

## Parish Diary

### Parish Registers

19<sup>th</sup> May Burial of Ashes of Phyllis Marie Ena Rushton aged 90 years

4th June Gillian and Mark Whitewell are being confirmed at Wymington Church. Please remember Gillian and Mark in your prayers.

### June

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|-----|----|---------|--|--------------------------|
| Sat | 3  | 10.00am | Spring Clean   | St Mary's Church         |
| Sat | 3  | 10.30am | Coffee Morning   | 'Ody House', Pavenham Rd |
| Sun | 4  | 10.15am | Choral Communion                                       | St Mary's Church         |
| Sat | 10 | 10.00am | Churchyard Tidy-Up                                     | St Mary's Church         |
| Sun | 11 | 10.15am | Family Service (Whit Sunday)                           | St Mary's Church         |
| Sun | 18 | 10.15am | Choral Communion (Trinity Sunday)                      | St Mary's Church         |
| Sun | 25 |         | Sharnbrook Patronal Festival. No Service at Felmersham |                          |

Souldrop Patronal Festival is on the 18 June at 9.30 AM, there is also a flower festival there over that weekend.

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

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

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We are happy to publish any item on any subject which might be of general interest. Feedback on any of the items published would be most welcome – whether for printing or not.

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 [OuseNews@bigfoot.com](mailto:OuseNews@bigfoot.com); sent on disk; or typed. Phone 781967 for more details.

# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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June 2000

### DOUGLAS CLAYPOLE-WHITE

Rev David G Mason

By the time that you read this I am sure that you will all know that Douglas died in the early hours of Thursday 18 May, having been in poor health recently. He had served the Parish well and faithfully as its Priest for sixteen years until his retirement in April 1998, and was still held in very high regard by those to whom he had ministered during his time in the Parish. This has been very evident from the reactions in the Parish to the sad news of Douglas' death.

I first met Douglas in the late spring of 1998, after I had been asked to come to the Parish. He was very encouraging and helpful, and spoke warmly of the Parish, and of the time that he spent there. As I came to the Parish I soon realised how much love and care Douglas had given to the Parish, even when he had been suffering considerably in his own health. Everyone spoke well of him, and the work that he had done in the Parish. With his wife, Anne, he had entered into the life of the community. This was evident in the first 'village event' that I attended before being licensed to the Parish. The Flower Festival of 1998 was a triumph for all who took part in its organisation, and I understand that Anne had taken a leading role in that organisation.

We offer our condolences to Anne and the rest of the family, and I am sure that we will all remember them in our prayers. We give thanks for the life and witness of Douglas, especially for his ministry in our Parish, and for the loving care with which he undertook that task.

**Rev Douglas Claypole White**

**Ken Shrimpton**

We regret to announce the death of the Rev Douglas Claypole White. He spent his working life as an accountant at Grant Thornton becoming a partner in the company. Whilst still working he trained for the priesthood under a new ministerial training scheme introduced by the diocese. After further training as a deacon he was ordained priest and appointed as a non-stipendiary Priest-in-Charge of this parish. His ministry was to last 16 years from 1982 to until his retirement in 1998. He then went on to help at Turvey during their interregnum. Douglas always had the support of his wife Anne and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her two daughters.

### **From the Parish Council**

The dog bins, generously sponsored by Daisy Bank Kennels, have now been installed. One is positioned opposite the bus shelter on the High Road, the second in Grange Road adjacent to footpath No. 7 (the 'Hardwick' footpath). We do urge all dog owners to be considerate, to clean up after your dogs and make use of the bins. Thank you.

Notes from Parish Council meeting held on 2nd May in Pinchmill Hall 7 Councillors and 2 members of the public attended this meeting. Mrs Spoor was re-elected Chairman, Mr David Cook re-elected Vice-Chairman. The Trustees of the Town Lot Charity have agreed in principle to the Council's application to be future leaseholder of the field. The dog bins (kindly sponsored by Daisy Bank Kennels) have arrived and will be installed shortly, one on the High Road next to the footpath sign to Marriotts Close, the other on Grange Road next to the footpath between 'Leaways' and 'Village Farm'.

