

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

Application to extend the hours during which public entertainment may be provided in licensed premises

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to Bedford Borough Council by:

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

for consent to vary the hours during which public entertainment may be provided in Pinchmill Hall  
The Old Road Felmersham on 31 December 1999.

Details of the existing and proposed hours are as follows:

<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
18.00 - 24.00	18.00 - 02.00

ANY PERSON wishing to oppose the application should write to the Chief Executive Town Hall  
Bedford specifying the grounds for objecting by 27<sup>th</sup> November.

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## Parish Diary

### November

- Tue 2 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Pinchmill Hall
- Sat 6 10.30am Coffee Morning The Old School House, High Road, Fel'm  
Firework Display Playing Field
- Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion
- Sun 14 10.15am Remembrance Service then 11.45 at the War Memorial
- Tue 16 7.30pm Women's Institute
- Sun 21 10.15am Choral Communion
- Wed 24 8.00pm Millennium Festival Meeting Pinchmill Hall
- Sun 28 10.15am Family Service, Preacher: Revd Matthew Biddle

### December

- Sat 4 10.30am Coffee Morning The Wells', Riverside House, Felmersham

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**Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)**

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

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Items for next month's Ouse News should be sent to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. It would help if items were emailed to [CliveJust@bigfoot.com](mailto:CliveJust@bigfoot.com); sent on disk; or typed. Phone 781967 for more details.

# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

On line: [www.felmersham48.freemove.co.uk](http://www.felmersham48.freemove.co.uk)

November 1999

### Church News

**Rev David G Mason**

The Remembrance Service will be held on 14 November at 10.15am, and will be a 'Matins' pattern of service, including the laying of a wreath at the memorial in Church, and followed by the laying of a wreath at the war memorial. Because of this the Family Service will be held on 28 November. The other services will be Choral Communion Services.

I would like to give my thanks for all who contributed to the Harvest Festival. The Church was once again beautifully decorated, the service well attended, The lunch was a treat, and the produce Tombola great fun. Many people worked very hard, and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Around £200 has been collected for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest for the Hungry Appeal.

Those who attended the school's Harvest Festival found it to be enjoyable, clearly the teachers and the pupils had worked hard in the relatively short time since the start of term to achieve such good results. I would like to thank the children, parents and staff for the generous contribution of gifts and produce, which the teachers brought to the church afterwards.

### Millennium Quiz

**Ken Shrimpton**

My thanks to everybody who help organise the event and to all who supported it. The "Know your Felmersham" quiz was won by Marjorie Pipe and Sylvia Wilson. The monies raised will pay for the millennium cross, the flood lights and road closure costs. The accounts will be published on the internet in the New Year.

### Do you have room for a Dane?

**Søren Høj**

Our son, Martin Høj, (age 16) is attending Sharnbrook Upper School. From November he has no host-family. Therefore we are looking for a new host-family, who can offer room and board to Martin for at least one term. Martin follows Sixth Form Courses, Year 12. His interests are mathematics, chemistry, IT, photography, and sport.

We offer payment by agreement. For further information, please phone Lisbeth Gudik and Søren Høj +45 86 28 41 12 or e-mail: [fam\\_hoej@post5.tele.dk](mailto:fam_hoej@post5.tele.dk), or phone Jette and Adrian Randall 01234 824456.

### **Remember, Remember**

**Rev David G Mason**

November is a month of remembering. The 2<sup>nd</sup> November is celebrated in the Church as All Souls Day, when we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, it is a time to remember those who we have known, and who have died. In this country we are still called on to "Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November", many of us will be attending bonfires and firework displays, and hearing again about the gun-powder plot. The 11<sup>th</sup> November is Armistice Day, when we remember those who fell in the two World Wars of this century, as well as many who have died or suffered in less large scale wars. I hope that you will be able to observe the two minutes silence on that day. Remembrance Sunday is on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, when we will lay wreathes in church and at the war memorial.

