

REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9.00-12.45pm	Pinchmill School
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803	201399 for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	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	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	Committee Room
(Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)			

CHURCH SERVICES

The monthly timetable of Services at St Mary's is given below (occasionally it is changed). For up-to-date weekly confirmation of services, please refer to the small notice board at the Lych Gate.

Every Thursday morning	Midweek Communion at 9.30am	St Mary's Church
1 st Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
2 nd Sunday in the month	All Age Holy Communion 11.00am	St Mary's Church
3 rd Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
4 th Sunday in the month	Choral Matins at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
5 th Sunday in the month	Parish Communion at 11.00am	St Mary's Church
Every Sunday evening	Evensong at 6.00pm at Sharnbrook	St Peters Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 15 Aug	Tea & Cake in the Church 2.30 to 4.30pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 3 Sept	Table Tennis commences at 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 7 Sept	Coffee Morning in the Church at 10.30am	St Mary's Church
Sun 8 Sept	Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show	Village Hall
Sat 14 Sept	Beds & Herts <i>Bike 'n Hike</i>	Various churches
17-21 Sept	"Glorious" 7.30pm at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre	Sharnbrook Mill
Sat 21 Sept	GREASE Sing-a-long 7.00 for 8.00pm start	Village Hall
Sun 28 Sept	The Whybirds (Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Event)	Mill Theatre
Sat 16 Nov	Annual Village Hall Quiz 7.30 for 8.00pm start	Village Hall



Village information online www.felmersham.net **AUGUST 2013**



Why not come along and join us for
TEA AND CAKE IN THE CHURCH

THURSDAY 15th AUGUST

2.30pm to 4.30pm

Everyone welcome to come along for a
cup of tea and cake, and a chat too!

It will be great to see you all.

Offers of help on the day and/or to make cakes greatly appreciated. Please contact Jane Wells on 782462.

Next month will be the last of these summer events in the Church, the date is Thursday 19th September.



SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH DURING AUGUST

There are no changes to the published services on the back page of this month's edition..

There will be no Messy Church during August. The next one will be on Sunday 1st September.

GREASE SING-A-LONG EVENING

Sam Bance

This will be on **Saturday 21st September** - 7.00pm for 8.00pm start. Tickets are £12.50 per person (this includes the fee for performing rights) and also included in the ticket price is a light American Buffet.



There will be a licensed bar available on the night.

Please feel free to dress up, there will be a prize for the best dressed.

Tickets are available now from Maxine Boswell on 782128 and Annette Franklin on 783085.

We are raising money to update our kitchen facilities and the up-keep of the Village Hall and Play Park.

Don't forget the date **SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER at 7.00pm (for 8.00pm start).**

QUIZ NIGHT

Sam Bance

Our annual quiz night will be on **Saturday 16th November** - 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Ticket price is £10.00 which includes a light buffet. A licensed bar will be available and we will also hold a raffle, with super prizes.

Tickets will be available from Monday 23rd September. Please call Sam Bance on 782869 or Claire Lurcuck on 782948. Make a note of the date and get your tickets for this very popular evening.

All funds from this event will go towards the update of our kitchen facilities and the up-keep of the Village Hall and Play Park.



VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

		Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290
		Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
		Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
		General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
		IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
		Kennels (Daisy Bank) Felmersham	Mrs Gee 720241
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 782128	Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/07500828404
Children's Party Entertainment	Samantha Cook 781859	Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
Chemistry/Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897	Pet Care Services	Annette Courtney 782809
Community Care	07786 344176	Piano/Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
Dog Walking, feeding/ boarding	Ch. Tweeddale 781279	Secretarial/Business Support Service	Ruth Barratt 781876
Dog Walking	Melissa Facey 312385 or 7501328660 (Felmersham tel numbers)	Soc. Psychology Management	Anthea Coghlan 782332
Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180		

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean: Revd. Robert Evens (782000)
Curate: Revd. Thomas Sander (781773)
Churchwarden: Ken Shrimpton (781381)
Treasurer: Stephen Hill (781064)

Editor: Lorraine Shrimpton (781381) or email lorraine@felmersham.info

**Items for Ouse News should be with the Editor
by noon on the 25th of each month**

15th Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition Sunday 8th September



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Schedules have now been delivered to each house in Felmersham and Radwell – for additional copies please download from the village website
www.felmersham.net

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THURSDAY CLUB

Celia Hulatt



This photograph was taken at Wrest Park during our outing.

It shows Geoff Hulatt, Mary Freeman and Laurie Mills (who drove the Villager bus for us).

The weather, the venue, the food and especially the company, all made for a very enjoyable day out.

The July meeting was well attended and, after the initial get-together to chat, we played a variety of our favourite games followed by the usual, very much appreciated refreshments. My grateful thanks go to the ladies who supply these delicious refreshments each month.