'Operation Spring Clean' was carried out in conjunction with the WI Annual Spring Clean. Grateful thanks to WI members from both villages, also to Michael Boswell in Radwell and Susan and David Cardy, Pat and Laurie Jones, Chris, Alison and Nick Spoor in Felmersham for all their efforts on 'Operation Spring Clean' day - Saturday 29th April. The 'haul' was some 8 bags of rubbish and included kitchen scales, large quantities of bottles and broken glass and various car parts. A very worthwhile effort.

Following correspondence, a meeting is to be arranged between the Council, Raglan Housing, Pilgrim Housing and the Land Bank to reach an agreement over future allocations for these Section 106 houses.

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Chris Ure submitted a full report to the Council.

Burial Ground - planning permission is being re-submitted. A proposal by the Chairman for a roadside gate to allow easier access to the plot was rejected for the time being.

Parishioners Questions - How many times a year are the streets swept? Answer - twice by the Borough Council machine, they do not sweep paths. However we did ask, and they came last year to clear the leaves from the High Road path. The Clerk will investigate the cost of a 'private hire' clean.

Parish Council representatives on village organisations as follows:

Marjorie Pipe - Village Hall Committee Geoff Hulatt - Town Lot Charity and Villager Bus David Cook - Tree Warden Geoff reported that the Villager Bus desperately needs more drivers. Could you spare a few hours now and then? Contact Geoff (781082) for further information. Highway Report Mike Thomas had been round the villages with the grasscutting contractor and will maintain contact with him.

The problem of cars blocking Memorial Lane outside the school path has been passed to the local Police Beat Manager.

A quote to re-install the light in Felmersham bus shelter is being obtained. The shelter will then be refurbished and the ceiling repaired. Road drains in Felmersham and Radwell are blocked again. Clearance is in hand.

Millennium There are just 12 mugs left from the original order of 384. If you know of a child (0 - 16 yrs) who did not receive a mug in January please contact Marjorie Pipe (781441) or Maggie Spoor (782031) immediately. Likewise if you wish to buy a mug.

The Festival Weekend preparations are well under way. - don't forget the date 1st and 2nd July and keep it free!

A faculty (ecclesiastical planning permission) is being sought for the proposed installation of a flagpole on the church tower.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 4th July at 7.30 pm in Pinchmill Hall.

### **"Songs of Praise"**

**Pat and Lorraine**

A reminder! There is still time for you to give us details of your favourite hymn, poem or reading etc. Contact either Pat Hartop (782165) or Lorraine Shrimpton (781381). We look forward to seeing you on 2 July at 6.30 pm in St Mary's.

### **Flower Festival – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd July 2000**

**Lorraine Shrimpton**

Can you give an hour (or more!) of your time to be a steward at the Flower Festival? Two people will be on duty at all times and this will involve selling programmes or just keeping an eye on the exhibits. I have placed a rota in the church porch - if you can help please fill in your name against your chosen time.

### **felmersham48 dot tip**

**Ken Shrimpton**

If you need to explain to visitors where you live in Felmersham or Radwell then there is a road map of the parish on the Internet. Go to the Felmersham and Radwell site at [www.felmersham48.freereserve.co.uk](http://www.felmersham48.freereserve.co.uk) and in the Travel section of the Index click onto Local Map. You can zoom in or out, or if you wish you can find the location of a UK address by entering the postcode. Also in the Travel section you can click onto Local Weather for a 48-hour forecast for the Bedford area, useful if you're planning on working outside.

### **Church Spring Clean and Churchyard Tidy Up**

Saturday 3 June after coffee morning at approx. midday. Annual churchyard tidy up on Saturday 12 June 10-00am. Everybody welcome to both. Please bring trowels, spades and secateurs on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **"Bring and Sing" Messiah**

**Janet Welch**

There will be a "Bring and Sing" Messiah at St Peter's Church Sharnbrook on Sunday 11th June at 7.00 pm. The Rehearsal is from 3.00pm to 5.00pm on the same day. The cost will be £3.00 to include a magnificent tea! Come along with your copy (if you have one) and enjoy a sing. Further details from 781010.

### **Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee**

**Gail Holbourn.**

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee would like to offer their greatest thanks to Eric Barford who undertook the large task of redecorating Pinchmill Village Hall over the Easter holiday. He did a fabulous job and our village hall looks superb.

