

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY 1987

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JAN

Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Second Sunday after Christmas ASB p.455)	(Mrs. Gough)
Sat	10	10.30am	St Mary's Cottage Cake Morning	
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 1 ASB p.463)	(Mr.D. Aitken)
Mon	12		3, Home Close, Sharnbrook	Wildlife Trust
Wed	14		Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. Meeting
			Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 2 ASB p.467)	(Mr.D. Knowles)
Tue	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Sun	25	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (The Conversion of St. Paul, ASB p.754)	(Mrs. Carr)
Fri	30		Pinchmill Hall PPT Cheese & Wine Evening	

FEB

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 4 ASB p.476)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
Sat	7	10.30am	Meadowbank, Pavenham Road Cake Morning	
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 5 ASB p.480)	(R.P.Carpenter)

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Our congratulations to
Richard John Roberts and Fiona Christina Stewart
who were married on Saturday 3rd January.

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White
My thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Juffs and the customers of the Plough for donating £148 to our restoration fund from the sale of Christmas cards. My thanks also to the Headmistress of Bedford High School for the gift of 20 chairs to be used in the Church.
Many times in my life I have jokingly said I'll make a New Year's resolution but sadly it has usually proved little more than a figure of speech. I recently came across some words by Henry van Dyke which some of you who are better than I at making New Year's resolutions might find food for thought. "To be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness; to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbours except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ: these are the guide-posts on the footpath to peace"

A very Happy New Year to you all.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs Pat Hartop, St Mary's Cottage, will hold the Cake Morning on 10th January. On the 7th February our hosstess will be Mrs Mary Freeman, Meadowbank, Pavenham Road.

ST MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

The Sunday School would like to thank everyone who took part in the Christingle service. We raised £80.25 which was gratefully recieved by the Children's Society.

FRIENDS OF BEDFORD HOSPITAL

- Doris Pipe

I would like to say thank you to all those who have helped in so many ways to raise money for equipment for the hospital. People have been so generous in supporting such a worthy cause. The constant supply of flowers, baskets, pots, ribbons etc, has made the work of arranging flowers so much easier.
I hope you will continue to give us your support; we are truly grateful.

W.I.

- Margaret Leach

This month we had our Christmas party, with Scottish Dancing as our entertainment. We are having an Italian lunch on February 11th; tickets will be available in January from the committee. Our next meeting is a talk about accupuncture on January 20th.

THE CHURCH - OUR HERITAGE

- Jessie Marsh

In recent years much has been said regarding Church Restoration. A great deal of work has gone into this project and a considerable sum of money has been raised. We question when will we be finished giving for this cause? Well - the answer is not in the foreseeable future. But we would not like to see our Church, like the walls of Jericho, come tumbling down, would we?

The Church is our heritage; it has been handed down from generation to generation. It is now our lot to do what we can so that it is handed down from us in a reasonable condition.

I wonder if we ever stop to think what would happen without a Church in our village. We would have nowhere for the Christening of our children, or our children's Marriages, nowhere to hold a service for the laying to rest of our loved ones, nowhere to hold services of rejoicing, nowhere to steal away in solitude and pray when our burdens seem too heavy to bear.

To try to raise a little more money for the next phase of work, I anticipate organising a Flower Festival in June. For this we will need help for getting flowers and mechanics so would be most grateful to anyone who would volunteer to hold a coffee morning / evening to help defray costs, or maybe some of us would like to donate for this; any gift, however small will be greatly appreciated.

After saying all this, the Festival will not materialise without the cooperation of everyone. Let it be a VILLAGE EVENT. I will be contacting various people and will have a meeting in church to allocate positions and themes at a later date. Do come along, there will be a job for everyone. Anyone wishing to help in any way contact me at 2, Grange Road.

Thanking you in anticipation.

CAROL SINGING

- Sarah Smith

Our Carol Singers raised £70.50 for Child-Line on 21st December. £15.50 of this came from 'Mr. Busby's Money Pot' at the Plough. Many thanks for all donations.

LADIES KEEP FIT

- Lesley Gani

Keep fit will resume on 14th January, and costs £3 for 6 sessions.

TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

- Val Sexton

A belated Thank You to the organisers of the Christmas Dance from those of us who attended from Radwell. A super evening. (We have heard similar comments all around both villages; we are sure Felmersham would like to be included in these thanks - Ed)

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton

Our next production - four one-act plays - takes place on 26th, 27th, and 28th February. Book the date in your diary now!

CHEESE AND WINE-TASTING EVENING. There will be a cheese and wine-tasting evening at Pinchmill Hall on Friday 30th January. Tickets, available from Martin Reynolds, The Old Rectory, High Road (782507) will cost £1.50 which will include a glass of wine on arrival, a talk by a representative of the Victoria Wine Company and a chance to sample a selection of wines and cheeses etc. Just the right kind of evening to chase away those post-Christmas 'blues'.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

Ouse Valley Minibus: As from October 28th a new minibus route has served the village. It runs on Tuesday and Thursday morning and provides links from Felmersham, Radwell and Bletsoe to Sharnbrook; and from Felmersham, Pavenham, Stevington, and Carlton to Turvey.

A timetable of this minibus service is distributed by the County Council - any further information required please contact Mr. Hardy on Bedford 228337.

WILDLIFE TRUST

- Diana Bemrose

Anyone with an interest in wildlife is welcome to join the newly-formed Felmersham and Sharnbrook local group of the Beds and Hunts Wildlife Trust.

The group has already held its first event, a sponsored Tree Plant to form a large new spinney near Hangman's Lane, Keysoe, and has a full programme of events for 1987.

Among future events are:- on Friday February 20 a cheese and wine evening at which it is hoped to show slides on a wildlife theme and, on Tuesday March 31, a talk about otters. Both events will be held in Sharnbrook Village Hall.

Other events planned include a walk around Felmersham Nature Reserve, a sponsored birdwatch, activities to mark National Wildflower Week, a barbecue, a photographic competition and nature walks.

Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to contact the secretary, Mrs. Lyn Sewell, at 3, Home Close, Sharnbrook, (tel. 781903) or come along to the next committee meeting which is on Monday, January 12, at the home of Mrs Sewell.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT ?

- Gerry Sidebottom

Felmersham and Radwell are lovely villages with splendid people working to organise such special events. The success rate is excellent. What a pity that there is no correspondent to let all be known outside the Parish. We look in the Beds. Times every week and are disappointed to find no report. It would mean so much to read what is happening so, please, someone think about taking over this responsibility.

Our very good wishes to you all.

BADMINTON CLUB

- Martin Reynolds

The Badminton club welcomes members old and new, experienced or beginners. Club night is Monday, in the Village Hall from 8.00pm. There is a friendly atmosphere with plenty of social events during the year.

HOMEWATCH

- Barry Welsh

As the New Year begins it is worth reviewing how the Homewatch scheme relates to Felmersham and Radwell. By now well over 10,000 households in Bedford and the surrounding villages are covered. Closer, formal links have now been established with the Police, who are actively supporting the scheme in many ways. Starting in December 1986 a regular free quarterly newsletter has been produced containing useful crime-protection information. Future editions will include more specific contributions by the Police relating to local crime. Funding for this newsletter is entirely provided by sponsorship from private business organisations. In addition regular articles are now appearing in our local newspapers. As far as our villages are concerned the scheme is now working properly, within an established framework, some 18 months from the start. Hopefully, villagers are now provided with a greater awareness of Crime Prevention, for a minimum of personal commitment, or cost. To state that it is successful is impossible to say, that is for you to judge. During the next few months, and within the spirit of the scheme, the existing coordinators for Felmersham and Radwell will be standing down. To maintain continuity up to five volunteers are needed to cover Felmersham, and three for Radwell. Hardly any work is now involved and you meet a lot of very interesting people!

If you are interested in representing your area for a limited period please contact your local coordinator, or me on 781010.

