

Parish Diary

Regular Activities (M=Mon – F=Fr)

MTW-F 9am – 3.15pm

Pre-School

Pinchmill School

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---T-	9am – 12.45pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
----F	9.15am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
---T-	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for info	
---T-	-8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
----F	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn
----F	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Youth Club	Pinchmill

May

Sat 1	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Shrimptons
Sun 2	10.15am	Choral Communion - Easter 5	St Mary's Church
Tue 4	7.30pm	Parish Annual General Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 8		Skips in Parish	
Sun 9		Skips in Parish	
Thu 13	3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
	7.30pm	Deanery Ascension Day Festival	Stevington Church
Sat 15		Ouse Valley Singers	St Mary's Church
Sun 16	2.00pm	P3 Walk (see felmersham.net)	Felmersham Bus Shelter
June			
Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Hulatts

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Richard Phipps (781789)

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We welcome any item of general interest for inclusion. Please email items by the 25th of the month to ousenews@justs.info and put OuseNews in the Subject line.

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Felmersham & Radwell

Village online: www.felmersham.net

May 2010

Letter from Rev Robert Evens

Dear Friends

This month the Christian Church celebrates the important festival of Ascension Day. The importance of Ascension Day seems to have diminished over the years. When I was a boy, it was still a day off school and when travelling in France some years ago on Ascension Day, the roads were completely deserted. There are some delightful customs associated with this festival. Well Dressing in Derbyshire starts on this day, though it continues throughout the summer, the beating of the bounds to mark the Parish boundaries was carried out on this day and there is a superstition in some parts of Wales that it is unlucky to do any work on Ascension Day! Perhaps we have something to learn there!

Sadly Ascension Day doesn't have the same impact as say Easter or Christmas. Yet in its turn it has an important bearing on our Christian faith. Ascension Day comes 40 days after Easter Day and is celebrated as the occasion when Christ finally left his disciples and ascended into heaven. The use of the word Ascension can pose difficulties but the language used by the New Testament writers must be interpreted according to usage. To say that Jesus was taken up or that he ascended does not necessarily imply that they locate heaven directly above Earth. Just as the words he "sittith on the right hand of God" does not mean that this is his actual physical position. In this case sitting on his right hand denotes his equality with God the Father; according to our creed. What is clear is that the Ascension marked the completion of Jesus' physical presence amongst the Apostles, and is the final showing of his two natures - both human and divine; and his departure is what was required before the Holy Spirit could be sent at Pentecost.

Be all these as they may, Ascension Day will be celebrated in church as a Deanery Festival and you are all invited to come and join us in Stevington at 7.30pm on 13th May.

With every blessing, Robert Evens

The Haiti Appeal

Thank you for your support and kind donations at the Sale recently held in aid of The Haiti Appeal. We raised £225 for the charity.

Caroline Scott

Offered

'25 - 2'x2'x2" plain stone slabs available to whoever wants them and will collect. They have recently been taken up from a patio so are cleaner on one side than on the other! Please telephone 782138

Jane Rhodes

Bulky Waste Skips

The bulky waste skips are scheduled to be in the parish over the weekend of 8th and 9th May. We are not told which village they will be in on which day, but in the past they have been in Radwell on the Saturday and in Felmersham on the Sunday. The times are - Saturday 8th May 15.00 to 17.00 hrs; Sunday 9th May 13.00 to 15.00 hrs. Please look out for Borough Council notices for venues.

Christian Aid in Radwell

"Helping others to help themselves" Envelopes will be distributed in the village as usual, but they will not be collected!

Pat and I are holding a Coffee Morning, with Raffle and Plant Sale and envelopes can be left there if you would like to contribute.

See you there: Owls Rest - Saturday 15th May - 10.30 to 11.30

If you are unable to get there please call , or leave envelope at Owls Rest or Apple Tree Cottage.

Thursday Club

At our April meeting Paul Keeble organised a quiz which was most enjoyable and very competitive!

Our next meeting is on May 13th when we will be having a games afternoon. Please contact Joan on 781722 if you need transport.

Church Coffee Morning

The Church coffee Morning for May is to be held at the home of Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton, on Saturday 1st May at 10.30am.

The Coffee Morning for June in aid of the Flower Festival (to be held on 19th and 20th June in the Church) will be held at the home of Geoff and Celia Hulatt, on Saturday 5th June 2010 at 10.30am.

