

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 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	(Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room
		7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	

Church Services for November *(all Services commence at 10.15am)*

Sun 6 Nov	Choral Communion (Trinity 20)	St Mary's Church
Sun 13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday meet at 10.45am at	The Memorial, then Church
Sun 20 Nov	Family Service & Baptism (Christ the King)	St Mary's Church
Sun 27 Nov	Matins & Communion (Advent Sunday)	St Mary's Church

Dates for your Diary

Tue 1 Nov	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Committee Room, V.Hall
Sat 5 Nov	Monthly Coffee morning at 10.30am	Tom Sander, The Manse, Kennel Hill, Sharnbrook
Sun 6 Nov	Children's Choir meet 5.30pm to 6.15pm	1 The Tithe, Felmersham
Tue 8 Nov	Village Hall AGM 7.30pm	The Village Hall
Fri 11 Nov	Ladies Night from 7.30pm	Pavenham Village Hall
Sat 12 Nov	V.Hall Committee Quiz Night 7.30pm	The Village Hall
Sun 13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday meet at 10.45 at	Village Memorial then Church
Sat 19 Nov	Victorian Bazaar 11.00am to 3.00pm	Carlton Village Hall
Tue 29 Nov	Christmas Wreaths/Table centres Workshop	Village Hall (tel: 781046)
Sat 3 Dec	Christmas Fair (Felmersham PSA)	Village Hall
Sat 3 Dec	Monthly Coffee morning at 10.30am	Graeme & Cherrie Dawson 1 Huntsman's Way, M.Ernest
14-24 Dec	George's Marvellous Medicine, tickets from	www.theplacebedford.org

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We welcome any items of general interest for inclusion. **All items should be with the editor by noon on the 25th of each month**, and can be sent either by email to lorraine@felmersham.info or in written form to the above address.



Parish information online at www.felmersham.net

NOVEMBER 2011

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

This year the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November will be slightly different. Instead of starting the service in the Church, we meet at the Memorial at 10.45am for a short service which includes the reading of names on the Memorial, the laying of the wreath and crosses and the two-minute silence at 11.00am. After this the congregation is invited to proceed to the church where the Remembrance Sunday service will continue. Coffee will be served after the service. We look forward to seeing you.

ADVENT

David Mason

On the last Sunday in November we will celebrate the Church's New Year. The season of Advent begins on that Sunday, when we begin preparing ourselves for the second coming of Jesus as we also look forward to celebrating his first coming as a baby all those years ago. Just as during the secular New Year we spend time remembering and evaluating the old year and making resolutions for the new one, so we should set time aside during Advent to examine our lives in the light of the pattern of living proclaimed by Jesus as the one which God wishes us to follow, to discover those areas that are contrary to God's way so that we may change them. There is the danger that in our preparations for the Christmas festivities we may neglect this essential preparation. It is good that we remember and celebrate the coming to earth of Jesus as a baby, but we must not forget that we will all meet Jesus as our Lord. We must be ready to stand in his presence. The Scout Motto is 'Be Prepared', it ought also to be our Motto in respect of the way that we live our lives in the light of God's design for us.

Jesus taught that we are to love God above all and our neighbour as ourselves. If we love God we will seek to follow the way of life that he has designed for us. God created us and the world in which we live. He gave us wonderful gifts to develop and use, and it is right that we should do so. But we must not abuse the gifts that he has given. We must recognise that if we truly love our neighbour we will strive to develop and use God's gifts for the benefit of all.

Now is the time to examine our own lives with these thoughts in mind. It is wrong to waste or misuse the earth's resources, the more so if our misuse causes harm to our

neighbour. I believe that God has given plenty of resources to meet our needs and that he wants us to develop and use all that he has given us to our mutual benefit. But Jesus stressed, in his command to love our neighbour as ourselves, that we are to work and develop God's gifts for the use and benefit of all his people, and that there is no room in God's Kingdom for selfishness and the ignoring of the needs of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us take these thoughts to heart as we look back over the last year, and consider how we should approach and work for the future.

A POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Editor

I would like to share this poem with you. It was written during the First World War by a soldier, name unknown but thought to be Canadian, some time before the battle of Ypres. The poem was very haphazardly written on a scruffy scrap of paper, which made it all the more poignant. It is not known what happened to him.

Look God, I've never spoken to you but now I want to say "How do you do?"

You see, God, they told me you didn't exist, and like a fool I believed all this.

Last night, from a shell hole, I saw your sky and figured then they had told me a lie.

Had I taken time to see things you made, I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if you'd take my hand, I feel somehow you will understand.

Funny I had to come to this place before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say, but I'm sure glad, God, that I met you today.

I guess the zero hour will soon be here, but I'm not afraid, since I know you're near.

There's the signal, I've got to go. I feel close to you, I want you to know.

Look now, this will be a horrible sight, who knows? I may come to your house tonight.

Although I wasn't friendly to you before, I wonder, God, if you'd want me at your door?

Look, I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears! I wish I had known you these many years.

Well I have to go now God, so goodbye. It's strange, but since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

SOULDROP PATRONAL FESTIVAL

David Mason

On Sunday 30th October we will be joining All Saints Church, Souldrop, for their Patronal Festival. This year is the 150th anniversary of the re-dedication of the church after its restoration following a disastrous fire. It will be a time of special celebration and I hope that we will be well represented.

AND FINALLY, SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS

Mother: Why did you just swallow the money I gave you?

Son: Well you did say it was my lunch money!

Teacher: When do astronauts eat?

Pupil: At launch time!

Pupil: There are feathers in my custard.

Cook: I know, it's Bird's Custard!

ANSWER TO PUZZLE:

The place is OLNEY.
Stour, Derwent, Trent, Ribble, Exe, Calder, Thames, Taff, Teifi, Teign, Aire, Humber, Usk, Orwell, Wear, Tyne, Chervell, Bourne, Neath, Tees, Wye, Torridge, Dart, Great Ouse, Swale, Severn, Fal, Spey, Clyde, Don, Medway, Wharfe, Tweed, Avon, Camel, Mersey, Rhondda, Forth, Solway, Wandle, Nene, Tamar, Dove, Test.

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

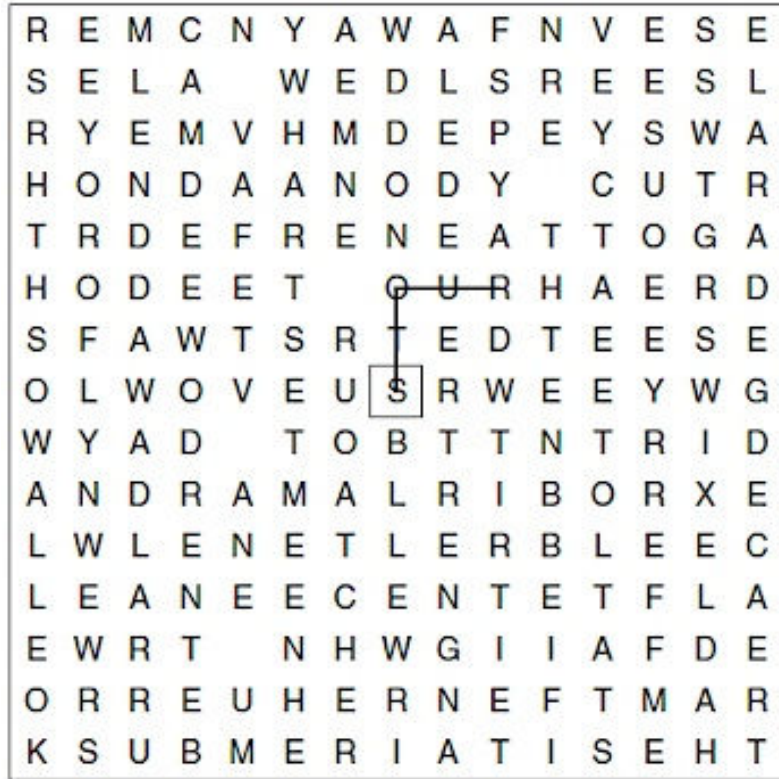
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PUZZLE PAGE

This month's puzzle is set by Mark Whiteway and is called "GO WITH THE FLOW". The rivers, listed below, flow in a continuous stream through the grid, moving one letter at a time, up, down or sideways, but never diagonally. Follow the trail, filling in any missing letters on your way. The missing letters spell a place through which our own river flows.