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FEB

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 4 ASB p.476)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
Mon	2	8.00pm	Pinchmill Village Hall Management Committee	
Sat	7	10.30am	Meadowbank, Pavenham Road	Cake Morning
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 5 ASB p.480)	(R.P.Carpenter)
Mon	9	8.00pm	Pinchmill River Carnival Meeting	
Wed	11		W.I. Italian Lunch	
Sat	14	2.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Playgroup Jumble Sale
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Ninth before Easter ASB p.486)	(Mr.D. Gough)
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Wine-tasting
Fri	20	8.00pm	SHARNBROOK Village Hall	Wildlife Group
Sun	22	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Eighth before Easter ASB p.490)	(Mr.T. Randall)
Tue	24	7.30pm	Harrowdene Paddock	Floral Art Club AGM
Thu	26	7.45pm	Pinchmill Hall	TAKE FOUR PPT
Fri	27	7.45pm	Pinchmill Hall	TAKE FOUR PPT
Sat	28	7.45pm	Pinchmill Hall	TAKE FOUR PPT

* Skips in the villages this weekend. *

MAR

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Seventh before Easter ASB p.495)	(Mrs. Gough)
Mon	2	8.00pm	Pinchmill Village Hall Full Committee	
Wed	4	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (no music) (Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	
Sat	7	10.30am	Peacehaven, Grange Road	Cake Morning
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Lent 1 ASB p.504)	(Mr.D. Aitken)

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Every six years a new ELECTORAL ROLL has to be prepared (the next is due in 1990); and every year, prior to the AGM in April, it must be updated. To be on the Electoral Roll you must be at least 16 years old, a baptised member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England), and must either reside in the parish, or have for at least the previous six months habitually attended public worship in the parish.

Entry on the Electoral Roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to have your name included will you please have a word with Mrs. Sue Webster, myself, or any member of the PCC.

Is there anybody in the Parish who would like to help to organise a series of 5 HOUSE GROUPS in Lent? I will produce the material but we will need both a leader and a host for each meeting. If you are interested will you please have a word with me.

On ASH WEDNESDAY, 4th March, I will be celebrating said Holy Communion at 10.30 am..

HOUSE NEWS 1987

- Roland Carpenter

I am sorry that there was not enough space for this item in the January issue. Many of you will now know that steadily rising printing costs have finally made it necessary to increase the cost of HOUSE NEWS to £1.50 per year - or 12.5 pence for each of the 12 issues. I do very much regret this increase, even though it is the first for many years, and we shall continue to make every effort to control costs.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to pay your distributor, I am sure it would be very much appreciated if this could be done as soon as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank them for freely giving of their time to distribute the magazine each month, in all weathers.

Radwell	Mrs. Sexton / Mrs. Jevens
Grange Road	Mrs. Gough / Mrs. Brown
Pavenham Road	Mrs. Whiting
Marriotts Close	Mrs. Francis
Tithe Barn area	Mrs. Di Stephenson
Trinity Close	Mrs. Quenby
The Row	Mrs. Lovell

Readers who receive their copies by post are asked to let me have additional payment (or stamps) to cover the 2nd class postage of 12 issues during 1987.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose
On 7th February our hostess will be Mrs. Mary Freeman, Meadowbank, Pavenham Road. The March 7th Cake Morning will be held at Mrs. Aitken's - Peacehaven, The High Road.

FLORAL ART CLUB

- Janet Cook
The Annual General Meeting of the Felmersham and Radwell Floral Art Club will be held on Tuesday 24th February at Harrowdene Paddock, Felmersham. In particular we would like to welcome all those who would be interested in forming a new Flower and Gardening Club. Membership of the existing club has dropped so low that it may no longer be a viable enterprise. So if you're interested in flowers and gardening, do come along at 7.30pm.

PLAYGROUP JUMBLE SALE

- Jane Ward
Please turn out your jumble for the Playgroup Jumble Sale on 14th February at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you need anything collecting, please phone me on 782226.

W.I.

- Margaret Leach
Last month Mr. Steele gave a fascinating talk about Acupuncture and other health-related topics.

We are having an Italian Lunch on Wednesday February 11th, and tickets are available from the committee, price £1.75. Everybody is welcome!

