

Ouse News

Felmersham & Radwell

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November 2009

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 info	
Thu	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
Fri	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn

November

Sun	1	10.15am	Choral Communion - All Saints Day	St Mary's Church
Mon	3		Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat	7	10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Spoons'
Sun	8	10.15am	Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church
		11.15am	approximately	The War Memorial
		5.00pm	Felmersham Youth Choir	St Mary's Church
Thu	12	3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	15	10.15am	Benefice Service	All Saints Church, Souldrop
Tue	17	7.30pm	Women's Institute	Pinchmill Hall
Fri	20	7.45pm	Save the Children performance	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre
Sun	22	10.15am	Family Service - Christ the King	St Mary's Church
Sun	22	7.00pm	Baroque Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun	29	10.15am	Matins & Communion - Advent Sunday	St Mary's Church
Sun	29	1.00pm	Christmas Fair (ends 4pm)	Sharnbrook Upper School

December

Sat	5	10.30am	Coffee Morning	The Wells'
Sun	6	10.15am	Choral Communion - Advent 2	St Mary's Church
Sun	13	10.15am	To be announced	
Sun	20	10.15am	Family Service - Advent 4	St Mary's Church
		5.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's Church
Thu	24	3.00pm	Christingle/Crib Service - Christmas Eve	St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462), Richard Phipps (781789)

Advent

Rev David G Mason
The season of Advent begins on the last Sunday in November. Advent marks the beginning of the year in the Church's Calendar, and we are coming to the end of the current year. It is customary at the end of a year to spend a little time thinking about the events of the current year, its joys and its sorrows, and also in looking forward to the year to come. A time of making New Year Resolutions, and of hoping that we will be able to keep them. Advent is also traditionally a penitential season, a time when we consider our lives in the light of the gospel message, discovering how far we are following the pattern of living given by Jesus, and where we are falling short. Two reasons for taking stock of where we are, where we should be, and where we want to be. This year the challenges of climate change to our way of life have become more prominent as it has been discovered that the predicted thawing of the polar ice is occurring and parts of the world have experienced extremes of weather which have severely affected the lives of the people who live there. We have to realise that we do not live in isolation on this earth, and that those who live in less favoured parts of the world will seek to have the same standard of living that we enjoy. There is much to contemplate as we look to the future.

Jesus taught that we are to love God above all and our neighbour as ourselves. If we love God we will seek to follow the way of life that he has designed for us. God created us and the world in which we live. He gave us wonderful gifts to develop and use, and it is right that we should do so. But we must not abuse the gifts that he has given, we must recognise that if we truly love our neighbour we will strive to develop and use God's gifts for the benefit of all, and certainly not by our over-use and misuse of the gifts cause harm to our neighbours, whoever and wherever they may be. Now is the time to examine our own lives with these thoughts in mind. It is wrong to waste or misuse the earth's resources, the more so if our misuse causes harm to our neighbour. I believe that God has given plenty of resources to meet our needs and that he wants us to develop and use all that he has given us to our mutual benefit. But Jesus stressed in his command to love our neighbour as ourselves that we are to work and develop God's gifts for the use and benefit of all his people, and that there is no room in God's Kingdom for selfishness and the ignoring of the needs of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us take these thoughts to heart as we look back over the last year, and consider how we should approach and work for the future.

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We welcome any item of general interest for inclusion. Please email items by the 25th of the month to ousenews@justs.info and put OuseNews in the Subject line.

Many Thanks

We would like to give a big thank you to Felmersham and Radwell Community Care for providing transport for Lesley to attend Addenbrookes recently. The volunteers were all very friendly and nothing was too much trouble, we highly recommend the service for anyone needing extra help. Thank you all once again.

Calling All Young Singers

If you are aged between 6 and 16 and enjoy singing we would like to hear from you. Our first meeting will be on Sunday 8th November at 5.00pm at St Mary's church. The Felmersham Youth Choir will meet for one hour a week, probably on Sunday evenings, with a view to performing initially in the service of nine lessons and carols at St Mary's church on 20 December....

Any questions please call Janet Welsh (781010) or Miranda Doggett (782234) or just come along on 8th November and make some noise!

Bygone Felmersham and Radwell

I am in the process of preparing a pictorial history of Felmersham and Radwell which I hope to publish in 2010. I would be very interested in seeing any old photos with a view to publishing those that illustrate the history of the parish. The photographic subjects can be of anything that is of general historical interest. If you are not sure about a particular photograph then please show me and together we can decide. Please email me at kenshrimpton@felmersham.net or phone 781381 if you have any suitable photographs. Many thanks.

Ken Shrimpton

Village Hall Committee

We urgently require two new members on the Committee. We need a Treasurer and a Bookings Person. The Village Hall is a vital part of village life, so don't be shy, please consider what part you can play in our community. For details phone David Cook on 781373.

Save the Children Fund Charity Performance

The Bedford branch of The Save the Children Fund is sponsoring the charity performance of "Mack and Mabel" on Friday 20th November at the Mill Theatre Sharnbrook. Tickets costing £10 will be available from Sharnbrook Post Office as usual or from Andy Evans on 782523. I hope you will come and support both these worthwhile organisations while being entertained at the same time!

Thursday Club

At our October meeting we welcomed Mrs Farnborough who gave us a very interesting talk about her year as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. She brought her photographic diary and talked to people individually about it contents - her appointment from the Queen, her clothes and many scenes of her activities with the voluntary organisations with which she worked so hard.

