

Ouse News

Felmersham & Radwell

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March 2010

Parish Diary

Regular Activities (M=Mon – F=Fr)

MTW-F	9am – 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
---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

March

Tue 2	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting / Parish Council	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 6	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Freemans
Sun 7	10.15am	Choral Communion - Lent 3	St Mary's Church
Sun 14	10.15am	Family Service - Mothering Sunday	TBA
	10.30am	P3 Ouzel Valley Park Walk	Willen Lake Car Park South
Tue 16	7.30pm	Women's Institute	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 20	10.00am	Annual Parish Litter Pick	
Sun 21	10.15am	Choral Communion - Lent 5	St Mary's Church
Sun 28	10.15am	Choral Communion - Palm Sunday	St Mary's Church
Mon 29	7.30pm	Meditation and Complin - Holy Monday	St Mary's Church
Tues 30	7.30pm	Meditation and Complin - Holy Tuesday	St Mary's Church
Wed 31	7.30pm	Meditation and Complin - Holy Wednesday	St Mary's Church
April			
Thu 1	7.30pm	Said Communion - Maundy Thursday	St Mary's Church
Fri 2	10.15am	Family Service - Good Friday	St Mary's Church
TBA		Choral Performance	St Mary's Church
Sat 3	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Leach's
Sun 4	10.15am	Choral Communion -Easter Day	St Mary's Church
Sun 11	10.15am	Family Service -Easter 2	St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

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

Easter is Coming

This year Easter is on the first Sunday in April, very early. Usually at Easter we are thinking of spring and blooming of the spring flowers. As I write this the snow is falling and the weather continues to be cold not spring-like. We seem to have been going through a long period of bad news and depressing weather. Recently we heard of the disastrous earthquake in Haiti and the floods in Madeira. Financial problems, continued conflicts in various parts of the world, rising unemployment, and other bad news. But the days are getting longer, and the spring bulbs are sending up shoots to remind us that we are on our way to warmer weather.

Soon it will be Easter when again we will celebrate the the resurrection of our Lord after the apparent dashing of all the hopes raised during his time of ministry. After all hope seemed to have been lost, when all joy had been turned to sadness with the death of Jesus, suddenly all was restored as he defeated death and was alive again. Joy and hope returned, as Jesus proved that his promises about eternal life were true. At this time when the news seems to be filled with doom and gloom we should take comfort from the Easter message of joy and hope that was first heard some two thousand years ago. As we look back to the situation of the first disciples immediately before the news of the Resurrection and their first sight of the risen Jesus we may come to realise that for us things are not as black after all. Those first disciples were living in a country under a harsh occupying power. They had followed one who had given them new hope, whom they believed to be the expected Messiah come to restore his people Israel. Now all their hopes had been dashed, the one that they had put their hope in had been rejected by the religious leaders, put to death under the occupying power, and they realised that their own lives were in danger. But all changed on that fateful Easter day, when the disciples discovered Jesus was alive again, that what he had said about rising after death was true. Jesus really was the expected one in whom they had placed their trust.

Jesus commissioned the disciples to continue the work that he had started. Things were not easy for them, many of them suffered, some were martyred. But they and their successors have worked at spreading the good news of the Kingdom of God through the ages since, and the work continues today. As we feel depressed about the news, and about all that seems to be going wrong in the world let us take courage from that first Easter. Let us remember that Jesus is alive today and working through those who follow him. Through Jesus we know that God's kingdom will come to this world, so let us commit ourselves to working for Him knowing that in there will be joy and peace in the presence of our Lord.

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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.

Felmersham & Radwell Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 2nd March in the Village Hall. This meeting will start at 7.00 pm and not 7.30pm as I put in February's Ouse News. The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council.