The next club meeting is on September 12th at 3.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. New members are always welcome to join us.

A MESSAGE FROM REVD. ROBERT EVENS

The Bible tells us that the Sabbath is a time of rest. In the story of the creation we are told “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”

But as well as there being a weekly Sabbath there was an annual Sabbath. Every seventh year all debts were cancelled, it was time for a new beginning. The Church of England has recognized this and has offered its priests a time of Sabbatical rest, initially every seven years but now every ten years or more.

In my case it is thirteen years. But the time has now arrived and I am embarking on a three month Sabbatical. It is not a holiday, but an opportunity to spend some time away from the Parish and we are expected to do some, not too serious, work in this time on an agreed topic.

During these three months, I will be away from the parish most of the time, but Caroline will still be around and Tom will be covering most of the services. During my absence, the Church Wardens will take responsibility for the Parishes.

The topic that has been agreed for me to look at is pilgrimage. More specifically, why has there been a significant increase in the number of people going on what is described as a pilgrimage.

So to find out I am going on a few pilgrimages and also visiting places of pilgrimage. I am going on Cuddy's Corse, from Chester-le-Street to Durham, where I will see the Lindisfarne Gospel exhibition. I hope to walk in the footsteps of Chaucer's pilgrims from Southwark to Canterbury. I hope to walk the last section of the French Way to Santiagode Compostella and I intend to spend a few days on Lindisfarne and I hope to find out if it feels different when it is really an Island. When I have been there before, I have always left when the tide was getting close to going over the causeway. So pray for me and my feet and I will see you in November.

With every blessing,

Robert



BIKE 'N HIKE 2013

Ken Shrimpton

Bike 'n Hike 2013 will take place on **Saturday 14th September** from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Now's the time to start thinking about joining in this year. You can walk or cycle between any of the more than 600 churches and chapels specially opened in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire on the day.

Many of them will be offering welcome refreshments and an opportunity to look at part of our wonderful heritage of Christian buildings, some modern but others up to 1,000 years old.



Why not persuade your friends or family to sponsor you as you go, either with a single donation or a sum per mile or per church.

Half the total raised will come back to St Mary's Church to help them and the other half, with gift aid, will help other churches in Beds and Herts which are in urgent need of repair. A win-win situation!



If you would rather hike than bike, look out for details of an organised walk, taking in as many churches as possible. In the past we have devised a walk taking in 6 churches (with a packed lunch and goodies to keep us going!).

A pack giving full details of the event will be delivered to each house during the next few weeks. If you require further details please contact me on 781381.

Felmersham Forum is a push technology (for access to the *Forum* go to www.felmersham.net/felmershamgroup.htm). It allows anybody to communicate with all the members, or with individual members, of the group. Currently Felmersham Forum has a membership of 110 which, give or take, means that any group member can deliver an instant message into 110 parish households. A few years ago event organisers, including myself, would have given their "high teeth" for this kind of technology.

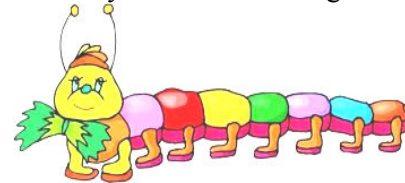
felmersham.net is a pull technology. It relies on households being familiar with the web address to the extent that they regularly visit the web site. The web site, therefore, has to carry sufficient and interesting news and information in order to pull or draw people to it. It also needs to be top of the search engine listings when the search terms "Felmersham" or "Radwell" are used.

What really surprises me is how little these two technologies are used by event organisers and clubs. Very few organisations within the parish advertise or promote their events on either technologies and equally very few clubs ensure that their information is up-to-date on *felmersham.net*. So please may I suggest that parishioners make more use of these technologies, both as a receiver and deliver of information.

We do of course have another example of "push" communication in the parish and that is Ouse News which reaches out to every household in the parish. Generally speaking this traditional form of communication is well used by the parish, but even Ouse News could benefit from more input.

SMILE LINES FOR AUGUST - The Talking Centipede

A man decided to get an unusual pet. So he went to the pet shop and after some discussion, finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for its house. The man took the box home, put it carefully on the table, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So next morning he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time."



But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered the man, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, and decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me – or not?"

This time, a little voice came out of the box: "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

BENEFICE LUNCH

Editor

On Sunday 21st July a benefice service, conducted by the Bishop of Bedford, was held in St Peters Church, Sharnbrook (the benefice includes parishioners from Felmersham, Sharnbrook and Souldrop churches).

Also there were several visitors from Calpino in Italy – the congregations from the churches in Calpino and Sharnbrook enjoy a close relationship and members from the churches frequently visit each other. The service was conducted in both Italian and English, which made for a very unusual, but moving service.



