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Welcome to the May/June (interim) magazine

Welcome to the May/June 2008 edition of the "interim" Parish magazine.

Hopefully this edition has arrived in good time for you to put some key dates in your diary, the last edition was a little late, but hopefully you can bear with us during this time of upheaval!

May and June promise to be interesting months for the two villages with a guided farm tour planned; the annual Village Fete to prepare for and a Summer Evening. We do hope you will support these local activities and use the opportunity to catch up with friends and hopefully enjoy the sunshine! Please see further details about these events later in the magazine.

In the last issue we told you about the new production team working on the future look and feel for our Parish magazine. For those of you who completed and returned the questionnaire - many thanks for your feedback. **If you still haven't managed to fill it – we have extended the deadline to 30th May 2008, so please spare a few minutes to give us your ideas.**

If you have any future items for the July/August magazine please email them to joanne@walker-electrical.com by 15th June at the latest. You can also visit our Parish website for up to date news and information on www.tidmarshwithsulham.co.uk

With regards,

Joanne Walker
(0118 984 5558)

STOP PRESS

For the next issue we plan to include "Items for Sale".

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Village Hall News

JUMBLE SALE – Saturday 12th April (Village Hall)

Many thanks to all who came along and supported this event – we raised £102 towards hall funds.

PLANT SALE – Saturday 10th May (Village Hall)

Another good turnout for this annual event. Thanks for all those who helped on the day and for those green fingered amongst you who helped raise some funds for the village hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE MORNING

The next Village Hall coffee morning will take place on Friday 6th June 11:00am-12noon for a social catch up and a cuppa. For those of you who haven't yet been and have thought about doing so, this is a relaxed social get together for anyone in the two villages, young or old, working or non-working. Please come along, we'd love to see you.

BOOK CLUB – Wednesday 11th June (8pm)

The book club met in April to review "Random Acts of Heroic Love" by Danny Scheinmann, currently in the best sellers chart. There were mixed views about the two plots contained within the novel, half of the group really enjoyed the book as "a good read" whilst the other half found the characters difficult to identify with and found the part of the novel set in the First World War "heavy going". This is a semi-autobiographical novel, as the story tells the relationship of Scheinmann's grandfather and grandmother during World War One, and contrasts it with his own sad loss of a girlfriend in a bus accident in South America during the 1990s. This is essentially a book about the grieving process and how people come to terms with the loss of their loved ones.

The next book for review is from a local novelist Mary Hooper. The title of the work is "Newes From The Dead" and it is based on a true incident about a young girl who was wrongly hanged for infanticide during the 1600s (in Oxfordshire) but amazingly recovered from the hangman's noose. Please contact Joanne Walker on 984 5558 for details of the venue for this meeting on Wednesday 11th June (8pm).

SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Our initial six lessons' session is coming to an end and has proved to be very successful. Not only have we all learned basic waltz, quickstep, cha-cha, jive and social foxtrot, in doing so we have all had a laugh and enjoyed a great social atmosphere - so much so that we are continuing with another set of six lessons to take us up to June.

There will then be a summer break, but plans are already underway for more lessons starting in September. Whether you are a complete novice at Ballroom/Latin dance and would like to learn, or have danced in the past and would like to have some refresher lessons, or would like to come along for a social dancing evening including some friendly tuition - do please come and join us!!!!

Lessons are £6 each for a one-and-a-half hour lesson, and are held in the Tidmarsh Village Hall, currently on Sunday evenings, 8 - 9.30PM. Phone Joy or Peter on 011 984 4213, and come and join in!!!!

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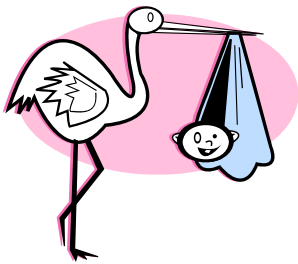
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NEW ARRIVAL IN SULHAM

Congratulations to proud parents Jo and Robin (of Gardeners Cottage, Sulham) on the safe arrival of baby Emma.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM– Tuesday 6th May Village Hall (7:30pm)

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall committee had to be rescheduled for 6th May. At the meeting Gill Haggarty confirmed her decision to step down as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee after over 4 successful years in the job. At the meeting John Harland formally thanked Gill for her excellent chairmanship and for the time she has given to many of the hall's activities over more than 10 years. Fortunately for us Jill has agreed to remain as a committee member, so we will not lose her expertise and experience altogether. At the meeting Peter King was nominated and duly elected as our new Chairperson. Thanks to Peter for taking on this task!

As previously reported in the magazine, Jean Harland has retired from the role of bookings secretary and Karen Fountaine has now taken on this important job (new contact details are on the back page of this magazine). Other members of the current Village Hall Committee include Ann Robertson (Secretary), John Harland (Treasurer), Joy King, Sally White, Gillian Alderton, Joanne Walker, Tessa Hutchison and Debbie Durand.

