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Parish Diary

Regular Activities (M=Mon – F=Fr)

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

September

Thu 2	7.30pm	Quiz Night (free!)	The Sun, Grange Rd
Sat 4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Tony and Jo Morris, Town Lot Corner
Sun 5	10.15am	Sunday service – TBA	
Thu 9	3.00pm	Thursday Club	Pinchmill Hall
Thu 9	6.00pm	Brownies resumes	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 11	2.00pm	Home Security Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 12	10.15am	Patronal Festival	St Mary's Church
Sun 12		12 th Autumn Show and Art Exhibition	Pinchmill Hall
Sun 19	10.15am	Benefice Service - Trinity 16	St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Sun 26	10.15am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's Church
October			
Sat 2	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Carr's , Moor End Road, Radwell
Sun 3	10.15am	TBA	

Priest in Charge: Rev Robert Evens (782000)

Assistant Curate: Rev David Mason (309737)

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

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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.

Ouse News

Felmersham & Radwell

Village online: www.felmersham.net

September 2010

Any old photographs?

Ken Shrimpton
I am preparing a book entitled "Bygone Felmersham and Radwell - a Pictorial View of the Parish" as the name suggests it is essentially a book of photographs of a bygone age. If anybody has any photos that are of local historical interest, and they are prepared to have them published, then I would be very pleased to see them, even if they have been previously published. All pictures published will be acknowledged in the book. Contact details: phone: 781381 or email: kenshrimpton@felmersham.net

Best Kept Allotment 2010

Maggie Spoor
This was judged on 8th July and the judge, James Gell, stressed how very impressed he was with the quality of produce on the Town Lot allotments in what he described as "a very difficult year".

Six holders took part in the competition which was sponsored by Felmersham & Radwell Parish Council. The results, scored out of a possible 140 points, were:

1st	87 points	The Boswell family
2nd	85 points	Geoff Hulatt
3rd	73 points	Peter Dilley

Silent Auction on 12th September

Celia Hulatt
There will be a Silent Auction of framed Bedfordshire scenes and a framed colour map of Bedfordshire (after Thomas Moule 1836) which have been donated to raise funds for The Thursday Club for Senior Citizens. These will be on display in Pinchmill Hall during the Autumn Show and you are invited to leave your bid(s). Winning bids will be announced at 4:30 pm. For further details call me on 781082

Felmersham Fete

Janet Cook
The winner of the Lucky Entry Programme was No 71, and we have not been able to locate the holder of that programme. If nobody comes forward to claim the prize the money will go into VHC funds.

Churchyard Clean

Jane Wells
Thank you very much to everyone who helped at the Churchyard Clean in July. The Churchyard looks so much the better for it. Thank you all, it was very much appreciated.

July Parish Council Meeting

Maggie Spoor
6 Parish Councillors, the Clerk and Acting Special Sergeant Edwards attended this meeting. Apologies from Mike Thomas and Councillor Brandon.

The Council congratulated Acting Special Sergeant Edwards on his recent promotion. AS/Sgt. Edwards reported that a speed check in Felmersham that morning had resulted in several verbal warnings. There has been a spate of burglaries in Sharnbrook. Neighbourhood Watch were planning an open meeting on Saturday 11th September for parishioners when the use of Smart Water to mark valuables would be demonstrated. A similar, very successful presentation had been held in Harrold. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the hire of the village hall. AS/Sgt. Edwards expressed concern about the Daisy Bank picnic site. The site needs cleaning up to return it to its proper use. Youths congregating on Felmersham playing field had been spoken to and car numbers taken. Sharnbrook High Street is to be closed for 6 – 8 weeks from 29th July.

Highways - The slipway and wall need further surveying before they can be repaired. Marjorie Pipe reported that the Borough have started to repair potholes around the parish. Owners of overhanging hedges will be written to. The Environment Agency has been contacted regarding a replacement flood gauge. A weight restriction sign for Memorial Lane should be in place in the next 2 months.

Radwell - There had been complaints about loud music from The Retreat.

Village Hall – getting a new front door. Lack of utility bills is causing problems.

Finance - a new dog bin is to be purchased and placed along the Radwell Road and a new litter bin placed in the children's play area.

Correspondence - Bedford Borough Mayor, Dave Hodgson, is scheduled to visit Felmersham Parish Council on 2nd November 2010.

Date of the next meeting: 7th September 2010 at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall.

