

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 February – all morning services commence at 10.15am

Sun 5 Feb	Choral Communion (Revd D Mason)	St Mary's Church
Sun 12 Feb	Family Communion (Revd R Evens)	St Mary's Church
Sun 12 Feb	Choral Evensong at 6.00pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 19 Feb	Choral Communion (Revd V Raymer/Revd T Sander)	St Mary's Church
Sun 26 Feb	Matins (Revd T Sander)	St Mary's Church

Dates for your Diary

Sat 4 Feb	Monthly Coffee Morning at 10.30am	Harrowdene, The High Road, Felmersham
Sat 4 Feb	PSA Family Fun Bingo Night 6pm to 8pm	Village Hall
Thu 6 Feb	Ouse Valley Quilters at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 18 Feb	"Muse & Music" & "Cadenza Quartet" 7.30pm	St Peter's Church, S/brook
Thu 23 Feb	Ouse Valley Quilters at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 3 Mar	Monthly Coffee Morning at 10.30am	Rose Cottage, The High Road, Felmersham
Sat 3 Mar	VHC Quiz Night at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue 4 Mar	Annual Open Parish Meeting at 7.00pm	Village Hall
Thu 19 Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 6 May	PSA Duck Race (details to follow)	

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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 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

FEBRUARY 2012

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S

Editor

This month the header features a few of the eight bells in St Mary's tower. Prior to 1951 there were five bells. The two oldest bells were made by the Bedford bell founder Edward Newcombe, and are inscribed *Newcome made mee 1671*. Hugh Watts, of Leicester, made the treble in 1634 and it is known as a Watt's *Nazarenes* bell because of the inscription *IHS Nazarencvs Rex Judorvm fili dei misereri Mei1634*, which translates as *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, Son of God, have mercy on me*. The tenor and the third were cast in the 18C by the St Neots bell founder Joseph Eyre. Weighing 20cwt 2quarters 18lbs (1052kgs) the tenor is the heaviest bell and bears the additional inscription *Cum voco venite* which translates as *Come at my call*.

To celebrate the first Christmas after the First World War (December 1918) a specially written *Bell Carole* was sung using the tenor bell inscription "*Come at my call*" as the inspiration for the carol.

In 1951, the original ring of five bells were re-tuned and augmented into a ring of eight. The additional three bells were made by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and installed mainly at the expense of Sir Richard and Lady Wells, as a memorial to their three sons who were killed in action during the 1939-45 war.

Since the arrival of the Revd. Tom Sander there has been a renewed interest in bell ringing and practice is every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

TAKE TIME – adapted from an Old Irish Prayer

Editor

Take time to work	- it's the price of success.
Take time to play	- it's the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to give	- it's too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to share	- it's the way to fulfilment.
Take time to laugh	- it's the music of the soul.
Take time to love	- it's the key to joy.
Take time to meditate	- it's the path to peace.
Take time to pray	- it's the greatest power on earth.

COFFEE MORNING

The February coffee morning will be held at the home of **Sarah and Matthew Beecham, Felmersham, on Saturday 4th February 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. Everyone is invited.

The March coffee morning will be hosted by Linda and Tim Hoyle, on Saturday 3rd March at 10.30am.

Jane Wells

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The Parishioners' Meeting, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.** These short meetings are open to all Parishioners of Felmersham and Radwell. In the Parishioners' Meeting, we shall have the opportunity to elect the Churchwardens. In the APCM, following annual reports, we shall vote for Parochial Church Council members. Please come if you can!

(PCC members – please note that there will be a further short meeting after the APCM for election of officers.)

Jane Templeman

ELECTORAL ROLL

This year we are revising the Electoral Roll (i.e. Church membership list) as requested by the Bishop. If you want to be included on the Roll, please could you check that your name is on the list (the current list can be found on the notice-board in the Church Porch) **by the end of February.** If your name is not on the list and you would like to be included on the Roll, please see a PCC member for a form – these are also available in the church (the church is open at the weekends). Thank you.

Jane Templeman

EVENSONG at St Mary's Church

Evensong will take place once a month throughout the Benefice (Felmersham, Sharnbrook and Souldrop). This month Evensong will be held at St Mary's, Felmersham on **Sunday 12 February at 6.00pm.** We do hope to see you there.

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- **David Copperfield:** 27th - 31st March. Matthew Francis' enthralling dramatisation of Charles Dickens' beloved novel.
- **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change:** 18th to 26th May. Poignant, captivating, hit musical comedy.
- **Cash on Delivery:** 17th to 23rd September. A farce by Ray Cooney.
- **West Side Story:** 16th to 24th November. A Sondheim & Bernstein musical.
- **Clue:** 4th to 8th December. Musical murder mystery based on Cluedo.