The next meeting is on Thursday 12th November. Please ring Joan - 781227 if you need transport.

Jo Morris

Church Coffee Morning

The November coffee morning will be held at the home of Chris and Maggie Spoor on Saturday 7th November at 10.30am

The December coffee morning, raising funds to restore the Lych gate, will be hosted by Tom and Jane Wells, on Saturday 5th December.

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

Baroque Concert

On Sunday 22nd November, with the kind permission of Revd. David Mason and the churchwardens, Bedford Sinfonia chamber ensemble led by Jan Kaznowski, with Miranda Doggett (soprano) will perform a concert of Baroque music in St Mary's Church. The programme will celebrate the works of Handel and Purcell in their anniversary year together with some of their English contemporaries and promises to be a very enjoyable evening. The concert will begin at 7pm and tickets, which will include interval refreshments, will be priced £12.50, £10 for concessions. If you would like to reserve tickets, please email me at nigeldoggett@hotmail.com. The proceeds of the concert will support the work of Self Unlimited, supporting people with learning disabilities, and Ma Afrika Tikkuun, which helps African families affected by HIV Aids, as well as St Mary's Church. I look forward to seeing as many local friends and families there as possible.

Nigel Doggett

Village Trades and Services

Wildlife Trust - Sharnbrook Group

The Sharnbrook Group of the Wildlife Trust meets on the 3rd Friday of most months. Meetings commence at 8pm in the Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook. Admission is £2, which includes tea or coffee. Members and non-members welcome.

Friday 20 November "Dukes & Blues – A butterfly's eye view of chalk grassland" an illustrated talk by Ed Turner.

Cold Calling

Although cold calling is not illegal, people can get caught out by traders or criminals trying to con people at the door. This is why it is important to encourage residents to report unwanted cold callers, we want to remind our residents to:

✓ Report unwanted doorstep callers **08454 04 05 06** whereby the Rapid Response Team will respond to the information provided

✓ If you feel frightened, harassed or intimidated at any time, dial **999** and report the incident to the police

These are some suggestions on positive steps you can take to limit the risks:

✓ Don't sign on the spot, consider carefully whether you want the goods or service(s)

✓ Always shop around for the best prices

✓ Be wary of special offers or warnings about your home

✓ Don't hand over a cash deposit

✓ Refuse to allow a trader to start any work straight away

✓ Speak to someone you trust for a second opinion. If in doubt call consumer direct on the Bogus Caller Hotline - **08454 04 05 06**

For further information contact Bedford Borough Council Community Safety Team on 01234 221881

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

M a c k & M a b e l Friday 20th – Saturday 28th November 7.45 pm.

Also: Matinee Saturday 28th November at 2.30 pm. A 'not-to-be-missed' musical and dancing delight! Book Now!!

Out of the Silent Movie 'Golden Era' and the heady heights of 1920's Hollywood, the heart-wrenching love story of two of its greatest legends:

Film Director Mack Sennett, "The King of Comedy" - the creator of The Keystone Cops - and his star comedienne Mabel Normand. Music & lyrics by Jerry Herman; Book by Michael Stewart, the team that brought you Hello Dolly, Mame and La Cage aux Folles.

Tickets: £10 - 12 from Sharnbrook Post Office or Bedford Central Box Office 269519. Remember: 10% Discount on parties of 10 or more, excluding charity performances. Disabled access: allocated parking, lift; 2 wheelchair spaces which should be booked through Central Box Office.

Jay-Zee Bed - free to good home

The bed originally bought by us from John Lewis would be excellent for any child wanting their own space in their bedroom. A ladder leads up to a permanent bed (similar height and position as a "top" bunk bed). Underneath there is a good size desk for work and play and a comfy chair that converts to a pull out bed for a friend to sleep over. Bed dismantles to single mattress-sized components.

All instructions leaflets available. New owner to collect. If interested, please call me on 782542.

W.I.

May Mills
Our subject this month was the life and music of Kathleen Ferrier. Mike Bonney interspersed his talk with frequent extracts from her many recordings during a hugely successful, if short, career. In common with many talented people, she showed promise at a very young age, singing and playing the piano, and indeed it was playing rather than singing which brought her success early on in the numerous piano competitions she entered, culminating in the Gold Medal in Liverpool in 1934.

It was not until 1937 that she won her first singing competition and made up her mind to pursue a singing career. She moved to London where she went from strength to strength, singing in Westminster Abbey, The Albert Hall and Glyndbourne. In 1948 she was invited to America and eventually travelled all over Europe, until in 1951 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and died 2 years later at the age of 41. By all accounts she remained down-to-earth northern lass all her life but with a voice that was anything but down-to-earth!

Found in Felmersham

A bicycle, probably belonging to a teenager, has recently been found abandoned in Felmersham. The owner, or anyone with knowledge of its ownership or how it came to be abandoned, is asked to contact me on 781167.

Advance Notices

Rev David G Mason
It has been our custom to hold our Carol Service in the school term in order for the school choir to take part. As the school no longer has a choir we will revert to the usual pattern of holding our Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas. So this year it will be held on Sunday 20th December at 5.00pm.

Remembrance Day Services

There will be a Service of Remembrance held in the Church, beginning at 10.15am on Sunday 8th November. At approximately 11.15am there will be a service with the wreath laying at the War Memorial.

Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union will meet in St Peter's Room, Sharnbrook on 26th November at 7.30pm and their speaker will be from Christian Family Care.

Rev Robert Evens