Our next meeting is a Wine-tasting Evening by Peter Dominic on February 17th.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton
Our latest production is called "TAKE FOUR!" - an evening of four one-act plays: - three of the best from Alan Ayckbourne's hilarious Confusions, a series of linked one-act comedies; and, for a contrast, a sinister black comedy from J. B. Priestly.

Come along to an evening of contrasting entertainment on 26th, 27th, or 28th February at 7.45pm. Tickets will be available, from February 15th, from Anne Airton, 42, Marriotts Close, Felmersham, (telephone 782080). Seats may be reserved for the Friday and Saturday performances only. The price is £1.50 for Thursday, and £2.00 for Friday and Saturday. So, please brave the cold weather and come along and support us. We promise to have the Hall warmed up before you arrive!

We are always looking for new members to help both behind and on the stage. As well as performers on stage we need people with artistic, technical and construction abilities. So don't think that you haven't any talent, we will soon find you something to do. If you are over 16 years old and feel you would like to join us, either contact me or any member of the committee, or come along to a rehearsal at 8.00pm on any Tuesday evening. You will be most welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Maggie Spoor
Sue Evans and I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the Christmas Party. We have sent a cheque for £26.06 to the National Children's Home for their Family Support work.

BARN DANCE

- Helen Rose
Everyone is invited to join us for the P.S.A. Barn Dance, which is being held on March 21st in Pinchmill Hall. Live music, supper and bar. Full details next month.

WILDLIFE TRUST

- Diana Bemrose
Wildlife in an English Country Garden is the theme of a talk to be given to members of the local branch of the Beds. and Hunts. Wildlife Trust.

Ann Scott, who works for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, will be talking about the wildlife which came into her garden while she was living on the edge of a nature reserve where her husband was Warden.

The talk, which is organised by the Felmersham and Sharnbrook Branch of the Wildlife Trust, will take place on Friday February 20, at the SHARNBROOK Village Hall, at 8.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to the talk, at which cheese and wine will be served. Refreshments are free but there will be an entrance charge of £1.50 for adults and 50p for children.

A list of future events has now been drawn up by the group and anyone who would like a copy, or who is interested in joining the group should contact the secretary, Mrs. Lyn Sewell, of 3, Home Close, Sharnbrook, (tel. 781903).

Among future events is a photographic competition. Entrants are asked to submit prints with a local wildlife theme. Small prizes will be awarded in three age groups; under 12; 12 - 16; and over 16. The closing date is September 1, so there's plenty of time. Further details will be given later.

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

- Charley Curry
The Carpet Bowls Club ran a Round Robin Competition in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th January. Teams from Ampthill and Turvey Carpet Bowls Clubs came and played teams from Felmersham. Eight teams in all took part in the competition. The Felmersham 'B' team of Joy Mackenzie, Lucy Bowyer, Ken Booker, and Charley Curry remained the only unbeaten team and were the overall competition winners.

New members are always welcome. Why not roll up for a Roll Up in the Village Hall on Thursday nights at 8.00pm, or Saturday afternoons at 3.00pm? Contact Charley Curry (781073) or Ken Booker (781800) for further details.

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MAR

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Mon	2	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga classes start
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Village Hall Full Committee
Tue	3	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council AGM
Wed	4	10.30am	SAID HOLY COMMUNION (Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	
Fri	6	8.00pm	Squash Club	Exhibition Match & Social
Sat	7	10.30am	Peacehaven, The High Road	Cake Morning
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Lent 1 ASB p.504)	(Mr.D. Aitken)
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. Meeting
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 2 ASB p.508)	(Mr.D. Knowles)
Mon	16	7.45pm	College Farm House	Lent Group Meeting
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Sat	21	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.S.A. Barn Dance
Sun	22	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Lent 3 ASB p.513)	(Mrs. Carr)
Mon	23	7.45pm	Sedalia, Grange Road	Lent Group Meeting
Tue	24	7.30pm	The Old Stables	Flower & Gardening Club
Sun	29	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE (Mothering Sunday, Lent 4 ASB p.518)	(Mr.M. Banham-Hall)
Mon	30	7.45pm	venue to be announced	Lent Group Meeting
Tue	31		Sharnbrook Village Hall	Wildlife Group
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Thu	2	10.30am	The Old Stables	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning
Sat	4	10.30am	13, Marriotts Close	Cake Morning
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 5 ASB p.522)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
Mon	6	7.45pm	venue to be announced	Lent Group Meeting