- Aire
- Avon
- Bourne
- Calder
- Camel
- Cherwell
- Clyde
- Dart
- Derwent
- Don
- Dove
- Exe
- Fal
- Forth
- Great Ouse
- Humber
- Medway
- Mersey
- Neath
- Nene
- Orwell
- Rhondda
- Ribble
- Severn
- Solway
- Spey
- ~~Stour~~
- Swale



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| Taff | Teign | Trent | Wandle |
| Tamar | Test | Tweed | Wear |
| Tees | Thames | Tyne | Wharfe |
| Teifi | Torridge | Usk | Wye |

DID YOU KNOW

The saying **TO BE HOISTED BY ONE'S OWN PETARD** means to become a victim of your own deceit, or caught in your own trap. In medieval times a petard was a thick iron container which was filled with gunpowder and set against medieval gates, barricades and bridges. The wicks, however, were unreliable and often detonated the gunpowder immediately, blowing up the engineer in the process. In which case he was hoisted (blown up) by his own petard (container of gunpowder).

COFFEE MORNING – Saturday 5th November

The **November** Coffee Morning will be held at the home of the Curate, the Revd Tom Sander, at The Old Manse, Kennel Hill, Sharnbrook on Saturday 5th November at 10.30am. Contributions of home-made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring-and-buy stall will be greatly appreciated.

Jane Wells

The December coffee morning raising funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by Graeme and Cherrie Dawson, 1 Huntsman's Way, Milton Ernest on **Saturday 3rd December at 10.30am.**

QUIZ NIGHT

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee are organising a **QUIZ NIGHT** on Saturday 12th November, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets cost just £10 per person, which provides for you not only a fun evening but a buffet supper as well. Also a licensed bar will be available.

Tickets are available to buy from Marjorie Pipe on 781140 or Sam Bance on 782869.

The money raised will be used for the general maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing field. See you there.

Samantha Bance



"Sorry Mable, you know the rules, no mobile devices allowed on quiz nights."

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LADIES NIGHT 2011

This year we will be having a LADIES NIGHT in Pavenham Village Hall from 7.30pm, on Friday 11th November 2011. A great night out with friends, a chance to do some Christmas shopping, meet new people and have a good time. Stalls to include, Jamie Oliver, Captain Torture, Jewellery, Books, Cards, handmade Christmas decorations etc. All proceeds go to Pinchmill Pre-School. Tickets are £8 in advance or £10.00 on the door. This includes chilli and jacket potato, lots of lovely desserts and a glass of wine. (A vegetarian option will be available on the night.) For tickets please contact Sarah Bunker on 07946 620821. Please come and support this great event.

Sarah Bunker

VICTORIAN BAZAAR, CARLTON VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Church, Carlton is holding a Victorian Bazaar in Carlton Village Hall, on Saturday 19th November from 11.00am to 3.00pm (hot jacket potatoes are available from 12.00pm). Grand Draw at 2.30pm, with £100 first prize. Entry £1 adults, children free.

Elsbeth Cameron

CHRISTMAS FAIR - PSA

A reminder that the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 3rd December at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you would like a stall then please contact Sam Bance on 782869. Don't forget, Father Christmas will be taking time out from his busy schedule to pay a visit to the children.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR FOR CHILDREN

Choir practices start on Sunday 6th November between 5.30 and 6.15pm at 1 The Tithe, Church End. Please let Janet Welsh know (781010) if your child will be attending.

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PROPERTY ALERT – PLEASE BE VIGILANT

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Residents are asked to be vigilant and to review the security of all doors and windows, after an attempted burglary took place on The Green, Radwell, on Sunday 16th of October.

