

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
Wed	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Zumba Dance Fitness	Village Hall
Thur	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent & Toddler Group	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 Sept & beginning of Oct *(all Services commence at 10.15am)*

Sun 4 Sept	Choral Communion (Trinity 11)	St Mary's Church
Sun 11 Sept	Choral Communion (Trinity 12) (Patronal Festival)	St Mary's Church
Sun 18 Sept	Family Service (Trinity 13)	St Mary's Church
Sun 25 Sept	"Back to Church" (Trinity 14)	St Mary's Church
Sun 2 Oct	Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church
Sun 9 Oct	Choral Communion (Trinity 16)	St Mary's Church

Dates for your Diary

Sat 3 Sept	Monthly Coffee morning at 10.30am	Paul & Pat Keeble, Owls Rest, Moor End Road, Radwell
Tue 6 Sept	Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm	Committee Room, Village Hall
Thur 8 Sept	Thursday Club at 3.00pm	Committee Room, Village Hall
Sat 10 Sept	Bike 'n Hike from 10am to 6pm	
Sun 11 Sept	Autumn Show 2.30pm to 5.00pm	Village Hall
Tue 20 Sept	Drop in for Tea & Cake 2.30-4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 20 Sept	W.I. at 7.30pm	Committee Room, Village Hall
Sept 20-24 th	"Dead Guilty" at 7.45pm	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Sun 25 Sept	Back to Church: Breakfast 9.00am Service 10.15am	St Mary's Church
Fri 30 Sept	Karaoke night	The Sun
Sat 1 Oct	Monthly Coffee morning at 10.30am	Barry & Janet Welsh, 1 The Tithe, Felmersham

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Rural Dean: Rev David Mason (309737)

Curate: Rev Tom Sander

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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. If you use either method, please provide a telephone number in case there are any queries.



Parish information online at www.felmersham.net

SEPTEMBER 2011

The above photograph features Matilda Boswell and Caroline Cooper with the winner's plate, presented to them as joint winners of the 2010 Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show (both gained four first prizes to become joint holders of the 2010 Show). Below is a reminder of the date of the 2011 Autumn Show.

**13th FELMERSHAM & RADWELL AUTUMN SHOW
& ART EXHIBITION**

Sunday 11th September in the Village Hall

Open for viewing 2.30pm - 5.00 pm

(Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre)

ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION – judged during week beginning 18th July

The winners of the BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT were:

1 st Mike Boswell	3 rd Peter Dilley
2 nd Matilda Boswell	4 th Geoff Hulatt

Many congratulations to the winners, and well done to all who took part.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

David Mason

This year our Patronal Festival will be on Sunday 11th September at 10.15am. We will be joined by the other churches in the Benefice (Sharnbrook and Souldrop).

LETTER FROM REV. ROBERT EVENS

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we seem to be under attack. During August, we witnessed some of the worst violence in our city streets that I think any of us can re-call. Along with many other things, it seems this should give us reason to worry. But is this justified?

If someone asked you whether you thought more children were murdered last year than 20 years ago, what would you answer? Or if the question was, are more people killed on the

roads now than fifty years ago? Or, are people over seventy more likely to be mugged, robbed or attacked than people in their middle age? In each case the answer is 'No', though apparently if you read the *Daily Mail*, the *Sun*, the *Mirror* or the *Telegraph* you are more likely to answer 'Yes'. Believe it or not, children are safer now, roads are less dangerous than in the nineteen-thirties, and older people are less likely to be attacked than any other age group in society. Despite that, we go on worrying!

It's as though human beings are hard-wired to worry. No matter that we live in the longest lived, healthiest, most secure and, in general terms, most prosperous society that the world has ever known; it doesn't *feel* like it. The doctors' surgeries are full of people they dub the 'worried well' - those who've read a magazine article or seen something on the internet and are sure that they're ill. I'm as guilty of it as everyone else. Anxiety seems to be part of the human condition.

