

Parish Diary

Weddings for July

3 July	3.00pm	Sharon Molloy and Stephen Honeywood
17 July	2.00pm	Leigh Martin and Michael Richardson
24 July	3.00pm	Victoria Latham and Anthony Smith

July

Sat	3	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Meadowbank, Pavenham Rd
Sun	4	10.15am	Holy Communion	
Wed	7	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat	10		St Alban's Diocese intercessions for Felmersham & D Mason	
Sun	11	10.15am	Family Service	
Sat	17	10.00am	Save the Children Boot Sale	Sharnbrook Upper School
Sun	18	10.15am	Holy Communion	
Tue	20	1.00pm	Pinchmill School Sports Day	Pinchmill School
		3.00pm	Pinchmill Family Fun Day	Pinchmill School
		7.30pm	Women's Institute	Pinchmill Hall
Sun	25	10.15am	Matins	
Fri	30		Celebrity Golf and Fun Day	Pavenham Park Golf Course

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)

Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Rosemary Brough (782104)

Items for next month's Ouse News should be sent to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th of the month, at the very latest. It would be most helpful if items were sent via email to CliveJust@bigfoot.com; on disk in plain ASCII; typed or printed. Phone 781967 for more details.

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NSPCC Collection

Caroline Jones

Results of NSPCC House to House collection in Marriotts Close carried out by myself at end of May - £18.50. I was the only collector in Felmersham and I would love to have some extra help next year. It's surprising how large the village is when you attempt to go round on foot!

The Times They Are A Changing

David Mason

For many of us the months of July and August are times when changes tend to occur, or at least begin to take shape. Many households have undergone the traumas of 'GCSEs' or 'A' levels, while others with members at University or College have been aware of the pressures of finals. Now there is the period of waiting, of looking for places in further education, or for job searching. Times of waiting, and times of facing profound life changes. Times when the temptation to look back and dwell on things that might have been have to be resisted, times to think of where we are, and what direction our lives are to go in. For many, times of uncertainty and doubt, as ambitions seem to be thwarted, hopes dashed, the rosy future no longer seeming to be a realistic option. Times when a call to commitment may seem to be inappropriate, with uncertainties all around.

Times of uncertainty are times when it may seem to be very difficult to have trust. But if commitment goes with trust then it may be the best of all times to develop faith and know the wonder of learning to walk with God and follow his way. Daring to make a prayer of committing ones life to God may seem to be too great a challenge to accept, and yet I have not come across any one who has truly and sincerely made that prayer and been disappointed. The direction of life will, in all possibility, be completely altered. Many times it may be difficult to know just what God is doing with your life, many times what seemed to be the obvious direction is not the one to be travelled. Sometimes it is only possible in retrospect to understand what God's plan was. Most of those who make the commitment wander from God's way from time to time, but as they become aware of their disobedience, they find God ready to forgive them, and help them to return to his way. May I commend accepting our Lord's invitation to invite him into your lives, and of committing your life to God.

Shortly it will be the time of year when many of you will go away on holiday, I hope that you have a good time of rest and refreshment, and return ready to face the challenges of the coming year.

PSA 200 Club

Kathryn Stenton

The Pinchmill School Association (PSA) 200 Club has been established as a fundraising event for Pinchmill Lower School P.S.A. Money raised by the Club will enable all year 3 and 4 schoolchildren to receive recorder tuition each year.

To date the Club has sold 90 shares and we would like to thank everyone for their support. With 90 shares sold, £45 is raised for P.S.A funds (recorder tuition) each month and prize-money totalling £45 is divided into £18 for 1st prize, £12 for 2nd, £9 for 3rd and £6 for 4th prize.

May winners:	June winners:
1st F.Reynolds, Pavenham	1st K.Rimmer, Pavenham
2nd J.Elliott-Poxon, Radwell	2nd J.Davies, Felmersham
3rd K.Strathern, Ashford	3rd M.Strathern, Radwell
4th J.Bowyer, Pavenham	4th J.Bowyer, Pavenham

Once again, thank you to all parents, families and villagers for your support. If anyone would like further details about the 200 Club please contact Liz May, Organiser, tel. 782543.

Millennium Party

Les Smith

Members of the village hall committee and others interested in the organisation of a Millennium Party for the entire village met recently. It was the first in a number of organising meetings aimed at making this event a great success.

There was unanimous agreement that the Millennium Party should be open to as many villagers as possible and therefore should be free. However as there is a limit to the numbers allowed under the Public Entertainment Licence there will be a need for tickets to be issued. These will be issued on a first come first served terms so those wishing to come should obtain their tickets as soon as possible.