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Following the success of the Lent House groups last year, I thought we might once again have a weekly House Group Meeting during Lent. This year I am suggesting that we discuss the subject of Prayer, using as a guide Canon Wilkinson's Parish Group Study Guide "Prayer and Worship". Our first meeting will be at 7.45pm on Monday 16th March at College Farm House, Church End, Felmersham. The second meeting will be on 23rd March at Sedalia, Grange Road, Felmersham. The meetings on 30th March and 6th April will be announced later.

If you are interested it would be helpful if you could contact me (864661) so that I can have some ideas about numbers. If you are not able to tell me before the meeting but would like to come, please just turn up. I am still looking for volunteers to host and / or lead the last two meetings. Again I would be very grateful if anybody who is interested would contact me.

On ASH WEDNESDAY, 4th March, I will be celebrating said Holy Communion at 10.30 am. MOTHERING SUNDAY is on March 29th. As usual the Sunday School will be providing most of the service at 10.15am, and I will be celebrating Holy Communion at 9.15am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

On Sunday 29th March we will go into Church for the full Mothering Sunday service, when the children will do something special. All are most welcome, whether or not they come to Sunday School. There are changes to our normal pattern around Easter. Sunday School will start in the Hall throughout April, but we shall go on to Church on April 12th (Palm Sunday), and April 19th (Easter Sunday), but NOT on April 5th or 26th.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The March 7th Cake Morning will be held at Mrs. Aitken's - Peacehaven, The High Road. On April 4th our hostess will be Mrs. Bronwen Guest, 13, Marriotts Close.

FLOWER AND GARDENING CLUB

- Janet Cook

The existing Flower Club has widened its scope to include all aspects of Gardening. For the next few months at least we will meet in members' homes on the fourth Tuesday each month. The next meeting is at Mrs. Dorothy Galliver's home, Old Stables, at 7.30pm on 24th March, to exchange ideas and discuss the possibility of bulk buying. Admission 50p, includes coffee and biscuits.

W.I.

- Margaret Leach

Last month we enjoyed a Wine-tasting Evening with speakers from Peter Dominic. We also had a very successful Italian Lunch. Nominations are now required for the new committee, to be elected at the AGM in April. Our next meeting is on March 17th when Mrs. Kidby will talk on Palmistry.

YOGA

- Dorothy Holborow

Yoga classes start on Monday 2nd March, 7.00 - 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. Work at your own pace and nothing too strenuous. The course is for 10 weeks and costs £7.50. For further details phone 781458.

SQUASH CLUB INAUGURATION

- Bruce Edwards

Tony Glover has arranged that the 2 foremost squash players in the county will play an EXHIBITION MATCH at the Felmersham court on FRIDAY 6TH MARCH at 8.00pm. This will be followed at 9.15pm by a SOCIAL EVENING in the Six Ringers (£1.50 per head) to raise funds for the club. Tickets for one or both events are available from me, 782587, or call in at East Tithe Barn.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Margaret Hartley

April 5 - 11 is Children's Society Week. During this special week, Society supporters in Felmersham and Radwell will freely give their time and energy as part of a National Campaign to deliver an envelope through every door in England and Wales. The Children's Society is helping children, young people and families affected by unemployment, sickness, handicap, or inadequate housing, and such work costs money. There are now over 100 homes, centres or projects in England and Wales. Will you help us in this work and show your concern for less fortunate families who often feel forgotten, unwanted and overwhelmed by problems, by placing a gift in our envelope.

Here in Felmersham and Radwell we have a keen team of volunteers ready to deliver and collect envelopes. But that alone is not enough. The Society needs a gift in every envelope - coins, notes, cheques - all will be most welcome. Please use your envelope to make a gift and help The Children's Society to continue and develop its work.

The Society is most grateful for all the help already received from Felmersham and Radwell. Please pray for the collectors and all the people they will visit in this Parish, and let us hope that this year's collection breaks all records !.