Which may be why Jesus constantly told his followers not to worry - 'fear not', 'don't be anxious', 'peace be with you'. In the Sermon on the Mount he listed some of the things his audience would be worried about: food, clothes, health, appearance or what might happen 'tomorrow'. The list sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Don't be anxious about them, he advised. 'After all', he said, 'you can't add a single hour to your span of life by worrying about it'. He might have added that you could, of course, take a few hours off it that way. He didn't say that we had no need of food or clothes or health - 'your heavenly Father knows you need them' - but that the happy life is the one that has its priorities right. 'Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'.

The answer to fear is faith - we all know that, in theory. But the faith needed is not the assenting to this or that proposition - ticking boxes on the Creed. It's trust in the 'heavenly Father' Jesus spoke of. It's the inner conviction that the One who made us loves us, and is with us on our life-long journey through this rather scary existence. 'Fear not', he says. 'I am with you.'

With every blessing,
Robert

HARVEST FESTIVAL

David Mason

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am. A donation of any garden produce will be greatly appreciated, and can be left in the Church at any time. After the Service (which will commence at 10.15am) a Tombola will be held, every ticket is a winner! All money raised will go towards the "*Harvest for the Hungry Appeal*".

This year started badly for farmers, with the long dry spell, and it was thought that the harvests may be severely affected. But the weather improved, and the harvest has been better than was anticipated. We have much to thank God for.



VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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Babysitting (Felmersham)	Laura Hewlett 782063
Babysitting (Felmersham)	Jade Facey 312385 / 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
Dog walking, feeding, boarding etc	Ch. Tweeddale 781279
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
German/French Tuition	Gillian Whiteway 782686
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Maths Tuition	Geraldine Hubbard 781413
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PUZZLE PAGE

Within the grid are the names of 24 girls, with letters vertically, horizontally, diagonally or up or down, sometimes using the same letter more than once. As usual, answers below.

K	O	A	R	I	E	P	C	H	L	O	W
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L	P	C	H	A	R	L	O	T	T	E	D
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Y	V	G	A	B	R	I	E	L	L	A	A
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DID YOU KNOW?

To **BLACKMAIL** somebody is to demand money by threats, usually to expose secrets. This word, or phrase originated in the Highlands of Scotland in the 1600s. The 'mail' in blackmail is the old Scottish word for rent, usually spelled either 'maill' or 'male', which in turn evolved from the Old Norse word 'mal' meaning agreement or contract. In those days tenants paid their rent in silver coins which used to be known as 'white money' but in the 1600s the Highland clan chiefs began a protection racket, threatening farmers and traders with violence if they didn't pay to be protected from other clans. This informal tax, or additional rent, soon became known as 'black money' or 'black rent', being the opposite of white, and so 'blackmail' became part of the language as a word used to describe the practice of obtaining money by threat of violence.

AND FINALLY, SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS.....

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| Q: Why did the computer keep sneezing? | Q: What is a computer virus? |
| A: It had a virus! | A: A terminal illness! |
| Q: Why was the computer cold? | Q: What did the spider do on the computer? |
| A: It left its Windows open! | A: Made a website! |

19. PAULINE	13. JESSICA	7. GABRIELLA	1. AMELIA
20. PIPPA	14. KATHERINE	8. GAIL	2. AMY
21. RACHAEL	15. LAURA	9. GLADYS	3. ANN
22. RUBY	16. LUCY	10. GRACE	4. CHARLOTTE
23. TINA	17. NATALIE	11. GWEN	5. CHLOE
24. WENDY	18. OLGA	12. JANE	6. DAISY

BackToChurchSunday

25th September 2011



Back to Church Sunday (B2CS) is a national campaign which seeks to put people in touch with their local community church.

Here at St Mary's Church, Felmersham on B2CS we invite all our neighbours, friends and families to come and join us in church for a continental breakfast to be served between 9.00am and 10.00am on **Sunday 25th September**. This will be followed at 10.15 am by a special service of Morning Prayer with choir and an "action packed" special Sunday School for the young people. After the service we are all invited back to the Sun for coffee.

This is your invitation to join us on Back to Church Sunday, see you there!



