

Ouse News

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Felmersham Forum

Clive Just if you want to be sent timely information about village matters or participate in a discussion of local issues then join the Felmersham Yahoo! Group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/felmersham> or alternatively send an email to felmersham-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Recent items covered include road closures, handling of the floods, local fast food, mobile phone reception and recent arts events. It's open to anyone and covers anything of local interest.

Patronal Festival

Rev David G Mason Our Patronal Festival will be held on 9th September. Monica Robinson, Diocesan Agricultural Chaplain for Bedfordshire, will be preaching at our festival.

Parish Diary

Regular Activities

Mon-Fri	9.15am – 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
Tue	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Yoga (04Sep -30Oct)	Pinchmill Hall
Thu	9.30am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
Thu	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for details	

August

Sun 5	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 9	St Mary's Church
Sun 12	10.15am	Family Service - Trinity 10	St Mary's Church
Sun 19	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 11	St Mary's Church
Sun 19	12.30pm	Grand Opening & Lunch	Margaret Alleyway Garden
Sun 26	10.15am	Matins and Communion - Trinity 12	St Mary's Church

September

Sat 1	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning	
Tue 4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 8	10.10am	BHHCT Sponsored Walk	Felmersham Bus Shelter
Sun 9	10.15am	Patronal Festival – Monica Robinson preaching	St Mary's
Sun 16		Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show	Pinchmill Hall

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

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

The Margaret Alleyway Memorial Garden

Lorraine Shrimpton By the time you receive this edition of Ouse News, preparations for the official opening of the Garden should be well on the way. Once the tree has been felled, all the wood and wood chippings disposed of, the hedge cut, the bollards inserted and the gates taken down, all that will need to be done is the weeding and grass cutting! Of course all this depends upon the river reverting to its normal level!

It was originally planned to provide hot meat in a bun or a sandwich picnic but for food hygiene and health and safety reasons it has been decided not to proceed with this idea. Instead we invite you to bring along your own picnic lunch and the FRCT will provide wine, beer and soft drinks, plus crisps, cake and ice cream for all. Don't forget to bring along a chair or blanket.

Please come along to this official opening – it is intended that it will be a village get-together. You know the scenario, you have seen someone walking around the village but haven't a clue who it is, well this is your chance to get to know your fellow parishioners. The date is Sunday 19th August at 12.30pm. See you all there – we'll be there whatever the weather!

Sponsored Walk

Ken Shrimpton

I am organising a sponsored walk on Saturday 8th September to raise funds for Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust (BHHCT). We meet at Felmersham bus shelter at 10.00pm where we arrange our car transport to Carlton church. We walk to Harrold, Odell, Sharnbrook and finish at Felmersham, a distance of almost 7 miles. Car drivers will be ferried back to Carlton to collect their cars. We visit five churches and sponsorship is per church visited. (If sponsors give say 50p per church visited then that's £2.50 raised with £1.25 going to BHHCT and the other £1.25 to St Mary's, Felmersham.) For those not wishing to walk 7 miles there is a shorter, 5 mile walk, visiting 4 churches. There are toilet facilities at Carlton, Harrold and Sharnbrook churches and Harrold Country Park. This is a fun day out, the pace is leisurely and you get to meet people you would not normally meet. Please bring a packed lunch. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. For sponsorship forms please call me on 781381. If you do not wish to get sponsors then **please still join us** and sponsor yourself on the day! Everybody walks at their own risk.

Barnardos Collection

On behalf of Barnardos I would like to register a big thank you to the 38 households of Marriotts Close, The Slip and Harrowdene Farm Cottages who contributed the wonderful total of £81.89 in the house to house collection in June. We are most grateful for your great generosity.

felmersham.net

Until recently felmersham.net was hosted, free of charge, by the freeserve.co.uk server. However the allocated freeserve web space was proving insufficient, so felmersham.net has transferred to a new account. This means that the original freeserve address is no longer valid. In future please only use the <http://www.felmersham.net> domain address.

Ken Shrimpton

Almost all search engines etc point to the old freeserve address so until the new address is fully propagated search engines may return an invalid link

Felmersham Yoga Club

Our Autumn yoga classes begin at Pinchmill Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th September. You are invited to join us for nine sessions on successive Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30. Please bring a yoga mat, large towel or blanket. All ranges of ability are welcome from beginner onwards. Even if you can't make it for the first session, we will be pleased to see you for some or all of the others. If you have any queries, please telephone me on 781340.

Hilary Foot

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Parish Council Meeting

At the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd July, Peter Hartop was elected Chairman and Marjorie Pipe elected Vice Chairman. Other Councillors' responsibilities are:

Maggie Spoor

David Cook – Tree Warden; Peter Hartop – Planning and grass cutting; Geoff Hulatt – Town Lot Charity Trustee and Villager Bus representative; Pat Keeble – Radwell representative; Marjorie Pipe – Highways and Village Hall representative; Maggie Spoor – Communications; Mike Thomas – Environment and assets.

Three litter bins have been purchased for use at the three new bus shelters, and the go-ahead was given to print anti-litter posters produced by Pinchmill School children. These will be displayed around the parish.

A letter of reassurance had been received from Bedfordshire County Council regarding the future relationship between the Village Hall and Pinchmill School when it attains trust status. The Parish Council is to arrange a meeting with Beds CC to clarify the situation.

Parishioners with trees and bushes overhanging public paths and roads are to be asked to cut them back to the boundary.

The Communications Committee (part of the Parish Plan initiative) requested funding for a "What's On in Felmersham and Radwell" booklet which will be delivered to every household in the parish. This was granted.

The Traffic and Transport Committee (also part of the Parish Plan initiative) has recommended to the Parish council that 20 mph speed limits are introduced within the parish. Speeding traffic through the parish was one of the issues highlighted as a result of the Parish Plan questionnaire. The Parish Council will seek advice from Beds County Council. Speed activated signs may be purchased through a special fund. The issue of installing traffic lights on Radwell bridge will also be raised with Beds CC.

The next meeting is Tuesday 4th September at 7.30 pm in Pinchmill Hall.

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall is a vital part of our community, and we would welcome a representative from Radwell. The Committee meets on a monthly basis, duties are not onerous, so please think about taking part in community life. Please phone me on 781373.

Janet Cook

Course on Pastoral Care

This course, run by BELIEF, will look at some of the basics of pastoral care and how Christians might handle different pastoral situations. Sessions will be held in St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford at 7.45 - 9.30pm each Wednesday between 12th September and 10th October. Contact me on 309737 for more details.

Rev David G Mason

Village Services