The key priorities for the Committee in the next 12 months are:-

- To continue to run the many and varied activities to reflect the needs of people living in the Parish
- To look for new activities, in line with the feedback from the Village Plan, which we think will appeal to local residents
- To look at the possible conversion of the current kitchen into a committee room and refurbishment of the current bar area into a new kitchen.

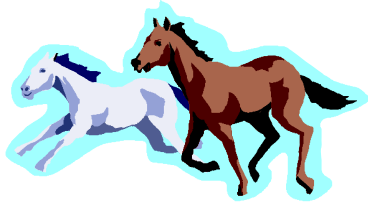
If you have any thoughts or ideas in relation to this year, please speak to one of the committee members in person or contact Karen Fountaine (telephone number below).

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Church Services for May

May	Pangbourne	Sulham & Tidmarsh		
4 th May <i>Easter 7</i>	07.45 Holy Communion 09.30 Family Service 10.30 Sung Communion 6.00 Choral Evensong	10.30 Family Service		T
11 th May <i>Pentecost</i>	07.45 Holy Communion 09.30 Family Service Communion 11.00 Mattins	10.30 Family Communion		T
18 th May <i>Trinity</i>	07.45 Holy Communion 09.30 Family Service 10.30 Sung Communion	10.30 Family Service		S
25 th May <i>Trinity 1</i>	07.45 Holy Communion 10.00 Family Service Communion	6.00 Evensong		S
1 st June <i>Trinity 2</i>	07.45 Holy Communion 09.30 Family Service 10.30 Sung Communion 6.00 Choral Evensong	10.30 Family Service		T

May	Midweek Communion	Noah's Ark
Friday 2 nd		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 7 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 9 th		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 14 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 16 th		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 21 st	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 23 rd		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 28 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 30 th		<i>Holiday</i>

Funerals

02.04.08 *Sylvia Hardiman*

(at St. James and Reading Crematorium)

Church Services for June

June	Pangbourne	Sulham & Tidmarsh	
1 st June	07.45 Holy Communion		
<i>Trinity 2</i>	09.31 Family Service		
	10.30 Sung Communion	10.30 Family Service	T
	6.00 Choral Evensong		
8 th June	07.45 Holy Communion		
<i>Trinity 3</i>	11.00 Worship in the Willows		
15 th June	07.45 Holy Communion		
<i>Trinity 4</i>	09.30 Family Service		
	10.30 Sung Communion	10.30 Family Service	S
22 nd June	07.45 Holy Communion		
<i>Trinity 5</i>	10.00 Family Service Communion	6.00 Evensong	S
29 th June	07.45 Holy Communion		
<i>Peter and Paul</i>	09.30 Family Service	10.30 United Parish Communion	T
6 th July	07.45 Holy Communion		
<i>Trinity 7</i>	09.30 Family Service		
	10.30 Sung Communion	10.30 Family Service	T
		6.00 Evensong	T

June	Midweek Communion	Noah's Ark
Wednesday 4 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 6 th		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 11 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 13 th		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 18 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 20 th		10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 25 th	10.00 a.m.	
Friday 27 th		10.00 a.m.

Baptisms

27.4.08 *Benjamin Bromage*
Leo Gager
 (at St. James the Less)

Funerals

17th April *Ron Gardiner* (at St. James the Less)
 21st April *Jean Munday* (at St. James the Less)
 23rd April *Molly Evans* (at St. James the Less)
 30th April *Dorothy Cole* (at St. James the Less)

St James the Less Annual Church Meeting

It was a night to persuade most people to stay at home, but nevertheless thirty hardy souls decided to brave the weather and come to St James Church on Sunday 13 April for the annual parish meeting.

At the public meeting for the election of churchwardens Jennifer Nutt and Julia Sheppard were re-elected for St Laurence, Tidmarsh, and Cherry East and Edward Goddard for St James the Less, Pangbourne.

We then heard that there were now 172 people all told on the church electoral roll, and we proceeded with some despatch to accept seven annual reports and one set of annual accounts which disclosed that financially the parish is in quite a healthy state, thanks to the generosity of its members. Copies of all of these reports are still to be had in each of our three churches.

Then there were some elections. We are entitled to elect four to the Deanery Synod although only two came forward: Ian Busby and Dennis Jones, both highly capable representatives; but they could really do with some companions.

Vacancies on the Parochial Church Council were filled without contest and the members for this year will be: Gillian Alderton, Tony Bacon, Graham Beckett, Stephen Billyeald, Anne Bolam, Andrew Bond, Chris Dobby, Gill Haggarty, Luci Heyn, Colin Limb, Jill Palfrey, Hugh Richardson, Judith Sumner, Heather Thorne and Susan Worthington. We are fortunate to have them.

