

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 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

The monthly timetable of Services is given below (occasionally it is changed). For weekly confirmation of services, please refer to the small notice board at the Lych Gate.

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

Sat/Sun 4/5May	Pins, Paints & Pixels Exhibition 11am to 4pm	Sharnbrook V.Hall
Sun 5 May	Beating the Bounds meet at 4.30pm for walk	Sharnbrook Church
Fri 10 May	Tea for Eve 9.30-1.00pm The Stables, Tithe Barn	Felmersham
Sat 11 May	Coffee Morning at 10.30am in the Church	St Mary's Church
Sat 11 May	ABBA Sing-a-long 7.00pm for 8.00pm	Village Hall
12/18 May	Christian Aid Week Collection of Envelopes	
Thur 16 May	Teas in Church 2.30pm to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
18 th /23 rd May	Gypsy (musical) - curtain up at 7.30pm	Sharnbrook Mill
Sat/Sun 8/9 June	Bulky Waste Collection - on Sat 3 to 5pm - on Sun 1 to 3pm	Radwell Felmersham
Sat 8 June	Strawberry Fayre at Corn Close, Church End	Felmersham
Sun 16 June	Car Boot Sale Sharnbrook Mill Theatre 10.00am	Sharnbrook Mill
Sat 22 June	Ringers' Barn Dance, Village Farm (details later)	Village Farm
Sat 22 June	Felmersham Summer Fete 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Village Hall/Field

WEDDINGS TAKING PLACE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH DURING 2013

Sat 4 th May	Peter Chonka and Isabelle Sykes	at 3.00pm
Sat 8 th June	Tony Beals and Lisa Higgs	at 3.00pm
Sat 6 th July	Ian Painter and Lisa Stratton	at 1.00pm
Sat 5 th October	John Dunn and Abbie Honeywood	at 1.00pm



Village information online www.felmersham.net

MAY 2013

TEA IN THE CHURCH

The next Tea in Church will be served on **Thursday 16th May** (not 23rd May as published last month!) from **2.30pm to 4.30pm**.

Do come along, it's a good place to meet your neighbours and friends, to meet new people and have a cuppa and a piece of delicious cake at the same time! Why not pop in with the children after collecting them from school?

Offers of help on the day and/or to make cakes greatly appreciated. Please contact Jane Wells on 782462.



A reminder of the other dates each month: Thursday 20th June, Thursday 18th July, Thursday 15th August and Thursday 19th September. It will be great to see you all.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013

Christian Aid week this year is from 12th to 18th May. You will have received an envelope delivered with your Ouse News and this will be collected some time during the week **12th to 18th May**.

If you feel you can make a donation and you pay tax, please remember to complete the details to "Gift aid it".



Thank you in advance for your help.

Dear Friends,

I write this, shortly after sharing in the most wonderful Easter and Lent services, with full churches and being led in joyful worship by the choir. We responded enthusiastically to the proclamation “Christ is Risen, Alleluia!” with the words “He is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

Easter is the bedrock of our belief. We believe that Christ died for us, was buried, but rose again. This month, on May 9th, the church celebrates the Ascension when Christ was parted visibly from his disciples, and took His rightful place in heaven. He left the instructions that they should stay in Jerusalem until they received the power that he had promised. Accordingly, the disciples stayed together, meeting for prayer and supporting one another, until that wonderful day of Pentecost, which we celebrate on Sunday May 19th. This day, we celebrate as the birthday of the church. As the disciples joined in prayer, they experienced what they described as the sound of a rushing, mighty wind, and they seemed to see tongues of fire hovering over their heads. Whatever it was that they experienced, the one thing they were certain of, and that was that they had been filled with a new boldness and a desire to share with others, the good news of Jesus' victory over death.

Their task was to make new disciples who were willing to commit their lives to sharing with others the Good News, whatever the cost to themselves.

Jesus was no longer present in the flesh, but each believer had the task of being “his hands and feet and voice” reaching out with love and compassion to the poor and needy, making a stand for justice, and condemning unfair practices. Jesus promised that His Spirit would be given to every believer, and we continue to claim that promise today.

The church has survived 2,000 years, but is increasingly under attack from atheists and secularist activists. We again need to ask for the Holy Spirit to give us courage to stand up for what we believe in. Many Christians in other countries face harassment and persecution from fundamentalists of other religions.

Be thankful for the freedoms we so often take for granted and if you say that you are a Christian – be proud of the fact. Pray for courage to stand up for what you truly believe in. Join with us in Worship and ask God what you can do, to be an effective witness for Him, in order that the Church may continue to survive.

Every blessing

Robert.

