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REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday	Table Tennis Club-now restarted under COVID guidelines	Village Hall
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REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES - ALL POSTPONED EXCEPT PC

1st Monday in each month	7.30pm Monday Sisters	The Sun
1st Wednesday in each month	7.45pm Pub Quiz	The Sun
2nd Tuesday every other	7.30pm Parish Council Meetings	Committee Room
2nd Thursday in each month	3.00pm Thursday Club	Committee Room
3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30pm WI	Committee Room

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector	Revd Paolo Di Leo	(782000)
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	Jane Templeman	(07885 617 583)
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Treasurer	Stephen Hill	(781064)

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Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

HOUSE NEWS

Parish Online:
www.felmersham.net

July 2021



Traces and Memories

Revd Paolo Di Leo

I enjoy charity and antique shops. Even if I really do not know what I want or in fact need, I seem to be drawn to enter and browse the often eclectic and random items, picking them up, examining them and inevitably putting them back

down, only for my curiosity to focus on another random item for me to pick up and examine and put back down.

I have often wondered if one of these items may be a long lost artifact of great historical importance and for me to be the great discoverer that found the missing historical link to some great historical mystery. Alas, so far I have a small collection of random items of which the most significant historical importance is that I bought them! Hardly the kind of hoard that Indiana Jones would risk life and limb to rescue and enshrine in one of the world's great museums or universities or that would place me on the cover page of Time Magazine.

However, whilst in these charity or antique shops, examining these items, I have sometimes reflected on the people who originally owned them. Who were they? Where were they from? What were their lives like? Each item once belonged to someone, had a specific purpose, was part of a life or many lives. In many ways these items are more than simply random functional or artistic objects; they are traces of lives lived. They carry and in fact are also traces and memories of other people. (Ctd. Page 2)

This month's Header : The river at Radwell
Page 2 & 3 : New times for Church Services

We all leave memories, some form of trace, as we live our lives. Every day we are making an impression on life that other people experience and will remember. These memories, these traces, remain with them and affect them at times and places when we are not there. Our lives leave a trace wherever we are and wherever we go. Our lives make a difference to other people. In this regard we can choose to be an uplifting and good presence, or not.

All acts of love, kindness and generosity, however small or random, will leave a beautiful trace and a fragrant memory of our lives for others to pick up and examine. So it is, that our lives are important, they are not insignificant; our lives influence the lives of others. They will also reveal God, who is love, forever kind and eternally generous.

So may we pray *"Lord, help us remember that you might make us important to someone today"*. The Very Reverend John Cairns in Prayer for the Day Vol 1, p. 322.

CHANGING TIMES

Sue Whitehead

From the beginning of July you will see that the regular church service times have changed.

This is to enable communion services to take place in St Mary's and St Peter's every week. So from 4th July there will be a said communion service in one church at 9am, followed by a full choral communion service in the other at 10.30am. These will be turn and turn about. The choral communion service will also be Zoomed. Each month there will be a 10.30 am service at All Saints, Souldrop.

In addition:-

Every Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Every Thursday 9.30 am Online Morning Prayer

So please check your Ouse News, pew notes or the notice on the church gate for details each week.

Online Links

For online services:-

The Link is: <https://zoom.us/j/763110804>

The Password is: 079014

For 'Hall of Friends' every Tuesday at 10.30am:

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**Michelle's disabled brother, Barry George, was wrongly convicted of the high profile murder of BCC television presenter, Jill Dando. The impact of this catastrophic event, followed by eight years of wrongful incarceration changed life beyond recognition. Barry was released on 1st August 2008, following a unanimous not guilty verdict. He has consistently been refused compensation.*

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Welcome



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Sun 4 July	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also Zoomed)
	6pm	Benefice Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 7 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 11 July	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also Zoomed)
	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
Wed 14 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 18 July	St Margaret of Antioch	
	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (also Zoomed)
	6pm	Patronal Benefice Evensong at St Margaret's, Knotting
Wed 21 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 25 July	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (also Zoomed)
Wed 28 July	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's

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PLEASE DON'T FORGET EMMAUS !

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Volunteer with us

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and meet new people at the same time as helping your local community and supporting the Emmaus ethos. In Emmaus, volunteers are an important resource and make a vital contribution to Emmaus' aim to take action to help disadvantaged people. Emmaus therefore encourages, develops and supports volunteer involvement in its work.