The body known as All Churches Together in Pangbourne and District includes our three churches with St Mary's Purley, and Pangbourne's St Bernardette's Roman Catholic church. Jennifer Nutt with Cliff and Heather Thorne were elected to represent our parish for this year, but there ought to be four representatives and we must look for a colleague for them.

Members then had an outline of the arrangements that will be needed for the Licensing of our new Priest-in-Charge, the Revd. Mrs Heather Parbury, by the Bishop of Reading. This will take place in St James at 7.30 pm on Friday 11 July. The Archdeacon of Berkshire will be here with the Area Dean of Bradfield, and invitations will be sent to the patrons of the churches and to many other clergy and civic dignitaries. It will probably be a full church, although there should be room for everyone who would like to come. It may be standing-room though, so come early~ There will be a reception afterwards, in the Pangbourne Village Hall.

So another year begins for the Church Council. You now know who they are. Stay in touch with them to be aware of what's going on. Let them know if you have concerns.

Edward Goddard
Vice Chairman of the PCC

"The Old Testament: Is it relevant for Christians today?"

Monday 19 May at 8 pm

organised by the deanery at Englefield C E Primary School

Special event

Dr Hugh Williamson FBA is Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University of Oxford and a renowned Old Testament scholar besides being an excellent communicator.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11 -17 MAY

Collectors will be working across the villages of Tidmarsh and Sulham in support of Christian Aid Week (11 May-17 May).

Money raised by Christian Aid goes to many deserving causes. An example is in Bangladesh. **The problem** In Bangladesh a rise in sea levels is contributing to the salination of water sources as far as 100 km from the coast, leaving thousands of communities without access to one of the most basic human rights: safe, fresh drinking water. These changes are making life more difficult for the poorest communities. Currently, approximately 25% of Bangladesh's 150 million population are without reliable access to safe, clean water sources, according to a recent Human Development Report from the United Nations Development Programme.

Access to water Christian Aid local partner organisation, the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), believes that, along with installing appropriate, affordable low technology, it is vital to engage and empower communities - and especially women - in solving the water crisis. It is, after all, women who are the main collectors and storers of water in many poor communities. Thanks to your donations, Christian Aid is funding a four-year project (2005-2009) in five carefully selected areas at a total cost of £140,000. It is making a difference to the lives of the poor; giving more than 50,000 people access to clean, safe drinking water.

Hopefully you will feel that these are very worthwhile projects and will be happy to deposit some money in the Christian Aid envelopes when your collector comes to call.

Miriam Anderson
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YOUR PARISH PLAN GRAND LAUNCH WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

Thanks to the many people who came along to the Village Hall at the end of April to support the launch of the Parish Plan. The event was hosted by Rob Robertson and it was great to see representatives from West Berkshire Council as well as our local councillor Tim Metcalfe.

For those of you who couldn't make it, you hopefully have now received a copy of the Parish Plan through your letterbox. This summarises the activities of each of the three working groups (People, Traffic and Environment) and also includes copies of the action plans agreed for each area.

Rob ended the meeting with a huge thank you to Mags Truscott who has done a sterling job in editing and pulling together the Parish Plan booklet. He also congratulated Rosemary Thomas for her tremendous efforts in steering the inception and production of the Parish Plan. Everyone agreed that without Rosemary the plan would not have been produced.

Please read through the publication when it arrives and let any member of the Steering Committee have your comments and ideas (details are in the publication).

Finally, a huge "Thank You" to all those who took part in the Working Groups and on the Steering Committee.

PANGBOURNE VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 7 June from 12 noon

TEA AND CAKES

We have agreed to (wo)man the tea tent again this year. As before, the proceeds will go to help the people in Bungokho in Uganda to help them to help themselves. There will be a display of photos of some of their activities including their recent involvement with refugees fleeing from the troubles in Kenya. Bob and Roz Arnold keep us up-to-date with great photographs about what's happening there. Offers of help on the day and/or a supply of cakes will be gladly received. There will be a list in St James nearer the time. Last year it was hard work but great fun. The actual tent provided by the Fete organisers made an enormous difference. Please get in touch with Cherry East (984 2636) for further details.



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	Julia Sheppard	0118 956 1820
	Jennifer Nutt	0118 984 2370
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	Marion Collier	Four Winds, Tidmarsh Road
	Dennis Jones	0118 984 4051
	Hugh Richardson	0118 984 3599
	Ian Busby	0118 984 2327
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	Luci Heyn	0118 984 2129
	Jill Palfrey	0118 984 2698
	Graham Sharpe	0118 984 5232
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<u>Tidmarsh Representatives</u>	Colin Limb	0118 984 2635
	Susan Worthington	0118 984 2937
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	Gillian Alderton	0118 984 2729
	Anne Bolam	0118 942 1020
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President	Mrs Margaret Pawson	0118 984 2619
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