

Village Hall Committee

Gail Holbourn

The Village Hall Committee is intending to decorate the inside of the Felmersham village hall during the school holiday break at Easter. It is hoped that the work will start at the weekend of 15th April 2000, although dates are still to be confirmed.

If anyone could spare some time to join us in painting the hall, we would be very grateful. Please contact me on 781071 or any other Village Hall Committee member for final confirmation of date and with offers of assistance.

The Committee would like to express its thanks to Keyline Building Suppliers (Tel: 327821). They donated and promptly delivered enough dado rail to go right round the hall, this will be put in place as soon as the hall has been painted.

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Ken Shrimpton

Need to catch a train to Gatwick or Blackfriars. You can check all train times throughout the rail network on felmersham48.freeserve.co.uk by clicking onto "Public Transport" and then click onto "Links to other Transport Sites" and finally click onto "Rail Track - Train Info and Time Table". For a total fare of £60 Thameslink will take up to 4 people by train and taxi from your home to Gatwick and return. Bedford railway station has the details.

Editor: Please note changes to morning busses:

Felmersham – Bedford 7.31am (7.34 at Radwell); 8.07am cancelled

Bedford – Felmersham 7.45am cancelled

Parish Diary

March

Wed 8 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion Service St Mary's Church

Tue 21 7.30pm Women's Institute Pinchmill Hall

April

Sat 1 10.30am Coffee Morning Midwicket, Pavenham Rd

Sun 2 10.15am Mothering Sunday Family Service St Mary's Church

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. It would help if items were emailed to OuseNews@bigfoot.com; sent on disk; or typed. Phone 781967 for more details.

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Challenge for Lent

Rev David G Mason

During Lent we remember our Lord's time of preparation in the wilderness before the ministry that was to culminate in his trial, execution and resurrection. It should also be a time for us as faithful Christians, to re-examine our own lives, and to prepare ourselves to be faithful servants and disciples of Jesus. Last year I brought some books as an aid to study during Lent, and I will be bringing some for those who wish to follow a course of study or read during Lent.

The idea of spending some time in penitence, prayer and study, with or without fasting, may seem to be quaint and old fashioned. I believe it is useful to spend some time standing back and re-examining our lives in the light of the gospels, and in prayer - a useful and beneficial discipline. It helps us to get into perspective our way of living, and what we are doing with our lives. It is so easy to carry on in our usual way, and fail to realise that time is passing and we are getting stale. We have the gift of life from God, sometimes we need to make ourselves aware of His challenge to us to get the most out of life, and be active and faithful disciples of Jesus. May I urge you to take Lent seriously this year.

Felmersham Yoga Club

Hilary Foot

You are invited to join us for seven sessions of yoga at Pinchmill Hall. The sessions are on Monday evenings from 7.30 - 8.30 beginning on 6th March. Please bring a yoga mat, large towel or blanket with you. Everyone is welcome. If you have any queries, please telephone me on 781340.

Coffee Morning

Row Watson

April's coffee morning in aid of the Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Karen and Jeff Stockley, Midwicket, Pavenham Road, Felmersham on Saturday 1 April at 10.30 a.m. Friends welcome, as are the usual contributions!

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May Mills

Family problems? Money worries? Marital strife? Let the New Age Bagua Feng Shui, as advocated by Sylvie Mitchell, come to the rescue! There is nothing that a good spring clean will not solve, but you must accompany the elbow grease with a smile and a song! Resolve to shun the lottery and invest instead in a new feather duster - banish the negative energy, harmonize your Yin and Yang and change your life don't forget to tidy the shed! Jennifer Knowles won the lucky charm competition. Reminder - recipe contributions as soon as possible please!

Plant Sale**Mavis Harper**

Saturday 15 April 2000 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. at Pertenhall Village Hall.

Plants for sale will include clematis, drought-loving plants, unusual perennials, shrubs and alpines, etc. and there will be both professional and charity stalls. Refreshments will also be available. Entrance fee only £1.50.

Sharnbrook Bowls Club**Mavis Harper**

We are looking for new members, either novice or experienced. The Club opens for the summer season at the end of April and you will find us a very friendly crowd. Free coaching will be available, if required.

For further details please contact: Ian Harper (Men's Captain) 01480 860430
or Jessie Wallbank (Ladies' Captain) 01234 781440.

I am writing this at the end of February, at a time when we are wondering whether March will begin with stormy or with calm weather. Tradition has it that the month will end with the opposite type of weather to that with which it begins. Easter is very late this year, almost as late as it could be. I remember one late Easter on which we had snow, but enough of these cheerful thoughts.