

## 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

### October

Sat	3 10.30am	Save the Children Coffee Morning	The Phipp's
Sun	4 10.15am	Choral Communion -Trinity 17	St Mary's Church
Thu	8 3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	11 10.15am	Family Service - Trinity 18	St Mary's Church
	2.00pm	P3 Walk	Felmersham Bus Stop
Sun	18 10.15am	Joint Benefice Service inc Methodists	St Peter's, Sh'brook
Tue	20 7.30pm	Women's Institute	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	25 10.15am	Matins & Communion - Trinity 20	St Mary's Church

### November

Sun	1 10.15am	Choral Communion - All Saints Day	St Mary's Church
Mon	3	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat	7 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Spoons'
Sun	8 10.15am	Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church
	11.15am	approximately	The War Memorial
Sun	15 10.15am	Benefice Service	All Saints Church, Souldrop
Fri	20	SCF performance Mack & Mabel	Sharbrook Mill Theatre
Sun	22 10.15am	Family Service - Christ the King	St Mary's Church
Sun	22 7.00pm	Baroque Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun	29 10.15am	Matins & Communion - Advent Sunday	St Mary's Church

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**Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)**

**Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)**

**Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Richard Phipps (781789)**

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# Ouse News

Felmersham & Radwell

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October 2009

### Memories

**Rev David G Mason**

At the beginning of September there was the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the last world war. The event and the news stories around it brought back many memories to me. My memory does not extend back to the very beginning of the conflict, but I do remember being sent to live with my Aunt's family in Southport during 1941 when my Father was evacuated with his school to Nottinghamshire. We were near enough to hear Liverpool being bombed. Later, while living in Nottinghamshire I remember playing in the practice trenches that the Home Guard had prepared, and seeing masses of gliders being towed across the sky .here was the rationing that extended well after the war was over, I did not see a banana until an uncle who was abroad sent three in a parcel.

There was the bomb damage all too visible when we visited relatives in Sheffield. We got commissioned as officers when we collected sufficient waste paper, we wore our badges proudly. Then there were the pictures at the local cinema, pictures of battles, refugees, the awful pictures of Belsen at the end of the war. The joy of VE day, then VJ day, Fathers returning from the war. The resumption (for me the first experience) of 'normal' family life. Many memories, many good, some sad.

Next month, on the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Remembrance Sunday Services at 10.15am in the Church and then at approximately 11.15am at the War Memorial. We will not only be remembering those who were killed or suffered, (many continue to suffer) in the two world wars, but also in the many conflicts that have occurred since, and which continue to occur throughout the world. It is not only important that we should remember the sacrifices made in the past, but also that we should re-dedicate ourselves to working to ensure peace in the future.

The changes in our climate should be challenging us to realise our inter-dependence, that we have to work together to ensure the survival of the planet on which we live. The very foundation of the Christian Faith is to love God, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. I believe that following this way is the only way in which we will achieve the peace and security that we all crave, and the only way though which we can work together to avoid damaging our world further.

**Colin Payne**

We have a group of ringers from Sussex visiting Felmersham on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 10.15 until 11.00am.

**Bell ringing**

### **Men's Book Club**

The only requirement for admission is an XY sex chromosome...the ability to read is an advantage but not essential. We are now in our third year and have learned a lot regarding our choice of material. The advantages of joining are as follows: excellent conversation, a good read; a night out at the pub; another night out at the pub if you come to the monthly "Sun" quiz.

We read (or do not read) the book, talk about it, drink beer and have a good chat. It is an excellent opportunity to meet other people with the same chromosome in the village...and widen your circle of friends. Give me a ring if interested (01234 782897).....we already have ten on the books but fresh blood is always welcome (quote from Dracula)

### **Baroque Concert**

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. 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](mailto:nigeldoggett@hotmail.com). The proceeds of the concert will support the work of Self Unlimited, supporting people with learning disabilities, and Ma Afrika Tikkun, which helps African families affected by HIV Aids, as well as St Mary's Church. I look forward to seeing as many local friends and families there as possible. Thank you for your support.

