

Coffee morning in September

The coffee morning in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Caroline and Michael Jefferson, The Old Stables, Grange Road on Saturday 2 September at 10-30am. Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries and produce will be most welcome for the bring and buy stall. All are welcome.

Church Services for August

6 August	Transfiguration	Choral Eucharist
13 August	Patronal Festival	Choral Eucharist
20 August	Trinity 9	Choral Eucharist
27 August	Trinity 10	Matins followed by Communion at 11-15pm

Unless stated otherwise all services start at 10-15am

Parish Registers

27 June	Burial of Ashes: John Francis
30 June	Wedding: Andrew Young to Susan Beck
17 July	Burial of Ashes: Florence Phillips
30 July	Baptism: Isabella Treharne Willia

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)
Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Rosemary Brough (782104)

Events in August

11 Aug. Friday. Wl. Cheese and Wine at 7-30pm. Ody House, Pavenham Rd
19 Aug. Sat. Friendly cricket match. Felmersham v Radwell 2-30 Cricket field
26 Aug. Saturday. Pig Roast. Radwell Green from 2-00pm. onwards.

Events in Early September

2 Sept. Coffee Morning, 10-30am. The Old Stables, Grange Road
3 Sept. Sunday Mill Theatre, Exemption Dog Show judging at 12-00pm
4 Sept. Monday from 7-30 to 8-30 Yoga, first of ten sessions
5 Sept. Tuesday at 7-30pm. Parish Council - Pinchmill Committee Room

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 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. Editor for August: Ken Shrimpton

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New Liturgy for Old

Rev David Mason

Those of you who remember back to the late sixties and seventies will remember the coming of the series one, two and three services, these were produced for trial in parishes as part of the modernisation of the liturgies that we use in our Church. The ASB was then introduced in 1980, and this has been in regular use since it was introduced. Over the years we have become accustomed to using the services that it contains, and we tend to forget the controversies that accompanied its introduction. But this book of Services was only ever intended to be used for twenty years, and, except in very special circumstances, its use will cease in late autumn this year.

The ASB has fulfilled a valuable role in allowing us to get used to services in modern language, and it is being replaced by 'Common Worship'. This is a revision of the ASB, and it addresses the weaknesses that have been found in the ASB, but we will find that we are already familiar with much of the material that it contains. We have already used the Baptism service from it, and we are already using the Common Lectionary. There are the familiar service structures, but with inclusive language, and a greater degree of flexibility to take account of different service needs.

The Book of Common Prayer is unaffected by the changes, and we will continue to use it for Matins followed by Communion once a month for the foreseeable future.

We will be getting a copy of the Common Worship Book which we will keep in the Church so that it is available for inspection, I will let you know when it has arrived. I do not believe that there will be the same controversy that there was when the ASB appeared, and I look forward to using it.

Patronal Festival

This year our Patronal festival will be on Sunday 13th August instead of the usual date in September. The Revd Canon Ian Arthur will be preaching, and we will be joined by the Parishes of Sharnbrook and Souldrop for our celebrations.

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2000.

6 Parish Councillors, 7 members of the public and PCs Anstee and Edmondson attended this meeting. Apologies from Eric Barford.

Matters Arising. The dog bins have been installed and are in use. Mrs Pipe, Mr Thomas and Mrs Spoor had met with representatives of Raglan Housing Association and Bedfordshire Land Bank. The Pilgrims representative could not attend as her car had broken down on the way. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be notified in the eventuality of a vacancy occurring. The Council would also hold application forms, but applicants had the responsibility of submitting these to Pilgrims Housing and checking that they were then on the waiting list. The waiting list is updated regularly and applicants are asked by Pilgrims Housing if they wish to stay on the waiting list. Mr Cook and Mrs Spoor reported on the Bedfordshire Policing Plan 2001/2002 Consultation Forum which they had attended at Police Headquarters.

During *Question Time* PC 'Eddie' Edmondson introduced himself. He has taken over from PC Mark Jessop as one of the Beat Managers at Riseley. Their telephone number there is 275175 and messages can be left on the answerphone for non-urgent matters.

Millennium Update. At the time of the meeting there were just 5 millennium mugs left. It was agreed that one mug would be donated to the Year 2000 time capsule that Ken Shrimpton is arranging to put into the church wall. (Note, all mugs are now sold).

P3 Report. Thanks to Chris Ure, this is now an active group. There will be a separate report in next months Ouse News.

