

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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May 2007

Red Cross Open Gardens

Would you be willing to have your garden open to the public for the afternoon of Sunday 10th June 2007 to raise funds for Red Cross? Small or large, it doesn't matter. For more info phone Liz Watson 345028, or email liz4watson@aol.com

Liz Watson

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 details	
May			
Sat	5 10.30am	Coffee Morning	
Sun	6 10.15am	Choral Communion - Easter 4	St Mary's Church
Wed	9 10.30am	Sue Ryder Coffee & Cakes	Rose Cottage, High Rd
Thu	10 3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	13 10.15am	Family Service - Easter 5	St Mary's Church
Mon	14 7.30pm	Gravel Extraction Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Thu	17 7.30pm	Deanery Ascension Day Service	St Mary's Church
Sun	20 10.15am	Choral Communion - Easter 6	St Mary's Church
Sun	27 10.15am	Matins and Communion - Pentecost	St Mary's Church
June			
Sat	2 10.30am	Coffee Morning	
Sun	3 10.15am	** Souldrop Patronal Festival	All Saint's Church, Souldrop
Sun	10 10.15am	Family Service - Trinity 1	St Mary's Church
Sat	16 11.00am	Organ playing in St Mary's Church	
Sun	17 10.15am	Baptism/Choral Communion - Trinity 2	St Mary's Church
Sun	24 10.15am	** Sharnbrook Patronal Festival	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Tue	26 7.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	All Saint's Church, Turvey

**** No services at St Mary's Felmersham on these Sundays**

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Paul Keeble (782134)

The Organ Restored

Rev David G Mason

It was good to hear the organ again on Easter Sunday, now fully restored and working well. The work was carried out by Nicholson's, the firm that originally installed the organ, and we are all pleased with the result of their labours, and the way in which they performed the work. Much effort went into the project, and on your behalf I would like to thank all those who were involved in any way. We are indeed fortunate to have among us those with the skill and patience to raise the funds to finance the work, and to organise the work. We are also grateful for the gift of the instrument that was used while the organ was being worked on.

The organ restoration just completed was an example of stewardship; many people were involved, using the different talents that they had to enable the work to be completed. There is a tendency to regard the use of the word 'stewardship' in connection with the church as an excuse to demand more money from the congregation, and many are suspicious of stewardship schemes because of this. But the original concept of Stewardship in the church was to develop the use of the many talents that are present in congregations to meet the needs of the church and to develop its work among the people. It is unfortunate that the use of the word 'stewardship' in connection with the church has become so tied in with the provision of finance because it ought to be recognised that this is only one aspect. Stewardship should be recognised as an essential part of the discipleship to which we are all called. God has given each one of us gifts that can be used in his service. It is true that money is important, but so are the talents that God has given each one of us. The church community should work to help its members to recognise, develop and use the gifts that God has given to each one of them. The way that the organ restoration was enabled, funded and undertaken is a good example of effective stewardship in action.

Once again many thanks to all who enabled the work to be undertaken, and many thanks to all who do so much for the church in so many different ways. And let us all thank God for all the wonderful gifts that he has given to us, and let us ask him how to use them in his service.

Thank You

Fraser Hocking

I would like to thank friends in Felmersham and family for helping me raise £130 for Marie Curie Cancer. On March 25th I swam 2.5km at Robinson Pool in Bedford in a time of 1 hour 38 minutes. Fraser (aged 13)

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Any items for inclusion should be emailed to OuseNews@justs.info, by the 25th of the month

Gravel Extraction

As the deadline for commenting on the proposed gravel extraction has been extended we invite you to a special meeting at Pinchmill Hall on Monday May 14th at 7:30pm. Come and hear about these proposals and discuss and decide what should be done to protect our Parish. For more information call 781443.

Brian Smith

Thursday Club

April's meeting was a 'make your own fun' afternoon with Scrabble, cards, draughts etc. and the usual delicious tea. Wendy had everyone giggling with her own version of Pam Ayres's poems and to finish' there was the usual Thursday Club quiz to keep the brain active.

Jo Morris

The next meeting is on Thursday May 10th. We still want more members. Just turn up and try a session. Please Joan if you require transport - 781722

Organists in Church

Members of Bedfordshire Organists Association and the New School of Organ Studies are playing the recently restored John Nicholson organ in St Mary's Church on Saturday 16th June 2007 between 11:00am and 3:00pm. Patishioners are invited to drop in and listen to the organ playing; each organist will have about 15 minutes playing time.

Paul Keeble

Margaret Alleway Memorial Garden

This month I can report that the grass has had its first cut but it still needs lots more work before we can achieve a flat, smooth lawn. Additional fencing has been erected between the Memorial Garden and the slipway, although a few more mature hedging trees will soon be planted to complete the boundary. The Trust is still awaiting permission from the Planning Department at the Borough Council, to pollard seven of the unsightly willow trees and remove deadwood and improve three other trees, especially those with road overhang. As soon as permission is forthcoming we have a tree surgeon lined up to start work, hopefully at the beginning of May. At this point we may be asking our working party to assemble!

Lorraine Shrimpton

There is a pile of wood chippings (not bark) available if anyone would like them - ring me on 781381 for access. After the pollarding, wood will be available for collection to anyone within the two villages (we will ask for a donation), however please bear in mind that it will be "green" willow and as such will not be suitable for open fires (it "spits").

We are in the process of finding out what health and safety measures the Trust has to put in place before the public can be admitted. However, as soon as we possibly can we will open up the boundary with Hunts Lane to give everybody access, and that will be a signal for a party. Details have not yet been finalized so I am unable to give a date just yet - watch this space! More news next month.

Church Coffee Morning

The May coffee morning, raising funds for a toilet and kitchen facility for the Church, will be held at the home of Geoff and Celia Hulatt Saturday 5 May 2007 at 10.30 am.

Jane Wells

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

Next month's will be held at the home of Constance Carter on Saturday 2 June at 10.30am.

Free to good home

Small rowing dinghy. Has served 2 families from The Spinney over the last 30 years with distinction. We would like to see it go to a good home, providing the new owners are careful of the river and take proper safety precautions. It can be seen at The Spinney, Hunts Lane. 01234 782138. No charge. Give something to the RNLI next time they come round. Needs a new trailer/bogie

Jane Rhodes

General Knowledge Quiz

As an added incentive to read the OuseNews and then use the web site, a quiz is enclosed which is FREE TO ENTER.

Peter Rankin

The first FIVE correct entries delivered to "Adina", Grange Road will receive a prize. The names of the winners and correct answers will be posted **first** on the *felmersham.net* website and **then** in next months OuseNews.

Village Services

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

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Pre-School Summer Garden Party

Advance notice of the Pre-School Summer Garden Party 2-4pm on Saturday 30th June at Corn Close, Felmersham (the venue has kindly been provided by Wendy). Tickets on the gate £1 Family, 25p individual – more details next month.

Jo Goodman

Name:..... Phone No:.....

1. Why were the first London policemen called “Peelers”?
2. What was nick named “The Thunderer”?
3. By what name is the novel “The Sea Cook” better known?
4. In the 1930’s, a child could buy The Rainbow. What was it?
5. Who was the first author to have his novels serialised?
6. Which character did Richmal Crompton create?
7. What is cassata?
8. The Water Carrier represents which sign of the Zodiac?
9. St Michael is the patron saint of whom?
10. Chips with Everything was written by?
11. What is Yom Kippur?
12. Whose motto is E Pluribus Unum?
13. What were Pioneer, Galileo and Magellan?
14. St Boniface is the patron saint of what?
15. The impresario Lewis Winogradsky is better known as?

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