SUE RYDER COFFEE MORNING

- Dorothy Galliver

The Felmersham and Radwell Support Group invite you to a Coffee Morning on Thursday April 2nd at The Old Stables, 10.30 - 12.00 noon. There will be a Bring and Buy and a Raffle. Coffee and biscuits 50 pence. All proceeds in aid of St John's Mogerhanger.

BARN DANCE

- Helen Rose

Come and dance to the Live Music of Paul Bownas Barn Dance Group. 8.00pm, March 21st in Pinchmill Hall. Supper and bar. Tickets, £4, available from Chris Baldry (781720) and Helen Rose (781448).

PINCHMILL SCHOOL

- Glenda Davis

Congratulations to the Pinchmill School children for their splendid Fund-Raising activities for Charities during 1986. The Sunflower-Growing Competition raised £175.00 for the S.O.S. Children's Villages. As well as raising money, this provided plenty of fun and excitement and the added bonus of a wonderful display of flowers. The collection at the Christmas Cncert raised £67.00 for the Save the Children Fund. A Bring and Buy, organised by Mrs. Banham-Hall for the Blue Peter Appeal, raised £103.00. The total raised for charities during 1986 was £345.00, a splendid effort for a small school. Well done children!

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

The PARISH COUNCIL AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

Since October 1986 a MINI-BUS SERVICE has been running on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the times shown below. This service is being run as an experiment for six months. Although some people use it regularly, patronage has remained fairly low. If this continues it may well be that the bus service will be taken away.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL MINIBUS SERVICE - L.A.P.Travel
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

FELMESHAM - RADWELL - BLETSOE - SHARNBROOK

FELMERSHAM Church...	9.05	SHARNBROOK Swan.....	10.48
RADWELL Swan.....	9.08	SHARNBROOK Surgery..	10.50
BLETSOE Village.....	9.15	BLETSOE Village.....	10.56
SHARNBROOK Swan.....	9.23	FELMERSHAM Church...	11.06

FARES: Felmersham / Radwell - Sharnbrook 35p
Elderly / Disabled pass holders 10p
Children (under 14) and Travel Aid pass holders - half fare

FELMERSHAM - PAVENHAM - CARLTON - HARROLD

FELMERSHAM Church....	9.28	HARROLD Institute....	11.30
PAVENHAM Stores.....	9.37	CARLTON Bridge End...	11.33
STEVINGTON Cross Rds.	9.45	CARLTON Fox.....	11.35
TURVEY Church.....	9.54	TURVEY Church.....	RR *
CARLTON Fox.....	10.00	STEVINGTON Cross Rds.	RR *
CARLTON Bridge End..	10.02	PAVENHAM Stores.....	RR *
HARROLD Institute...	10.05	FELMERSHAM Church...	RR *

Route in Felmersham: Church, High Rd, Grange Rd, Pavenham Rd.
Minibus will pick up and set down anywhere along the route.
* RR - Bus runs to these places on Request to the driver.

FARES: Felmersham - Harrold 50p
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Children (under 14) and Travel Aid pass holders - half fare

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APR

Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 5 ASB p.522)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
Mon	6	7.45pm	Greenfields, Pavenham Rd	Lent Group Meeting
Sun	12	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	(R.P.Carpenter)
Thu	16	7.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION (no music) (Maundy Thursday, ASB p.552)	
Fri	17	7.30pm	CHORAL DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Good Friday, ASB p.559)	
Sun	19	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter Day ASB p.574)	(Mr.D. Gough)
Mon	20	2.00pm	St. Alban's	Youth Pilgrimage
Tue	21	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. AGM
Wed	22	7.30pm	Church	Flower Festival Meeting
Sun	26	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Easter 1 ASB p.602)	(Mr.T. Randall)
Mon	27	7.45pm	Pinchmill Hall	Annual Meeting of Parishioners
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tue	28	7.30pm	Hawthorns, Pavenham Rd	Flower & Gardening Club
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Village Hall AGM