Please note: all evening performances will now start at 7.30pm (not 7.45pm). Latecomers may only be admitted at a suitable break in the production.

Tickets will be on sale from Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) & Bedford Central Box Office: 269519 from 5 weeks before first night.

FELMERSHAM FORUM GROUP

Ken Shrimpton

Felmersham Forum Group is open to all residents of Felmersham and Radwell. It provides a useful and instant messaging service to all the current 101 members. Recent topics have included: the Stone Pits site, drilling at Radwell, lost and found property, tree work, wood burning logs and ordering heating oil through the Felmersham Oil Group (Radwell has its own separate oil group). Local crime is also reported through the Ring Master network.

To view the Forum go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/felmersham/>

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OUSE VALLEY QUILTERS

Ouse Valley Quilters will meet on **Thursday 6th** and **Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Complete beginners and experienced needlewomen are welcome to join this lively group.

For more information please ring Janet Cook on 781373.

Janet Cook



VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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Babysitting (Felmersham)	Laura Hewlett 782063
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Jade Facey 07826354060
Babysitting (Radwell)	Darina Carter 782622
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 782128
Children's Party Entertainment	Samantha Cook 781859
Chemistry/Science/ Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897
Community Care	07786 344176
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Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180
Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290

Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
Financial Planning Pensions/ Mortgages	Stephen Rudd 783122
French Tuition	Marigold Sykes 781801
General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
Maths Tuition	Geraldine Hubbard 781413
Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
Pet Care Services	Annette Courtney 782809
Piano/ Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
Social Psychology Studies, Management	Anthea Coghlan 782332

W.I.

We were very fortunate that Simon Greenish agreed to talk to us about Bletchley Park - who better than its director? He was going to simplify a complex subject to stop us from falling asleep, but there was no fear of that! You could have heard a pin drop as he explained how the Enigma code was broken against mind-boggling odds (150 million, million, million); the part played by Alan Turing who developed the Bombe – an electro-mechanical machine that speeded up the code-breaking process; the importance of the Colossus code-breaker – a forerunner of today's computer; Churchill's vital involvement regarding the value of intelligence – it is estimated that the code-breakers' intelligence reduced the length of the war by two years by contributing greatly to the Allied defeats in the Battle of the Atlantic, the North Africa campaign and the Normandy landings on D-Day. There were 10,000 workers at Bletchley Park where security was paramount and it was not until 1974 that it was made public. Churchill called the code-breakers 'the geese that laid the golden eggs and never cackled'. To our delight Simon had brought along an Enigma machine which encouraged more questions and ended a fascinating and absorbing evening.

May Mills

OBITUARIES

Lawrence White, from Marriots Close, passed away on 5th January 2012.
 Ronald (Ron) Smith (formerly of Town Lot Lane) passed away January 2012.
 Michael Templeman (formerly of Tithe Barn) passed away January 2012.

R.I.P.

PUZZLE PAGE

This month's puzzle is a Sudoku for beginners. Answers on next page.

3				6	4			
	9			2		7		
		5		8				4
4	3			1			8	
6	1	9				4	5	2
	2			9			7	3
2				5		6		
		3		7			2	
			1	4				8

DID YOU KNOW.....?

To suggest somebody has GONE **ROUND THE BEND** is to unkindly infer they have gone mad. In the 1900s, the Victorians built hospitals in which to confine the mentally unsound. At the time stately homes were built with long, straight driveways in order that the building could be seen from the main road in all its splendour, albeit from a distance. The mental homes were placed at the end of long, curved driveways so that they would remain unseen, and therefore if a person had 'gone round the bend' it meant they had been confined.

To **EAT ONE'S HAT** is associated with someone who promises to undertake such a feat in the conviction that he will not be called on to actually do it! It is often used to express the user's belief in the certainty of a future outcome. But while a 'hat' is obviously indigestible, a 'hatte' is not. An early form of meatball, hattes were made from a mixture of veal, dates, saffron and other spices, bound with eggs. It has been suggested that the 'hat' in the expression 'to eat one's hat' comes therefore, from the food and not the article of clothing.

AND FINALLY, SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG.....

Q: Timmy, did you take a bath today?

A: Why, is one missing?

Q: What did the baby porcupine say when he backed into a cactus?

A: Is that you, Mum?

Q: That girl over there just rolled her eyes at me.

