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### Parish Diary

#### Regular Activities (M=Mon – F=Fr)

MTW-F	9am – 3.15pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
--W--	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Yoga (term time only)	Pinchmill Hall
---T-	9am – 12.45pm	Pre-School	Pinchmill School
---T-	11.00am (approx)	Fishmonger in village – call 07803 201399 for info	
---T-	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Pilates	Pinchmill Hall
----F	9.15am – 11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group	Pinchmill Hall
----F	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Fish & Chip Van	Jubilee Lawn
----F	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Youth Club	Pinchmill Hall

#### October

Sat 2	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning	Carr's, Radwell
Sun 3	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 18	St Mary's Church
Wed 6	7.30pm	Dumbstruck! - A Picture of Dorian Gray	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 10	10.15am	Family Service - Trinity 19	St Mary's Church
Thu 14	3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 16	5.00pm	PSA Family Bingo Evening	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 17	10.15am	Choral Communion - Trinity 20	St Mary's Church
Tue 19	7.30pm	WI Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 24	10.15am	Matins & Communion - Trinity 21	St Mary's Church
Sun 31	10.15am	Choral Communion - 4 before Advent	St Mary's Church

#### November

Tue 2	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 6	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning	Jennifer Knowles
Tue 9		Boy's Book Club	The Sun Inn

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

#### **Ass't Curate: Rev David Mason (309737) Wardens: Jane Wells (782462)**

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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](mailto:ousenews@justs.info) and put OuseNews in the Subject line.

# OuseNews

Felmersham & Radwell

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October 2010

#### Remembrance

**David G Mason**

This year we have been reminded that it is 60 years since the Battle of Britain. We have had several programmes on the TV about it and its importance to all of us. Things would have been very different not only for us, but also for a large part of the world, if the result had been different. For many of the pictures and the stories about those times has brought back memories, many of them good but some bad. These memories are important, not only for those who have them, but also for the rest of us. They are part of our history and part of our formation, and it is important that they are passed on so that others may learn from them. The heroism and self sacrifice of the few provide examples to those who follow. Reflection on the causes of the conflict should warn us of the dangers of not being alert to what is occurring in other countries or in other communities.

It is all too easy to be so absorbed by the problems and life events of our own country that we fail to be fully aware of what is happening in the wider world. We have had to learn that we live in a global situation. Modern communications inform us of what is happening all over the world, we can no longer plead ignorance of the natural disasters and conflicts that happen in far away countries.

We also need to remember that those far countries have access to the same communications, and they are aware of the prosperous conditions in which we live. We see pictures of ruined buildings destroyed crops, starving children, miserable living conditions. They see pictures of luxury, well-fed children, abundance of food. No wonder to come to seek their fortune in our countries.

The Gospel message of a loving God, who loves all his children, and of loving our neighbours as ourselves should make us aware of our duty as followers of Christ to deal with the inequalities in our living conditions and life prospects. It is in all our long term interests to seek ways of helping those who are so disadvantaged. Climate change is already affecting adversely many countries in many parts of the world, we should be using our expertise to help them find new ways of farming and food production to cope with the changed conditions.

#### **Patronal Service and Harvest Festival**

Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to both these services. We are again contributing to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal which is supporting the Climate Justice Fund which works with communities to help them adapt to climate change. Our contributions will equip farmers in Uganda with seeds, tools, training and irrigation so that they can grow drought resistant crops. They are also being encouraged to diversify into bee-keeping, poultry and livestock rearing.

### **Boys Book Club**

This month's book was *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* - Mark Haddon. It is about a severely autistic boy as he investigates the killing of a dog. He discovers not only the killer's identity, but also the truth about his mother.

The writing style leads to it being read in a very mechanical way, without emotion, giving a very realistic feel to the writing. There is very little scene setting in the book – this perhaps reflects the difficulty that autistic people have taking in all except the very immediate and limited surroundings. Quite a few members had had direct experience of autistic children, and all agreed they presented a challenging situation.

The book for the next meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> is *The Greek Key* by Colin Forbes. New members will be welcomed in the convivial atmosphere of *The Sun*

### **12<sup>th</sup> Autumn Show**

This year's show attracted a bumper number of entries, and a large crowd visited during the afternoon to view the exhibits and the Art Club's exhibition, to enjoy the WI's tea and cakes and to chat with their friends and neighbours. In a closely fought competition the joint winners of the Show Plate are Matilda Boswell and Caroline Cooper with four First prizes each. Congratulations to them and to all exhibitors who made the show such a success.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

This was a huge success and thanks to everyone's efforts we have raised £2,300.00 so far.

