

## 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  |
| Weds                  | 7.30pm - 8.30pm   | Zumba Dance Fitness  | 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 | (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)<br>7.30pm Parish Council Meeting | Committee Room   |

### Church Services for May - morning services commence at 10.15am

|            |   |                  |
|------------|---|------------------|
| Sun 6 May  | Choral Communion with Baptism (Revd D Mason)        | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 13 May | Benefice Service at Sharnbrook Church (Revd J Owen) | St Peters Church |
| Sun 13 May | Rogation Sunday Choral Evensong at 6.00pm           | St Peters Church |
| Sun 20 May | Choral Communion (Revd R Evens)                     | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 27 May | Matins (Revd T Sander)                              | St Mary's Church |

### Dates for your Diary

|             |   |                                |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Sun 6 May   | Junior Cricketers 10 to 12 noon             | Pavenham Playing Field         |
| Mon 7 May   | Sharnbrook Bowls Club coaching starts       | Lodge Road, Sharnbrook         |
| Sat 12 May  | Monthly Coffee Morning at 10.30am           | Hall Farm, Bridge End, Radwell |
| Sun 13 May  | Duck Race commences at 2.30pm               | Corn Close, Felmersham         |
| Sun 13 May  | Rogation Sunday walk to Sharnbrook 4.00pm   | Meet at St Mary's Church       |
| 13 - 19 May | Christian Aid Collection                    | Felmersham & Radwell           |
| Tue 15 May  | Tea and cake in the church 2.30pm to 4.30pm | St Mary's Church               |
| 18 - 26 May | "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"    | Sharnbrook Mill Theatre        |
| Sat 2 June  | Diamond Jubilee Celebrations from 1.00pm    | School Playing Field           |

Rector and Rural Dean: Revd. Robert Evens (782000)

Curate: Revd. Tom Sander (781773)

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We welcome any items of general interest for inclusion. All items should be with the editor by noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, and can be sent either by email to [lorraine@felmersham.info](mailto:lorraine@felmersham.info) or in written form to the above address.



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MAY 2012

### DROP IN TO THE CHURCH FOR TEA AND CAKE

Jane Wells

The next "Tea in the Church" afternoon at St Mary's Church will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.**



If you missed coming last month do come along this time. It's a good place to meet your neighbours and friends, to meet new people and have a cup of tea and home-made cake whilst doing so.

Why not pop in for a 'cuppa', with the children on your way back from picking them up from school? We have toys for them to play with.

If anyone would like to help at these monthly teas please contact me on 782462.

### ROGATION SUNDAY is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Ken Shrimpton

Before the publication of parish maps the only way of passing on information about parish boundaries was by word of mouth and a ritual known as "Beating the Bounds". Walking the parish boundaries was a common, ancient custom whereby elders of the parish could pass on their knowledge to the next generation and at the same time show them the parish boundary stones. The ritual was normally carried out at Rogation Tide when the rector, churchwardens, local officials and many of the parishioners walked the bounds. Food and drink were taken and it was a very festive occasion.

Part of the ritual involved 'beating' the young men with willow and turning them upside down and 'banging' their heads on the boundary markers, lest they forget where these were. There was, however, a serious side to the ceremony, whereby if subsequently a parish boundary was in dispute then evidence of its position could be established.

In Felmersham parish, the Court Rolls of 1608 describe a *Perambulation of bounds of parish of Felmersham as made by Nicholas Craven, clerk, vicar there, Robert Burly, Reginald Cox and other inhabitants*. There then follows a detailed description of the route taken, part of which is as follows: *Begin at the church and going directly N to the river, and leaving the river on the left hand and field called Le Townfield on right, go as far as the mill called Pynche Mylne, then N to bridge called Cony bridge, and leaving bridge on left and meadow of Edward Mountague knight on right go directly E having river left and Radwell commons and Radwell meadows right.....*

This year, and weather permitting, we are organising a parish Rogation Sunday "Beating the Bounds" walk from Felmersham Church at 4.00pm (after the Duck Race). The walk will take us to Sharnbrook for afternoon tea in St. Peter's Room - we promise not to beat, or bang the boys' heads on the boundary markers along the way! After tea there will be Rogation Sunday Choral Evensong at St Peter's Church to which all are very welcome. We look forward to you joining us.

#### **I AM SO THANKFUL ...**

For the wife who says 'It's sausages and mash tonight', because she is at home with me, and not out with someone else.

For the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato, because he is at home with me, and not out in the pubs.

For my teenage daughter who is complaining about doing dishes, because it means she is at home, and not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay, because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means I have been with my friends.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that overflow, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the Government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

For the parking space at the very far end of the car park, because it means I am capable of walking, and have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For the lady in church who sings off-key, because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing I've got, because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.

And finally - for too much email, because it means I am not forgotten by my friends.



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## MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

The May coffee morning will be held at the home of **Hazel Worthington Dennehy**, at **Radwell on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am**

Any contributions of home-made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring-and-buy stall will be greatly appreciated. Do come along, everyone is invited.

The June coffee morning will be hosted by Jane Rhodes, The Spinney, Hunts Lane, Felmersham on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.30am.



