

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 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 October (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	Vacant	
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	Jane Wells	(782462)
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Parish Online: www.felmersham.net

October 2015

A Personal Reflection

In December, 2007, my husband, who was a local doctor, died. Many people will know what a devastating blow that is – to lose the person to whom you have committed your life and with whom you have a family, a way of life, a host of memories and above all, love.

Felmersham and Radwell are exceptional villages and particularly so when any one individual or family has a time of trouble. Friends and neighbours rally to the cause; food arrives at your door, offers of any kind of help are made. You acknowledge and appreciate their generosity and you know that you are not alone.

At the heart of our community is the church, St Mary's. It is a stunningly beautiful place and we are unbelievably fortunate to have it in our midst. It is architecturally and historically significant and people often visit and make favourable comments in the visitors' book. Even more importantly it is a place of worship. For me it has become an important focus of my week, my life.

I have attended church from my youth but in recent years I had not been the most regular of visitors. David Mason, who was our priest when my husband died, was kindness itself. He supported us throughout and one Sunday I decided to visit *him* in church. He was the first person I encountered and he made me welcome, as did everyone else. Over the years I have finally become a regular attender! I look forward to going to church. It is not a chore but a pleasure and I now help out a little in various aspects of the everyday running. For me the church is a place of light, even in the depths of winter's long, dark days. The church and the people in it opened their arms to me. It is a place where the welcome is warm and genuine. I gained great strength from it, not only in those difficult early days. I still gain strength today and I am so grateful. It is a place where anyone can come and find that strength and that welcome.

Jane Rhodes

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday 11 October
at 11.00 am

Join us for Sunday worship at
St Mary's Church, Felmersham.
Service conducted
by Revd. Lionel Albon

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 4 OCTOBER

The Harvest Festival service will take place on Sunday 4th October, at 11.00am.

Any donations of garden produce, fruit or tinned goods for this Service will be greatly appreciated and can be left in the church (in front of the screen) at any time during the week before 4th October.

The school will be holding their Harvest Festival service in the church on
Friday 2nd October at 2.00pm.

All monies raised will go towards the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2015,

Concert by Sharnbrook Gospel Choir

A concert of popular, secular and gospel music
by Sharnbrook Gospel Choir
on Saturday 24 October at 7.30 pm
in St Mary's Church, Felmersham.
Tickets at the door.
The Gospel Choir is a very popular local choir.



Sunday 4th October Benefice Harvest Evensong 6.00pm - change of venue

This service will take place at All Saints' Souldrop

Sunday 11th October Family Service in St. Mary's 11.00am - service alteration

This all-age communion will be our annual 'Come to Church Sunday' service.

[Please see other notices with more information about these services.]

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
		Odd Jobs (babysitting/ car wash gardening/house cleaning etc)	Isaac Perring 782733/075008284 04
		Painting & Deco- rating	Eric Barford 781719
Childminding	Maxine Boswell 781940 07985228116	IT Services (business or home)	Clive Just 781967/783246
Chemistry/ Science Maths tuition	Peter Rankin 782897	Piano/Guitar Les- sons (all ages)	Margo Payne 782355
Community Care	07786 344176	Driveway and Pa- tio Cleaning (Radwell)	David Rickard 07900677851 or 783589
		Daisy Bank Kennels Cattery & Grooming Centre, Fully Licensed and Qualified	Mrs Gee 01234 720241
Dog Walking, feeding/ boarding	Ch. Tweeddale 781279	Fencing Services	Tom Brett 783164
Animal Care and Dog Walking	Annette Courtney 783164	Drain Clearance, sinks, toilets etc	Andy Sharpe 781180

Family Fun Day

Marc and Rosie Cheetham

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Fun Day event on Sunday and to the team of helpers who were so generous with their time. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and we're already looking forward to next year!

We're delighted to say that the event raised £266.26, meaning that after costs both Pinchmill Pre-School and Pinchmill Lower School will be receiving a donation of £100.

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COFFEE MORNING AND SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS

TABLE : SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2015

The October Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be held at the home of Chris and Maggie Spoor, Felmersham, **on Saturday 3rd October at 10.30am.**

Contributions to the bring and buy stall are welcome (toiletries, bric a brac, cakes, produce etc...).

Save the Children Christmas Table.

Andy and Sue Evans will be at this coffee morning selling Christmas cards, paper and more. One less job to do in the weeks before Christmas if you come along to the coffee morning to purchase your cards now. Coming also helps a worthwhile cause while having a cup of coffee and friendly chatter with your fellow village residents

Everyone welcome.

The November coffee morning will be held at the home of Bruce and Lynn Edwards, Felmersham on Saturday 7th November

Teas in the Church

Jane Wells

Thank you to everyone who supported, helped and baked cakes at these teas over the summer.

I very much appreciated it and I think they were enjoyed by all who came from elsewhere as well as from the village.

Churchyard clean

Sue Whitehouse

Many thanks to those of you who turned up for our last weeding session of the year. Until all the leaves fall off the trees the churchyard will look nice and tidy! Like all of those housekeeping and gardening jobs, it will not stay done, so we will start again in the spring. Meantime, thanks to everyone for their cheerful goodwill, hard work and chats in the tea break.

