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# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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## Belated Happy New Year

David G Mason

This is the first 'Ouse News' for this year, so may I wish you a belated Happy New Year. I will also take this opportunity to thank all those who do so much for the church, for all their help and contribution. It is good that the church is supported in so many different ways, a glance at the Visitors Book shows how much even casual visitors appreciate the way that the church and its surroundings are looked after.

Lent this year starts at the very beginning of March, Ash Wednesday is on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and we will be having a Communion Service on that evening. Throughout the ages Lent has been a season of penitence and preparation, and it would be good if we found the time to continue this tradition. We are so busy that during the week many of us do not find the time for even daily prayer, the custom of reading a portion of the bible each day is rarely observed. So often we only give time to God on a Sunday for a limited period before the world pre-occupies our lives again. I believe that it is important that each one of us works at developing a living relationship with God, so that we can follow the pattern of living that is in accordance with the way that he proclaimed through Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. As we work at that relationship so we may well find that we have more time and space in our lives as many of the things which can seem to be so important are shown to not worth the time or worry that we give them. Time spent in putting aside the pressures and worries of the world as we seek to come closer to God is never wasted, and can be very valuable in restoring the peace and security of knowing that we are loved by God, who loves and cares for each one of us. Jesus taught that the way of living and peace with each other is by following the way given to us by God, as succinctly put in the summary of the Law and the Commandments. That is that we should love God before all others, and love our neighbours as ourselves.

As we spend time in Lent looking at our own lives in the light of the Gospel so we may see where we have succeeded, and where we have failed. We can then seek God's forgiveness for our failures, and seek God's love and help to guide us in our lives so that we can truly follow his way. Having started the habit of seeking to improve our relationship with God on a daily basis through Lent, so let us continue that habit when Lent is over so that it becomes a regular part of our lives.

## Parish Diary

### February

Sat 4 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Spoons, Corn Cottage
Sun 5 10.15am	Choral Communion 4 before Lent	St Mary's Church
Thu 9 3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 12 10.15am	Family Service 3 before Lent	St Mary's Church
Sun 19 10.15am	Choral Communion 2 before Lent	St Mary's Church
Tue 21 7.30pm	Women's Institute	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 26 10.15am	Matins and Communion 1 before Lent	St Mary's Church
Mon 27 7.30pm	Yoga Club	Pinchmill Hall

### March

Wed 1 7.30pm	Communion Ash Wednesday	St Mary's Church
Sat 4 10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Pearce's, Ody House
	7.30pm Casino Night	
Sun 5 10.15am	Choral Communion Lent 1	St Mary's Church
Tue 7 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 12 10.15am	Matins and Communion Lent 2	St Mary's Church
Sat 18 10.00am	Litter Pick	Felmersham bus shelter / Radwell Green
Sun 19 10.15am	Choral Communion Lent 3	St Mary's Church
Sun 26 10.15am	Family Service Mothering Sunday	St Mary's Church

**Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)**

**Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)**

**Churchwardens: Sally Carr (781225), Paul Keeble (782134)**

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### **Advance Notices**

Mothers' Sunday this year is on the last Sunday in March, the family service will therefore be held on that Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>) and the Matins and Communion services will be held on the second Sunday in March (12<sup>th</sup>).

On Palm Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April) the Bishop of St Albans will be preaching at St Peters Church, Sharnbrook, and we have been invited to attend this special service.

A Lent course will be held during that season. Further details will be given later in church and on the notice board as well as in next month's Ouse News.

### **Flowers in Church**

There is a rota for the year in the Church porch. Please sign up if you are willing to do an arrangement. New People to help would be very much welcomed.

Alternatively, if you do not feel able to arrange flowers but would like to give a donation towards the cost of flowers for a particular Sunday – perhaps for a significant date in your life or to remember someone please get in touch with one of the Churchwardens.

### **Parish Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Present: Councillors Pipe, Thomas, Hartop, Spoor, Hulatt and Cook. County Councillor Gershon in attendance, the Clerk, and 3 members of the public. Apologies from Councillor Poulter.

Peter Hartop, as Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee, reported success in their grant application and had been awarded the full amount of £520.

A recent inspection of the trees next to Felmersham bus shelter has found severe decay. The recommendation is that four horse chestnuts be taken down. One to the rear of the shelter requires crown reduction. Quotes to be sought.

Maggie Spoor asked if it would be possible to have the flood signs removed. They were no longer used, served no purpose and were a source of annoyance.

A new lease for the Playing Field has been agreed.

The precept for 2006-07 was discussed at length. In view of additional costs faced by the Council (tree work and replacement, Radwell bus shelter, playing field, youth shelter) a precept of £9500 was agreed, an increase of £1200.

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm in Pinchmill Hall.

### **Litter Pick '06**

The annual parish 'spring clean' will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. In Felmersham meet at the bus shelter at 10.00 am; in Radwell meet at The Green at 10.00 am. Bags, gloves and tongs provided. All volunteers are very welcome.

### **Pinchmill Players**

[/www.felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net) has an interesting item on the Pinchmill Players including many photographs - though some people still need to be identified. If you don't have internet access but would like to see it please contact me on 781967.

