

Ouse News

Felmersham & Radwell

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July 2009

Parish Diary

Regular Activities

Mon-Fri	9.15am – 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
Thu	9.30am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
Thu	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for info	
Thu	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
Fri	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn

July

Sat	4 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Hartops
Sun	5 10.15am	Joint Service - Trinity 4	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Tue	7 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall Committee Room
Thu	9 3.00pm	Thursday Club	Town Lot Corner
Sun	12 10.15am	Joint Service, Baptism - Trinity 5	St Mary's Church
Sat	18 9.30am	Annual Churchyard Clean	St Mary's Church
Sun	19 10.15	Choral Communion - Trinity 6	St Mary's Church
Sun	26 10.15	Matins & Communion - Trinity 7	St Mary's Church
August			
Sat	1	No Church Coffee Morning	
Sun	2 10.15	Choral Communion - Trinity 8	St Mary's Church
Sun	9 10.15	Family Service - Trinity 9	St Mary's Church
Sun	16 10.15	Choral Communion - Trinity 10	St Mary's Church
Sun	23 10.15	Matins & Communion - Trinity 11	St Mary's Church

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.

Moving On

Once again we have reached the time in the year when many face great changes in their lives. The examinations in schools and colleges are now over, and the results are known now, or will be shortly. In schools many will know what forms they are going to join in the next school year. Those who at the top of the lower and middle schools will be looking forward to attending different schools, those at the end of their upper school attendance will be facing the move to college, university or the world of work, and those who have completed their educational courses will be seeking, or will have found, work. It can be a challenging time with many uncertainties. The decisions that have to be made at this time may well have life-changing consequences, and there will be concern that the right choices have been made. The financial and employment situation of our country today may well be increasing the worry and concern of those seeking further education or work, and those already in work may be facing concerns about the reliability of their employment. It is then a time of change and worry for many people.

There is a well known hymn which contains the words, 'Take it to the Lord in prayer', and I have found it useful to spend time on the types of occasion mentioned above to do just that. To spend time in a quiet place at home, or in church, or indeed any other quiet place where you can be quiet and alone, taking the situation that is worrying you before God and seeking his help in making decisions or coping with difficult situations can be of far more help than those who have not done it can realise. The time spent in holding the situation before God, and working it through in his presence can be a great help in making decisions and in reducing apprehension. My own experience has taught me that decisions made this way have been the right decisions, even though sometimes there has been uncertainty of mind after the decisions were made. It has been part of the journey of learning to really trust God and to know that he does listen to prayer. I commend this course of action to you, please discuss it with me if you wish to know more about it.

I hope that you all manage to get a break over the holiday period and return refreshed ready to meet the challenges of life, particularly if you are facing great changes in your lives.

Felmersham Open Gardens

Carol Stork/Alan Stevens
We would like to say a big thank you to all those villagers who supported the recent Open Gardens event in Felmersham which raised a total of £2031.90 for St Mary's Church and the Parkinson's Disease Society. The weather was kind to us and over the weekend the gardens were visited by 270 people. We would like to say a special thank you to Lorraine Shrimpton for organising the very popular tea and cakes and Mike and Debbie Gavin for hosting them. All those involved worked so hard over the two days to keep the refreshments flowing and raised over £600 towards the fantastic total. The weekend could not have happened, of course, without the gardeners themselves who put in so much effort to present their gardens at their best. A huge thank you again to everyone who took part.

W.I.

May Mills
Serendipity describes perfectly the launch of Clarice Collings' career as a professional artist. She had painted for her own pleasure for many years, and taught art at the Retirement Centre in Bedford after gaining a teaching qualification. In 1997 she gained a post as a guide at Kensington Palace and undertook a very intensive training course. During breaks between tours, and while other guides read books, she painted the roses in the garden, building up quite a substantial portfolio. On the death of Princess Diana, Clarice was involved in the supervision of the Books of Condolences, and it was at this time that she painted an exquisite memorial Lily. This painting proved to be the springboard for the disclosure of her other work which was brought to the attention of the Palace Director who arranged for publication in the form of wrapping paper and cards, solely at the Royal Palaces for the first three years. Clarice had concentrated on individual roses named after members of the Royal Family and had therefore elected to call her collection 'The Royal Roses'. They have proved to be an enormous success and are now sold worldwide. It was a heart-warming story, delivered with modesty and humour by a very talented artist. As they say - it couldn't have happened to a nicer person!

Bike Ride (BHHCT) Sponsorship

Paul Keeble
I am seeking sponsors to support my bike ride on Saturday 12th September raising funds for The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Last year I cycled to 16 churches in North Beds and hope to do the same this year.

The money BHHCT raises is given out in grants to local churches to assist them in restoration work on buildings and over the years they have helped us on numerous occasions in Felmersham. Last year the trust raised £100,000 through the sponsored bike ride and look to repeat this again.

If you can assist by sponsoring me please call me on 782134 or e-mail keeblepaul@tiscali.co.uk If you want to ride and get sponsors I can give you details of the event and arrange for you to get the paperwork you will need.

