so it can be a time of hope, expectation and uncertainty as decisions have to be made on the future direction of their lives. Decisions which will be influenced by the results of the examinations and assessments that are being undertaken now or in the very near future.

It can also be a time of trial to the parents, siblings and friends of candidates as the pressure and anxiety begin to take hold, and tempers can become frayed. Great patience and tolerance can be needed to maintain a calm and peaceful household at these times, I wish all who are facing examinations and assessments success, and hope that their best hopes are fulfilled.

Thank You

Kath Morrissey

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who sent me cards, flowers and good wishes over the past weeks. I am receiving chemotherapy and taking a multitude of tablets so if you have visited me or propose to visit please excuse me for not always being 'chirpy'. It is nothing personal just that I feel so very nauseous after treatments. Thank you again for everything especially those who have walked Bonnie.

Wildflower Walk

Ken Shrimpton
Felmersham P3 Group are organising a Wildflower Walk led by Laurie Jones. We meet at Felmersham bus shelter on Saturday 14 June at 10.30am. All are welcome. After the walk, you are also welcome to join us for a drink at the Sun.

Songs of Praise

Lorraine Shrimpton
The Songs of Praise will take place on Sunday 29th June at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. This will be on similar lines to previous years, giving us all a chance to sing some of our favourite hymns with gusto, interspersed with readings and poetry. Stay for a chat with friends, neighbours and those parishioners you haven't yet been introduced to - all this over a glass of wine after the service! Look forward to seeing you there.

Dog Show

Annette Courtney
We will be holding a Companion Dog Show on the 29th June, at Swansholme Paddock, Old Road, Felmersham. The show starts at 1pm. but entries will be taken from noon. All proceeds to go to Canine Partners and St Johns Special School in Kempston.

Pedigree classes, fun classes and labradoodle classes. By kind permission of the Kennel Club we will also be holding a round of Scruffs - the Nations favourite crossbreed competition. Winners of the four classes to go through to Discover Dogs at Earls Court.

Side shows by Sharnbrook Scouts, live music, free eye tests for all labradoodles, photos of your dog available to be purchased on the day. Lots of fantastic prizes and meet Jill Ridgers the dog trainer. See website www.labradoodleclub.co.uk for further details and schedule.

Cantamus Concert

Paul Keeble
Cantamus, conducted by Gary Mudd with organist Paul Edwards, are giving a concert of sacred and secular music entitled "A Summer's Evening" in St Mary's Church on Saturday 7th June at 8:00pm.

Tickets are £5 payable at the door and include interval refreshments. All proceeds go to St Mary's toilet/kitchen fund.

Cantamus are regular visitors to Felmersham and their choral concerts are a joy to hear so please support if you can.

Woodland Burials

David Mason
There will be an Open Day at the Keysoe Woodland Burial Site on Saturday June 7th from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Access to the woodland is through the College Equestrian Centre, Church Road, Keysoe, Bedford. MK44 2JP.

Confirmation

David Mason
There will be a Confirmation Service at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook on 24th June beginning at 7.30pm. There will be three candidates from our Church, please support them in your prayers and at the service

A date for your diary

10th FELMERSHAM & RADWELL AUTUMN SHOW
SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

in Pinchmill Hall

Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre
Wonderful WI Teas!

Village Trades and Services

Parish Council AGM

7 Parish Councillors, the Clerk, County Councillor Gershon, Borough Councillor Brandon, PCSO Taylor and 1 member of the public attended this meeting.

Peter Hartop was re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Marjorie Pipe re-elected Vice Chairman.

Allan Taylor is the new Community Support Officer for 15 parishes in the Carlton, Harrold, Riseley and Sharnbrook wards working with PC Rob Smith. Their number is 01234 275175. He reported that crime figures for Felmersham and Radwell were down on the previous year. Most nuisance reports have been in relation to Moor End Lane and youths possibly drug taking. Police patrols have increased in this area and work is being carried out on the wider issue.

Matters Arising: Rubbish bins are still not being emptied. Clerk to contact DSD.

Planning: Application for a wind farm at Nunn Wood has been withdrawn but is unlikely to go away. (All planning applications/results are in the minutes).

Highways: Problems with hedges overhanging the highway were reported. These will be passed to County Highways for action. A complaint was received about the surface of the road between Radwell and Milton Ernest. This is scheduled to be resurfaced and the Council will try to get the date moved forward. Discussion took place regarding the size and type of the proposed speed activated sign in Felmersham. A note from a member of the public asked that it should be small and compact and to be operated by mains power. Resurfacing of Marriotts Close will take place between 1st May and 30th June.

Radwell: New seat to be installed on the bus shelter base and the area tidied.

Parish Plan: A Steering Committee meeting is to be arranged.

Finance: The Parish Council had applied for a £20,000 grant from Bedford Borough Council to re-equip the playing field. The Borough has offered £10,000 which will not be sufficient. The Council intends to appeal. A letter had been received signed by several youngsters in the village requesting that the playing field facilities be improved.

Next meeting – Tuesday 1st July 7.30 pm in Pinchmill Committee Room

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

12th – 15th June Back to Broadway, 4 classically trained young actors will bring your favourite West End Musical selections to life, in 4 spectacular and colourful performances for charity at The Mill Theatre. Tickets £15 (includes a glass of wine) available now from Sharnbrook Post Office or 01832 730 255. All proceeds to these charities: Solvit; Barnardos; Rushden Rotary Club; Bansang Hospital, Gambia.

Would you like to take part in our shows? Come along to find out more:

OUR TOWN - performances: 23rd-27th September / auditions: 2 pm Sun 1st June
ALADDIN; performances 5th – 13th December / workshops: 7.45 pm Mon. 2nd & Wed. 4th June / auditions: 2 pm Sun. 8th June.

A reminder

Just a reminder that Christian Coghlan of Marriotts Close, together with Adam Kamiar, a friend and fellow former student at Bedford Modern School, are raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and could do with your support.

On June 8th 2008, they are planning to run across the Gobi desert. The Gobi March is a six stage, 155 mile race and they will be carrying all their own gear. They will be self supported throughout the event and face extreme temperatures and terrain. The altitude will reach almost 13,000 feet and stages vary between 10 and 55 miles. The host city is Kashgar in the extreme west of China and the likely location will be near to the Kyrgyztan border in an area closed to tourists.

If you would like to learn more or make a donation for this very worthy cause, please go to the website at <http://www.justgiving.com/gobi2008>

Thanks

I would like to thank the three people who offered storage space for my aeroplane wings and engine, and to the many people who have visited "The Hangar" and taken an interest, offered encouragement and clearly enjoyed playing "Hangar Pilots". Unfortunately, due to the haulier doubling his price for the job, and the size of the wings (about a ton each) I have decided to restrict the restoration to the bits I have now. More than enough work for me to get on with.

John McVey

Grants for Community Activities

Is your local community group looking for funding to help with a project or activity? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a grant from The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) which has three charitable objectives:

- the promotion of education
- the relief of those who are sick or in need, hardship or distress
- the provision of recreational facilities with a social welfare purpose

Last year the Charity granted 90 awards and distributed over £630,000 to local organisations, groups and individuals. So who can apply for a grant?

Providing the project takes place in the Borough of Bedford or will benefit residents of the Borough (including North Bedfordshire villages), is not for profit and fits under one of the Charity's three objectives then you can apply.

For more information on the Charity's grants, guidance notes and application forms visit www.bedfordcharity.org.uk or call Lucy Bardner on 01234 369500.

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