

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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June 2007

Regular Activities

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| 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 | |

June

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| Sat 2 | 10.30am | Coffee Morning | |
| Sun 3 | 10.15am | ** Souldrop Patronal Festival | All Saint's Church, Souldrop |
| Sat 9 | | Village Clean Up – particularly in the area around your house! | |
| Sun 10 | 10.15am | Family Service - Trinity 1 | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 10 | | Red Cross Open Gardens | |
| Sat 16 | 11.00am | Organ playing in St Mary's Church | |
| Sun 17 | 10.15am | Baptism/Choral Communion - Trinity 2 | St Mary's Church |
| Fri 22 | 9.00am | WI Coffee Morning | Pinchmill Hall |
| Sun 24 | 10.15am | ** Sharnbrook Patronal Festival | St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook |
| Tue 26 | 7.30pm | Deanery Confirmation Service | All Saint's Church, Turvey |
| Sat 30 | 2.00pm | Pre-School Garden Party | |

July

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| Sun 1 | 10.15am | Choral Communion - Trinity 4 | St Mary's Church |
| Tue 3 | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | Pinchmill Hall |
| Sat 7 | 10.30am | Coffee Morning | |
| Sat 7 | 7.30pm | Pinchmill Players Concert | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 8 | 10.15am | Family Service - Trinity 5 | St Mary's Church |
| Sat 14 | 10-12am | Churchyard Maintenance Gardening | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 15 | 10.15am | Choral Communion - Trinity 6 | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 22 | 10.15am | Matins and Communion - Trinity 7 | St Mary's Church |
| Sun 29 | 10.15am | Choral Communion - Trinity 8 | St Mary's Church |

** 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)

Pride in our Parish

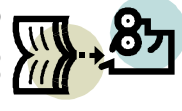
The Community Services Sub-Committee was formed as a result of the Parish Plan, to address concerns expressed in the Plan. Many villagers were unhappy about the untidy state of the two villages.

On Sunday 10th June, several households will open their gardens to the general public, to raise funds for the Red Cross. This means that visitors from outside the two villages will be coming here to enjoy what we sometimes take for granted, and that is the peaceful and beautiful environment in which we live. What a wonderful opportunity to ensure our villages are looking at their best.

The purpose of this article is to ask each family to take a walk outside their property and have a good look around - look at the pavement adjoining your property, look at the gutters in the road. Are they clean and free of weeds and rubbish? If not, why not get your brooms and shovels and join in a village clean-up on Saturday 9th June, to ensure everywhere is clean and tidy - the children will actually (for once) enjoy tidying-up!

In other words, let us all have PRIDE IN OUR PARISH.

Book Club



It has been said that there is a lack of activities/clubs for men in the village. I know there already is a ladies book club and felt that as I am not eligible to join that, we should start one for men. Initially it could include activities such as colouring in and dot-to-dot. We could then progress to the Mister Men series. Joking aside....if you are interested give me a ring on 782897

Peter Rankin

Church Coffee Mornings

The June coffee morning will be held at the home of Constance Carter on Saturday 2nd June at 10.30 am. Proceeds will go towards a toilet and kitchen facility for the Church.

Jane Wells

Next month's will be hosted by Mel and Caroline Scott on Saturday 7th July 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 are welcome.

Felmersham.net Quiz Competition

Ken Shrimpton

All the answers to the quiz can be found by surfing felmersham.net. Send your answers to 1 Trinity Close, Felmersham by the 20th June. Prize: Signed copy of "Felmersham – The History of a Riverside Parish" or a conducted tour of Felmersham church. If there is more than one winner then a winning name will be drawn from a hat.

1. How long do the church bells play for?
2. How many local walks or footpath leaflets can be downloaded?
3. How many gifts can be purchased bearing the felmersham.net logo?
4. What was the original name of Town Lot (the allotment field)
5. What year did Felmersham floods reach the base of the telegraph pole?
6. When did Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust become officially registered as a charity?
7. Who won the sunflower competition in 2004?
8. How many different wild flower plants have been identified in the gutters of Marriotts Close?
9. Why was the email directory withdrawn?
10. What is the name of the sister site to felmersham.net?
11. Who leathered the bellows of the church organ in 1873?
12. Who took the part of Oliver in The Pinchmill Players production of "Oliver"?

Answers to the questions will be published on felmersham.net after the 20th June. The winner will be announced in the July edition of Ouse News.