### **Monthly P3 Walks**

The monthly schedule resumes this month - 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 is 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 if they prefer. We hope to see many of you there!

### **Church Coffee Morning**

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### **Office for Rent**

I am in a position to sublet my office which is located just five minutes off the M1 at Junction 14, Milton Keynes. It is in an impressive business complex and has all the amenities required for a self-employed worker. It is free for 2 days during the week and for all of the weekend. It is spacious with a work desk and sitting area for meetings. It is decorated to a high standard and presents a very professional image complete with Reception facilities and building security. The rent is very reasonable. If interested, please ring me on 782897.

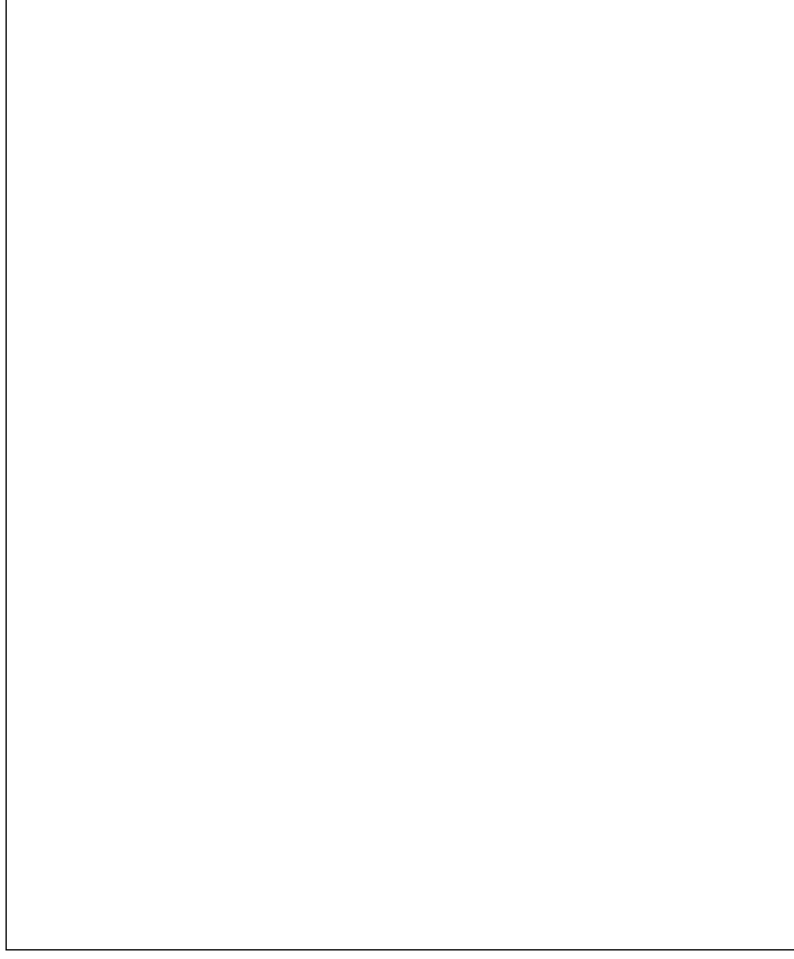
### **Wildlife Trust - Sharnbrook Group**

The Sharnbrook Group of the Wildlife Trust meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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### **Parish Council meeting**

**During Parishioners Talk Time** the issue of dogs fouling the local verges and footpaths was discussed, in particular the footpath between Felmersham and Radwell and also alongside the river. These are popular walks for many people, including families with children, and should be pleasant experiences. Sadly this is not the case as dog owners are still not picking up their pets' messes. There are two dog bins in Felmersham, another adjacent to Felmersham bridge and one in Radwell, and it was suggested that a fifth bin be placed about half way along the Radwell Road. Until that is decided please be a responsible owner, use a 'poop scoop' and leave the footpaths clean and clear for other users. Vehicles speeding through the two villages was also discussed. SC Edwards suggested that anyone who sees a vehicle being driven at speed should record the registration number and the date and time and pass the information to him.

