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Volunteers will contact you as quickly as possible.



### Parish Diary

<b>October</b>		
Sun 1	10.15am Choral Communion Harvest	St Mary's Church
Sat 7	10.30am Coffee Morning	
Sun 8	10.15am Family Service (see article)	St Mary's Church
	2.00pm Save the Children sale	East Grange, Hunts Lane
Thu 12	3.00pm Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 15	10.15am Choral Communion Trinity 18	St Mary's Church
Sun 22	10.15am Matins & Communion Trinity 19	St Mary's Church
Sun 29	2.00am British Summer Time ends – clocks go back	
Sun 29	10.15am Joint Service for 'One World Week'	Sharnbrook Church
<b>November</b>		
Sat 4	10.30am Coffee Morning	
Sun 5	10.15am Choral Communion	St Mary's Church
Tue 7	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 12	10.15am Remembrance Service	St Mary's Church
	11.15am (approx) Wreath Laying	War Memorial
Sun 19	10.15am Choral Communion 2 before Advent	St Mary's Church
Sun 26	10.15am Family Service Christ the King	St Mary's Church

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

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

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

# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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October 2006

### **Dark Nights**

**David G Mason**

I am writing this in the middle of September, and although the weather remains very warm and sunny the nights are drawing in very quickly. There is a distinctively autumn feeling in the air. Elsewhere in this issue of 'Ouse News' I have reminded you that the clocks go back at the end of the month, and then we shall really begin to notice that the days are getting much shorter. This can be a very pleasant part of the year, as crops have been gathered in from the fields which are now being ploughed or cultivated and seeds for next years harvest being sown. In the garden the autumn flowers are blooming, and clearing up for the winter is underway. But with the enjoyment of the autumn there is the underlying realisation that winter is on its way. In years past we would be looking forward to a long period of cold and wet weather, but in recent years we have had a change of climate so that the frost and snow that used to be the expected accompaniment of winter is now a rarity. But the climate change does not affect the long nights and reduced daylight of the coming season.

With the shorter days more time is spent indoors as there is insufficient daylight to pursue many out door activities to the same extent as we do on the long summer evenings. With the increase that there has been in television and video entertainments fewer of us now take time to read and study in the evenings, and yet the dark nights of winter provide a wonderful opportunity to sit down and have a good and enlightening time of reading and study. There is also the opportunity to slow down the tempo of life for a little while and take stock of our lives and what we are doing with them. The time used can have very positive benefits and give us renewed energy and purpose for our lives.

Now could be a good time to take out the rarely read Bible from the shelf and spend some time each evening reading from it again. There are many commentaries and study courses available to help give new depth and understanding to study, and to help relate the gospel message to the lives that we live today. Make no mistake, the Bible has as much to say to us in this modern world as it did to those who have read it through the ages, and with the help of those who have worked to help us understand the message that it has for us, it is able to speak to each one of us. If you want any help or guidance in this work please get in touch with me.

### **Coffee Morning**

The Coffee Morning this month will be held at the home of Richard and Jacky Phipps on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Proceeds will be put towards a toilet and kitchen facility for the Church. There will also be a Save the Children table selling Xmas cards, paper etc.

The Coffee Morning for November in aid of funds for toilet and kitchen facilities for the Church will be held at the home of Peter and Pat Hartop on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 welcome.

### **Autumn Show**

With over 250 entries, this year's show was definitely the biggest and best to date. Congratulations to Hilary Foot, the overall winner of the Autumn Show Plate. Hilary had 4 Firsts, 3 Seconds and 3 Thirds.

Very many thanks to everyone who took part, helped in any way, or who just came along to look. A special thank you too to the staff and children of Pinchmill School and Pre-School for an almost overwhelming number of entries – by far the largest number we have ever had!

### **Village Fair and Autumn Show**

The Village Fair and Autumn Show was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks in part to some late very welcome summer sunshine and generous sponsorship by local pub The Swan at Radwell and Autoglass it was a great success with record numbers entering and attending the show and fair. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who helped and supported this event and helped make it such a success. Thanks to your support we have raised over £1,100 which will go towards refurbishing the playing field equipment.

### **Parish Walk with P3**

On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> October members of the P3 Group – the Paris Paths Partnership - will meet at the Felmersham bus shelter at 1.30pm and everyone is welcome to join us whether current P3 Group members or not.

The walk will take us from Felmersham to and around the Colworth Estate on public footpaths. The walk is about 5.7 miles long and should take no more than 3 hours in total. All walkers take part at their own risk.

### **New Rural Dean**

Congratulations to Rev David Mason on his appointment by the Bishop to the post of Rural Dean of Sharnbrook Deanery. The appointment is for the next five years and as Rural Dean, David is responsible for many matters including pastoral care of clergy in the Deanery, assisting Church Wardens in a parish without a priest and along with the Archdeacon for the many Grade 1 listed church buildings.

### **Save the Children Fund**

The annual Save the Children Fund Christmas sale will be combined with the Church Coffee morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, at East Grange, Hunts Lane. In addition to the session from 10.30am - 12.30, the shop will open from 2–4pm too.