The photograph above (taken by Graeme Dawson) shows a few of the Italian guests chatting (occasionally with some difficulty!) with their friends from the parish. After the service a very good three-course lunch (with wine) was served to about 100 parishioners. It was a very relaxed and friendly lunch, thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The hard work of the ladies from Sharnbrook church who provided the starter and first course and the ladies from Felmersham who provided the desserts, was very much appreciated by all present.

Well done everyone involved; community events like this are what village life is about. We look forward to the next one.

PUSH-PULL

Ken Shrimpton

If you put "*Push-Pull*" into Wikipedia you come up with a surprising number of results, from push-pull trains to a type of electronic circuit. However, the type of push-pull I write about is push technology and pull technology and how we use it to communicate information in our parish.

TONGUE IN CHEEK..... A Letter from Uncle Eustace

Editor

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that every month at clergy meetings, someone should review a book of theology they have been reading, was bound to be greeted with uneasy resistance. It would mean that the majority would have to start opening books, rather than just occasionally dusting them. Possessing books does not necessarily imply that they are ever read.

Your high church colleagues will only read the *Racing News*, low church members the *Railway Review*, liberals the *Knitting Weekly* and those with tendencies towards non-conformism, the *Vegetarian Times*. Clerical studies may be lined with books, but they are largely for effect – and to hide damp patches on the wallpaper. Anything with hard covers will have been bought with the best of intentions - but somehow the vicarage lawn or the church hall drains will have taken precedence. And from what I know of your colleague at St. Crispin's, the only books he will buy will be to colour in.

I do try to keep up with my reading, but sleep mercifully intervenes after the first 10 minutes. On those days when I sit by my study window, so passers-by can see me deeply occupied in intellectual activity, it is most useful that my large tome on the letters of Eusebius can easily conceal an Agatha Christie inside it.

I confess that I was once gloriously put down when I tried to get one of our blue stockings interested in a new edition of a Dostoevsky novel. She replied: 'I have never read Dostoevsky in translation'. It only confirmed my suspicions that she had worked as a Russian spy in earlier years.

I was hugely impressed when during the bitter cold of last winter the Earl of Stowe, whose library would comfortably contain one of our cathedrals, told me he was slowly getting through its contents of tens of thousands of volumes. It was only some time later I discovered that he meant he threw the occasional one on the fire when he was running low on wood.

No, my dear Darren, the only literary activities that will spark interest will be crosswords for the majority, or diocesan reports for the truly dedicated – with weighty tomes being used as door stops.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

FUND RAISING AT ST MARY'S CHURCH DURING AUGUST

- ◆ **AFTERNOON TEAS IN THE CHURCH** Jane Wells
Teas and home-made cake will be served in the Church on **THURSDAY 15th August from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.**

Please note: There is no monthly Saturday coffee morning in August but Sharon Facey and her family will be hosting the September Coffee Morning in the Church on **Saturday 7th September at 10.30am.** Further details in the September edition.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL TABLE TENNIS

Anne Smith

There will be no table tennis during the month of August. The last session before the summer break will be on Tuesday, 30th July. We start again on **Tuesday 3rd September.**

New members are always welcome. Please contact Mike Benson (781649) or Jamie Endersby (781828) for more details.

SHARNBROOK MILL THEATRE

◆ **GLORIOUS** Tuesday 17th – Saturday 21st September at 7.30 pm. Peter Quilter's 'gloriously' funny, heart-warming comedy – the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins 'The glory (????) of the human voice!'

Tickets on sale from 12th August at Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) and Bedford Central Box 718112, at Bedford Tourist Information Centre in St Paul's Square. 10% discount for 10 or more (excluding Fri., Sat. & Charity performance).

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◆ *Advance booking* for **COMPANY** Stephen Sondheim's bittersweet musical masterpiece, 19 – 23 November, will be available during *Glorious*, but only at The Mill Theatre.

◆ **ROCK AT THE MILL with The Whybirds** (www.thewhybirds.com) on Saturday 28th September, 8 pm. ◆ **Now booking!** Tickets £10 (unreserved seats) from Roger Wiltshire 07704 700785 or Sharnbrook Post Office (in person only). [A special performance for the Mill Theatre H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal].



◆ **70th ANNIVERSARY WARM UP BALL!** Do join us on Saturday 26th October 2013, 6.30pm for 7pm, carriages at 12.30am The Amalfi Suite at The Sharnbrook Hotel. Black Tie - Live band: Frisco and a Disco! Tickets: £42 each to include three course meal and drink on arrival: Please apply now via ball@sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk





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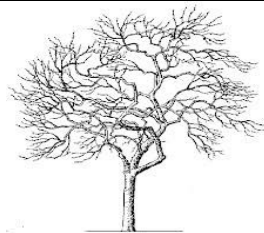
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