Open Gardens

Congratulations to all who took part in the open gardens weekend. The gardens looked magnificent and the refreshments were great. Our thanks to all of you.

FRYC is almost here!!!!

Annette Franklin
Felmersham and Radwell Youth Club starts Friday 18th September 6.30-8.30pm. For children aged 9-13yrs within Felmersham and Radwell only.

We are now affiliated with Luton and Bedfordshire Youth Association and are now finalising committee and seeking funds to buy equipment and insurance. We are also seeking donations of old play consoles, tv, dvd player, beanbags, table football, karaoke machines etc.

The club will work on a membership basis with a maximum of 20 children per session and this will require a minimum of 2 adults at all times. There will be a small fee of £1.00 per week and spending money will be required as there will be a tuck shop.

A membership registering session will be on Friday 11th September at the village hall at 7pm with the first youth club session on Friday 18th September.

Parent support and parent volunteers are paramount for this venture to work.

Any further details or offers of help/committee/donations, please phone me (Annette) on 01234 783085 or email FRyouthclub@aol.com.

Village Trades and Services

Thursday Club

The June meeting was our Annual Outing and we went to the beautiful gardens of Mr and Mrs Skipper at Wooton. They have produced this wonderful garden with a great variety of plants from a field purchased fourteen years ago and now open to the public for charity - a brilliant effort! Even rain could not ruin the day.

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE - the July meeting on the 9th will be our Summer Garden Party and will be held at Town Lot Corner - 3pm start as usual. Please telephone Joan 781722 for transport.

Annual Churchyard Summer Clean

The Annual Churchyard summer clean will be on Saturday 18th July at 9.30am. Everyone welcome to come along, just bring gardening tools, gloves, buckets/wheelbarrows etc... Coffee, biscuits and friendly chatter will be provided. The more people who come not only does the Churchyard benefit, but we will finish earlier!---- More Hands Makes For Lighter Work. Hope to see lots of you.

A date for your diary

The 11th Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show and Art Exhibition

Will be held on **Sunday 13th September 2009**
In Pinchmill Hall

Sponsored by Milton Ernest Garden Centre

Wonderful WI Teas!

Schedules will be delivered over the

next few weeks or download from www.felmersham.net

Felmersham and Radwell Show

It has been suggested that as part of the Autumn Show this year there could be a display of parish related memorabilia – photographs, paintings, maps, documents, other objects etc. Ideally these would have rarely been seen by anyone other than the owners. Photographs of villagers would be particularly welcome eg school photographs, clubs and activities, past fetes etc. Some things may have been included in books but there must be many more squirreled away in albums or lofts. If you have anything at all that might be of interest , or know anyone who might, please contact me on 781967 or email me at clive@iusts.info. Offers to help arrange the display would also be welcome.

Save the Children Fund

A recent door-to-door collection in Marriotts Close, Trinity Close and Hunts Lane raised £77.98. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to such an impressive sum, all of which goes (with no deductions) to the work of the charity in this country and around the world. If you have an envelope still waiting to be collected, please let me know and I will pop round to fetch it! I would also be pleased to hear from anyone within Felmersham and Radwell who would be prepared to collect from a few houses near their own next year. Thanks again.

Church Coffee Morning

The July Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Peter and Pat Hartop, Felmersham on Saturday 4 July at 10.30am raising funds for the lych-gate. All welcome.

There will be no Coffee morning in August.

The September Coffee Morning, raising funds to restore the lych-gate, will be held at the home of Rev. Robert and Caroline Evens, on Saturday 5 September at 10.30am.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. All welcome.

Joint Services

In July there will be a joint Benefice Service at St Peters Church, Sharnbrook on the 5th, and there will not be a service at Felmersham on that date. On the 12th there will be a joint benefice service at Felmersham with a Baptism. Both services begin at 10.15am

David G Mason

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

Entertaining Mr Sloane 22nd - 26th September 7.45 pm *Prepare to be shocked - and amused* - by this classic black drama of a murderous, sexual ménage à trois, from the pen of the famous playwright Joe Orton. Full of humour and innuendo, but with a very dark undercurrent... *Not suitable for children.*

Tickets will be available from 1 month before first night, from: Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) or Bedford Central Box Office (01234) 269519

Summer Concert Opera-Musical Theatre-Song on Sunday 12th July at 6.30 pm

Featuring: Tyler Clarke *Tenor* - *Royal College of Music*

Guest Starring: Jamie Tyler *currently Eugene in the West End Musical 'Grease'*; with Jean-Paul Pruna *Accompanist* - *Guildhall School of Music*

Tickets £10 are available now from: 01933 395775 or 01933 316416

Tyler Clarke and Jamie Tyler became Members of Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust from the age of 9. Now professional artists, they and The Trust are delighted they are returning to 'where it all began'- The Mill Theatre. A Special Occasion - do join us!

Andy Evans



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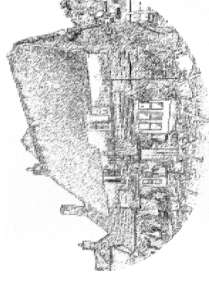
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