### **Christmas Is Coming**

I want to get a Children's Choir to sing at the Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 19th December. If you have children of any age who might be interested, or if you want further details please contact me on [prestissimo@btinternet.com](mailto:prestissimo@btinternet.com) or 781010. Rehearsals are likely to start on Sunday 7th November at 5.30 at 1 The Tithe. Of course there is also the Church Choir who would welcome singers.!

### **Remembrance Sunday**

There will be a wreath laying service, conducted by Rev. David Mason, at the War Memorial at approximately 10.30 am on the Sunday 14th November following a shortened church 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, MK43 7HD. There will be the usual door to door collection two weeks earlier. Please support the poppy appeal.

### **Pilates**

Every Wednesday 8pm in the village hall, cost £3.00, suitable for all levels, run by Hazel Caddick who is a qualified level 3 instructor. Hazel is a new mum at Pinchmill Lower School and is very kindly donating all the proceeds from the class to the school for the first term.

### **Stephen Richard Miasek 1951-2010**

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 1951 in Felmersham, Stephen Richard, a bonny baby boy was born - the first child of Norah and Richard, an older brother to Ann, Peter and Tina. Whilst Stephen was not to become a gifted artist; or famous musician; he was to become someone who would lift the hearts of all who met him with his great sense of fun and good humour ... a great and rare gift.

At school he found a love for history, which stayed with him for most of his life. It also fostered his love for sports of all kinds including athletics, football and cricket. In later life, Steve developed a love of horses and dogs, owning a share in a race horse and later purchasing his pride and joy, a greyhound called 'Nick Nick'. Steve was so proud of his dog, even though on race day it was quickly established that it could not run round bends. In fact, Nick Nick loved Steve so much, that he was not interested in the rabbit but more interested in running in the other direction, mid race, to sit next to Steve.

After leaving school, while others his age were going off to do manual jobs, Steve broke the mould and started a 5 year apprenticeship to become a gentleman's hairdresser. He was soon cutting the hair of those on the Chicksands RAF base and later went on to own two barber shops.

He was so good at cutting hair, that his parents often had a queue of people outside their house on a Sunday morning waiting for a haircut. 5 a day at 2/6p a time. At that time, Steve was well known by his regular customers as "Charlie". Later, Steve's real skills came to the fore, when he made a major career change, becoming the landlord of 'The Sun' – returning to Felmersham where he was born. Steve lived life to the full! He loved his life, he loved his family, and he especially loved his pub. He was a natural publican, and was destined to spend the next 22 years doing 'what he was born to do'.

He was famous for his little sayings such as "That killed the conversation." Or "Bad day at Black Rock." and "Game over" His sense of humour was always to the fore. He loved to make people laugh and succeeded.

Steve played for the local cricket team, enjoying games of pool or skittles in his pub, forever laughing and joking with his many friends. He was well known in the village, and embraced village life, helping to organise a local "wheelbarrow race and various charity nights". Pub life continued until he left in 2008.

In late 2008, Steve became unwell. He was later diagnosed as having mouth cancer. This could so easily bring many men to their knees, but not Stephen!

He tried to remain positive and continued to try to 'cheer up' the people who visited him, despite all of the pain and suffering he was enduring.

Even whilst in 'Intensive Care', his incredible sense of humour still shone through. This is a true testament to the man that he was!

Despite everything, he battled bravely to the very end, never complaining.

Steve was a man with a great sense of humour; a love of life; and was a friend to all. A happy-go-lucky man, who allowed nothing to be sombre, and had a tremendous flair to bring fun to the lives of all who knew him..... what greater epitaph could anyone wish for?

He touched the lives of many, and will long be remembered as the man "who always looked on the bright side of life".

### **Pinchmill School Association**

The PSA are holding a Family Bingo Evening, Saturday 16 October, 5pm onwards in the Village Hall. Tickets £6 (£3 children) includes food, there will also be a bar. Call Sam Bance 07709 619131 or Wendy Mansell 07899 872144 for tickets.

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### **Parish Council Meeting**

Meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Apologies from Borough Councillor Brandon Parishioners Talk Time – AS/Sgt. Edwards reported that there had been fuel thefts from various vehicles in Felmersham and Radwell.

**Highways:** The Radwell Road sign has been removed - new one has been ordered. Road sweeping and drain clearance have been requested. Work due to start on the Radwell causeway, replacing slabs and piers. New rubbish bin for Radwell Green has been ordered. A tree in Tith Barn will have to come down.