A: Well, roll them back, she might need them.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meeting on 1st November 2011 - the full Minutes for this meeting can be seen on The Parish Notice Board(s)

Below are some notes from the last meeting which took place on 3rd January 2012 - the full minutes of this meeting will be available in March

Planning applications:

Highways:

- The drains had been cleared and jetted out; the hedge has been cut at Cook's corner; an engineer had visited Radwell re: the water on the road which was dangerous when it froze; clearance of the drains would be carried out ; thanks expressed to the highways department on the sweeping of the roads in the villages; it was proposed that a Dog Bin be purchased and sited in Old Road.

Grants:

- As the light at the bottom of Memorial Lane needs replacing the council would contact Mr McMurdo for a grant; a request was made to Mr McMurdo to follow up the slipway repairs.

Miscellaneous:

- Work required on a number of trees in the Parish. Quotes to be sought for the proposed work required;
- all the local undertakers had now been given the new rates for the burials etc;
- it was agreed to replace the notice board in Radwell with a metal one similar to that in Felmersham;
- a note had been placed in the Ouse News inviting organizations and individuals who would be interested in forming an informal group to organize a Jubilee Celebration.

Finance:

- the usual invoices were agreed for payment;
- quotes for grass cutting and street lighting maintenance had been sought for the 2012/13 season. The council agreed to continue retaining the services of Andy Muskett Ltd for the lighting, and would be considering the same for Chris Horne;
- a new Risk Management Policy is in place. The Clerk meets regularly with the Internal Auditor to monitor the council finances.

The next meeting will be the annual Open Parish Meeting at 7.00pm on 4th March.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – QUIZ NIGHT

Samantha Bance

The Village Hall Committee is holding a **Quiz Night** which will take place on **Saturday 3rd March at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Tickets are just £10 each and are available from Marjorie Pipe 781140 (includes food). There will also be a Licensed Bar.



This is a fun evening, so why not come along? You might like to make up a table with your friends, or come along and join in with others from the villages.

For newcomers to Felmersham or Radwell, this is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

SECRETARY REQUIRED - The Village Hall Committee is looking for a Secretary, so if you have a few hours spare a month and would like to join our friendly team, then please contact Marjorie Pipe on 781140. There must be someone out there who can help us?

PINCHMILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - BINGO

Samantha Bance



PSA Family Fun Bingo Night will be held on **Saturday 4th February, 6.00pm to 8.00pm** in Felmersham Village Hall. Licensed bar available.

Tickets are available from Sam Bance 782869.

PSA DUCK RACE - Sunday 6th May (more details to follow).

CONCERT

Janet Welsh

A concert featuring *“Muse & Music”* and the *“Cadenza Clarinet Quartet”* will take place on **Saturday 18th February at 7.30pm** in St Peter’s Church, Sharnbrook.. Tickets cost £10 (includes wine and canapés) and are available from Sharnbrook Post Office or Colin Scott on 781559. Proceeds to St Peter’s Church funds.

A PUZZLE FOR THE YOUNGSTERS:

Can you find the following animals in this grid? Letters go across or down, sometimes using the same letter twice.

- | | | | | |
|----------|----------|-------|--------|-----------|
| MONKEY | ELEPHANT | TIGER | LION | CAT |
| REINDEER | CAMEL | DOG | RABBIT | PORCUPINE |
| WOLF | RAT | PIG | ZEBRA | PUMA |
| SHEEP | STOAT | HORSE | BAT | GIRAFFE |

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E	E	B	T	N	R	A	T	L	P	E	R
P	B	B	P	O	R	C	U	P	I	N	E
W	R	I	W	B	A	T	T	I	G	O	R
P	A	T	B	S	G	I	R	A	F	F	E

PUZZLE PAGE

Editor

Have you got a puzzle you would you like to submit for publication on the monthly PUZZLE PAGE, either for adults or children? It can be any kind of puzzle (provided you supply the answers!).

Children, would you like to submit a joke for your section of this page?

If so, I would love to hear from you. Please send me your entries (remember to include your name), either via e-mail or pop it through the door. I look forward to hearing from you.

ANSWERS TO SUDOKU PUZZLE

7	5	6	1	4	2	3	9	8
9	4	3	6	7	8	5	2	1
2	8	1	9	5	3	6	4	7
5	2	8	4	9	6	1	7	3
6	1	9	8	3	7	4	5	2
4	3	7	2	1	5	9	8	6
1	6	5	7	8	9	2	3	4
8	9	4	3	2	1	7	6	5
3	7	2	5	6	4	8	1	9

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