

Local Bulk Refuse Collection

May and September (see Ouse News or *felmersham.net* for dates and times)

Collection Points:

Radwell: The Green
Felmersham: Marriotts Close

Bedford Tidy Tip

Barkers Lane, Bedford (228681)

Open Daily (except 25 and 26 Dec. and 1 Jan)

1 May to 30 Sept – 9.00am to 8.00pm

1 Oct to 30 April – 9.00am to 5.00pm

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FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL

an information guide to Felmersham and Radwell

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Art Club

This is an informally organised club with members drawn primarily from Felmersham and Radwell. The Group meets most Wednesday mornings in the Committee Room at the Village Hall - but also meet in smaller numbers and at varying venues for one-off workshops and short courses - whatever best suits the keenest!

At the moment, the Art Club is at capacity, but may be able to offer places in the future. For further information please contact Hazel Pearce on 782182.

Book Clubs

At the moment the ladies book club is over subscribed but it may be possible for a volunteer to form a second group. Advice on how to proceed is available from either Anne Smith on 781780 or May Mills on 781788.

There is a newly formed men's book club to which any male is cordially invited to attend. For further information please contact Peter Rankin on 782897

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month. *Duplicate Bridge* is played and a partner is required. If interested contact Truus Boyce on 781133.

Brownies

Felmersham and Radwell Brownies meet weekly in Felmersham and they are keen to recruit girls between the ages of 7 to 10. The unit runs a varied and forward thinking programme to interest young girls.

Useful Information

Newspapers

Sharnbrook News, 26 High Street, Sharnbrook. (781238)

Post Offices

Sharnbrook Sub P.O. 2 Church Lane, Sharnbrook, (781401)

Milton Ernest Sub P.O. Milton Ernest Garden Centre, Radwell Road, Milton Ernest, (823033).
Check opening times

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits Felmersham and Radwell every other Thursday. For the actual dates telephone the Library Link Service on (01234) 305383.
Felmersham: opposite The Sun - 1.50pm to 2.10pm.
Radwell: The Green - 2.20pm to 2.30pm.

Local Doctors

Sharnbrook Surgery

Templars Way, Sharnbrook.
Emergencies: (781449)
Appointments: (781392)

Harrold Medical Practice

Peach's Close, Harrold (720225)

Chemist

Herbert and Herbert, 88 High Street, Clapham (266907)

Household and Bulk Refuse

Local Collection on Wednesday mornings.

Alternate Wednesdays for collection of orange bags and garden refuse.

Missed Bins/Recycling/Bulky Waste Collection (227227)

Chairman: Patrick Doyle
 Secretary: Janet Cook
 Lettings Janet Kitchen
 Secretary: *Jankitchenvh*btinternet.com*
 (replace * with @) (782215)
 Treasurer: Marjorie Pipe
 Matthew Bennett *Parish Council Representative*
 Margery Evers *Radwell Representative*
 also Keith Rose, Alleyne Leach, Joan White and Kath Morrissey. *Brownies Representative*

The Hall and the Committee Room are both available for hire, either separately or together. Please go to *felmersham.net > Organisations > Village Hall* to see the hiring rates.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday in each month at 7.30pm in Felmersham Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome to this thriving WI. Contact Wendy Williamson on 781319, or just come along!

Committee:
 Wendy Williamson *President*
 May Mills *Secretary and Press Correspondent*
 Paula Turvey *Treasurer*
 Celia Hulatt
 Lesley Gani
 Gayle Holborn
 Deborah Rout
 Cherrie Dawson
 Hazel Pearce

Yoga

The Yoga Club meets on Tuesday evenings from March to May and from September to October, 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Village Hall.
 Any level of *Hatha Yoga* is catered for, from beginners upwards. For further information contact Hilary Foot on 781340.

The Brownies meet every Thursday during term time at Pinchmill Hall between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. If your child is interested in joining then contact Pat Keeble on 782134.

The Unit is always looking for helpers, especially someone who is willing to train for a Guider's warrant or someone in the area already with a warrant who wishes to get back into active Guiding. Again, please contact Pat Keeble for further information.