Sharnbrook Mill Theatre

Theo. Gibbs
Tue.21st – Sat. 25th September, 7.45 pm Round and Round the Garden. From Alan Ayckbourn's renowned trilogy, 'The Norman Conquests'... the al fresco doings of a disastrous weekendpoignant ...hilarious?... absolutely unmissable! Tickets £8/10 now available at Sharnbrook Post Office (in person) and Bedford Central Box Office* 269519. Take advantage of Advance Booking for Les Misérables School Edition Fri. 12th - Sat. 20th November 7.45 pm Tickets will be available during Round and Round the Garden, but only at The Mill Theatre.

Church Coffee Morning

Jane Wells
The Church Coffee Morning for September is to held at the home of Tony and Jo Morris, Felmersham on Saturday 4th September at 10.30am.

The Coffee Morning for October, to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund, will be hosted by Jeremy and Sally Carr, Radwell on Saturday 2nd October at 10.30am. Home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac for the bring and buy stall will be greatly appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

Village Trades and Services

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Mayor to visit Parish on Friday 3 Sept 5pm to 6pm
The Parish Council have been informed that the Mayor of Bedford Borough, Dave Hodgson will be visiting Felmersham He will be available in Felmersham at the junction of Church End and the High Road on Friday 3rd September between 5pm - 6pm. Details of all the other ways of engaging the mayor are displayed on the Parish Council Notice board. August 2010

K. M. Lovell

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AUTUMN SHOW & ART EXHIBITION

A reminder that the 12th Autumn Show and Art Exhibition is being held on Sunday 12th September in Pinchmill Hall.

Entry forms were distributed with the schedules in July, if you need a copy please ring either Maggie Spoor on 782031 or Margaret Leach on 781072 or download from the Felmersham website www.felmersham.net.

Please bring exhibits to the Hall between 9.00 – 10.30 am on the day. The Hall will also be open for viewing from 2.30 – 5.00 pm when the WI will be serving teas.

Whether as a competitor or a sampler of the WI's wonderful teas we look forward to seeing you on the 12th September!

Suggestions Wanted

FRCT Trustees
The late Margaret Alleway bequeathed the residue of her estate to the residents of Felmersham and Radwell and in February 2004 the Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust (FRCT) became officially registered as a charity – the trustees are Peter Hartop, Michael Thomas, Jeff Stokley, Lorraine Shrimpton and Simon Whitham.

Since that date the following organisations have received funding:

- Felmersham & Radwell Community Care (for care in the community);
- St Mary's Church, Felmersham (essential tree lopping, hearing loop system, path to parish burial ground, new nave altar, replacement cushions for pews);
- Pinchmill Pre-School (grant for refurbishment of building);
- Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall (refurbishment of committee room & toilets, new doors and grant towards cost of playing field equipment);
- Felmersham & Radwell Youth Club (grant towards "setting-up" expenses to include equipment etc);
- Parish "welcome pack" (publishing costs of the parish "welcome pack" given to all newcomers);
- Purchase of riverside land (to develop the Margaret Alleway Memorial Garden).

The trustees would like to hear from you if you have a scheme or proposal which you feel may be of benefit to parishioners within the two villages. If you would like advice or have any queries please contact Lorraine Shrimpton on 781381, or alternatively an application form for funding may be downloaded online by going to www.felmersham.net/trust.htm then downloading the grant application form at the bottom of this page.

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Bonnet Memorial for Transported Women Janet Cook writes: Ouse Valley Quilters have been making bonnets, yes, bonnets in memory of the 25,000 plus women who were transported to Van Diemens Land (Tasmania) for such capital offences as stealing a kettle. At the time stealing a kettle was regarded as a very good reason for sending a woman half way round the world in a sailing ship and serving 7 years in a prison at the other end. The fact that a woman might have had small children was ignored, although babes in arms were allowed the luxury of travelling with their mother..... The organiser/brain behind this scheme, Christina Henri, has arranged for 13,000 of these bonnets to be displayed at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham from 19 to 22 August where 4,000 quilts from all over the world will be on display. Every bonnet carries the name, date and ship on which the woman was transported, as well as a decoration of hearts and roses or other flowers. Every bonnet already has a permanent home in Tasmania, in one of the "Female Factories" which were set up to receive, house and train the women. **Janet has taught at the Festival every year since it started 5 years ago. She has also exhibited there. August 2010**

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, CARLTON

Saturday 11th September 7.30pm

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Leader, Jan Kaznowski

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