At Emmaus Village Carlton our volunteers work alongside our companions and staff, sharing activities and responsibilities and helping to build our social enterprise together.

We are currently really in need of individuals with experience of ebay sales, marketing and in particular social media, gardeners and volunteers to work in our bistro.

The list is endless and there's bound to be something you will enjoy! All ages and abilities are welcome – we have something for everyone.

Get in touch

If you'd like to offer us some of your skills, knowledge and companionship, please complete the Volunteer Application Form. If you have any further questions please contact Barbara Fitzgerald at barbarafitzgerald@emmausvc.org.

FINDS AT ROSE COTTAGE, THE HIGH ROAD, FELMERSHAM

Many thanks to the Hoyles from Rose Cottage who have given the items to the Village Archives as shown in the photograph. It is said that Rose Cottage was used as a vicarage in the early 1600s.

The small pot, padlock and clay pipe were found behind a door post when a new door was being fitted to the stairway at the side of the inglenook. The two glass bottles were found in the garden when it was being landscaped. The brown bottle has MILTON on the bottom.

They have also donated some black and white photos of the

cottage and some aerial views of the vicinity, as well as the original copy of the John Bull Magazine from April 17, 1954, which featured a painting of Felmersham by K J Petts. This

is the description that came with the cover design.

"Unlike most cities, Britain's villages and small towns still blend grace with craftsmanship. One of the finest churches in Bedfordshire is at Felmersham on the Great Ouse. K J Petts, who lives nearby in Bedford, often admires its thirteenth-century Early English style and its charming setting. He has pictured it as worshippers leave on a crisp Easter Sunday, with spring in the air for at least two members of the congregation."



The wedding of Hannah Yaseen and Samuel will take place on 3rd July at 1.30pm at St Mary's.

Amy Davies and Thomas Jubb will be holding their wedding also at St Mary's at 1pm on 17th July.

We wish both couples every happiness on their very special days and for the future.



Farewell....

Tony Morris 1931 – 2021

Tony Morris, who died on 10th June, was born in Peshawar in British India and came to boarding school in England. He was a keen sportsman. He studied law in Cambridge and went on to become a management consultant in financial marketing. He was a county councillor in Cambridgeshire. He and Jo came to live in Felmersham where his interest in politics continued. He was an active member of the Conservative Party and was always willing to do his bit when the need arose; he watched all the politics programmes with great enthusiasm. He liked to listen to other people's opinions on politics and on many other subjects. He was also an avid reader of The Economist. His garden gave him great pleasure, although it was Jo who had been the 'actual' gardener. In the last few years he had been a member of the Tibbs Dementia Foundation from whom he derived support and pleasure, particularly from their music and poetry programmes. During lockdown he was glad to be able to keep up with this online.

We send our condolences to all his family.

Tony's funeral will be on July 13th at 1pm. He will be driven round the village before his funeral.

The family would be grateful for any donations in his memory to go to Tibbs Dementia Foundation,

5 Lansdowne Road, Bedford, MK40 2BU. Please state that your donation is in his memory. The website for Abbotts Funerals is www.abbottfunerals.co.uk where there will be a link for giving and they will be able to claim gift aid.

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Thursday 24 June 2021

For anyone who walked across the Felmersham river bridge in the late afternoon on this day would have been inquisitive to know why two police were sitting in their police car for a considerable time, occasionally directing passing walkers and their dogs away from the causeway.



A grenade was fished out of the River Great Ouse at the bridge and sat in a metal box on the south end of the causeway. It was subsequently rendered harmless at about 7.15pm by the Bomb Disposal Squad with the explosion widely heard throughout the village.

Home Guard commander Captain Mainwaring commented, "A fiendish enemy plot has been foiled. Well done, men! Shaking his head, Private Pike muttered that the ordnance was not German at all but American. He was dismissed by the Captain as a stupid boy.

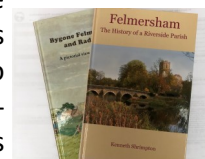
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Felmersham and Radwell Archives

As many of you are aware, as well as writing his two books, Ken Shrimpton held the archives for the villages.



Before he passed away this collection was handed on to me for safekeeping. If you have any queries on the history of the villages, or indeed find any articles or artifacts that would be of interest to future generations, then please do not hesitate to be in touch.

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