COFFEE MORNINGS

Jane Wells

The September Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Paul and Pat Keeble, Owls Rest, Moor End Road, Radwell on **Saturday 3rd September at 10.30am**. Pat has been busy making dressed teddies to sell – these make lovely presents for your young children or relatives, so come early so as not to be disappointed.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated.

ADVANCE NOTICE - The October coffee morning, raising funds for the Church Restoration Fund, will be held at the home of Janet and Barry Walsh, 1 The Tithe, on **Saturday 1st October at 10.30am**. There will be a **Save The Children** table selling Christmas cards and wrapping.

RADWELL PLAYING AREA FOR CHILDREN

Helen Dawkins

Under Parish Council Meeting notes it mentions under Radwell matters "A 20mph speed limit would make it safer for children". Please, please, please will parents instruct their children in a little bit of road sense. They need to understand that a road is primarily for vehicles and they must not just run out on the road without first of all remembering the good old fashioned green cross code. Both my partner and I had a very narrow escape recently when a little girl ran out from her house and on a second occasion from behind a parked vehicle straight into our path - fortunately we were only travelling very slowly having just turned into the village but even at 10mph this could have been lethal if we had

not been aware. It was in fact the same child on each occasion and I have since mentioned it to the mother but the same child drifted out onto the road on her bike a few days later and her dog also had a narrow escape. Other children frequently ride their bikes on the wrong side of the road and if playing do not always move when they see cars coming.

I love the fact that Radwell is generally very quiet on the road but children must be reminded it is not their playground first and foremost. It would be so sad for accidents to come about because they do not know the basic rules of the road. Please parents do your bit.

With regard to a play area for children - I thought one had been offered in the past and had been turned down - am I wrong? This last comment is more for the parish council but the plea is a passionate one to prevent any accidents.

WI

The August meeting was a social event – a very good evening meal at Pavenham Golf Club. We congregated at the bus shelter at the start of what turned out to be an extremely

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pleasant walk via Radwell and then over the fields to Pavenham Golf Club. It was a lovely sunny summer evening, and we all agreed the weather was perfect. After a delicious meal (which unfortunately replaced the calories we had just walked off!) Joan Thomas was presented with a “going away” present on behalf of the Group.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Bulky waste collection will be held as follows:

Saturday 24th September - Radwell Green: 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Sunday 25th September - Marriotts Close: 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

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VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE FUND RAISING EVENTS

Samantha Bance

Quiz Night

We are organising a quiz night for Saturday 12th November, 7.30pm @ the Village Hall. The tickets will be priced at £10 per person and will include a buffet supper. There will also be a licensed bar. Tickets will be available to buy from Marjorie Pipe 781140 & Sam Bance 782869 as of Monday 31st October. The money raised will be used for the general maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing field.

Halloween Party

We are also thinking of doing a Halloween party on Sunday 30th October priced @ £3.50 per child, which will include the children going out in supervised groups to pre-arranged houses, hot dog and warm drink and Halloween games. If you are interested in this then please call Sam on Tel: 782869, by Friday 30th September as this can only go ahead if we have enough interest and helpers.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Editor

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm in the Committee Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to the proceedings. There is a ten minute "Talk Time" during which members of the public may ask questions.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

Ken Shrimpton

During September, contractors will be repairing the north wall of the churchyard. For your own safety, please keep clear. Thank you.



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**Now's the time to join in this
year's Bike 'n Hike on
10th September
10.00 am to 6.00 pm**

Cyclists and walkers visit churches and chapels throughout Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire enjoying a day out and at the same time raising money for church restoration and repair. Half the total raised will go to St Mary's, Felmersham to help us repair our church, and the other half goes to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust to help churches and chapels of all denominations in the two counties, with repair or restoration work.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the many ancient, unusual or modern places of worship throughout the two counties, opened specially for the day", said Counties Organiser, Madeline Russell.

"This year, we will have more than 600 churches and chapels available to visit, many offering refreshments and an opportunity to look at part of our wonderful Christian heritage." Anyone can join in but it is more fun to enter with a group. Work out your route and persuade your friends, work colleagues, or your local church congregation to sponsor you as you go, either with a single donation or per church visited.