Community Care

Felmersham & Radwell Community Care is a local scheme which gives short term help to everyone living in the parish of Felmersham and Radwell, using the services of local volunteers. The range of help available is flexible, and covers the following:

- **Transport**
 Hospital (admissions; discharges; visits; etc.)
 Doctors Surgery (prescription collection; visits, etc.)
 Other Journeys (when normal transport is not available or suitable).
- **Domestic Support**
 Shopping
 Home Visits (companionship etc.).
- **Household Assistance**
 Small Emergency Repairs (fuses; light bulbs; time clocks; etc.)
 Form Filling
 Letter Writing
 Dog Walking
 Contact Information (support agencies; etc.).
- **Home Safety**
 Home Watch (regular home checks during holidays and other home absences)

Home Security Checks (advice and installation of security items - smoke alarms, door chains, etc.).

If they are unable to help, they will endeavour to pass on any information or advice to you, relating to a professional organisation or person who can help.

To use this service, telephone 07786 344176 leaving your name, message, telephone number and if possible giving at least 24 hours notice. Your message will be passed on to one of the Volunteers who will contact you as soon as possible.

All volunteers are registered with the Criminal Records Bureau, and have Enhanced Disclosure Certificate. All volunteers carry Community Care Identity Cards.

Community Trust

The late Margaret Alleway bequeathed the residue of her estate to Felmersham and Radwell Community Care “for their general purposes”. As a result the Felmersham and Radwell Community Trust (FRCT) was formed with the following objectives:

- i) to provide help with domestic support, for the elderly, sick, disabled, or those in need within the two villages, in co-operation with other relevant providers of such help; and
- ii) to provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure, again in co-operation with other relevant organisations, for the benefit of the inhabitants of these villages.

The Trust is now seeking to fulfil these aims for the benefit of the residents of Felmersham and Radwell and they invite written proposals for funding within the objectives of the Trust.

Funding application forms may be obtained online at:
www.felmersham.net/trust.htm

For details contact Jo Morris on 781430

Town Lot Charity Allotments

Parishioners of Felmersham and Radwell can rent an allotment of land at the top of Town Lot Lane on the right hand side. Those who are interested in renting, 10 poles or more, should contact one of the Trustees. The area of land available is 5 acres, 1 rood, 11 poles.

Town Lot Trustees are made up as follows:

The Vicar (*ex-officio*),
Two Churchwardens (*ex-officio*),
An elected representative of the Parish Council,
plus an honorary secretary/treasurer is also appointed.

In 2006/7 the Trustees are:
Rev. David Mason, Paul Keeble, Jane Wells and Geoff Hulatt.
The honorary secretary/treasurer is Stephen Hill.

The annual income from the charity is distributed to twelve senior members of the parish in the form of a Christmas present. Once a person benefits from the charity they continue to do so. One fourteenth part of the annual income goes to St Mary's church.

Village Hall and Playing Field

Felmersham Village Hall was built in 1974 and is shared with the village school - Pinchmill Lower School. The school makes use of the hall during the day while in the evenings and at weekends, the village has access to the hall. The Committee Room and toilet facilities belong exclusively to the parish and as such are available for hire at all times. The village hall and playing field is managed by an elected committee.

(both services Book of Common Prayer)

Other services are arranged at special times of the year.

St Marys Church extends a warm welcome to people of all ages and denominations. The services are designed to accommodate the broad range of worship found in our rural community.

Officers

Churchwardens: Jane Wells (782462)
Paul Keeble (782134)
Secretary: Gill Greenish (782559)
Treasurer: Stephen Hill (781064)

Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on the second Monday in the months of January, March, May, July, September & November. The AGM is normally held in April. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Thursday Club

The Thursday Club was formed three years ago in response to the Village Survey pointing out that there was nothing in the village for the over sixties. The Club meets on the second Thursday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall Committee Room, and everyone is welcome. Transport is provided if needed.

The Committee organise speakers on a variety of subjects plus quizzes, whist drives, scrabble and lots of chat. There is an annual outing in June and a garden party in July. Always there is an excellent tea so don't have too much lunch!

The Club is self financing - by members' contributions to the raffle and the Community Care Scheme pays for the Village Hall rental.

Everyone enjoys this monthly change of scene. Please come once and bring a friend. The chances are you will want to come again and again!

Cricket Club

Following the amalgamation of Felmersham and Pavenham cricket clubs, tremendous progress has been made. The aim of the club is to offer a varied standard of cricket so that all members, young and old, can enjoy the game with excellent facilities. The club plays on Saturdays in the Premier Division of the Bedford District League, on Sundays in the County League, and mid-week in the Bedford Mid-week League. To keep the tradition of village cricket going the club has friendly fixtures most weeks on Sunday.