Pinchmill Players Concert

Lorraine Shrimpton

Pinchmill Players presents an evening of light entertainment, including musical excerpts from some of their past productions, and much more! This will take place in ST MARY'S CHURCH on SATURDAY 7th JULY at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 (to include a programme and refreshments) and are available from me, on 781381, or on the door. Please make a note in your diary - I look forward to seeing you there.

General Knowledge Quiz Results

Peter Rankin

The first five correct entries were submitted by: Joan White, "Mel", Jeff Stokley, L&M Mills and "The Coomers". If you have last month's Ouse News to hand you may like to check your answer: 1 Sir Robert Peel, 2 The Times, 3 Treasure Island, 4 Children's' Comic, 5 Charles Dickens, 6 Just William, 7 Italian dessert/ice cream, 8 Aquarius, 9 Soldiers, 10 Arnold Wesker, 11 Day of Atonement, 12 USA, 13 Space Probes, 14 Germany, 15 Lord Grade

Felmersham and Radwell WI

COFFEE MORNING

Felmersham Village Hall
Friday 22nd June 2007
9.00 until 12.00

Teas, Coffees & Biscuits,
Raffle, Plant Stall, Cake Stall,
Book Stall & Tombola

Village Services

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| Babysitting (Felmersham) | Bianca Hewlett | 782063 |
| Babysitting (Radwell) | Darina Carter | 782622 |
| Building Services | Chris Poulter | 781049 |
| Chemistry/Science/Maths tuition | Peter Rankin | 782897 |
| ** Community Care – short term help for anyone in the Parish | | 07786 344176 |
| Driving Instruction | Jeff Henman | 782290 |
| Electrical Services | Martin Blizzard | 782527 |
| French Tuition | Marigold Sykes | 781801 |
| General Building and Renovation Work | Allan Levene | 781918 |
| German/French Tuition | Gillian Whiteway | 782686 |
| Maths Tuition | Geraldine Hubbard | 781413 |
| PC Services (wireless networks, upgrades, repairs etc) | Clive Just | 781967 |
| Social Psychology/Studies, Management | Anthea Coghlan | 782332 |
| Translation (Italian-English, French-English) | Edith Caldwell | 781160 |

Parish Council Meeting

The meeting of Felmersham and Radwell Parish Council on 15th May was held in St Mary's Church. The meeting opened with the swearing in of the new Council. Councillors Thomas, Pipe, Cook and Hartop were present. Councillors Keeble, Spoor and Hulatt had been sworn in previous to the meeting.

Although quorate, it was decided to postpone the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the next meeting when more members of the Council would be present. Mr Hartop will continue as Chairman until then.

Items discussed:

Pinchmill Lower School wishes to seek Trust Status.

Gravel extraction. A County Council presentation was held in the Village Hall following a request from the Parish Council, as Beds County Council had not included Felmersham in their programme of consultation. Over 100 people visited the exhibition. Letters in response from the Parish Council had been sent. The Chairman had attended a meeting arranged by residents in Radwell and another in Carlton. 120 people attended the meeting arranged by Felmersham resident Brian Smith. The meetings gave rise to a great deal of correspondence. Individuals should write to Beds County Council. A letter would be sent to Andrew Brown of Beds County Council stating that despite the time extension for consultation, it was still insufficient in the light of the information given to residents of the parish and surrounding areas.

Highways – pot holes have been marked for repair. The Clerk has requested that weeds in the gutters in Marriotts Close be removed. The footpath was also in poor repair. The yew tree in the churchyard needs trimming as buses are forced into the centre of the road. The Parish Plan Action Group is requesting the PC seek a 20mph limit through both villages. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The Causeway repairs had been completed, but anger was expressed over the time the road had been closed. The Borough Council have not responded to several requests to sweep roads in the villages. Drain clearing is still a problem.

Councillor's Reports - Borough Councillor Brandon reported that the wind farm application was due to go before the Planning Committee on 11th June.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd July in Pinchmill Hall at 7.30 pm.

Need Extra Pocket Money Each Week?

Daily newspaper rounds are currently available in Felmersham. The papers are delivered to your house. They don't take long to do each morning.

One of the rounds available involves delivering approximately 16 papers each day, which takes about 15 minutes to do and earns £17.00 per week.