Catalogues have been distributed if you have not received one please phone me on 781789. If you aren't able to come to the sale, you can order through me in October and save the postage. Orders normally take 10 days or less.

### **Moon Walk**

Many thanks to everybody in Felmersham and Radwell who sponsored me for the Moon Walk on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Special thanks to Emmaus Community who also contributed to the £520 raised for Breast Cancer Research.

### **Visit Of Bishop Kisembo**

On Sunday 26 October Bishop Kisembo and his wife will be attending evening worship in Turvey Parish Church, which starts at 6.00pm. There will be a period of talk and questions after the service, and then refreshments. The Bishop is an experienced Bible translator and pastor. His wife, the Revd Canon Mrs Lovey Kisembo, was Vicar of one of the fastest growing churches in Kampala. Together they make a dynamic team, and I am sure that it will be a very interesting and informative evening. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

### **Vaccination Clinics at Sharnbrook Surgery**

For patients registered with Sharnbrook Surgery who are over 65 or 'at risk', flu and pneumonia injections will be available during the week starting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October every day from 2pm – 3pm. No appointment needed.

### **Thursday Club**

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The October meeting is on Thursday 12th at 3.00pm and anyone requiring a lift should ring Joan Thomas on 781722. New members will be very welcome.

### **Parish Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September**

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Recent heavy rains had caused severe erosion in Memorial Lane - now repaired. A property in the Old Road had been flooded, a site meeting is to be arranged.

The grinding of the stumps on Felmersham green can now go ahead.

The dry summer has meant that the verges etc., have not had to be cut so often. However, the mild weather means cutting may need to continue up to December.

Objections have been raised to the increasing amount of roadside paraphernalia outside Stone Pits, Carlton Road. The Clerk will write to the landowner.

Councillors have been asked for suggestions on how the next round of Highways Partnership money should be spent. Up to £3000 in 2007-08 can be spent on a highways project (not repairs).

The tree planted by the Brownies on Jubilee Lawn is to be protected with a cage.

Would parishioners please make sure that vegetation on their property does not obstruct roads or pathways. Such trees etc should be cut back to the boundary.

The Margaret Alleyway Trust might bid for the land at the slipway, subject to the Parish Council agreeing to maintain it. Six voted in favour with one abstention.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in Pinchmill Hall committee room.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**Geoffrey Hulatt**  
There will be a short wreath laying service, conducted by Rev David Mason, at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45 am on Sunday 12th November, immediately following the morning service.

If you wish to contribute towards the cost of the poppy wreath please contact me on Bedford 781082 or send your donation to 6 Marriotts Close, Felmersham

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### **Coffee Morning**

**Lorraine Shrimpton**  
A coffee morning will be held on Friday 10th November at 10.30am at 1 Trinity Close - £1.50 for tea or coffee with scones and homemade biscuits - homemade cakes for sale and a raffle. This is to raise funds for materials for a new altar cloth and wall hanging which is in the process of being sewn by members of the Felmersham and Radwell Patchwork Group. Please come along and give your support. More details in next month's Ouse News.

### **CHIT – An Illustrated Talk**

**Jane Templeman**  
Every year we send gifts, generously donated by the people of Felmersham and Radwell at the Church's Carol Service, to the children's home at Bapatia, India. Would you like to find out more about the home, and how Children's Homes in India Trust [CHIT] and the local staff help the children in their care?

The Chairman of CHIT, George Kent, is coming to our 'children-friendly' Family Service in St Mary's Church on 8<sup>th</sup> October. He will give a very short talk at the service. Then after the service, during coffee / juice / biscuit time, he will show

slides and video-clips of the Bapatia children, and will tell us more about the work of the home, and about CHIT, the charity which supports it.

If you would rather come after the service, in time for coffee and for the illustrated talk, you will be very welcome. In that case, come at about 11.00 am

Please do come on 8th October to join us in learning more about CHIT. Everyone welcome, children especially – the more the merrier!

### **Women's Institute**

**Wendy Williamson**  
The Felmersham and Radwell WI ladies, turned out in force to ensure teas and cakes were duly served to those revellers enjoying the recent autumn fair. President Wendy Williamson thanked her hard working team for their efforts and the afternoon was topped off with a donation of £150 made to the village hall committee.

With the summer break over the WI meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September was a busy affair. Di Stephenson was guest speaker for the evening and demonstrated her skills in the art of sugar craft (cake decoration) her talents created interest by members who felt they too would like to try their hand at this skill set. Committee members Celia Hulatt and May Mills having won an annual WI draw enjoyed a visit to Denman College a WI Residential adult learning college based near Oxford where they participated in a course on water colour painting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and the guest speaker will be Ann Bonham from the British Red Cross speaking on Safety in the Home.

### **One World Week**

**David Mason**  
The morning service on 29th will be at St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook. It will be an ecumenical service for 'One World Week' with the talk given by Alistair Burt.