MAY

Sat	2	10.30am	11, Cody Rd, Clapham	Cake Morning
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 2 ASB p.608)	(Mrs. Gough)
Thu	7	am	The Old Stables	Flower Festival Coffee Morning
Sat	9	2.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Jumble Sale
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Easter 3 ASB p.613)	(Mr.D. Aitken)

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

APRIL 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect our Church Wardens is being held this year at 7.45pm on Monday 27th April at Pinchmill Hall. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held directly afterwards. At this meeting we receive annual reports and the audited accounts and elect the members of the PCC, the sidesmen and the honorary Auditor. The first meeting is open to all Parishioners who are on the Local Government Electoral Roll, and/or the Church Electoral Roll. Only those who are on the Church electoral roll may vote at the second meeting and ask questions about Church matters.

On MAUNDY THURSDAY, 16th April, I will be celebrating a said Holy Communion at 7.30pm. On GOOD FRIDAY, 17th April, also at 7.30 there will be a devotional service for congregation and choir. On EASTER SUNDAY, 19th April, and on the previous Sunday, PALM SUNDAY, I will celebrate Parish Communion at the usual time of 10.15am.

There will be NO 9.15 service of Holy Communion on the 12th.

There is a YOUTH PILGRIMAGE followed by a service at St. Alban's Abbey on Easter Monday, 20th April. The pilgrims leave the lake side at 2.00pm and the service is at 3.00pm. Details are on the Church notice board and further details can be obtained from me.

My thanks to the hosts and leaders of our LENT HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS. The final meeting will be on 6th April at the home of Mrs. Whiting Greenfields, Pavenham Road, at 7.45pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

There are changes to our normal pattern around Easter. Sunday School will start in the Hall throughout April, but we shall go on to Church on April 12th (Palm Sunday), and April 19th (Easter Sunday), but NOT on April 5th or 26th.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER

- Jessie Marsh

Anyone wishing to donate towards altar flowers 'In Memory' please contact me at 2, Grange Road.

FELMERSHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL

- Jessie Marsh

The Coffee Morning held at 7, Trinity Close by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Barr-Hall raised £59 for the Flower Festival, which will be held at St. Mary's Church Felmersham, on 26, 27, 28, June. Mrs. Galliver will hold a Coffee Morning at The Old Stables on 7th May.

A meeting will be held in the Church on Wednesday April 22nd at 7.30pm for anyone interested in helping with the Flower Festival. Everyone is most welcome - do come along.

FLOWER AND GARDENING CLUB

- Janet Cook

The new Club is proving popular! The next meeting is at Glenda Davis' home, Hawthorns, Pavenham Road, at 7.30pm on 28th April. We hope to have a speaker. Please bring a note of the plants you have on offer, or would like to obtain. New members are very welcome. Admission 50p, includes coffee and biscuits.

W.I.

- Margaret Leach

This month our speaker was Mrs. Kidby, who gave a fascinating talk on palmistry.

The AGM is on Tuesday 21st April when the new committee will be elected. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and the Raffle Prize will be a year's free subscription! The new programmes will be available at the May meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

Churches community Programme. Bedford Insulation Scheme

Bedford Insulation Scheme has now set up offices at 4, Stafford Road, Bedford. The Churches Community Programme in partnership with the Council will install loft insulation and draught proofing at little or no cost. If anyone is interested please contact the Scheme at the above address.

Best Kept Village

Once again Felmersham and Radwell have been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition. Judging takes place in June and July. The Parish Council hope that with their support parishioners will maintain, and improve the natural beauty of the villages, so increasing our chances of winning.

TABLE TENNIS

- Doris Pipe

The regular Friday Club night will be discontinued during May, June, July and August, commencing again in September. If any MEMBERS wish to play they should contact Mrs. Evans on Bedford 782523 and the club will pay for the use of the Hall.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The next Cake Morning, on May 2nd, will be held at the home of Gerry and Hazel Sidebottom, 11, Cody Road, Clapham. Would anyone requiring, or able to offer, transport please let me know.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Whitehouse

A Jumble Sale in aid of St. Mary's PCC will be held on SATURDAY MAY 9th in the Village Hall, from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Cakes, Teas, Nearly New Stall. If anyone is willing to donate a Raffle Prize or assist on the day please contact me on 781300.