**Borough Councillor's report:** Peter Hartop reported on his meeting with the Mayor when he visited Felmersham. Issues raised were, road sweeping, drain clearing, sweeping of cobbles outside church, repair of potholes outside church, broken culvert on the Jubilee Lawn, hedges on the High Road, possibility of 20mph in the villages, removal of excess road signs, Council officers not replying to letters from the Parish Council or taking notice of Parish Councillor's comments. The Mayor is returning on 2nd November when he will be at the Parish Council meeting.

**Village Hall report:** New doors are about to be installed. Litter bin is to be placed near the playing field gate. The village hall committee has two new members.

**Radwell matters:** The Retreat should be closed from October to March. Request for Smartwater signs to replace existing Homewatch signs.

**Correspondence:** The rural skips will be in the parish over the weekend 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September. On the 25<sup>th</sup> this will be from 15.00 – 17.00 hrs, and on the 26<sup>th</sup> from 13.00 – 15.00 hrs.

**Next meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 pm in Pinchmill Hall. Mayor in attendance.

### **W.I.**

'Superwoman' may be hackneyed but it perfectly describes Hannah Miles! She took us behind the scenes of the television programme 'Masterchef', when she was a finalist in 2007. During her 8 week progress to the final she cooked for 500 school pupils; a Victorian menu at Waddesdon Manor; a critics dinner; lunch and dinner for the army in Cyprus; lunch at 10 Downing Street; pastry desserts at the Savoy; at the Ritz in Paris. She constantly threw in tidbits of information about the presenters and the crew, who kept spoons in their pockets to taste the food. Unfortunately she was unwell on the final test and therefore did not cook her best. Since 'Masterchef' she has written four cookery books (specializing in cakes and puddings); she writes monthly columns for three magazines; appears on BBC Northampton and will be cooking on the Good Food Show in 'Masterchef Goes Live'. She concluded an absorbing and enjoyable evening with a demonstration of several of her recipes including a delightful lime and ginger cheesecake and sublime tobleron tiramisu. Oh, and by the way, she is a full-time lawyer!

### **PCC Meeting and Remembrance Sunday**

Remembrance Sunday is 14th November We will assemble in Church for 10.15am, and have the introduction there, and then process up to the War Memorial. Coffee will be served back at the Church. If the weather is very wet there will be an alternative arrangement.

We are also in desperate need for an assistant for Jane Wells (church warden) since Richard Phipps has moved. We also need to expand the membership of the PCC...younger input is required as Papworth is on high alert for each meeting.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Meeting**

#### **Dave Girling**

On Saturday 11th September there was a presentation on the security product Smartwater, given by Mark Winchester, the Police Liason Officer. AS/Sgt Robert Edwards then followed this with a presentation concerning policing in our area.

Smartwater is a way of marking valuables and identifying them with their owners. Full details can be found here <http://www.smartwater.com/home.aspx> For the moment Neighbourhood Watch are selling Smartwater for a one off cost of £20 which includes a lifetime registration. Normally Smartwater would cost much more with an ongoing cost of £4.99 per month. If you wish to order some contact Neighbourhood Watch on 275165 or email [lynn.arch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lynn.arch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) Alternatively contact Robert Edwards who can get it and show you how to apply it. We hope that future meetings will be as well attended and as successful as this.

### **Church Coffee Morning**

#### **Jane Wells**

The Church Coffee Morning for November - to raise funds for the Restoration Fund - will be held at the home of Mrs Jennifer Knowles, on Saturday 6th November at 10.30am. Home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. All Welcome.

### **Thursday Club.**

#### **Joan Thomas**

An enjoyable games afternoon was held in September when we played Whist, Scrabble, Dominoes and Bananagrams.

On the 14th October at 3pm we are holding a Beetle Drive when we look forward to seeing everyone and new members are most welcome. Just turn up or if you need transport ring Joan on 781722.

### **Drama comes to Felmersham**

#### **Alex Levene**

Dumbstruck! Productions, Bedford's newest professional theatre company, are touring villages presenting the chilling classic tale of A Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde. They are coming to Pinchmill Hall on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm. Tickets priced at £7 (£5 Students/OAP) at the door or contact 07814 013041. [dumbstruckproductions@googlemail.com](mailto:dumbstruckproductions@googlemail.com). A brilliant and disturbing story of a gilded and spoilt hedonist, willing to sell his soul for his beauty. Dumbstruck's new adaptation, by director Laura Colgan, was widely condemned in the 1890's as an affront to the values of polite society. Join us for a night of thrills and chills as we bring Wilde's wit and elegance to the stage