Thanks also go to Chiltern Hire who were able to supply a tower. Without that particular piece of equipment the decorating would not have been possible.

### **Music of the Millennium Party**

**Don't forget!** – On the evening of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July you will have the opportunity to see the newly decorated hall when you join us for a Music of the Millennium Party (adults dance). As in the past, food and drink will be on a B.Y.O. basis as this seems to work very well. However, on this occasion, we ask that the food hampers are kept to finger type buffet food as opposed to full meals.

Tickets will be on sale throughout June from any committee member.

### **Felmersham and Radwell Family Picnic**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June from midday there will be a Felmersham and Radwell Family Picnic. We will meet for the picnic at the Playing Field. For the children and the more energetic adults we are hoping to have some games taking place (rounders, cricket etc) please feel free to bring outside games with you.

Obviously an event like this is reliant on the weather, we have therefore decided that, should the weather be unkind to us, the event will take place inside the village hall, but with slightly less energetic games, lots of social chat and cups of tea and coffee!

If you are someone who lives on your own you are still very welcome to come to the picnic for a social and relaxing afternoon. If anyone really can't get to the village hall for the picnic but would like to join us, transport could be arranged by contacting one of the committee members.

### **Thinking Day Celebrations**

**Felmersham Brownies**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February we held a district Thinking Day Celebration. Brownies, Guides, Young Leaders and Guiders from Ouse Meadows Districts assembled in the Village Hall at Felmersham. Thinking Day was celebrated by a singsong to water lights. We all received a water light and put our Thinking Day Pennies into a container, we sent off £13 to WAGGS. (World Association of Girl Guides). Joy led our singsong and each unit had to have two songs prepared. Our favourite was Princess Pat by Turvey Guides. Some Guiders brought along camp blankets and ponchos for us to look at. During the evening Pat our District Commissioner and our Tawny Owl lead us in the renewal of our Brownie and Guide promises. We had drinks halfway through the evening and a lovely time was had by all.

**W. I.**

**May Mills**

You could be forgiven for thinking that you had come upon 'Talking Heads - With Food' - the script was as entertaining as any by Alan Bennett, the speaker was more than a match for Patricia Routledge, and as for the food....

Karen Stokley's 'Something I made earlier' was rather a mis-nomer on two counts, as the 'something' turned out to be a table laden with beautifully presented culinary delights, and the implied demonstration was revealed as an amusing red herring! Karen took us through her life, from early beginnings in the Girl Guides; her first years as a young wife and mother in Kenya; extensive travels around the world, particularly the United States; and all the while relating her experiences to her passion for cooking, for fresh ingredients, for pleasing presentation, and emphasising her luck in having that precious commodity - time - in which to practice and perfect her very special talent. She has come a long way from her mother's soggy Sunday sprouts!

Carole Barford's 'something I made earlier today' was judged first, Paula Capps was second and Marigold Sykes third.

### **P3 Report**

**Chris Ure**

Three new way marking posts have recently been located along Footpath 7 from Grange Road towards Hardwick Farm. Seasonal vegetation clearance has also been undertaken on a number of local footpaths.

A meeting of the local Felmersham and Radwell P3 group was held during May. Amongst the matters discussed was the possible publication of two new maps: a 'Three Churches walk', to include Felmersham, Sharnbrook and Odell and also a new Village Map, which might be displayed in the parish on a Map Board. The group would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone who could assist them with design ideas to join a small working group which will be meeting in September. Consideration is also being given to a number of new environmental projects including stile repairs, footpath improvement and hedge laying.

Attention Dog Walkers The P3 Group would particularly welcome feedback from Dog walkers concerning any problems they experience using local footpaths. Please notify the group of obstructions, overgrowth or damaged stiles.

Competition Time! For those using the new footpath map, there is the opportunity to win two ordnance survey maps: Explorer 208, by spotting the largest number of churches visible from the route shown. There are at least seven but with the use of binoculars, the expectation is that there could be even more! Competition entries should comprise of written lists of church names together with your name and address. Send entries to David Cardy at Frogs Piece, Carlton Road by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000. In the event of more than one winner, a draw will take place.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. New members are always welcome. Enquiries or further information: Tel: Chris Ure, P3 representative on 782126.