The party itself is planned to start at 7.30pm with an Old Time Musical style entertainment with music and songs from the first part of this century. This will be followed by a Millennium Quiz with individuals or teams competing for the brain of Felmersham 2000. It is also planned to have a theatrical sketch when those with thespian aspirations will have an opportunity to strut the boards - an opportunity for the Pinchmill Players to reform for one last show or maybe to re-launch for the millennium. Other plans include a children's fancy dress competition and a separate 11 to 15 year olds disco. The evening will climax with a torchlight procession to St Mary's Church to meet up with others and welcome in the new millennium. Music and dancing will continue after midnight at the village hall.

Many more ideas came forward at the organising meeting and the committee would welcome all suggestions and offers of help. Look out for further details of the party in Ouse News each month and on posters around the villages.

If you would like further information or would like to reserve tickets for friends and neighbours please contact any one of the following: Michelle Evans (781859) Shireen Agnew (782708) Christine Callaghan (781173) or Les Smith (781888).

FLOWER LADIES DO IT AGAIN!

Lesley Shaw

The Shaw Family, from Odell, would like to say a large 'thank you' to all the ladies in Felmersham, including Jean Farmbrough, Margaret Alleway, Renee Whitbread, Karen Stokley, Pat Hartop, May Mills, Judith Folbigg, Lorraine Shrimpton and Dorothy Galliver, under the direction of Mary Birks and Celia Hulatt, for doing the flower arrangements in the Church for Rebecca-Jane's marriage to James Harland Fairweather on 26th June. The Church looked magnificent and we have had an outstanding number of compliments on the stunning flowers; we all know how much time and effort goes into producing arrangements like these and very much appreciate their help.

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May Mills

It was once said that in every yeoman's cottage there were two books - the Bible and 'The Pilgrim's Progress'. Truth or myth, there is no denying the contribution that this and other works by John Bunyan have made to the Protestant movement. A successful £550,000 appeal (given an unexpected boost by Terry Waite) has enabled the creation of a Library and new Museum which tells the life story of Bedford's most famous son, using a unique collection of authentic material, including many items relating to the earliest days of the Church's history. The jewels in the crown, however, have been on view in the main Church for many years, namely, the magnificent bronze entrance doors (modelled on Florence's Baptistery doors) and stained glass windows depicting scenes from 'The Pilgrim's Progress'. Our visit was both a pleasure and a revelation, but will it prove to be an inspiration? Did anyone buy the book??

Save The Children

Ronald & Judith Smith.

There will be a Boot Sale at Sharnbrook Upper School on Saturday 17th July from 10am - 12 noon. Pitches are £5 in advance or £6 on the day, to book a pitch in advance ring 781430. All proceeds to the Save The Children Fund.

An opportunity for you to dispose of those articles which you no longer have use for but are too good to throw away, or to find yourself a real bargain.

Pinchmill Lower School - Millennium Spring

Celia Hulatt

Pinchmill Lower School will be marking the Millennium by planting a hedgerow around the school boundary fences along with 2000 bulbs in order to create a sustainable habitat for wildlife.

The school would like to involve as many people as possible in the venture. We would like to invite organisations and individuals to make a contribution towards the purchase of the bulbs. These will include Wild Daffodil, Bluebell, Snowdrop, Wood Anemone, Wild Garlic, Lesser Celandine.

We will be selling pledges in order to raise money before the end of term. The pledges will be recorded in a special book marking your contribution to Millennium Spring 2000 in Pinchmill School Grounds. For further information then please contact Celia Hulatt, 6 Marriotts Close or Jayne Dingley (781371).

Pinchmill Sports Day & Family Fun Day

The School will hold its annual sports day on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th July at 1pm leading into our Fun Day at 3pm.

We are aiming to raise lots of money with a balloon release. This will be a spectacular event of 400 balloons with return labels to see which one has travelled the furthest.

The first prize of an hour's flying lesson has been generously donated by Tom Wells. This is a fantastic and exciting prize to win. There are many other prizes kindly donated by Whipnade, Oasis, Gullivers World MK, Kempston Splash Centre and many more.

Please buy as many as you can at £1 each to help the Pinchmill School Association. Tickets from The Swan, The Sun, Karen 782868 or Michele 781859.

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon and see the balloons take off at 4pm. Enjoy some tea and cakes all welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee Morning

Row Watson

The coffee morning in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Mary and Paul Freeman, Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, Felmersham on Saturday 3 July at 10.30a.m. Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, and produce will be most welcome for the bring and buy stall. All friends are welcome.

Jacob & Ethan Trust

Sally Carr

On Sunday 20th June Richard Davison-Francis from the Jacob & Ethan Trust came to St Mary's to tell us about the tragic circumstances leading to the founding of the Trust, and their work in Romania. Our gifts of warm woollies at the Carol Service last December had made an enormous difference to the lucky few who received them, we now have another chance to help.