The offence took place between 11:30am and 3:30pm and the offender gained access to the side of the house. The door was damaged, but no entry was gained

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(table centres and door wreaths)

Family Door Wreath – £20 (1hr – decorating a foliage wreath)

All prices are inclusive of refreshments, tuition, equipment hire and all materials used

Family workshops will take place in the afternoon on both days.
For all other workshops please state your preference for a morning, afternoon or evening workshop when booking.

For all enquiries or to book please call Rosie: 01234 781046

Can't make the workshops?

Orders for Christmas floral arrangements now being taken for delivery in December.

Quote code: ON1 for a 5% discount on any floral arrangement
(on orders with a value of £30 or more)

W.I.

You could be forgiven for thinking that you had walked into an audition for a drama production, as Anne Thomas described the essential ingredients of a classic detective story a la Agatha Christie! We are all familiar with Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple but the life behind the fiction brought to light a complex, imaginative, observant and pragmatic character, who never travelled anywhere without her notebook. Her Edwardian, middle-class background, complete with governess and Parisian finishing school, hardly prepared her for the work in a Torbay hospital during the first world war, but it did provide her with material for her first book 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles' which was published in 1920. According to Anne Thomas, the reason for her 10 day disappearance in 1927 was her divorce, but after this she became a professional writer, travelled on the Orient Express to Baghdad, married an archaeologist, became the best selling novelist of all time and lived happily ever after!

At the November meeting our speaker will be Michael Peachey who will 'Paint with Humour'.

THURSDAY CLUB

For our October meeting Jane Backhouse, Secretary of The Western Front Association, presented a short film followed by a very interesting talk about her work raising money for War Veterans, especially the smaller, lesser known charities. Jane told us that she'd had the honour of meeting the three oldest World War One veterans.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th November and will be games and tea. We look forward to seeing you there.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL VILLAGE HALL AGM

Would you like to have your say in developing the village community, then please come along to the Annual General Meeting - all are welcome. The meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th November at the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room (Village Hall) on Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm.

GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE by Roald Dahl (Adapted by David Wood)

This December local professional companies 'No Loss' (*Midsummer Night's Dream*) and 'Dumbstruck! Productions' (*Arthur of Camelot*) are working with 'The Place Theatre' Bedford to bring you this fantastic tale of mirth and merriment for all the family. Roald Dahl, a firm favourite with children and adults, offers delicious alternative entertainment this Christmas - 14th to 24th December. For information please call 01234 354321.

When George Kranky's mean old Grandma comes to stay with the family out of the blue his life becomes one big misery. To try to make Grandma better George decides to give her a taste of her own medicine.... or rather his own medicine! But the side effects of his great cure are more than he could ever dream of and soon it's a race against time to make more of his marvellous medicine.

Tickets (and further details of dates and times) available from www.theplacebedford.org Children £6, Adults £10, under 5's free. Group discounts also available

May Mills

BONFIRE NIGHT

For over 400 years bonfires have burned on 5th November, to mark the failed Gunpowder Plot. In 1605 thirteen young men planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament because they didn't like the way those of the Catholic faith were treated in Britain. One of them was called Guy Fawkes. However, some members of the group (it is not known who) had second thoughts and wrote a letter to the King warning him of the plot. However, when the group were eventually caught, even under torture, they appeared to have no knowledge of the letter.

Unfortunately for him, Guy Fawkes was guarding the gunpowder in the cellar when the King's men stormed it in the early hours of 5th November. He was caught, tortured



Guido (Guy) Fawkes 1570-1606

and executed, eventually becoming known as Britain's most notorious traitor.

On the very night the Gunpowder Plot was foiled in 1605, bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, 5th November has become known as Bonfire Night, and is commemorated every year with fireworks and the burning of an effigy of Guy Fawkes on a bonfire.

Children, please do not light fireworks, let an adult do that for you. Remember, fireworks can be very dangerous. Be safe and have fun.

SECRETARY TO VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

We are looking for an enthusiastic village community member to join our committee as secretary. We meet once a month and the role will include taking, typing and distributing minutes to the committee members, typing the agenda and attending to correspondence.

If you feel you can help us, please contact the Chairman - Marjorie Pipe 781140 or Vice Chairperson - Sam Bance 782869.

Editor



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