

Parish Diary

Parish Register

15 April Baptism of Oliver Mark Anthony fforde-Butler
28 April Marriage of Candace Johnson and Peter Randall

May

Sat 5 10.30am Coffee Morning Perch Heights, Carlton Road
Sun 6 10.15am Choral Communion with Baptism St. Mary's Church
Sat 12 3.00pm - 5.00pm Skips at Radwell Green
Sun 13 10.15am Family Service – Easter 4 St Mary's Church
1.00pm - 3.00pm Skips at the entrance to Marriotts Close
Sun 20 10.15am Choral Communion – Rogation Sunday St. Mary's Church
Thu 24 7.30pm Ascension Day Service St Peter's, Sharnbrook
Preacher: The Right Rev Robin Smith, Bishop of Hertford.
Sun 27 10.15am Matins followed by Communion - Easter 6 St. Mary's Church

June

Sat 2 10.30am Coffee Morning Homelands, High Street, Turvey
Sun 3 10.00am Pentecost Sunday – Confirmation All Saint's Church, Harrold
Sun 10 6.00pm Healing Service St Mary's Church

Priest in Charge: Rev David Mason (309737)

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

We will print anything of interest to the community – not just reports of past village activities or reminders of forthcoming ones. Items should be sent to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, Felmersham 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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Pinchmill Pre-School

Caroline Jones

Many residents of Felmersham and Radwell will be aware of, and probably have some connection with Pinchmill Pre-school which has been based for many years in the Village Hall.

The Pre-school is, and always has been, a non-profit making organisation, run for the benefit of the community. A registered charity, it currently has 17 children on roll, the majority resident in Felmersham & Radwell but this quality provision also attracts children from neighbouring villages thereby providing children with both excellent early years teaching and valuable social contact.

This year, the Pre-school Committee, which consists of interested parents and carers, have an ambitious plan. We hope to relocate Pre-school from the Village Hall Committee Room (which we share with several organisations) to our own self-contained, independent accommodation on the former swimming pool site in the grounds of Pinchmill Lower School. Having our own space will make an enormous difference to the children and staff, enabling us to have an environment totally dedicated to learning and of course having fun!

So, where is all this leading? Well, this project is going to be a huge challenge for a very small group with limited funds. Currently, to keep costs down, we are looking at using a 'terrapin' building which is essentially a large porta-kabin and we are busy applying for grants from organisations such as the lottery fund. However it is likely that we will need to do a lot of work ourselves both in terms of fundraising and in more practical ways such as fitting out the building. So can I please, please appeal to all the friends of Pre-school, past, present and future, to support any fundraising events we hold. These will of course be advertised in Ouse News and on the various village noticeboards. If anyone has access to any grants for community projects (perhaps through their employer) and would be willing to help, please get in touch. As the project moves forward (Ouse News readers will be kept informed of developments), offers of practical help such as carpentry, plumbing, electrics, painting and decorating would be greatly appreciated.

Dates of our first fundraising venture, a Barn Dance at the Village Hall, can be found in Ken Shrimpton's article on the Village Festival Weekend in this issue. There is also concert on 23rd June at College Farm House more details below

For further information contact Christine Callaghan, Deputy Leader Tel. 781173 or Caroline Jones, Pre-School Chairperson Tel. 782290.

SERVICES WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Rev David Mason

In the 'Ouse News' for this month you will see that a service with laying on of hands for healing is to be held in the church at 6.00pm on Sunday 10 June. The service will follow the pattern that we developed in St Andrew's Church, Bedford some years ago, and which are still held about 5 times a year. The aim of the service is to enable people to bring their needs, or the needs of others who they know are seeking healing, to lay before God as they have hands laid upon them, and to open themselves to his healing love. In coming up to the Altar rail and receiving the sacrament of the laying on of hands they are following an ancient tradition. Not all who are at the service come up to the Altar rail to receive the laying on of hands, some will remain in their places and spend time praying for their own, or others, healing. The whole service is reflective and calm, with space for people to be at peace, and it is noticeable how reluctant many are to leave after the service is over. Many of those who have attended such services have said that they have found the service very helpful. In recent years much of the Church seems to have lost sight of the healing aspect of that ministry to which Jesus commissioned the disciples, and through the disciples all who accepted Jesus as Lord, to preach, to teach and to heal. I believe that the church still has a role in healing, alongside, not in place of, the other healing professions.

I am aware that some may be concerned that this type of service may be one in which alarming phenomena may be exhibited. Let me reassure you that the service is not designed for this. My experience has been one of deep peace and tranquillity pervading the whole service, and bringing sense of being in the presence of God's loving and healing presence. I hope that the service will be well supported.

On Sunday 3 June (Pentecost Sunday) a Confirmation Service will be held at Harrold Church in the morning, as we have a candidate we have decided to join the congregation of St Peters and All Saints Church, Harrold for their Morning Service at 10.00am. Please let the Church Wardens or myself know if you will require transport.

Thanks

Nigel Doggett

Thanks to everyone in Felmersham and Radwell who supported and sponsored me for the London Marathon. It raised over £9,500 for the Primrose Appeal."

Music For A Summer's Evening

Miranda Doggett

A chance to hear and enjoy the combined talents of professional musicians living locally in a programme of relaxing classical music. Dress as romantically as you like, bring a rug and a picnic and let sweet sounds waft over you through the balmy air on the lawns of College Farm House, Church End, Felmersham. Saturday 23 June, 7.30pm. Limited reserved seating available on the terrace.

Tickets priced £7.50 each, £25.00 for a party of 4, or £9.00 reserved, are obtainable from Miranda Doggett (tel: 782234) or Christine Callaghan (tel: 781173). This event is being held in support of the Pinchmill Pre-School Appeal.

