

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 info	
Thu	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
Fri	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn

September

Tue 1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting - Mayor present	Pinchmill Hall
Thu 10	3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Rectory, Sharnbrook
Sat 12		BHCT Sponsored Bike Ride	
Sat 12	7.30pm	Carol Curley Organ Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun 6	10.15am	Patronal Festival with Baptism	St Mary's Church
Sun 13	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 14	St Mary's Church
Sun 13	10.15am	Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 20	10.15am	Benefice / David Roger's Celebration	St Peter's, Sh'brook
Sun 27	10.15am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church
Mon 28	8.00pm	Village Hall Committee AGM	Pinchmill Hall

October

Sat 3	10.30am	Save the Children Coffee Morning	The Phipp's, Hunts Lane
Sun 4	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 17	St Mary's Church
Sun 11	10.15am	Family Service - Trinity 18	St Mary's Church
Sun 18	10.15am	Joint Benefice Service inc Methodists	St Peter's, Sh'brook
Sun 25	10.15am	Matins & Communion - Trinity 20	St Mary's Church

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We welcome any item of general interest for inclusion. Please email items by the 25th of the month to ousenews@justs.info and put OuseNews in the Subject line.

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Felmersham & Radwell

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September 2009

The Holidays are over

By now most of us will have had our summer break, and will have resumed normal activities. I hope that you have had a good and refreshing time. We now begin the long autumn period which will go on for almost four months to Christmas. Months in which the nights get longer and the days get shorter. Some of you will be facing great changes in your lives as you change schools, go to college, or join the world of work. I hope that the changes work out well for you, and the new challenges are stimulating rather than daunting.

There may be some of you who are affected by the present poor financial climate, the figures for unemployment are rising, and it is getting more difficult to find work. Also there will be more people seeking university or college places than there places for, and it seems to be inevitable that many will be disappointed and have to make changes in their plans for the future. I hope and pray that those in this position will find satisfactory solutions for their problems. There was a time, many years ago, when I was in this position, and had to make the decision to go in a different career direction to the one that I intended. I was fortunate, the change worked out to have far better consequences than I could possibly have imagined. I hope that you of you faced with the same situation are as fortunate as I was.

At the end of the month, on 27th September at our morning service we will have the harvest festival, and we will once again be supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. This year the appeal will be working through Christian Aid's partner, Water Action. The aim is to bring a water supply to 55,000 people who live without access to safe drinking water as well as contending with widespread poverty, food shortages and diseases. Christian Aid states that over 70% of all disease are caused by dirty water. We may believe that times are hard in our own country, but there are so many parts of the world when life is very much harder, and the advantages are very much less. I also believe that it is in our own interest to work to support those areas of the world where there are such problems to overcome them; to enable people to become self sufficient and able to support themselves. Please support this work through our Harvest Festival, and in any other way that you are able.

Village Hall Committee AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 28 September at 8pm in the Committee Room. Please could each village group that uses the facilities send a representative. All residents are welcome; coffee and biscuits will be served.

David Cook

Funeral of Richard Holbourn

Mark, Gail and Elizabeth Holbourn
Gail, Elizabeth and I would like to express our heart felt thanks to the many many people in the Felmersham community who have provided such generous support and warm messages of comfort in the days preceding and following the funeral of Richard. It was consoling to see so many people attend the church and graveside to pay their respects and to say goodbye. After the service we were touched by the many stories about the good times many of his friends spent with him and how he will be sadly missed by so many.

We will always hold onto the value of friendship and community that has touched us in the past weeks and the village of Felmersham should be very proud of the spirit it fosters to help those who are in turmoil.

Save the Children Fund

There will be a Church/SCF joint coffee morning at East Grange, Hunts Lane on Saturday 3rd October, from 10.30 am. I shall also continue to sell Christmas cards and wrapping paper until 4pm that day. This year, in order to save costs, Save the Children, like many charities, has decided not to produce a gift catalogue. They will have a full range of Christmas goods on the on-line shop (<http://www.savethechildrendrenshop.co.uk>) and I shall be stocking the full range of their cards and paper. I have samples of all the cards and can order any of them with no charge for postage. If you are unable to come on 3rd October and would like to buy or order goods, please telephone me on 01234 781789.

Baroque Concert

This year, through a number of events, I have been raising funds for two charities: Self Unlimited, supporting people with learning disabilities, and Ma Afrika Tikkun, which helps African families affected by HIV Aids.

On Sunday 22nd November, with the kind permission of Revd. David Mason and the churchwardens, Bedford Sinfonia chamber ensemble led by Jan Kaznowski, with Miranda Doggett (soprano) will perform a concert of Baroque music in St Mary's Church, Felmersham. The programme will celebrate the works of Handel and Purcell in their anniversary year together with some of their English contemporaries and promises to be a very enjoyable evening. The concert will begin at 7pm and tickets, which will include interval refreshments, will be priced £12.50, £10 for concessions. If you would like to reserve tickets, please email me at nigeldoggett@hotmail.com. The proceeds of the concert will support the work of these two highly worthwhile charities as well as St Mary's Church and I look forward to seeing as many local friends and families there as possible. Thank you for your support.

Thursday Club

It seems a long time since our garden party at Town Lot Corner in July, and we are now ready for our new programme. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 10th and the committee are looking forward to seeing you all again. New members will be very welcome. Please ring Joan 781722 if you need transport.