In recent years the continuation of the observance of Remembrance Sunday has been questioned. I believe that it is important that we continue to observe this day to remind us of the horror and consequences of war and violent conflict. Wars are times of great destruction and loss of life, increasingly civilians are as much victims as warriors, and the advances in science and technology make to prospect of another large conflict too awful to contemplate. In our Remembrance Service we give thanks for those whose bravery and self sacrifice ensured our freedom, and it is right that we should do so. But we should also remember that it was the failure to follow the way of life proclaimed by our Lord that was responsible for the wars. The failure to recognise that we are all equal before God, and that we have a duty of care towards all of God's creation was responsible for the development of conflict, and for the failure to deal with those conflicts in a peaceful way.

As we attend Remembrance Services, and observe the programmes devoted to the subject let us give thanks for all those who fought, and in many cases were killed or terribly wounded, to ensure our freedom. But let us also remember the failure to live as God intended which was responsible for those wars. Let us recognise that we all have a responsibility in helping to strive for peace by working towards the establishment of God's kingdom on earth. The Church (us!) must take the lead in this by the way in which we live the gospel, demonstrating that it is an effective way to live in peace on this increasingly crowded planet. Conflicts will occur wherever many people live close together, but it is the way in which these conflicts are resolved which will determine whether the outcomes are peaceful or not. Jesus showed us how we should live together, and deal with our differences. As we move towards the Millennium let us resolve to work for peace and the establishment of the Kingdom in our midst.

### **Boxing Day Walk**

**Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton**

Once again we will be organising a Boxing Day Walk on Sunday 26 December, we meet at Felmersham bus shelter at 11-00am. This is a very popular walk, last year 55 people enjoyed the 3 mile walk in the winter sun. Everybody is welcome!

### **Proposed Road Closure**

**Ken Shrimpton**

An application has been made to close the High Road between the junction of Grange Road and the junction of Hunts Lane. It is intended that traffic will be diverted along Grange Road. An application has also been made to close Church End from St Mary's Close to the High Road. The closure application is made in the interest of road safety during the midnight millennium celebration.

### **Jacob and Ethan Trust**

Last Christmas you contributed to the Jacob and Ethan Trust who were taking urgently needed supplies to the needy in Kosova. Richard Davison Francis, who took the items and spoke to us in the summer, has just driven a lorry there again with a friend. Under the guidance of United Nations Forces they are delivering much needed goods to the people of that country, and they ask that we will remember them and the people of Kosova in our prayers. I hope that we will be able to collect items for the work of the Trust again at Christmas this year, and hope to have further information to place in the next edition of 'Ouse News'.

### **Coffee Mornings**

**Row Watson**

The coffee morning in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Judith and David Folbigg, The Old School House, The High Road, Felmersham on Saturday 6 November at 10.30am.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries and produce will be most welcome for the bring and buy stall. All Friends are welcome.

### **Women's Institute**

Dr Mike Jones became interested in the history of Colworth when he met Helen (Lilias) Watson in 1980 at the age of 102. She was born at Colworth in 1878. He began to research the house, estate and the families that lived there since 1720. His talk was illustrated with slides of the house and its development, the estate, Sharnbrook village and members of the different families that lived there until it was bought by Unilever.

'Colworth in Context' is the title of his book - a history of Colworth Estate from 1720 - 1947.

Reminders: bring Christmas wrapped toiletry gifts to the November meeting for Christian Family Care; the London outing is on November 27th and Senior Citizens Christmas Tea is on December 5th.

### **Sponsored cycle ride and walk**

**Stephen Hill**

Thank you to all who took part in the cycle ride and walk on 11th September, whether as cyclists, walkers or sponsors. We raised £269 pounds, half of which has gone to our Church Restoration Fund and the other half to the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

### Village Hall Committee

Gail Holbourn

Basketball goal: The new basketball goal has now been installed at the park, and is already being well used. If anyone is interested in making an offer for the old basketball goal please put your "sealed bid" with your name and telephone number through my door. 1 Tithe Barn, Felmersham. The envelopes will be opened at our next committee meeting, On 15th November. The highest bidder will then be notified to collect. We have decided to offer the goal in this way as it cost us more than expected to remove it.