Grasscutting & Highways. The Council acknowledges that grasscutting in the parish is not as satisfactory as in previous years. We do monitor this and do our best to maintain a standard. Apologies if you are experiencing problems this year. We have received several complaints regarding vegetation overhanging footpaths. Trees and shrubs have made a lot of growth this year, so we would ask householders to check that it is possible to walk comfortably on the footpath (if there is one) outside their property. We do have a few people in the parish with limited eyesight, for their sake please be considerate and keep your trees and shrubs trimmed. Thank you. It was proposed that the low level lights on the Marriotts Close steps be replaced with a high street lamp. Neighbouring householders to be consulted first.

Parish Council notes continued...

Felmersham bus shelter is in need of renovation. It was agreed to seek quotations for this and for replacing the light that used to be in it.

Finance. Details of payments made will be in the minutes which are displayed in the Village Hall Committee Room. Felmersham & Radwell Community Care Scheme had requested financial help with their running costs. It was unanimously agreed to donate £300. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 5th September at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Committee Room.

Mill Theatre Exemption Dog Show

Sunday 3rd September in the grounds of the Mill Theatre all proceeds to the Mill Theatre Improvement Fund. Enquires regarding entries 781298 or 782377.

Mill Theatre Production – "Dancing at Lughnasa"

Monday 25th to Saturday 29th September, tickets after 28th August from 01234 269519 or from the Village Trader, Sharnbrook.

New Candle Holders

Rev David Mason

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council I would like to thank all who have contributed to buying the new metal candle holders for use during the Christmas Festivities. They will be a big improvement on the wooden holders that we have been using. I also wish to thank Judy Gough for doing the original research on the design and provision of the holders, and for her work in organising the collection to provide for their purchase.

Harvest Festival Lunch

Sunday 8 October. Tickets £3 which includes a donation to the Bishops Harvest for the Hungry Appeal. Full details next month.

Notes on St Mary's Church

A new path is currently being laid from the lych gate to the porch and restoration work continues with the repair of the stonework on the Memorial Chapel window and the repair and painting of the down pipes.

Next month we launch the millennium stain glass window fund. An exciting project designed to mark the 2000 year anniversary of Christ's birth.

The PCC is considering launching a Friends of St Mary's Group, if you are interested in taking an active part then please contact the vicar or churchwardens. The group would consist of people who care about the preservation of St Mary's and they need not be part of the worshipping community.

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Friendly Cricket Match Radwell v Felmersham

Saturday 19 August at 2-30 pm
in Felmersham Cricket Field

Anyone wishing to play please contact:
Martin Hulatt 781082

To play in the Felmersham team
Eric Barford 781204

To play in the Radwell team

Arthritis Research Campaign

Mary Freeman

At a recent collection in Felmersham and Radwell a record £185-50 was collected. Many thanks to all who gave so generously and to the collectors, Peggy Alexander, Mary Freeman, Deborah Rout, Karen Stokley and Marigold Sykes for Felmersham and Sheila MacKenzie and Renee Whitbread for Radwell.

Felmersham Yoga Club

Hilary Foot

A note for your diaries - Yoga classes restart at Pinchmill Hall in September. You are invited to join us for ten sessions on Monday evenings from 7.30 - 8.30, beginning on 4th September. Please bring a yoga mat, large towel or blanket with you.

Everyone is welcome. Posters will appear on the Village Notice Boards during August as a reminder. If you have any queries, please telephone me on 781340.

Flower Festival

Celia Hulatt

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the Flower Festival. To all the flower arrangers and their friends, also some very helpful husbands. It would not have been such a success without the excellent talents and time given by so many clever and willing members of our community.

My thanks also go to everyone who kindly kept the arrangements watered and then cleared up so well afterwards.

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May Mills

If you have been losing sleep over floral table arrangements for a wedding then this month's demonstration was just what the doctor ordered! Anne Prigmore's superbly innovative designs were put together at breakneck speed, which only a florist can muster, but with such simplicity and skill that even the less-than-able among us were persuaded that we could achieve a modicum of success by adapting her ideas for the home. The final results were duly raffled and the proceeds donated by Anne to the Primrose Cancer Unit.

The competition of a poem about flowers was won by Val Sexton, second Maggie Spoor.

Our President, Carol Barford, gave us the facts behind the media hype on the Prime Minister's controversial visit to Wembley - from someone who was there!

A Cheese and Wine evening will be held at Ody House, Pavenham Road on Friday 11th August at 7-30pm. Members and partners invited.

Pig Roast

On Saturday 26th August on Radwell Green from 2-00pm onwards.