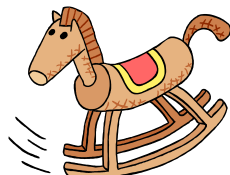


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Parish Diary

Parish Registers

include time of the service at St Paul's Church on the 17 December is 10.15am.

November

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| Sat | 4 | 10.30am | Coffee Morning | The Shrimptons, 1 Trinity Close |
| Sun | 5 | 10.15am | Choral Communion (4 th before Advent) | |
| | | | Bonfire Night | Fireworks Display |
| Tue | 7 | | Parish Paths Partnership Meeting - phone 782126 for details | |
| Fri | 10 | 7.45pm | Premiere of "Chase Dark" | Mill Theatre Sharnbrook |
| Sun | 12 | 10.15am | Remembrance Day Matins afterwards at the War Memorial | |
| Sun | 19 | 10.15am | Choral Communion (2 nd before Advent) | |
| Sun | 26 | | Christ the King Family Service | |

N B Matins on the 2nd Sunday this month, with the Family Service on the 4th

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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Boxing Day Walk

Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton

Our annual Boxing Day walk will start at Felmersham bus shelter at 11-00am. In recent years we have had over 50 walkers taking part in this festive frolic, let us try and achieve 100 walkers in this millennium year! Visitors are welcome. Please wear boots or sensible shoes and be prepared for mud and rain! See you there whatever the weather!

Millennium Window

Ken Shrimpton

The PCC is very pleased to announce that the Millennium Window Appeal has reached the appeal target of £5110. The support for this appeal has been very generous and we wish to thank all those who have contributed. The design has received Diocesan Advisory Committee approval and we are currently applying for a faculty (ecclesiastical planning permission). We anticipate that the window will be fitted during spring 2001.

Coffee Morning

Row Watson

The coffee morning in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Judith and Ron Smith at Leaways, Grange Road, Felmersham on Saturday 6 January at 10.30 a.m. Please bring your friends.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and unwanted Christmas gifts for the bring and buy stall will be most welcome.

Church Cleaning

Gill Greenish

Thank you to everyone who cleaned the Church. Your time and effort are much appreciated. I will be preparing the next rota for February and would be pleased to hear from new volunteers. The commitment at present is approximately two hours, six times year. Of course more volunteers reduce the frequency so we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me on 782559.

Village Hall A.G.M.

Gail Holbourn

This will be on Wednesday 24th January at 8pm in Pinchmill Hall. Vacancies have arisen for the posts of secretary and treasurer and we will be looking to fill these positions at this meeting. A normal committee meeting will follow the AGM.

Parish Council

Maggie Spoor

Five Councillors attended this meeting held on 7th November 2000 . Apologies

from Eric Barford and Brian Smith.

Changes to the electoral boundaries will mean the end of 'Felmersham Ward' at the next local elections in 2002. Subject to ratification, we will in future be linked with Carlton and Turvey.

Felmersham bus shelter will be receiving a face lift. John McKenzie will make a start on repairing rotten roof timbers and replacing lost and broken tiles shortly. The next phase will be to renovate the interior.

David Cook had pruned the trees next to the bus shelter and discovered that some of them showed signs of rot. Following consultation with David Alderman, County Tree Officer, David reported that the recommendation was that they be trimmed by 25 – 30%. Quotations are being sought and the work will be carried out over the winter. We would also need planning permission for this work.

The Parish Paths Partnership (P3) is now an active and thriving group. They provided a detailed and interesting report on their work. This included details of the proposed improvement work to the bridle path which runs from Sharnbrook Mill to Radwell. They also propose to erect an illustrated map board in Felmersham giving information on public paths, wildlife, etc.

The budget for 2001 – 2002 was discussed.

Marjorie Pipe and Maggie Spoor reported that they had attended the hearing held by Beds Health Authority in October on the application for a pharmacy in Sharnbrook. There have been widespread objections to this application because of the implications for residents and for the two local practices. A decision would be made at a closed hearing on 20th November. (The application has been refused, although the applicant can appeal).

Lighting on the Marriotts Close footpath steps was discussed. It was agreed to seek a quotation to replace the two bulkhead lamps with a single lamp post of good design, and replace the existing concrete lamp post with one to match.

We requested the 30mph limit on Old Rd. be extended beyond Swansholme.

Marjorie Pipe and Mike Thomas reported on the annual reception held at County Hall for Parish Councils. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2001

Poppy Appeal 2000

The collection totalled £192.07 in Radwell and £232.15 in Felmersham, a total of £424.22. Donations to the war memorial wreath amounted to £33.77. The church collection was £42.25 I would like to thank all who contributed to the appeal, and particularly the collectors, Mrs C Hulatt, Mrs M Mills, Mrs M Leach, Mrs G Stevenson, Mrs S Evans, Mr B Holston & Emma, Mr R Horsforth, The Sun, The Swan and the school.

Fred Turner

W.I.

May Mills

Simone Howard looked just like one of us when she arrived, but it soon became apparent that she had that extra something, whether it be energy or personality, or both, which enabled her to entertain us without visible effort. She runs a catering business from home after training at Barnfield College, where she subsequently studied food allergies, special diets, cake decorating, not to mention counselling and nutritional therapy. In her spare time (?) she likes to travel and would be very happy to share her recipes with Italian policemen! Oh, and by the way, she cooked some Chinese food as well!

Marigold Sykes won the competition for the prettiest chop-sticks, Judith Smith was second and Marjorie Pipe was third.

Once again we are hosting the Senior Citizens Christmas Tea on Sunday, 10th December, 3pm - 5pm, Pinchmill Hall. If you are a newcomer, or have not been contacted and would like to come, please phone Celia Hulatt 781082 or May Mills 781788.

Village Hall Committee

Christmas Dance

Saturday 16th December

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