Park benches: The committee feel that a couple of simple, sturdy benches, that could be safely and securely anchored into place, would be an asset to the park near the children's playground. If anyone would like to make or donate a park bench, we would be grateful. (Cut off tree trunks and bench top for example) Tel: Gail Holbourn on 781071.

Millennium Party: Please don't forget the New Year's Eve party, to be held in the village hall. Entry will be free, and all ages catered for. It is necessary for tickets to be issued for this event as numbers are limited. Tickets can be obtained from: Christine Callaghan (781173), Les Smith (781888), and, in Radwell, Michelle Evans (781859).

Another date for your diary! The Christmas Dance will be held on Saturday 11th December. The committee is always looking for new members to participate in organising and helping with events. Anyone interested on an occasional or regular basis can contact committee members on phone numbers above.

### PSA 200 CLUB

Elizabeth May

As you may remember we set up the 200 Club in the spring to raise money for school music tuition. We now have 96 members and the October draw has just taken place. After 6 months, we will have distributed nearly £300 in prize money, and donated an equivalent amount to the school to part fund music tuition.

We are now taking on new members for the second 6 months, and if anyone does wish to join the scheme they'd be more than welcome. For 6 months each share will cost £6, and you can buy more than one! Payments have to be received by 12th November for entry in the November draw, and they should be handed in to the school marked for my attention. Please make sure that we have details of your name, address and phone no. All payments received will be acknowledged. Thank you for your support - Elizabeth May (782543)

### Sharnbrook Mill Theatre 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season continues with:

Guys and Dolls (until 6th November) – to many the perfect American musical, this show just has the best story, tunes and dance routines!

The Boyfriend – the Youth Theatre senior section with the 1920's pastiche – from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December a Christmas treat!

Tickets from Village Trader, Sharnbrook or Central Box Office, Bedford (269519)

### R S P C A

Félice Kingerlee

Thank you to all who care for the welfare of animals, your contributions raised £137.16. The much needed money goes to the Bedfordshire branch of the charity who pay for the veterinary treatments of rescued animals, many of which have been abused and ill treated. Veterinary treatment is also paid for the pets of those people who cannot afford it e.g. OAPs whose only companion is their dog or cat. The vital neutering of animals in the RSPCA's care can cost anything between £60 and £112 for a dog, and £30 to £45 for a cat.

Not least my thanks to Mrs Pipe, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Crouch and Mrs Foreman without whose help I could not have managed the collection.

### Parish Council

Brian Smith

Below is a statement of Income and Expenditure from the pre-audited accounts of the Parish Council. I have tried to make it as clear as possible and would be pleased to hear your comments or answer any questions. (Tel 781443)

<b>Felmersham &amp; Radwell Parish Council</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure A/C</b>	
<b>Year Ended 31.3.99</b>	
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
Precept From Council Tax	7,000
Interest Received	410
Footpath Costs Refunded	300
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>7,710</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
Parish Clerk - Salary & Expenses	1,183
Audit Costs (1997 & 1998)	430
Village Lighting - Elect & Maint	692
Insurance Premium	447
Grass Cutting (less BCC allowance of £350)	325
Grants & Donations:	
Village Hall Subsidy	650
PCC - Church Grass Cutting	550
Villager Bus	100
Police Youth Project Dance	100
	<u>1,400</u>
Local Election Costs (May 98)	525
Repairs - Bus Shelter Etc.	275
Subscriptions	31
Other (Hall Hire & Plans)	138
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>5,446</u>
<b><u>Operating Surplus For Year</u></b>	<b><u>2,264</u></b>
Add grant received for Village Hall refurbishment	2,000
<u>Total surplus</u>	<u>4,264</u>

### **Millennium Festival Think Pool**

**Maggie Spoor**

There weren't enough of us to warrant a tank, but there were plenty of ideas for the proposed festival weekend to be held next year.