You need to be at least 13 years old (if you're nearly 13, you could go on a waiting list). Please contact Mr. Gill at "Sharnbrook News", 26 High Street, Sharnbrook. Tel No. 781238

A Testing Time

Recently we had a very pleasant afternoon visit to one of the Oxford Colleges. At the end of our visit we attended Evensong sung in the traditional form in the college chapel. A most enjoyable visit, but one in which we were reminded that this was the season of examinations. Relatively few students were around, and we were told that they were busily revising for the papers that they would all too soon be writing. I was reminded that in many of our families this would also be a time when many, both students and their families, would be undergoing the annual trauma of examinations. It is for many a time of testing, and of finding out just how much of the previous year's work has been taken in. I wish all the candidates every success, and hope that they and their families soon recover to resume the normal patterns of life.

It is also a time when many are contemplating great changes in their lives. Those taking their final school or university examinations will be thinking about moving on to new school, college or university, or new career. I am writing this close to Pentecost, when we remember the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. Their lives were already changed by the time that they spent with Jesus, and what they learned from him. Now they were to embark on the task of continuing the work begun by Jesus, and through the coming of the Spirit they were empowered to set out on the work that continues through their successors today. We can have many hopes for the future, but we cannot know exactly what our future will be. Let us seek the coming of the Spirit into our lives to encourage, guide and support us to continue that work of discipleship that is the task of all who follow Jesus as Lord. There are many opportunities for working to further the work of the gospel today, can you be sure that you are not being called to serve in some way. It may be a still small voice that nags from somewhere deep inside, it may be a feeling that you want to be doing something, you may not be sure what, it may even be something that keeps nudging you however hard you try to get away from it. Have the courage to test that conviction, discuss it with me, or with someone you may feel called to get in contact with. You never know what may happen, but whatever it is there is certain to be adventure in it.

Women's Institute

The guest speaker last month was Mary Whitehead who gave an enlightening and informative talk about the work of 'Keech Cottage' Children's Hospice. The Hospice provides much needed respite care, community nursing and bereavement support for more than 160 families throughout Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes. We were surprised at the many facilities available to the children and their families, and to learn that there is a conference centre and a hydrotherapy pool which can be hired out. It goes without saying that there was a very serious and thought provoking side to this talk. We were nevertheless left with a strong feeling that 'Keech Cottage' is a place full of love and joy where life is lived as much as possible to the full!

Next month the ladies of Felmersham & Radwell WI will be having an outing to Police Headquarters for a police dog training demonstration.

David G Mason

Gail Holbourn

Summer Garden Party

2-4pm Saturday 30th June

Corn Close, Felmersham

(venue courtesy of Wendy)

Tickets: on the gate £1 Family, 25p individual.

Stalls and activities include:

- Cakes and teas
 - Ice creams
 - Plant stall
 - Clothes and toy stall
 - Face and nail painting
 - Lucky dip
 - Pony rides
 - Penalty shoot out
 - Races
 - Best dressed scooter
- Pre-school display (to include plan of proposed outdoor area.)
and MUCH MORE

Please come and enjoy a fun afternoon with your family and friends and help raise money for the pre-school garden which all the children will really appreciate and benefit from.

Patronal Festivals

David Mason
Souldrop Patronal Festival will be held on the 3rd June, and Sharnbrook Patronal Festival will be held on the 24th June. Both services will commence at 10.15am, and we are invited to them. There will not therefore be a service at Felmersham on either of these Sundays. Our Patronal Festival will be held on 9th September. Monica Robinson, Diocesan Agricultural Chaplain for Bedfordshire will be preaching at our festival.

Bedford Ecumenical Lay Institute For Education And Faith

David Mason
On Saturday 23 June between 10.00am and 4.00pm there will be a course on 'Small Groups - A Tool for the Time' being held at St Andrew's Church Bedford. During the Autumn there will be a course held over several evenings on Pastoral Care. Please get in touch with me if you want further information on either of the above courses (D Mason, 01234 309737)

Gravel Extraction Protest Meeting

Brian & Blanche Smith
Over 160 people attended the meeting held in the Village Hall on May 14th. Peter Hartop outlined the County Council's proposals for gravel extraction in the Upper Ouse valley and a lively question and answer period followed. It was suggested that two letters of protest should be sent by everyone, one for each site. Some 14 people volunteered to make follow-up visits around the Parish to help where needed and to remind everyone to send in their letters by the deadline, May 31st. We would like to thank all the volunteers for doing such a splendid job. We estimate that over 75% have written protest letters or emails (including the pupils of Pinchmill School see below). It is very gratifying to learn that due to local pressure Bedfordia have withdrawn MD48 Radwell/Milton Ernest site from the list. We do hope that the Council will not put the Chellington sites MD46 & MD49 on the shortlist when it goes forward for planning.