Lorraine Shrimpton

Ken Shrimpton wishes to thank all those in our community who sent cards and messages of sympathy over the loss of his wife Lorraine and for their on-going support



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Felmersham & Radwell Parish Council Meeting – 8th September 2015

The following is a summary of local points raised or agreed at the meeting:

Mrs Janet Cook asked the Parish Council to: Arrange for Parish Council meeting dates to be identified correctly on www.felmersham.net and Ouse News on-line. Also to give further attention to the removal of the portable toilet on common land off The High Road, approaching Radwell Road. Despite previous endeavours, the redundant facility remained and was unsightly.

Borough Council intend to install a 20mph limit on Church End/The Old Road (where the school is located) and on Memorial Lane be acknowledged and supported

Further consideration be given to the installation of a permanent sign at the launch ramp adjacent to the Jubilee Lawn to encourage greater responsibility for litter clearance.

Borough Council Tree Officer be requested to review the situation in respect of the rear-most Mulberry Tree on the Village Green and also the need for a crown reduction to the Horse Chestnut on the Village Green and to take appropriate action.

Replacement Christmas tree lights be purchased, funded from the contingency allocation in the approved 2015/2016 budget a quotation be obtained for the provision of a purpose built tree pit on Radwell Village Green, together with an indication of the timescale for installation.

Replacement dog waste bin be purchased to replace the damaged unit in Moor End Lane, Radwell and that the replacement be funded from the contingency allocation in the approved 2015/2016 budget.

Autumn Show

The 17th Autumn Show was held in Pinchmill Hall on Sunday 13th September and attracted over 250 entries, an increase on the previous two years. Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparation, setting up and clearing away on the day. Special thanks go to the Village Hall committee for the use of the Hall, Mrs V Coleman for the loan of extra tables and display boards, the members of the WI who provided and served tea and cakes during the afternoon, and the art group for mounting the exhibition of their work.

The sunny afternoon made for a pleasant stroll to the hall for the steady stream of competitors and visitors who came to view the entries, to admire the work of our talented local artists and to enjoy the WI's delicious tea and cakes. It was obvious that a lot of time and effort had gone into preparing and making items for the show and all entrants are to be congratulated. But surely the prize for dedication must go to Monique Eyre-Smith who arrived with her entries in a wheelbarrow!

Overall winner of the show was Peter Bance who gained five Firsts. The Best in Show cup was won by Holly Lindsay-White. Pat Keeble won the Amy Rootham cup for WI members having gained four Firsts, and the Rose Bowl was won by Alison Lindsay-White for her entry of a vase of garden flowers. We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to welcoming you to the 18th Show in 2016.

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Village Barn Dance

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Village Barn Dance on Saturday 5th September 2015.

Rosemary Drewery

We made £1,255.00 in ticket sales and donations.

Cost of band - £400.00

Cost of food - £400.00

£100.00 – Donation to St Mary's Church

£355.00 – to East Anglian Air Ambulance

Thank you all once again for your support

Felmersham & Radwell WI.

Blanche Smith

It's not all 'Jam & Jerusalem' in WI as demonstrated by our traditional Harvest Supper prepared and served by the Committee to twenty five members who thoroughly enjoyed Shepherd's Pie and salad, followed by Apple Crumble and custard, coffee or tea!

Afterwards, it was down to business and a full programme to discuss including the success of the Autumn Show where £140 was raised providing teas, as well as an extensive display of memorabilia celebrating Centenary Year. WI members are being invited to a family day out in December at The Royal Opera House for a performance of The Nutcracker Suite and a workshop for the children.

Our attention was drawn to the Campaign for action on CARE NOT CUSTODY first launched seven years ago by WI, calling for an end to the inappropriate detention of people with mental health problems. We are being urged by our National Federation to write to our MP, pressing the Government to secure funds for this cause.

Next month's speaker, Geoff Lambert, will talk about Medical Detection Dogs.

STEVEINGTON CINEMA CLUB

Linda Penney

<http://stevingtoncinemaclub.uk>

In April, **Stevington Cinema Club** was launched to a packed Village Hall with our first showing - 'West Side Story'. Since then, a variety of films from different genres, chosen to appeal to a wide range of different tastes, has been shown in Stevington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Films are shown on professional cinema-quality projection and sound systems in a comfortable and relaxed environment. Tickets are £5.00 and there is a licensed bar and other refreshments on sale, including ice-cream and popcorn.

Film nights are popular social occasions and we would love to welcome new friends from neighbouring North Bedfordshire villages at some of our events - do give us a try as we will be delighted to see you and are sure you will enjoy Cinema Club as much as we do. Our programme has been selected to offer films which people will generally not have seen in mainstream cinema chains. Full details of our programme, forthcoming events and ticket bookings are available through our website <http://stevingtoncinemaclub.uk>.

We are also excited about the new satellite broadcasting facility which will shortly enable us to offer live streaming of events including theatre, ballet, opera, sport and music. Keep an eye on the website for updates and publication of our live streamed programme.

You can contact us through the website and, of course, if you have any suggestions for films you would like us to show, please let us know.

As a taster, this is the film for next month

12 November 2015	Man on Fire (18) 2004	An action drama featuring Denzil Washington, Dakota Fanning, Mickie Rourke, Radha Mitchell and Christopher Walkern.
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