Autumn Show

A reminder that the **11th Autumn Show** is being held on Sunday 13th September in Pinchmill Hall. Entry forms are in the schedules which were distributed in July. We try to keep the classes as general as possible so hopefully there is something for everyone – including, now, allotment holders thanks to the Parish Council's sponsorship of this very new class. The prize – a £5 gift token. All other classes are generously sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre. If you need a new schedule please ring either Maggie Spoor on 782031 or Margaret Leach on 781072 or they can be downloaded from the Felmersham website www.felmersham.net. So, whether as a competitor or as a sampler of the WI's wonderful teas, we look forward to seeing you on the 13th September!

"Pulling Out The Stops" with Carlo Curley

There are still a few tickets available for the evening with Carlo Curley, the famous American organist, on Saturday 12 September, 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. Tickets are numbered and sold in advance at £12 each and are available from Ken or Lorraine on 781381. There will be a high-definition screen to enable the audience to experience Carlo's wonderful performance (he is called "the Pavarotti of the organ"). Wine and refreshments during the interval. I look forward to seeing you.

Lorraine Shrimpton

Village Trades and Services

Bedfordshire Walking Festival 2009

In the 9 days between 5th and 13th September over 60 walks will take place ranging from 1-3 mile Walks4Health, to Interest Rambles, to 5-7 mile half day walks to 12 mile full day walks to a 40 mile 3 day trip across Bedfordshire along the Greensand Ridge Path. The Festival makes use of Public transport wherever practical and in particular the Marston Vale Railway line on the first weekend which includes a special Sunday service.

Organiser Barry Ingram said "Offering such a variety gives an opportunity for people of almost all ages and abilities to participate. We want to welcome and encourage individuals and groups from all races colours and creeds, as walking is a healthy activity recommended by Doctors, Health Professionals and Government. This Festival, with several walks each day, most being free, and allowing people to just turn up is an ideal way of getting started"

The Festival is county wide because Bedfordshire has an excellent network of footpaths the vast majority well maintained and well marked. The North of the County is likened to "The Wolds". The Middle offers excellent views and woodland whilst the South is hillier and more challenging. The Countryside along with some interesting Towns, Villages and Estates plus two important waterways means Bedfordshire has much to offer the walker.

The programme is available via the Web site www.bedswalkfest.co.uk or via local Tourist Information Centres or by Telephoning 01234 353704 (Office Hours Mon-Fri 9-00am to 6-00pm).

Wildlife Trust - Sharnbrook Group

The Sharnbrook Group of the Wildlife Trust meets on the 3rd Friday of most months. Meetings commence at 8pm in the Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook. Admission is £2, which includes tea or coffee. Members and non-members welcome.

For the following months the topics will be:

Friday 16 October "Adventures in Guyana" an illustrated talk by Marilyn Basketter.

Friday 20 November "Dukes & Blues – A butterfly's eye view of chalk grassland" an illustrated talk by Ed Turner.

Shopping delivered

In addition to the weekly fish delivery on Thursday mornings (see diary section)

JayJays mobile grocery store now comes to Felmersham and Radwell.

Monday: 11.00-11:50 Radwell; 12.00-12:50 Felmersham (Hunts Lane)

Thursday: 13.00-13.50 Radwell

More information is available at their website <http://www.jayjaysmobileshop.co.uk>

Also, don't forget Hill Farm Shop will delivery meat etc on request most days of the week. Contact Mick Hurley on 781405 or visit <http://www.hillfarmshop.com/>

Monthly P3 Walks to resume in October

Thanks to everyone who has joined us on our monthly walks so far this year. The walks have been suspended in August and September owing to holidays and the Village Show, but the monthly schedule will resume in October. As usual, the walk will take place on the second Sunday of the month – which will be Sunday 11th October – and will start at 2pm at the bus stop in Felmersham.

The suggested route for October's walk is, starting from the bus stop, to walk to Radwell via Baker's Lane, past Moor End stables to the lakes, and then return to Felmersham. This route may be subject to change, dependent on conditions on the day. Walkers from Radwell are welcome to join us in Radwell or at the bus stop – whichever they would prefer. We hope to see many of you there!

Church Services

On the 6th September we celebrate our Patronal Festival at St Mary's with a joint Benefice Service, there will also be a Baptism. There will be another joint Benefice Service at St Peters Church, Sharnbrook on the 20th September, there will not be a service at Felmersham on that date. Both services begin at 10.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL - This will take place on the morning of Sunday, 27th September, and will follow the usual format. We will again be supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. This year the Appeal will be contributing to the work of Water Aid, working to bring safe and secure water supplies to areas where there are water shortages or a lack of clean, safe water.

David G Mason

Vote for the Youth Club

Felmersham and Radwell Youth Club will officially open its doors on Friday 18th September. We have been fortunate to have received a very generous grant from FRCT and the Parish Council. However with any new venture funds are one of the main keys to success.

Annette Franklin

We have applied for a grant through the Criminal Justice System and have been placed on a public voting site, allowing the community to vote on their favoured cause. So PLEASE can I ask you vote for Felmersham and Radwell Youth Club: <http://cashback.cjonline.gov.uk/cc.asp?area=2&mode=vote>

The 11th Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition

Sunday 13th September 2009 Pinchmill Hall

**Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre
Wonderful WI Teas!**

Schedules from www.felmersham.net