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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		Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290
		Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
		Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
		General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
		IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 782128	Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/07500828404
Children's Party Entertainment	Samantha Cook 781859	Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
Chemistry/Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897	Pet Care Services	Annette Courtney 782809
Community Care	07786 344176	Piano/Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
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Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381)
+ (to be advised)

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**Items for publication should be with the Editor
by noon on the 25th of each month**

FELMERSHAM CHURCH BELLS

Mike Benson

You may have heard the church clock striking and the bells being rung once more. The bearings and the clappers of the bells were renovated by Whites of Appleton and re-hung on Monday 25th March and on the morning of Tuesday 26th, both very cold days! The painting of the Ringing Chamber had been completed by then and a new carpet was laid as the re-hanging was being finished. The bells were rung that day and are now much easier to ring. Indeed, the ringers now ring in comparative luxury!

Our thanks go to Graham from White's and to the three volunteers, Pat and Simon (both ringers at Sharnbrook) and Stephen, who all worked very hard to re-fit the bells. Also, thanks to Revd. Tom Sander, for organising the redecoration of the ringing chamber and arranging for the carpet to be fitted.

Thanks also go to Ken Shrimpton for looking after and maintaining the clock. It's lovely to hear the clock striking again.

CAR BOOT SALE! • Sun. 16th June. Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Riverside, summer setting, **Sellers** – 9.00am (strictly no Traders) Car £7, car + trailer/large van £10; To book in advance (advisable) please contact: Ian/Sandy: 01933 664 718 or 07525 419815 ianandsandy@btinternet.com now! **Buyers** from 10.00 am. Parking £2 / car. Tea/coffee light refreshments; Licensed Bar. *Green Energy Heating & Ventilation System Appeal Fund.*

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DAVID FRANKHAM

Peggy Frankham

I would like to thank everyone who attended David's funeral. Thanks also for all the many cards, letters and messages of sympathy, and for the donations in his memory given to Door to Door transport. I would also like to thank Revd. Tom Sander for his lovely service.

COFFEE MORNING

Jane Wells

The May Coffee Morning will be hosted by Denise Canning in **St Mary's Church at 10.30am on Saturday 11th May** (*please note that, for this month only, it is the second Saturday in the month!*).

If you are able to donate any contributions of home-made cakes to sell or items for the bring-and-buy stall, they will be most welcome. Don't forget we have a good choice of paperback books for your holiday read.



We look forward to seeing you.

The June Coffee morning on Saturday 1st June at 10.30am will also be held in St Mary's Church and this will be hosted by Lynn and Bruce Edwards.

MONEY-RAISING EVENTS FOR THE CHURCH

Editor

During the reign of Henry 11 (1154-1189) Robert, son of William de Meppershall, granted Felmersham church to the monks of Lenton Priory, a Cluniac house founded in Nottinghamshire. Our church was built by the monks of Lenton Priory between 1220 and 1240.

The parishioners who have lived in Felmersham and Radwell over the years since the completion of the church, have worked hard to ensure our wonderful church is kept in good order, open and available to us all. Most of us look to the church for family occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals (these are sometimes referred to as *hatch, match and despatch!*), and the church is a constant in our village whenever it is needed.

Many parishioners as well as the congregation give very generously each week but unfortunately these contributions are insufficient to meet the running costs of the church. For this reason we hold coffee mornings each month to add to these contributions.

Over the next four months (11th May, 1st June, 6th July and 7th September) we are holding the monthly coffee morning in the Church itself. Please come along and support these events, buy a cup of coffee, a few raffle tickets, purchase (or bring along) items from the bring-and-buy stall, or purchase a paperback for your holiday reading. We need your help.

If you cannot come to the monthly Saturday coffee mornings, why not come to the monthly **Tea in the Church** events during the summer months? These will take place on the third Thursday in the month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, ie 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August and 19th September. See you there?

PARISH COLLECTION OF BULKY WASTE **Beds Borough Council**
 The Borough Council changed the dates for the collection of bulky waste in the two villages. The new dates (as at publication!) are as follows:

Saturday 8th June:

The Green, RADWELL 3.00pm until 5.00pm

Sunday 9th June:

Marriotts Close, FELMERSHAM 1.00pm until 3.00pm


Times are approximate to allow for travel between sites

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE WASTE AT THE SITE
 IF THE COLLECTION VEHICLE IS NOT THERE.**

PINS, PAINTS & PIXELS EXHIBITION

Paul Keeble

Sharnbrook Learning for Pleasure are holding an exhibition of members' paintings, goldwork and photography at Sharnbrook Village Hall on Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th May 2013, between 11.00am and 4.00pm. Please come along, entrance is free and refreshments will be available.

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thought
there was
stress
in your life



"I know the kids don't like you and they pick on you, but you have to go to school . . . you're the teacher!"

MORE SMILE LINES FOR MAY

Editor

- Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- Help! I keep hitting ESC but I'm still here.