Last year's Bike 'n Hike realised just a few pounds short of £100,000 and organisers are hoping to exceed that figure this year. For Sponsorship Forms and more details please contact Ken Shrimpton (781381) or Stephen Hill (781064).

JOAN AND MICHAEL THOMAS

Maggie Spoor

As Joan and Michael prepare to leave Felmersham for their new home in Oxfordshire I would like, on behalf of everyone involved with Felmersham and Radwell Community Care, to thank them for the huge contribution they have made to this organisation. Michael, along with a team of volunteers, established the good neighbour and community care scheme in the parish in 1997, and was the first Chairman. Joan was our first Treasurer and has also been actively involved ever since as a volunteer driver and Duty Officer. Over the last fourteen years both have shown an energy and enthusiasm for the scheme that has been incalculable and they will be much missed. I'm sure I speak for everyone as I offer our very best wishes for their move to their new home.

COFFEE MORNING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUSE NEWS

Editor

I am very happy to tell you that the coffee morning on 13th August in St Mary's Church raised the sum of £411.10p. Very many thanks to all who came along to support this money-raising event, it was lovely to see so many people. Thanks also to those who made cakes, contributed to the stalls and raffle prizes and helped during the morning. Thanks also go to those who kindly made donations towards this fund.

The Ouse News is now well and truly funded for the foreseeable future. Thank you.

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

Theo Gibbs

Don't forget your tickets for DEAD GUILTY 20th – 24th September 2011, 7.45 pm. A Psychological Thriller by the renowned playwright Richard Harris. *Tickets (£8/£10) now available!* at Sharnbrook Post Office (in person), Bedford Central Box Office 269519 or via link at www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk

BROWNIES

Pat Keeble

Having completed 30 years' service for the Guiding Association and having reached the required retirement age for Leaders, I am unable to continue running the Unit in Felmersham and without a successor the Unit is now formally closed. There has been a Brownie Unit in the parish for a long time and I would like to thank many people who have contributed to make the Unit a success and of benefit to many girls. My special thanks go to the team (Marjorie, Carol, Sharon, Katie, Jade and Pip) who helped run the Unit recently.



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The solitary service on route 136 at 20.22 to Bedford is withdrawn, so the last bus to Bedford is now the 50 at 19.24.

Felmersham is additionally served by an entirely new route 29 operated by Grant Palmer from Pavenham to St Neots. These buses serve the northbound stop on the High Road at 09.06, 11.06 and 13.26 reaching St Neots at 10.00, 12.10 and 14.05 respectively. Return journeys leave St Neots at 10.05 and 12.15 reaching Felmersham at 10.44 and 13.09 respectively. There is also a return journey at 14.10 reaching Felmersham at 15.04, but note that on schooldays this terminates at Sharnbrook and does not serve Felmersham.

DROP IN FOR TEA AND CAKE

Why not drop into the Church on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th September, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat with your friends and neighbours?

Jane Wells



This is a good opportunity to meet with other people in the parish and make new friends. Mums and dads, why not pop in on your way to pick up your children from school? Or better still, bring the children along on the way home, we have toys for them to play with and the youngsters really enjoy the cake and juice! There will be activities for them to do from Sure Start while you have a cup of tea and a chat.

These “drop-in” sessions have been very successful during the past few months, but unfortunately this is our last session until next summer – the church tends to be very cold during the winter months!

Please do come along on 20th September and bring your friends with you. If you were unable to come last month, why not come along this time? Look forward to seeing you.

THURSDY CLUB

The next meeting will take place on 8th September at 3.00pm. If you are over 60 and would like to join us for an afternoon of friendly company, please do come along.

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My name is Jade Facey. I am 13 years old (but 14 in September) and live at 28 Marriotts Close. I am available for babysitting during school holidays or evenings. I charge £5 hour (or £10 after midnight). I have worked with the Brownies club and was a prefect at Lincroft School as a Yr.8 student. Please contact me on 01234312385 / 07826354060 or email at jade.dancer.11@gmail.com Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.