**Jane Wells**

## OBITUARY

Michael Templeman 6th May 1943 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Michael was born in Birmingham, won a scholarship to Kings Edward's School, and read Natural Sciences, and then Economics, at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He joined the Inland Revenue in 1965, taking charge of his first district after his marriage to Jane in December 1970. In December 1972, he was promoted and sent to Head Office in London, and the family, including baby Kathryn, arrived in Felmersham. Charlotte, Judith and Rosalind arrived in the next few years. Michael spent most of the rest of his Revenue career at Head Office, finally becoming Under-Secretary in charge of Financial Institutions. In 1994, he joined Schroder Investment Bank as Group Tax Director, where he spent 14 intellectually stimulating years; he was also a member of both the CBI and the Institute of Directors.

At home, he enjoyed life in Felmersham, walks in the Nature Reserve, and membership of the table-tennis club and the pub quiz team – a favourite pursuit. He was very attached to, and supportive of, St Mary's Church, and continued to worship there after our move to Turvey. He encouraged the girls' musical activities both in the church choir and in the county orchestras; he was for many years Chairman of the Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music.

Michael had an abiding interest in history and historical places, enjoyed running and later walking, especially in Dorset, and enjoyed cruising holidays, with crossword or a 'killer' Sodoku to hand. Through all of this was woven his passion for cricket. His favourite birthday present was always 'Wisden', and he knew scores and match information for any year one cared to mention.

He retired in 2008, and then joined the Ministry of Justice, sitting as a member of the First Tier Tax Tribunal. He died suddenly and unexpectedly at home - 'in harness', as he would have wanted.

Michael found practical problems very challenging, and could be alarmed and irritated by broken-down cars and minor domestic disasters. However, he was a livewire with an incredible memory, and an immense ability to solve intellectual problems. Above all, he was a devoted family man - loving, kind and generous, steadfast and reliable, and tolerant of his women's various whims. We miss him more than words can say.

Jane & the girls.



## DUCK RACE - SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY

This year the **Duck Race** will take place on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May starting at 2.30pm**. The event will again be held in the garden of "Corn Close", Church End, Felmersham.



Don't forget to purchase your ducks in good time. If you would like to purchase a duck for the main race, at a price of £2.50 per duck, then please contact Sam Bance on 782869.

It's always a fun afternoon - we look forward to seeing you there.

## SHARNBROOK BOWLS CLUB

Our Bowling Green in Lodge Road, Sharnbrook, is now open for the summer and we welcome bowlers to join us. Beginners, or experienced bowlers of all ages are welcome.

Free tuition and coaching, with discounted membership for new bowlers. Coaching starts on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Further details from Noel Bradshaw on 01234 781650, or Richard Harding on 07786 067836.



## Pinchmill Lower School PSA

There will be three children's races as follows: **Reception age; Key Stage1; Key Stage2**, followed by the main race consisting of 600 ducks. The children's races will start from 2.45pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15 Garden Centre Voucher

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Prize Go-Carting Voucher

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Felmersham and Radwell Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend. During the course of the meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions during Parishioners Question Time.

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## WANTED - JUNIOR CRICKETERS - MALE AND FEMALE



If you are aged 8 upwards why not come along for fun cricket and coaching?

Commences **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am to noon at Pavenham Village Hall Playing Field (in Hall if wet). First two sessions free! Places are limited so book early.

If you would like more information please contact Neil Blakemore on 07920 144911.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> MAY

**Peter Rankin**

This month you will have received a Christian Aid charity envelope with your Ouse News. The envelope will be collected by a volunteer during the week **13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May**. If you feel you can make a donation and you pay tax, please remember to complete the details (on the reverse of the flap) to “*gift aid it*”. Thank you in advance.

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

**Anne Smith**

Would anyone like to play table tennis on a regular basis? I understand that there is a table in the Village Hall and I thought it would be a good idea for a group to get together, to once again form a Felmersham and Radwell Table Tennis Club. If you are interested, please contact me on 781780.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Maxine Boswell



# SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2012

IN THE SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD (in school hall if wet)

Starting at 1.00pm you are invited to **bring along your own PICNIC LUNCH AND DRINKS**

Starting at 2.00pm we have

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FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact Maxi (as above) if you would like further details of this Diamond Jubilee Celebration.



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## PUZZLE PAGE

This month's challenge is a Sudoku – quite a hard one! Good luck.

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### DID YOU KNOW.....?

The phrase HAIR OF THE DOG is a shortened version of “the hair of the dog that bit you”. Early English medical theory suggested rubbing the hair of a particular dog into the wound of its bite would cure the ill effects and heal the wound. The phrase was used in many variations until settling down as a hangover remedy. These days a few more drinks the day after a major session, is said to cure the effects of a hangover and is known as “the hair of the dog”.

### HEAVENLY SHORTS

**Husbands!** Two men were in a pub, talking about how highly their wives thought of them. The first man said, "My wife, she thinks so much of me that she won't let me do any work around the house. It's incredible." The second man said, "That's nothing. My wife thinks I'm God. Every night at the table, she places a burnt offering before me."

**Kids!** I was at the beach with my children when my 4 year old son ran up to me, grabbed my hand and led me to the shore where a dead seagull lay. “Mum, what happened to him?” asked my little boy. I replied “He died and went to heaven”. He thought for a moment and then said “And God threw him back down?”

**With St Mary's church in mind!** A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.

## AND FINALLY, JOKES FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Q: What do you call a bear with no ears?

A: B!

Q: How do bees get to school?

A: By school buzz!

Q: Why didn't the chicken cross the road?

A: Because there was a KFC on the other side!

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To show everyone he wasn't chicken!

### ANSWER TO SUDOKU:

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