Bellringing

Colin Payne

A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, was rung at St Mary's on Thursday 5th April as a tribute to the life of David Knowles. On the Saturday 7th April a peal of 5040 changes Plain Bob Triples was rung to celebrate our Ruby Wedding Anniversary. I would like to thank all the ringers who came to ring at both events.

Village Hall Committee

Gail Holbourn

The committee would like to express their thanks to Mrs Peck and Pinchmill School for again arranging a "free" computer course for the village community.

Date for your diary: There will be a "Festival Weekend" on 30th June -

1st July in Felmersham. The weekend promises to be busy with a full programme of events. Details will be published in next months Ouse News but don't forget to get the dates in your diary now!!!!

As a result of the success of last years football match, and in a similar vein, on the morning of Sunday 1st July, as part of the festival weekend, there will be a football tournament between Radwell and Felmersham. Each village aims to enter a youth side and an adult side. No doubt this will see father and son pitted against each other in time honoured fashion with mothers/wives being torn between loyalties. Will the youth sides be **lucky** enough to beat the dads again this time?

Anyone interested in playing should contact Mark Holbourn for the Felmersham sides (781071) or Jerry Bennett for the Radwell sides (782949).

Felmersham & Radwell Show

Maggie Spoor

The Autumn Show is moving to the summer and will be held on Sunday 1st July. This is to coincide with the Festival Weekend (30th June and 1st July). The schedule is being prepared and will be distributed at the end of May. Two of the categories need some advanced notice. They are:

- i) A hanging basket, judged at your home, must be visible from the road, and which contributes to the appearance of the village.
- ii) A garden tub or any container, judged at your home, must be visible from the road, and which contributes to the appearance of the village.

As you prepare your hanging baskets and containers this month please bear The Show in mind - there are some handsome prizes to be won. Any queries please ring me on 782031.

Coffee Morning

Row Watson

The coffee morning for May in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Kanzy and Mo Zaki, Perch Heights, Carlton Road, Felmersham on Saturday 5 May at 10.30 a.m.

Contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, produce and bric-a-brac the bring and buy stall will be most welcome. All friends are welcome.

Reprint Of 'Grain And Chaff'

Ron (W.E.) Draycott

As the author and self-publisher of the above history of Felmersham I am reprinting a limited number of copies which should be available around the last week in May, at £15.95 per copy - an increase of only £3 over the past 15 years.

I am nearing 85 years of age and do not envisage any further reprints, so anyone wishing to reserve a copy is advised to ring me on 824902 as soon as convenient (send no money). I will then put in the post a map with instructions on how to find me. This is necessary as we now live on a mobile home site at Bromham, where parking for unexpected visitors can be a problem, so it will require you to negotiate a time slot with me when collecting your purchase. (A telephone call during the last week in May will establish whether the printer has delivered the books to me as forecast.)

I must stress that this is not a profit-seeking exercise, as once I have recouped the total cost of the whole reprint, all of the money received from any further sales will be donated to the Childrens' Hospital at Great Ormonde Street, from where I shall request a receipt to place on display in Felmersham. Believe it or not, that sum could reach anything up to nearly £3,000 - it's all up to you! Perhaps the foregoing will end any speculation regarding the previous non-availability of 'Grain and Chaff' copies for purchase.

Greta and I send our regards to everyone fortunate enough to live in Felmersham - saints and sinners alike - especially those who knew us all those years ago (1972-87).

Home Watch - Nuisance Callers

Joan White

The police have reported that a Felmersham resident was menaced by an unwelcome caller. The man was threatening and persistent and after gaining entrance to the house, while the occupier was distracted by something else, proved difficult to eject. He pretends to be a buyer of antiques and the police wish to know if he calls in the village again. They have issued the following description.

'White male in his mid 50's and about 5 ft.4inches in height. He speaks with a local accent and has dark hair. He wears a smart suit and is slightly over weight.' Ring either the Riseley Policing Team - PC Martin Anstee 275175 or Greyfriars Police Station 271212. Three seasonal reminders from the Police.

(a) Shut all fanlights and ventilators before you leave the house as burglars often have very small accomplices.

(b) The season for garden thefts is upon us, so keep all garages and garden sheds locked. Put all tools and garden equipment away securely and put identity marks on or photograph garden furniture and ornaments, which you value

(c) Wheelie Bins. Be neighbourly and wheel your neighbours bin out of sight if they are on holiday or late home from work. Your bin left by the roadside advertises the fact that you are not in. Some local authorities now have a scheme to label bins that are persistently left at the kerbside and threaten further action, as they are a hazard and an open invitation for burglars.

Felmersham & Radwell Festival Weekend Saturday 30 June & Sunday 1 July 2001 Programme of Events	
Saturday Morning Mini Market in Church End (782031 for details) > Country Dancing > Marching Band > Street Teas > Balloon Release > Fire Engine	Saturday Evening Barn Dance ♦ Refreshments ♦ Bar ♦ Live Band with Caller Tickets from: Christine Callaghan 781173 Caroline Jones 782290
Sunday Morning Football Felmersham v Radwell Followed by a Family Picnic	Sunday Afternoon Felmersham & Radwell Show in the Village Hall W.I. TEAS
Sunday Evening at 6.30pm. "Songs of Praise" in the church	

Hemingford Grey Ladies Choir
 present an
Evening of Song
Music to suit all tastes
Saturday 12th May 2001 at 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church, Felmersham
Admission by ticket - £5
Ticket includes a glass of wine and light refreshments
 Available from:
Lorraine Shrimpton or *Pat Hartop*
1 Trinity Close *St Mary's Cottage*
Felmersham *Felmersham*
 (All proceeds to St Mary's Capital Fund)