Village cricket clubs have traditionally played an important part in the social side of the two villages, and this will continue. The Club is very keen on the development of Junior players and extends a warm welcome to young players who would be interested. Naturally a welcome is extended to senior players who would like to join a thriving and growing club. For more information contact Ruth Barratt on 781876 or email ruthbarratt@btinternet.com (replace * with @)

felmersham.net

www.felmersham.net is an independent web site which publishes comprehensive information about Felmersham and Radwell. The site is divided into eleven headings: Tourist Info, Walks, Church, Organisations, Communications, Leisure/Clubs, Travel, Schools, Get Interactive, Groups, and Journal. Parishioners are encouraged to email local news and items of interest to the webmaster@felmersham.net (replace * with @) for publication on *The Grapevine* page. The web site now has its own search engine, to use it go to the *Main Index* page.

If you are unfamiliar with finding your way around the internet then type "Felmersham" or "Radwell" into Google or Yahoo! and click onto the title text: *Felmersham and Radwell* which will appear at or near the top of the page.

Felmersham Forum

If you live in the parish of Felmersham and Radwell then here is an opportunity to post your comments or suggestions or take part in discussion or email groups. To visit the group go to www.felmersham.net > *Groups* > *Felmersham Forum*.

This group has been created for ALL residents of Felmersham and Radwell to complement [felmersham.net](http://www.felmersham.net). It provides a quick and easy way to keep informed about what's going on in the villages. Useful or important information is delivered instantly by email to members, unlike a website which relies on people making regular checks.

Items entered into the Calendar, eg waste collection, parish meetings etc, can be set to automatically email reminders. It can also be used as a forum to discuss local matters, to share things of interest, as a notice board, to provide information or ask questions - all by email in an immediate way. The group is aimed at residents of the Parish and is open to all.

Heating Oil Groups

By making a bulk purchase of central heating oil, normally a tanker load of 4500 litres, it is possible to make savings on the cost of heating oil. Oil companies will give a discount if they can deliver a tanker load of oil to several addresses in the same community. The aim of a heating oil group scheme is to take advantage of this discount. There are two groups operating within the parish: a Radwell Group and a Felmersham Group. Details on how to join either of the groups can be found at <http://www.felmersham.net/Oilgroup.htm>

If you have any questions regarding the Felmersham Oil Group or you need joining advice then please call Clive Just on 781967.

If you have any questions regarding the Radwell Oil Group then please contact either Paul Keeble on 782134 or Val Horrell on 782140.

Mornings: 9.15am to 11.45am Monday to Friday inclusive
Lunch Club: 11.45am to 12.45pm Monday to Friday
Afternoons: 12.45pm to 3.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

If you require any further information, please contact the Pre-School Leader, Christine Callaghan on 781770.

Pinchmill School Association (PSA)

Pinchmill School Association (PSA) is a group of parents who organise fundraising activities for Pinchmill Lower School. These range from Quiz Nights to 70s discos and sponsored walks. They also provide practical support for school events, such as teas and cakes after assemblies and sports days etc. Over the past years the PSA have raised funds towards the school library and reading books, a living willow structure, picnic benches and lines for the playground, a wooden playhouse and play boat, plus many more items which are all appreciated by children and staff alike. For more details please call Sarah Croft on 07986 153423 or the school itself.

St Marys Church, Felmersham

Rector of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop: Rev. Robert Evens (782000) email: robert.evens@lineone.net (replace * with @)
Rural Dean for the Sharnbrook Deanery and Priest with special responsibility for Felmersham: Rev. David Mason RD (309737) email: david.mason93@ntlworld.com (replace * with @)

Sunday Services

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays of the month	10.15am Choral Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	10.15am Family Service followed by Holy Communion
4th Sunday of the month	10.15am Matins - followed by 11.15am Holy Communion

Parish Council

Parish Council meetings are held in Pinchmill Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November, unless otherwise advised. The general public are welcome to attend and during the meeting the Council set aside ten minutes for parishioners' talk time.

The date and time of meetings, along with the Agenda, are displayed on the notice boards in each village. Reports of the meetings are published in *felmersham.net* and in *Ouse News*.

Our Parish Councillors are elected for a 4 year term and from May 2007 they are:

Peter Hartop (Chairman);
Marjorie Pipe (Vice-Chairman and Village Hall Representative);
David Cook (Tree Warden);
Geoff Hulatt (Town Lot Charity Trustee and Villager Bus Representative);
Pat Keeble (Special responsibility for Radwell);
Margaret Spoor (Communications);
Michael Thomas (Environment and Assets).

