

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 201 399	For info
Tues	7.30 pm	Table Tennis Club	Village Hall
Fri	9.15am -11.00am	Parent/Toddler Group (term time only)	Portakabin

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 WI	Committee Room
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun Pub
2nd 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	All-Age Communion
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	Fr Reuben Preston	(782000)
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LETTER FROM FR REUBEN PRESTON

August can be a dull month in any parish's life – children are off from school and we can live with the fallacious belief that everyone is on holiday so nothing is in the parish calendar. What rot! – the only people on holiday are those whose holiday period is limited to July and August – i.e. those working in Parliament, and some limited factory settings and the education system! The rest of us stay at home for fear of lots of frustrated parents having their pockets emptied by children of school age demanding another ice-cream or seaside ride.

So how will August be in Felmersham this year? Answer: full of excited anticipation for the celebration of our Patronal Festival on Sunday 14 August – “Fizz ‘n Blues”. With such a title the overtones are of joyous gathering as we come to St Mary's Church to recall the life of Mary our Patron. This year the Church Council have decided to use the Marian Festival of mid-August to celebrate our life together under our patron, Mary the mother of Jesus. In the western tradition, through Rome, it is the assumption of Mary from earth to heaven which the Church of England has inherited with the official title for the day being “The Blessed Virgin Mary”. A Patronal Festival is the highest class of Festival equivalent with Christmas and Easter in solemnity and festivity. Our celebration under the title of “Fizz ‘n Blues” will resound with our corporate gathering to come together as community to remember the significance of our dedication, as well as the chilled-laidback-relaxed festivity of a blues bar.

Whatever your August has planned this year, come and spend a morning recalling those words of Mary “let it be according to your word”, which brought our faith to birth in the person of Jesus. God's choice to ask Mary to take part in salvation history is a good reason to take an hour or so to chill with fizz amidst the ‘blues’ of a Marian Festival.

Come join the celebration – processions, music, fizz ‘n blues..... which festival are you going to this summer...? Glastonbury, Greenbelt, Womad? No Felmersham Fizz ‘n Blues!

See you there!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, FELMERSHAM

Sunday 14th August at 11.00 am

ST MARY'S PATRONAL BENEFICE FESTIVAL COMMUNION

FOLLOWED BY FIZZ 'N BLUES

Do come along to this special saint's day service at St Mary's Church to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron saint.

St Mary's will be celebrating this special day - like a birthday - on Sunday 14th August with a Benefice Festival Communion Service at 11am, followed by an extra special 'birthday-style' celebration with Fizz, special nibbles, lots of cake – and more!



There will be activities and refreshments available for children.

Join in with the 'blue' theme if you'd like to, by wearing or bringing something blue, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Everyone in the benefice is welcome to join us to celebrate this very special day in our church and village year.

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

Jane Wells

The August Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Church Restoration fund will be hosted by Geoff and Celia Hulatt, Felmersham on Saturday 6th August at 10.30am. 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 Brian and Blanche Smith, Felmersham on 3rd September.

TEA IN THE CHURCH

Jane Wells

Don't forget Tea in the Church on **Wednesday 17th August** from 2.30–4.30pm. Come along with your friends for a chat, a cuppa and a piece of cake. If you are new to the village it is a good way to meet people and to hear what is going on.

Tea in the Church also on Wednesday 21st September.

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THURSDAY CLUB

Pam and John Norris

The sun shone on Felmersham's 'Thursday Club' and the Good Companions Club from Sharnbrook when they were treated to the most lovely 'Old Fashioned Summer Tea Party' in Debby Gavin's beautiful garden.

The best bone china was on display overflowing with delicious crust-free, dainty sandwiches, mouth-watering cakes, plus raspberry and strawberry cream scones and lemon curd cream meringues, which, as you can imagine, were much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.

We wish to thank Celia and 'Her Girls' for all the hard work they put into making this such a memorable, happy occasion.

