REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Weekdays	*9.00am-3.15pm	Pre-School - *Thurs 9 00-17 45nm	Pinchmill School
Tues	Approx 11.00am	Fishmonger in village - call 07803201399	for info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group(term time only)	Portakabin
Fri	7.00pm—8.30pm	Youth Club	Village Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday in each month	7.30pm Sunday Sisters	The Sun Pub
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm W.I	Committee Room
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
1st Tuesday every other month	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings (Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)	Committee Room

CHURCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S FOR August (these are the regular weekly services for each month – if there are any changes to these services, details will appear inside the magazine and also on the small notice board at the Lych Gate)

Every Thursday morning	9.30am	Midweek Communion (20 minutes)	
Every Sunday evening	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong at Sharnbrook	
1 st Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion	
2 nd Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion & Rise and Shine	
3 rd Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion	
4 th Sunday in the month	11.00am	Choral Matins	
5 th Sunday in the month	11.00am	Parish Communion	

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector & Rural Dean:

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Treasurer: Stephen Hill (781064)

Editor: Elaine Poulter (781133) or email <u>elaine.poulter@googlemail.com</u>

Items should be with the Editor by <u>noon on the 25th</u> of each month



Felmersham and Radwell OUSE News

Robert Grosseteste, Rector of Felmersham c1235 to 1253

Parish Online: www.felmersham.net August 2015

A Thirteenth Century Rector.

Ken Shrimpton

Robert Grosseteste was rector of Felmersham immediately prior to Campanus de Navario and, like Campanus, he probably never visited the parish, however, unlike Campanus he was English. (Although his name means big head in Norman French.) Grosseteste was born of humble parents in Stradbroke, Suffolk c1170 but rose to become Bishop of Lincoln from 1235 to 1253. He was a theologian, philosopher and scientist who went on to become a major leader in the English church of the thirteenth century. He lectured at Oxford and his most famous scientific text, "De Luce" (Concerning Light), argued that light was the basis of all matter, and his account of creation devotes a great deal of space to the the biblical text of God's command, 'Let there be light.' Among his many other writings he wrote "On the movement of the Planets" and "On the origins of Sound"

In 1235 he was elected Bishop of Lincoln and with it was granted several rectorships including Felmersham. Holding more than one rectorship is known as Pluralism and this was not uncommon in the thirteenth century. In 1232 Robert Grosseteste became seriously ill and he saw this as a message from God, that he should relinquish all his preferments. However this did not prevent him from becoming Rector of Felmersham and using the income.

He was forthright in his position in the church and had disagreements with both Pope Innocent IV and King Henry III. He died on 9th October, 1253, at his favourite manor house at Buckden in Huntingdonshire and is buried in Lincoln Cathedral. Robert Grosseteste is honoured in the Church of England on 9th October.

Vacancy Update.

The Churchwardens

Perhaps the most asked question to the two churchwardens is "When are we going to get a new Vicar?" The answer is an unhelpful "I'm afraid we don't know". After Robert left the unusual circumstance arose where all ten neighbouring parishes were either without a priest or about to loose their priest. This gave the diocese the opportunity to do a bit of reorganising and the proposed plan caused some discontent among a few parishes.

However we can now report that as far as our parish is concerned the status quo has prevailed and we remain joined with Sharnbrook and Souldrop. This means that in September we can, at last, start advertising for a new vicar. (Well actually, a new Rector, but let us not get too tied up with titles.) If successful we could be interviewing by Christmas and have a new vicar by Easter, but p lease, don't hold your breath!

WI May Mills

Margaret Burgon urged us to believe everything she said because it was all true, but if she had not been a vicar's wife then it would have been very difficult! The title of her talk was 'It could only happen at a wedding' and judging by her husband's experiences, the 'it' ranged from the bizarre to the hilarious to the sad to the ridiculous. He married a bigamist (unknowingly of course); a couple who had a baptism and wedding at the same service; a couple whose marriage lasted 6 hours after an argument at the reception; people passing out/being sick/ drunk (an organist fell off his stool); people asking for dogs to be best man/bridesmaids etc. etc. The quote 'there are good boys, bad boys and choir boys' did not escape - during a lesson reading her husband sat on a whoopy cusion placed on his seat by one of the choir boys. The WI always brings you the unexpected - now that we do believe!

Ouse News Reminder

The Editor

Please can I ask you to think about local articles and events for including in the Ouse News. I will always find a way of fitting them in. Please send your articles to me by midday on 25th of the month for including in the next edition.

VILLAGE TRADES AND SERVICES

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	Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman 782290
	Electrical Services	Martin Blizard 782527
	Electrical Services	Mick Bowyer 783472
	General Building Renovation work	Allan Levene 781918
	Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/075008284 04
	Painting & Decorating	Eric Barford 781719
Maxine Boswell 781940 07985228116	IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
Peter Rankin 782897	Piano/Guitar Lessons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
07786 344176	Driveway and Patio Cleaning (Radwell)	David Rickard 07900677851 or 783589
	Daisy Bank Kennels Cattery & Grooming Centre, Fully Licensed and Qualified	Mrs Gee 01234 720241
Ch. Tweeddale 781279	Fencing Services	Tom Brett 783164
Annette Courtney 783164	Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180
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Slight change to library van timetable

The library van is now in Felmersham, opposite The Sun, from 14.35 - 15.00, which is slightly earlier than before. Dates have not changed so the next visit to Felmersham is on 16th July, then 30th July. Times at Radwell are unchanged (14.20 - 14.40).

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COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 1st AUGUST 2015

The August Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by the Canning family in St. Mary's Church Felmersham, on <u>Saturday 1st August at 10.30am</u>.

Contributions of homemade cakes, toiletries, produce and bric a brac for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome.

Please come along.

Everyone welcome.

The September coffee morning will be hosted by David and Judith Folbigg at their home: Felmersham on Saturday 5th September

Tea In Church and Local Fresh Produce

Jane Wells

Tea In the Church in conjunction with Local Fresh Produce being sold will be held on <u>WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST from 2.30pm – 4.30pm</u>

Do come along to buy fresh veg, eggs, bread etc.. and have a cup of tea, a piece of cake and friendly chatter while doing so.

Everyone Welcome

The last Tea in the Church for this year will be on Wednesday 16th September.

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Of every £1 that we raise in sponsorship, 50p goes to St Mary's church and 50p goes to the BHHCT which is distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel.

Taking part involves being sponsored for either cycling or walking to visit other churches (you plan your own route). We also need "welcomers" between the hours of 10am and 6pm and welcomers can also be sponsored. Last year the Bike 'n Hike raised £110,000 for the churches and chapels of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire including money for our own church.

So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day cycling or walking to churches and chapels in our area, or welcoming our visitors, and at the same time boost our church's funds as well as those of the Trust.

For more information go to www.b-n-h.co.uk or to take part please contact Ken Shrimpton (781381)

Felmersham & Radwell 17th Autumn Show

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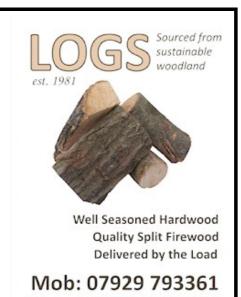
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