Maggie Spoor

Annual Parish Litter Pick

Could you spare an hour or less to help keep the parish litter and 'fly-tip' free? The next litter pick will be on **Saturday 20th March**. We will meet by the bus shelter (opposite the church) at 10.00 am in Felmersham, and in Radwell by The Green, also at 10.00 am. Everyone is very welcome to join the litter pick – all equipment is provided – so just turn up on the 20th March. See you there!

Maggie Spoor

Annual Parish Church Meeting

This year our APCM will be held on the 26th April in the Village Hall. This is the meeting at which Church Officers and some members of committees are elected. It is also a time when we review the previous year and look forward to the coming one. I hope that the meeting will be well supported.

Rev David G Mason

Christian Aid Week

This year it's May 9th to 16th. We desperately need more people to collect....many hands make light work. It is not too onerous a task...if you could help, please ring me on 782897. If there is no response I will have resort to arm twisting.

Peter Rankin

W.I.

What is there to say about 'wigs' other than that they come in all colours, sizes, styles? Paul Browning had a lot more to say, so much so, that he was in danger of surpassing our very own verbal abilities. His twenty years as hairdresser and wig-fitter have provided him with a wealth of client-based anecdotes, many of which concerned the cross-dressing fraternity, who are among his best customers. He accompanied his amusing tales by pulling out various wigs, magician-like, from several bags behind him. It was all great fun and we wanted the long, blonde one!

Rockingham Castle is the subject at next month's meeting. We would love to have new members – there is no age restriction! Please phone Wendy Williamson 781319 or May Mills 781788 if you would like to give us a try!

May Mills

March P3 Walk

This month's walk will be the Ouzel Valley Park Walk, Milton Keynes on Sunday 14th March. Join us to explore this rural haven in the city, returning by Grand Union Canal and Woughton on the Green. We will meet at 10:30am, at Willen Lake Car Park South, by the Fitness Centre (parking meters operate). The walk is 5 miles long and will take about 2 hours. The route is flat and generally good underfoot (walking boots/shoes OK, Wellingtons not required) and there are no stiles. We look forward to seeing you there.

Carol Stork

Church Coffee Morning

The March Church Coffee Morning, in aid of the Restoration Fund, will be held at the home of Paul and Mary Freeman, on Saturday 6th March at 10.30am.

Jane Wells

The April Coffee Morning raising money towards the Flower Festival on the 20th and 21st June in the Church will be held at the home of Alayne and Margaret Leach on Saturday 3rd April 2010.

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

All welcome.



14th January 2010

I write this letter with great sadness informing you that unless we can find someone to start training for the Guides Association Adult Leader Qualification by July 2010, the Felmersham and Radwell Brownie Pack will close in December. The qualification takes about 12 months to complete but can be done within six months, if the Brownie meetings are planned to coincide with the leader in training.

Because of the age restriction in guiding, I can only hold my warrant until July 2011 but would be willing to stay on with the unit until then if a new leader in training was in place. The Guides Association state there must be a warrant holder at every meeting.

A team of people can train together. Having more that one warrant holder in a unit has many advantages, enabling different leaders to run meetings and if one leader cannot make a meeting then one of the others can.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a warranted guider or know of a person locally who has previously run a Brownie unit (may be moved into the area recently) then please let me know.

The decision to close in December was a unanimous team decision as we all thought it was unfair to pay the annual 2011 capitation fee in January, knowing we would have to close in July.

Pat Keeble

SUSA'S

Annual Quiz Night

Friday 23rd April

Sharnbrook Upper School Association's Quiz night will be held at the school on Friday 23rd April.

If you are interested in getting a team together download a form

www.sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk/documents/susa/Quiz/Night/Form.pdf

or call me on 782211 (school) or 783191 (eve & weekends)

We are limiting the teams to 14-15 for the evening so if you want to come along, get a form to me as soon as possible.

£100 first prize

£25 per team to enter (maximum of 8 people)

Bar

Cava & Chocolate Raffle

Bring your own supper!

Last Year's Winners: High Street Runners

Contact Linda Rance for any queries (you don't have to be connected to the school to come along)