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CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP, SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

Sue Whitehouse

Thanks again to the stalwarts who turned up to help tackle very dusty overgrown ivy and clear a stone wall. The compensations in tea, biscuits and ice cream were gratefully received. We have had compliments on the clean state of our gutters, but more needs to be done.

The next session will be on Sunday 7th August from 2-4pm. If you are able to spare a little time in good company, please join us to battle with the weeds.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Andy Evans

On Monday 12th September the Charity Night at Sharnbrook Mill in aid of **Save the Children** is a comedy entitled "**Silly Cow**" written by Ben Elton. Tickets at £9 are available from Andy Evans on 01234 782523.

Details from the July Edition of Ouse News : Silly Cow is a slick, razor-tongued, satirical comedy by Ben Elton on the viciousness of tabloid journalism with an ingeniously dramatic dénouement. Doris Wallace has everything a tough tabloid columnist could want: a toy boy, a pretty personal assistant, and the prospect of her own television show. She is a newspaper columnist and reviewer with a talent for caustic insults and career assassination....

RACE FOR LIFE

Maria Hood and Linda Hoyle ran the 5K Race for Life on Sunday 3rd



July and raised £918 for Cancer Research UK. Maria and Linda were couch potatoes and had never run (properly) before. In January this year they began the NHS "couch to 5K" training and were amazed at how over time they built up stamina to finally run the 5K. They did the run for their own good health and fitness, as well as honouring family members who had survived and died from cancer. Maria and Linda would like to say a big thank you to all those who sponsored them.

The 18th Felmersham & Radwell

Autumn Show and Art Exhibition

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Our Speaker, Bill Hamilton ('Man on the Spot'), entertained us with anecdotes of his very full and busy life as a Journalist, a Broadcaster for the BBC and, in his spare time, a Football Referee, having taken charge of 2,200 matches and run nearly 10,000 miles! Bill, a canny Scotsman born in Dundee, learned his trade working for various local newspapers and at the age of 22 years he broadcast the BBC News at Tyne Tees TV studios. Later, he was the voice of 'Recording Scotland' on the evening radio news programme. Bill arrived in London and covered the IRA troubles from 1973/79.

In 1989 he and his camera crew were the first broadcasters to enter Albania after years of the country's isolation and the Cultural Revolution in the 1970s. Bill showed us graphic film pictures of the deprivation and very poor conditions endured by the local popula-

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tion. The story had a happier ending for, as a result of the film, financial aid poured in to help equip the hospitals, build schools and provide food and medical help, especially for the children. Hence the above title!

Other news: Val reported back on her visit to the AGM in Brighton and Sylvia was presented with a plant and card congratulating her and Larry on their Diamond Wedding anniversary. The August Meeting (16th) will be supper at The Pavilion in Bedford Park. Those wanting a ride should meet at the bus stop at 6:30pm.

FELMERSHAM THEN AND NOW

Marjorie Pipe (formerly Betts)



I was first associated with Felmersham (and Radwell) as long ago as 1966 and I moved into the Bakery in 1973 when I married the baker, Alwyne Betts. From this date we ran the shop, together with bakery and bread delivery rounds to Radwell and Carlton. At this time any of our customers could ring and ask to have goods delivered the next time we went to their village, for no charge. When I moved to Felmersham, as well as the Bakery, there was a Post Office, and there were three pubs in the village, The Plough, The Six Ringers and The Sun, all thriving with a smaller population. In the '70s or '80s, another shop was opened in a converted garage at Sennan, in Grange Road.

Over the years, I have watched the growth of Felmersham and Radwell and the demise of all but one of these businesses - The Sun. The shop, that was opened at Sennan, closed, then The Plough, then The Six Ringers. Unfortunately my husband, Alwyne, became ill and we had to close the shop early in 1990. He died in June 1990. So, I have watched the village grow and the facilities close.