The Trust is taking a group of Venture Scouts and other experienced adults to Romania in August to repair an Orphanage and build two Adventure Playgrounds. Urgent needs are: baby clothes, baby foods, children's clothes, shoes & boots, toys, nappies and tinned goods, cement mixer, drills, sanders, saws, wall boarding, paint and brushes, electrical goods, outdoor play equipment and of course MONEY - MONEY - MONEY.

Anything YOU can donate to help can be given to Rosemary Brough (782104) in Felmersham or Sally Carr (781225) in Radwell.

The Trust has a Celebrity Golf & Fun Day on Friday 30th July at Pavenham Golf Club to raise further funds. As well as the celebrities and golf, activities include helicopter rides, fun fair, pig roast and disco. For more details phone 781059

Letters

Dear Sir,

Can I be the only person in Felmersham and Radwell who will mourn the loss of the villages' bonfire display (see letter in last issue of Ouse news from Hilary Wight of the village hall committee). Hilary tells me that there has been a deafening silence to her offer to listen to any villagers who wish the event to continue.

If there are other people like me who would like to see this tradition continued please contact me on 781888 or make your views known to any member of the village hall committee before their meeting on the 12 July.

Yours hopefully

Les Smith

Autumn Show

Maggie Spoor

The Autumn Show this year will be on Sunday 19th September. Schedules and entry forms will be delivered during July, but for those who can't wait - here's a sneak preview! Don't forget the date - hope to see you there.

VEGETABLES

Class No.

1. Three white potatoes
2. Three coloured potatoes
3. One onion (the heaviest)
4. Five tomatoes
5. Five cherry tomatoes
6. "The Best I've Got" - 1 vegetable from the garden or allotment
7. The heaviest marrow
8. The longest runner bean

FRUIT & PRODUCE

9. Four dessert apples
10. Four cooking apples
11. A dish of blackberries
12. Six plums or gages
13. A jar of jam
14. A jar of marmalade
15. A jar of chutney
16. A container planted with herbs. (At least 4 varieties)

FLOWER CLASSES

17. Last Rose of Summer - best single stem
18. A vase of garden flowers
19. "The Best I've Got" 1 flower from the garden
20. Geranium - any variety in a flower pot not exceeding 7" diameter.
21. Identify 8 plants. (Competition to run from 2.00 - 3.30 pm)
22. Indoor plant - foliage
23. Floral arrangements "Gardeners World".
An exhibit in a basket. Not to exceed 18" in any direction.

COOKERY

24. Victoria sponge sandwich (to given recipe - see Schedule)
25. Fruit cake (to given recipe - see Schedule)
26. Gingerbread (to given recipe - see Schedule)
27. Six home made biscuits (male entrants only!)
28. A loaf of bread
29. Six fruit scones

CRAFTS

30. Creative hobby (a collection of 3 items to make an exhibit)
31. Craft item using pressed flowers
32. A specimen of needlework
33. A specimen of woodwork
34. A specimen of metalwork

PHOTOGRAPHY

35. Colour photograph of a Felmersham or Radwell village scene in 1999 for a "Millennium Album".
36. Colour photograph suitable for a Year 2000 calendar
37. Panoramic photograph taken with Advanced System camera
38. Colour photograph "GardenersWorld"
39. Colour photograph with title
40. Black and white photograph with title

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (free)

(Open to all parish children aged 13 and under and Pinchmill Lower School pupils)

41. Picture or design using pressed flowers, petals, leaves etc.
42. Largest number of different objects in a matchbox (Matchbox to measure 5.2 x 3.5 x 1.5 cms - approx!)
43. A paper plate face
44. 'Pen and Ink' design for the cover of next year's Show Schedule.
45. 2 Gingerbread men - own recipe.
46. Neatest handwriting - short poem, own choice. (4-6, 7-9, 10-13yrs)
47. Model assembled from Lego type bricks to own design
48. Photograph taken by entrant - "My Family"

DRACULA SPECTACULA

The Mill Theatre Junior Youth Section presents one of the favourites of modern student theatre. It's the Dracula Tale as you have never seen it before.

This is a bubbling extravaganza; a truly spooky musical to be enjoyed by young and old. We follow the sweet, vulnerable Miss Nadia and her pupils through riotous Transylvania. On the side of the right are the noble Nick Necrophiliac, Father O' Stake, Hansel and Gretal [sic]. Can they prevail over the forces of darkness when they include the dynamic Prince of Vampires, his lunatic mother, the Countess Wraith and his crook-backed grovelling minion Ghengis? Dare you join us to find out? It's at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre from 19-24th July at 7.45pm. Tickets are available for all performances from The Village Trader, 28 High Street, Sharnbrook, or for credit cards call 269519.