After the open invitation, the following attended a meeting on the 20th October: Karen Chandler (PSA); Gill Peck (Pinchmill Headteacher), Hilary Wight (Village Hall), Edith Cauldwell (WI), Marjorie Pipe (Parish Councillor/The Sun Rep.), Les Smith, Lorraine Shrimpton, Ken Shrimpton (PCC), Chris Spoor, Marjorie Evers (Brownies), Maggie Spoor (Parish Councillor).

The weekend of the 1st/2nd July was chosen as a suitable date and the following ideas put forward for consideration:

*an exhibition of parish records and a flower festival in the church; village market; Felmersham to Radwell marathon (run/wheelbarrow race/pram race); football match; cricket match; over 60's tea party; raft race; duck race; children's country dancing; brass band music; barbecue and dance; potted sports; under 18s disco.*

It is possible to apply for a grant through the 'Millennium Festival Awards for All' organisation for the funding of things that would be of longer term benefit to the community. This might include: a community garden at the school; seats in the playing field; flower planters for both villages; a toilet in the church and improved disabled access for the church and village hall (although other grants may be available for this).

What would you like to see happen to benefit our community next year? Do you have other ideas? If so, speak to any of the above people, (or me on 782031) or better still come to the next meeting on the 24th November at 8.00 pm, when we hope we will start to see the weekend come together. Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton have already volunteered to co-ordinate the exhibition in the church - more volunteers will be needed, it's your chance to make a difference!!!

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**Fred Turner**

There will be a wreath laying service at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45am on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the morning service.

If you wish to contribute to the cost of the wreath, please contact me on Bedford 781864 or send your donation to "Five Elms", Moor End Road, Radwell.

### **Sharnbrook Badminton Club**

**Anne Smith**

Badminton has started again on Fridays from 7.30 - 9.30pm in Sharnbrook Upper School sports hall. New members always welcome. For further information please contact Anne Smith (781780) or Angela Goldsworthy (782220).

### **ODD JOB MAN**

Painting, Grass cutting, weeding, log stacking and any general gardening. Reliable, hard working and pleasant. Call Paul Evans on phone/fax 782523 or Email [andy-sue@felmersham91.freesevice.co.uk](mailto:andy-sue@felmersham91.freesevice.co.uk)

### **Mug Rooms and Fun Guys**

**Wildlife Trust**

Though trees are losing leaves and all the flowers have gone, (oh where?) woodlands are not devoid of interest. Take a walk and discover such interesting characters as King Alfred's cakes, Dryads saddles, stinkhorns, orange peels and Shaggy Inkcaps all in the name of fungi.

As fungi don't contain the green pigment of plants – chlorophyll - they must absorb their nutrients through the mycelium which is a series of tubes resembling spiders webs penetrating through the soil or wood.

Many fungi obtain food this way from dead or decaying organisms, while others are parasites feeding on the living bodies of plants and animals. Sulphur Polypore, a yellow-orange fan, like most bracket fungi is a parasite. Entering via a 'wound', the mycelium rots the heartwood, turning it red in the process. King Alfred's cakes, round burnt looking fungi, feed on Ash trees, causing the wood to rot.

King Arthur's cakes are also known as Cramp balls as people used to put them in their beds to prevent cramp. Stinkhorns are a fungi that you wouldn't want anywhere near your soft furnishings. Their smell of bad drains or rotting flesh attracts flies which eat its slimy green head and fly off to distribute its spores.

The best way to discover more about fungi is to take part in one of the Wildlife Trusts 'Fungi Forays' this autumn. Please telephone the Wildlife Trust on 01223 712400 for a copy of our latest wildlife events and activities.

## *Quiz Evening*

*Sat. 13th November at 8.00pm  
Pinchmill Lower School, Felmersham*

*£5 per head; tables of up to 6 people  
Light refreshments provided All Welcome!*

*Tickets available from;  
Michele Evans, Radwell, Tel.781859  
Karen Chandler, Felmersham, Tel. 782868  
Jeani Nertney, Pavenham, Tel. 825959*

*In aid of Pinchmill School Association*