Parish Clerk: Daphne Payne.

Our other elected representatives are:

Jim Brandon (Ind.) Bedford Borough Councillor;
Phyllis Gershon (Con.) Bedfordshire County Councillor;
Alistair Burt (Con.) MP for NE Bedfordshire.

Pinchmill Pre-school

Sessions are held in the Pre-School building, Fleur's Garden (in the grounds of Pinchmill Lower School) during term time as follows:

Felmersham and Radwell Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is alive and well and can still continue to help every resident of Felmersham and Radwell. It was originally known as Homewatch but is now called Neighbourhood Watch in line with national practice. The funding has now changed so the amount of leaflets and flyers are less but its purpose and practice is still the same.

How can Neighbourhood Watch help you?

- *Cheaper house insurance.* A Neighbourhood Watch scheme entitles all householders to a discount on house policies. If your company does not offer one consider changing to one which does.
- *Community co-operation.* A Neighbourhood Watch scheme encourages people to look out for each other. It is not a snooper's charter but a friendly eye on an empty house or the report of a suspicious vehicle which can prevent break-ins.
- *Ensuring a better service from the Police.* The response to the visits of the mobile police office was very disappointing so it has been discontinued but there is the Ringmaster facility.
- *Ringmaster.* Crime alerts by telephone or email. If you wish up-to-date information about local burglaries, dubious traders in unmarked vans, tarmac scams or other lawbreakers, register with the Neighbour Watch central office on (01234) 275165 or visit the website, www.bedfordhomewatch.co.uk

How Neighbourhood Watch Works

Both villages are divided among a group of volunteer coordinators. They distribute the annual newsletter and keep information packs which give details of support material such as Home Security or Health Checks which householders can carry out themselves.

suspicious incidents. 841 212

Local Office weekdays (8am to 4pm): 275175 or 275176

The volunteers for Felmersham are:

Acting Area Coordinator

Joan White 781702

Street Coordinators

Joan White 781702 Marriotts Close, Town Lot Lane, Hunts Lane,
Carlton Rd. Lower Grange Rd. and Pavenham Rd.
Rosemarie Brough 782104 Grange Rd. from Town Lot Lane to the High Rd.
Claire Bullock 738038 Swansholme
David Folbigg 782591 Lower High Rd. and Trinity Close
Maggie Spoor 782031 Church End and The Old Road
Alan Stevens 781167 Tithe Barn and Upper High Rd.

The volunteers for Radwell are:

Area Co-ordinator

Paul Keeble 782134

Street Co-ordinators

Paul Keeble: 782134 Top end Moor End Road & Moor End Lane
Val Horrell 782140 Lower east Moor End Road and Bridge End
Sue Rudd 783122 Lower west Moor End Road and The Green
Helen King 782338 Felmersham Road

More volunteers are urgently needed. It is an interesting and worthwhile way to help the community. Joan White is stepping down after seven years and appeals for someone to come forward. The area coordinator role is not exacting and it is a good way to get to know fellow villagers and to keep in touch with village life. The main activities are maintaining a first point of contact with the police and attending the occasional meeting.

A Reminder of Useful Telephone Numbers

Emergencies: 999
Crime in action where there is not risk to personal injury and

Ouse News

Ouse News is the monthly parish magazine for Felmersham and Radwell. It is published on the first of the month by St Marys PCC, sponsored by Chesham Insurance and free to all parishioners. Ouse News will publish any item of interest to the local community.

Items for inclusion should be sent to the editor Clive Just, by 26th of each month. Email: *OuseNews*justs.info* (replace * with @) or telephone 781967.

Parish Paths Partnership (known as P3)

Bedfordshire Parish Paths Partnership is a partnership between Beds County Council and the local Parish Councils. The purpose of the partnership is to promote the enjoyment of the countryside through the active involvement of local parish groups. This is achieved by the two main aims of P3:

- to improve and promote the public rights of way network;
- to enhance the local countryside for wider use.

The local Felmersham and Radwell P3 Group is under the leadership of Carol Stork and is supported by Felmersham and Radwell Parish Council. If you wish to join the Group then contact Carol Stork on 782769. There are currently 15 members.

Pinchmill Parent and Toddler Group

Toddler Group takes place in the Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall (adjoining the Pinchmill Lower School) on Thursdays, 9.30am to 11.30am. For details contact Paula Blizzard on 782527.