**Highways:** A request was received for a footpath along the southern end of the High Road. The Council will prioritise the issue of vehicles speeding through the parish. The footpath to Odell Mill will remain closed until next February while repairs to the bridge are carried out.

**Radwell Matters:** Moor End has a new sign and there was discussion regarding the use of some premises within the village. The Swan appears to be for sale again. The Brownies would like to purchase flower boxes for the two villages to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Guide movement. This was agreed.

**Correspondence:** A letter of thanks from Jade and Melissa for the new playing field equipment was read out. **Next meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

### **Thanks**

Our grateful thanks to all who were involved in organising the Carlo Curley concert. Also to those who prepared the Church and those who provided refreshments for both that and the Harvest Festival. Special thanks to the school for all the gifts that they provided from their Harvest Service and to those who organised the Tombola.

### **Autumn Show**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Autumn Show and Art Exhibition the biggest and best so far, and congratulations to Helen Rose who is this year's overall winner. The standard of all exhibits was extremely high and the Show attracted a good crowd during the afternoon to view the produce, crafts and the art exhibition, and to enjoy the WIs wonderful teas and cakes. We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to welcoming you to the 12<sup>th</sup> Autumn Show next September.

### **Mill Theatre Sharnbrook/Save the Children Fund**

**Andy Evans**

The Bedford branch of The Save the Children Fund is sponsoring the charity performance of "Mack and Mabel" on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Mill Theatre Sharnbrook. Tickets costing £10 will be available from Sharnbrook Post Office as usual or from Andy Evans on 782523. I hope you will come and support both these worthwhile organizations while being entertained at the same time!

### **Messy Church**

Come and join our launch of 'MESSY CHURCH' in St Peter's Sharnbrook on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 11.45am until 1.45pm

For pre-school children and their parents/carers Free play for the children, including a simple craft activity Lunch for you and your child/children Hear a story, sing a song Finish with a short prayer

For more information please contact Nicola Bowyer, Pam Bishop or Robert Evens (782000)

### **Thursday Club**

**Jo Morris**

It was good to see old friends again after the August break. As some of our members take a late summer break at this time of year, numbers were down but Scrabble and Whist were popular as usual. There will be a speaker at our next meeting on **Thursday October 8th**. New members would be most welcome. Come and try us. Please ring Joan 781722 if you need transport or just turn up at Pinchmill Hall at 3pm.

### **PCC Meeting**

At the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sep (which lasted one hour) a variety of topics were discussed. We will definitely be developing a wild flower garden and may instigate a summer play scheme (the provision of the children's play area in the church is still pending)

**Peter Rankin**

The Carlo Curley concert was a great success and raised a significant sum.

Routine maintenance is on going and includes refurbishment of the chancel floor, fire alarm maintenance, lych gate repair and tree work.

By the time you receive this, harvest festival will be behind us and we will be planning the Christmas services.

After all that we managed to get home in time to watch "Waking the Dead"

### **W.I.**

**May Mills**

Gail Stuart had a very famous father. He was the nation's favourite comedian. What you saw on television was what you got at home. He never grew up. He called everyone 'sunshine'. His partner (can't see the join) Ernie was a lifelong friend. He was Eric Morecambe.

Gail began by paying tribute to Ernie Wise and their enduring personal and professional friendship which was almost unique in the world of show -business. Eric had shown promise as a dancer and was encouraged by his quite exceptional mother to pursue a career in entertainment. It was while on tour as a boy with Jack Hilton that he met Ernie, and they spent many years 'treading the boards', perfecting their act which was to become one of the most successful on television.

The heart-warming tales of Eric as a husband (dependent on his wife who did everything for him); as a father (always playing the funny man); as a grandfather (competitive at games) were told with humour, tact and affection. Eric brought us sunshine and his daughter did too!

**Rev Robert Evens**