### **Gifts for Children at Bapatia, India**

**Rosalind and Jane Templeman**  
Thank you once again to all who so very generously gave presents at the Carol Service. The Bapatia home has been through a difficult time and is now administered by a new charity. However, the children are still there and still needy: we know they are always delighted with the gifts that arrive every year from you. Boxes are winging their way to India by airmail although, because of increasing postage costs, we are hoping Air India will help us out with transportation in future. The children will be looking forward to the arrival of their presents from their friends in Felmersham, and we hope to hear of the boxes safe arrival in due course. A very heartfelt thank you once again, on behalf of all the children in the Bapatia Home.

PS Knitters among you: if you have no-one to knit for at present, warm jumpers are always welcomed for little ones at the home in Thandigudi.

### **Yoga Club**

Our Spring yoga classes begin at Pinchmill Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. You are invited to join us for seven sessions on successive Monday 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**

### **Mortgages**

**Stephen Rudd**  
My name is Stephen Rudd. I am 44 years' old and have a wife Sue and a daughter, Molly, who is nearly 3. I moved to Radwell five years ago and have settled in well into the village, as I find everyone to be so friendly. I work from home and am a whole of market mortgage adviser, as well as being able to help people with their financial planning needs in general. I am an appointed representative of Thinc Destini Financial Consultancy, a trading style of Thinc Destini Limited, authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

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## Village Services

Babysitting	Bianca Hewlett	782063
Chemistry/Science/Maths tuition	Peter Rankin	782897
Driving Instruction	Jeff Henman	782290
French Tuition	Marigold Sykes	781801
German/French Tuition	Gillian Whiteway	782686
Maths Tuition	Geraldine Hubbard	781413
Social Psychology/Studies, Management	Anthea Coghlan	782332

### **Pavenham & Felmersham Cricket Club**

## CasinoNight

Saturday 4th March  
7.30 pm for 8.00pm

Tickets £25  
Bubbly / Bucks Fizz Reception  
Four course dinner  
Disco til late  
Roulette & Black Jack Table  
Licensed Bar

£10 of fun money for use in casino  
Substantial prizes at end of night.

Dress Code—Black Tie

Contact Ben Robinson 07795 814403

## **CARETAKER** WANTED FOR **LOWER SCHOOL** (25 Hours per week)

For further details please contact:

Headteacher  
Pinchmill Lower School  
The Old Road  
Felmersham  
Bedford MK43 7JD  
Tel: 01234 781371

## **Thursday Club**

**Jo Morris**  
It seems a long time since the Club celebrated Christmas with lots of fun and Dot Wigg's collection of amusing stories. Since in January we were cheered with colourful slides of the Cambridge Botanic Gardens through the year.

We would still like to have a few more members. Please tell your friends that a warm welcome awaits them with tea, talks, games and friendship. The next meeting is on Thursday February 9th at 3.00pm in the Village Hall and anyone wanting transport should telephone Joan Thomas - 781722.

## **Felmersham & Radwell W. I.**

**Karen Stokley**  
For our first meeting of the year William Naylor, Sales & Marketing Director for Gibbs & Dandy, as well as being a tutor at the O.U. Business School, taught us various exercises to help our memories. He proved to be a very able and entertaining speaker, and by the end of the evening we were reeling off lists of words which we would previously not have had a hope remembering.

In a change to our programme, Joy Davies of Felmersham will demonstrate Reflexology and Indian Head Massage at our meeting on February 21st.

## **Maintenance of Churchyard Garden Seats**

**Paul Keeble**  
The two churchyard garden seats, presently stored in the church during the winter, require coating with a preservative before being placed outside. Anyone prepared to undertake this task, either on one or both seats, can contact me on 782134 for more details.

## **Pavenham & Felmersham Cricket Club**

**Rosemary Griffiths**  
The club is looking for new players of all abilities to join in league and friendly games at weekends. Pre-season training starts Sunday 12th February 11.00 am Bedford College. Contact Damien Dunlop on 01234 828838 or 07977 175961.

## **Poppy Appeal**

**Geoff Hulatt**  
The Poppy collection raised £430.63. Donations to the wreath amounted to £42 and £51.65 was collected in the Church. Thanks to all - especially the collectors.

## **Sharnbrook Mill Theatre**

**Theo Gibbs**  
HUMBLE BOY - 7th-11th March at 7.45pm - a clever, poignant comedy by Charlotte Jones. Tickets from Sharnbrook Post Office - in person or Bedford Central Box Office (269519). For party bookings (10+) call 781372.

Advance booking will be available during Humble Boy, only at the theatre, for: RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET - the cult rock musical by Bob Carlton which runs from 12th-20th May.

## **OuseNews**

**The Editor**  
Although this newsletter is published by the PCC it is a "voice" that is open to all. Villagers are encouraged to submit items on any topics of general interest - if you are in any doubt send it in!

## **Cleaner Wanted**

To clean the Pinchmill Pre-school building, the position is as follows:

Up to 4 hours per week  
weekdays and/or weekends.

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