Home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

Theo. Gibbs
MAN OF LA MANCHA 14th - 22nd May 7.45 pm TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! - from Sharnbrook Post Office - in person or Bedford Central Box Office 269519*. 2 wheelchair spaces*, easier access seating Rows A-C. Hearing Loop Rows A-E. NB: One Act; (7.45 - about 10.00 pm); no interval; advance tickets for Alan

Aykourn's comedy, Round and Round the Garden*, 21 - 25 September, available before and after the show. *Wish to take part? Read-throughs: May 25th & Fri. 28th, 7.30 pm. Auditions: Sun. 30th 2.30 pm. Details: Susan Moore 01933 318318 . susan.c.moore25@googlemail.com

Felmersham and Radwell Youth Club

Annette Franklin

The Youth Club welcomes all children aged 9-13 years from within these two villages. We open term time only Fridays 6.30-8.00pm at Pinchmill Hall. An initial £5 membership fee is required with a weekly sub of £1. A tuck shop is available with a variety of drinks and sweets so a small amount of pocket money is advised.

We offer a wide variety of activities:

Sports Activities - Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Football;

Craft and Cooking Activities - Clay Modelling, Jewellery Making, Hama Beads, Card Craft, Painting, Pizza Making etc;

Themed Activities - Street Dance, Bungee Run, Climbing Wall, Disco, Team Building Games Including Wii, PS2, Karaoke, Dance Mats, Table Football, Pool/Snooker, Games including some old favourites.

Look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Annette 783085, email FRyouthclub@aol.com

St Mary's Church, Felmersham

FLOWER FESTIVAL

(the theme is Dances or Dance Titles)

Saturday/Sunday 19/20 June 2010
1.30pm to 5.00pm

Teas served on both days at The Old School House

Neighbourhood Watch Team

The volunteers for Felmersham are:

Area Coordinator		
Dave Girling	781955	
Street Co-ordinators		
Joan White	781702	Marriotts Cl, Town Lot Lane, Hunts Lane, Carlton Rd, Grange Rd
Dave Girling	781955	Pavenham Rd & The Slip.
Claire Bullock	738038	Swansholme
David Folbigg	782591	High Rd (lower) & Trinity Cl
Maggie Spoor	782031	Church End, Memorial Rd & Old Rd
Vacant	781702	Tithe Barn & High Rd (upper)

The volunteers for Radwell are:

Area Co-ordinator		
Paul Keeble	782134	
Street Co-ordinators		
Paul Keeble:	782134	Moor End Rd (part) & Moor End Lane
Val Horrell	782140	Moor End Rd (part), The Green, Bridge End
Helen King	782338	Felmersham Rd

Village Fete

Janet & David Cook
Great News! The Village Fete will be on Saturday 26 June. Fun for all, from babes to Senior Citizens. Offers of help have been gratefully received, but if you have any ideas as to what you would like to see at your Village Fete, please let David and Janet Cook know on 781373.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch schemes are alive and well and can still continue to help every resident of Felmersham and Radwell. Each village has an Area Co-ordinator and Street Co-ordinators. The co-ordinators are there to encourage participation in the scheme and to circulate relevant information and to offer support and advice if asked for. Please note any criminal activity should be reported to the police or any other relevant number NOT the co-ordinators.

Our thanks go to Joan White who is stepping down after a number of years as Area Co-ordinator however Joan is as carrying on as a Street Co-ordinator. If your street is not shown on the list as being covered or there is a vacancy now or in the future, why not volunteer? The street coordinator role is not exacting and it is a good way to get to know fellow villagers and to keep in touch with village life. The main activities are maintaining a first point of contact with the area Co-ordinator and the police and attending the occasional meeting.

Full details of our Neighbourhood watch areas are on www.felmersham.net If you do not have internet access please contact me (781955) for more information. It is always useful to be aware of any relevant criminal activity or useful police information in your own area and "Ringmaster" is the method the police use to inform you. There are two methods of receiving the messages.

1. The phone – register by calling **01234 275288**.
2. The internet – <http://www.safer-beds.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx> or via link on www.felmersham.net

If you don't have a Neighbourhood Watch pack (information, offer leaflets and a window sticker) and would like one then contact your street co-ordinator - we will endeavour to supply you with a pack. Packs are also often available at local events such as any "River events" in Bedford.

Finally whilst crime is not common in our areas it is sadly a fact of life. Neighbourhood Watch is exactly that, it is watching out for your neighbours and your neighbours watching out for you. It also helps the police to keep our own areas safe. All the co-ordinators are unpaid volunteers so please help yourselves and them by making our schemes a success; this will make your community safer and feel more secure

Contact Numbers:-

Non Urgent events	01234 841212
Riseley Police Station	01234 842865
Neighbourhood Watch Central Office	01234 275165
Ringmaster	01234 275288
Crime Prevention Officers	01234 275273
Neighbourhood Watch (village)	01234 781955

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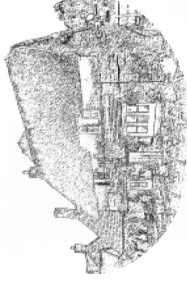
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