Pinchmill Lower School

The Old Road, Felmersham, Bedford MK43 7JD
Phone: 01234 781371
Fax: 01234 783128
Headteacher: Mrs J. K. Snow, BEd (Hons)



16th May 2007

Dear Sirs

We are the School Council at Pinchmill Lower School.

We object firmly to the making of the quarry in our village. It will be very dangerous, children or pets could fall in and die. It will ruin the environment and make the countryside look ugly. The traffic will increase and it will be like a motorway! The noise will distract the children working at school. The dust could make children poorly. It would be dangerous for us to play outside.

There is better use for this land. We would like more parks and sports pitches to play on. The farm animals would suffer because you will take the land away.

Please do not build the quarry in our quiet village!

Yours faithfully

The School Council

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Guy Amy Elise

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WIN FREE GOLF FOR A YEAR

at

Pavenham Park and The Bedford, Great Denham Golf Clubs

Maximum 100 tickets for sale at £10 per ticket

Draw takes place on 22nd June at Pavenham Park Charity Golf day

Please note that current Kolven/Pavenham Park members are not eligible.

Generously supported by Thompson Golf and sold in aid of the Friends of St. Peter's

To buy tickets please contact Peter Daniel 823346; John Kirman 824722
or write to Hugh Josty 4, Brookfields, Pavenham. MK43 7QA.

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid and to those who collected. £382.95 was raised from house to house collections and a further £100 was collected at the Ascension Day service at St Mary's church. If anyone would like to help with collection of envelopes next year please let me know. Tel 7825559

Gill Greenish

It Isn't Only The Words That Matter

Bedfordshire County Council's library service is building on the huge success of its last Book Festival with a whole series of literary events this month.

Events will take place at libraries across the county where well known successful writers will give advice on getting started on your own book, how to get it published and much more besides.

To find out more and to take part in the competition pick up a leaflet from your local library or visit www.bedfordshire.gov.uk and click on libraries.

Beds RCC

Cold Calling Zones

Trading standards have worked hard to push No Cold Calling Zones across the county - almost the whole county now has visible signs on the entry to towns and villages.

However this does not mean we can let our guard drop. The sign itself is just a warning it is up to the individual to take the necessary precautions and actions. It is not against the law for people to cold call. What we need to care about is those people intent to steal, or con us out of our money by giving a less than professional service. These people will offer all sorts of excuses to enter your home or offer you deals 'too good to refuse'.

Always check out unexpected callers even if they say it is an emergency such as "I need to turn the water off". If they are genuine they won't mind waiting. If offered a service at the door, by all means take their details but get at least two other quotes before having any work done.

For further advice please contact Trading Standards on 08454 04 05 06 or the police on the call handling number for this area - 841212

Bedfordshire Police

Sheds and Gardens

The usual pattern of crime for this time of year is an increase in thefts from sheds and gardens and although to some of you the message may seem repetitive you can be sure some people will get caught out by not taking the necessary precautions.

Don't leave garden equipment out to tempt the thieves. There is also the added danger that some implements can be used to break into the home. Ladders and garden spades being prime examples.

Sheds should have locks and alarms to the level that is suitable for the value of what is stored in them. There are often sports or garden equipment of high value secured only with a small padlock or in some cases NO lock at all !!

Something To Get Your Teeth Into

No matter what your taste in food or drink is you will be bound to find something to satisfy you at one of the Farmers' Markets held regularly across Bedfordshire.

Local producers will have a range of goods for sale from fruit, vegetables, pies, cakes, wine, plants and much, much more. 'Tastes of Bedfordshire' stallholders sell products they have grown, reared, baked, brewed or processed and their business must be based within 30 miles of the market site. This means that you are getting fresh food and supporting our local economy at the same time.

Markets are being held on Sunday 10 June at Marston Moretaine Forest Centre Farmers Market and Thursday 14 June in Bedford. For more information and other venues visit www.tastesofbedfordshire.co.uk or telephone 01234 276063

Beds RCC

A Guide On Making Calls To The Police

1. Any person wishing to make a report to the police whether it be as a victim of crime or to pass on suspicions should in the first instance contact the Call Handling Unit on 01234 841212. In the event of threat to life, or property, (as in a crime is in progress) - then calls should be made by dialling 999

2. The Call Handling Unit is manned 24hrs a day 7 days a week and the operators are trained in grading all calls and directing suitable responses. They are also able to forward messages to police staff with particular responsibilities i.e. Beat Managers, etc.

3. A Street co-ordinator should not be asked by his or her watch group to make telephone calls on behalf of others, as questions will be required from the caller which in the case of an incident, can only be answered by the Injured Party.

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