Until 1974, children up to the age of 11 years old went to the Old School opposite the Church. Although very basic, this school had a swimming pool provided by parents and villagers fundraising. The pool was manned by parents (one parent in the pool and one parent poolside, with eyes on the pool). Although the school pool was moved to the new Pinchmill School site, the pool was eventually removed due to health and safety legislation. Mind you, when parents were in charge at the pool, no child managed to drown. Let's face it, nobody is going to look after a child or children better than responsible parents!

In 1974, the new school was built in the Old Road and thanks to fund-raising going back approximately to the 1940s, it was agreed that the County Council would add a hall (with money from the Village Hall Fund), to be incorporated into the building (as schools built at that time did not have an assembly hall). This meant that Felmersham and Radwell at last had the valuable asset of a Village Hall, which was theirs on weekdays from 5pm until 8.30am the following morning, and at weekends from 5pm Friday until Monday at 8.30am, and during all the school holidays. As a "thank you" to the village for their contribution to the building, villagers could use this asset free of charge. Over the years, the County Council had to start charging for electricity etc. This was when an amount was added to the rates by the Parish Council to assist with the running of the Village Hall.

When the new school opened, the Headmaster, Bob Shaw, who was a thespian at heart,

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encouraged the formation of the Pinchmill Players who thrived for many years, putting on at least one, if not two, productions a year. These ran for two or three evenings. Most evenings, the Village Hall was in use by clubs and organisations. The village had a number of successes in the Calor Gas "National Village of the Year" awards in the 1990s: In 1994 it was third in the Best Community Group entry in the Rural Communities Challenge. In 1997, Felpersham and Radwell were finalists with "What's on". In 1999, Felpersham was highly commended in the "Village of the Year" award. Would we win any of these today? So as can be seen, Felpersham was a very busy place to live; there was always something going on. I may be an old cynic and have even been told that I do not care about the village. However, I do not think anyone could care more about Felpersham and Radwell than I do.

In an era of internet shopping, with supermarket vans delivering goods all day (how things have changed!), the only thing that still hangs on by the skin of its teeth is door-step milk delivery which is a wonderful, reliable service for lots of people who enjoy this asset. Steve, the milkman, will deliver anything from milk to potting compost and bird seed. Long live milk deliveries! Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it. So please support your local School (no detour if there is flooding), your Village Hall (there's a Committee Room for smaller functions) and The Sun Pub (the landlord would be very pleased to see you there for a beer or soft drink at very reasonable prices).

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GOOD NEWS! H&V 'Warm Up' Appeal Update

Since March, Phase 1, to install our new water-based heat pump system to heat the auditorium has been progressing apace... and is on schedule. Twin pipes to distribute the heated water around the Auditorium now pass below *all* the seats. The innovative technology that heats the water is installed; 'energy blades' are submerged in the mill stream and pumps now occupy the old beer cellar! DV we will have been generating energy by the end of June; enabling us to apply for the attractive Government Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments; saving power, *plus* a wonderful warm winter is in prospect!

Financially, we have achieved around £130,000 to date towards our Phase 1 target of £175,000. Grants totalling £22,000 from the Wixamtree Trust, The Steel Trust and the Gale Family Trust have recently given a significant boost to the funds already raised from a variety of successful events. Short term loans by 4 Governors, cover the shortfall, whilst fundraising continues. Phase 2: the extension of the system to the rest of The Mill, will follow when we have raised another £30,000. *Then* Phase Three, to deal with the ventilation, will cost £60,000. So that means, overall, we have to find another £135,000....

Thank you, most warmly, to all who have helped and supported us thus far. However, fundraising will continue! We look forward to you joining us at 'The Mill' for our *Auction of Goods and Promises on Saturday 1st October*. Dates and details of 3 diverse concerts over the autumn and winter will follow next month! Never too early! Event tickets may be purchased from, and donations (if desired, Gift Aided!) may be sent, to: **Brian Woodrow OBE DL:** Flat 5, 27 The Embankment, Bedford MK40 3PE. (01234) 349455 email: bwoodrow@btinternet.com.