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TEA FOR EVE - FRIDAY 10th MAY 9.30am to 1.00pm **Jo Goodman**

I lost my dear Mum, Jose, nearly 5 years ago now to Ovarian Cancer and Anna, also from the village, lost her sister, Tara in the same year. Every year I like to give a little to The Eve Appeal and hope it helps this much deserved, dreadful disease.

Come along and support *Eve, Ovarian Cancer Charity*. The date is **Friday 10th May, from 9.30am to 1.00pm at The Stables, Tithe Barn, Felmersham.**



Browse through our stalls, French clothing and accessories, Pheonix Cards, Jamie at home and Stanley Smith Interiors, or just pop in for a coffee and a cake (cake donations welcome).

Fingers crossed for a sunny day, hope to see you and your friends.

ALLOTMENTS FOR RENT

There are a few plots still available for rent. If you would like more information please contact David Folbigg on 782591.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MAY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 5th MAY: 11.00am - Parish Communion
4.30pm - Rogation Sunday** walk from Sharnbrook to Felmersham, followed by tea at St Mary's
6.00pm - Evensong

SUNDAY 26th MAY 11.00am - Parish Communion and Baptism
(this is in place of Matins which is usually held on the 4th Sunday in each month).

****ROGATION SUNDAY (BEATING THE BOUNDS)**

Editor

Please join us on **Sunday 5th May** to celebrate Rogation Sunday. We meet at **Sharnbrook Church** at 4.30pm to begin the walk to Felmersham church, followed by afternoon tea and then Choral Evensong beginning at 6.00pm. This is a joint Benefice occasion and everyone is welcome.



Before the publication of parish maps the only way of passing on information about parish boundaries, to a largely illiterate next generation, was by word of mouth and a ritual known as "Beating the Bounds".

This year's walk from Sharnbrook to Felmersham is a continuation of this ancient custom.

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. Don't worry, this custom has been suspended (for this year at least!).

This was a very festive custom and food and drink (and I mean drink!) were taken along. Instead of the custom of taking food and drink on the walk, these are to be provided by Felmersham church congregation after the walk, followed at 6.00pm by Choral Evensong. Do come along and join us, the more the merrier. If you are unable to join us on the walk please join us for tea and then Evensong at 6.00pm.



The two photos above show a few of the congregation on the walk (this time from Felmersham to Sharnbrook) on Rogation Sunday in 2012.
(Photos: K Shrimpton)

ABBA SING-A-LONG

There are still tickets available for the ABBA Sing-a-long – please contact Maxine Boswell on 782128.



Tickets are £10 each and this includes a 70s-style buffet supper. PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR OWN DRINK.

Come along with your friends for a fun evening, enjoy singing all those well-known and favourite ABBA songs.

Dressing up is definitely encouraged and there will be a prize for the best fancy-dress outfit. So come along, the challenge is out there!

SATURDAY 11th MAY

7.00pm for 8.00 pm start in the Village Hall

See you there.

SMILE LINES FOR MAY

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realized it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too".....

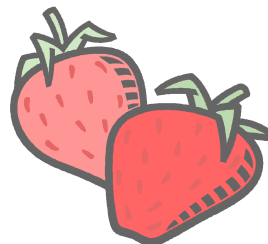
Sam Bance



A GOOD OLD FASHIONED "STRAWBERRY FAYRE"

SATURDAY, 8th JUNE 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Following on from the huge success of "Coffee 4 a Cause" in March, we are holding a "Strawberry Fayre" in the garden of Corn Close, Church End, once again raising funds for Ovarian Cancer Action.



Please come along with all the family for a strawberry tea / ice creams / pony rides / lots of traditional fete games and a tug of war across the river!!

Please call Anna Lewes (07989 692355 / 782683) or Wendy Mansell (07899 872144 / 782808) for further information.

SUMMER FETE - Felmersham & Radwell VHC

Sam Bance

We are holding our annual summer fete on **SATURDAY 22nd JUNE**. If you can help or would like a stall (open to parish members only) then please call Sam on **782869**. We are asking for your generosity for donations of the following items:

- 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.
- PLATES/BOWLS/MUGS** - any old crockery you have and don't want we need.
- TEDDY BEARS** - for teddy tombola (washed).
- 'HAMPER'** - for the raffle, toiletries (male or female), chocolates, biscuits etc.

Please drop your donations to Marjorie Pipe, Cassiobury, Pavenham Road, Felmersham.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Editor

The meaning of **MUFTI DAY** is a day many school children look forward to as it means they can spend the day in their own choice of clothes, rather than in school uniform. In the workplace many companies now also have a "mufti day" and employees can dress casually for a small donation to charity. The phrase is a military one and originates in the Middle East where British officers and their troops would relax in dressing gowns, smoking caps and slippers.

This appearance was similar to that of a costume worn by experts in Muslim law, who are called "muftis". The expression returned to Britain with the military and passed into wider use during the 19th century.

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