DOG NUISANCE

- Felice Kingerlee

Would those dog-owners who presently allow their dogs to foul the grass and flower beds between Painsley Cottage and The Six Ringers kindly prevent them from doing so in future. This part of Felmersham has become nothing better than a dogs' lavatory. No doubt other residents feel as disgusted as I do over this matter.

Those of us who have open-plan gardens at the front of our properties and have tried to enhance the area, have the very unpleasant task of cleaning up this excrement.

R.N.M.D.S.F

- Val Sexton

Many thanks to the residents of Radwell for contributing £33 to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

WILDLIFE GROUP

- Diana Bemrose

Wildlife photographers are invited to take part in a competition organised by the Felmersham and Sharnbrook Branch of the Beds. and Hunts. Wildlife Trust.

The competition is for the best picture of local wildlife. Either black and white or colour prints will be accepted, but slides are not permitted.

There are three sections : under 12 years ; 12 - 16 years ; and over 16 years. Judging will take place on September 23rd and small prizes will be awarded in each section.

Please send your entry, with your name, address and age group and 20p entrance fee to:

Mrs. Marilyn Basketter, 2, Norman's Road, Sharnbrook.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome to the Church Matthew and David Lee, who were baptised on March 15th.

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1987

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MAY

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Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 2 ASB p.608)	(Mrs. Gough)
Tue	5	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT Play Reading
Thu	7	am	The Old Stables Flower Festival	Coffee Morning
Sat	9	2.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Jumble Sale
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Easter 3 ASB p.613)	(Mr.D. Aitken)
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT AGM
Mon	11	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Tue	12	8.00pm	St. Alban's Abbey	Diocesan Festival
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Playgroup Beauty Evening
Sat	16	3.00pm	Naturalist Group	Walk round Sharnbrook Summit
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 4 ASB p.618)	(Mr.D. Knowles)
Sun	24	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Easter 5 ASB p.622)	(Mrs. Carr)
Tue	26	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Flower & Gardening Club
Thu	28	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Ascension Day, ASB p.627)	
		8.00pm	St.Peter's, Sharnbrook	CHORAL COMMUNION
Sun	31	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Sunday after Ascension Day ASB p.630)	(Mrs.S. Webster)

JUN

Mon	1	8.00pm	Pinchmill	Village Hall Full Committee
Sat	6	10.30am	Corn Close Barn	Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Pentecost ASB p.635)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
Sun	14	10.15am	ALL SAINTS SOULDROP PARISH COMMUNION (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)	

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

MAY 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Since Stella Gough had indicated that she did not wish to stand for re-election, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners elected Don Gough and re-elected Roland Carpenter as Church Wardens for the coming year. I am extremely grateful to both Stella and Roland for all the help they have given me throughout the past year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting re-elected Martin Banham-Hall and Roland Carpenter to the Deanery Synod. In addition to the Wardens and Synod representatives (who are ex officio members of the PCC), the following were elected as PCC members: - Sue Webster, Margaret Hartley, Sally Carr, Pam fforde, Jessie Marsh, Sue Whitehouse, Mary Hensman, Marilyn Johnson, David Knowles, Dick Aitken, Alan Stevens, Ken Shrimpton, Tim Randall and Stephen Hill.

My thanks to Tim Randall for preparing, and to Derek Walmsley for auditing, the accounts which are displayed on the Church Notice Board and were duly received by the meeting.

At a short PCC meeting which followed, Sue Webster was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Stephen Hill elected Honorary Treasurer, Tim Randall having resigned as Honorary Treasurer at the end of 1986 due to pressure of work. Again I am very grateful to Tim and Sue for everything they did for the PCC during the year and for the support they have given me. My thanks also to Dick Aitken who took over as Honorary Treasurer from 1st January, and has kindly agreed to continue as our Christian Stewardship Secretary.

On Tuesday 12th May our choir will be singing at a DIOCESAN FESTIVAL in St. Alban's Abbey which I will also attend, together with our Banner-bearer and two Attendants.

All members of our congregation are also most welcome. If you would like to come, please mention it to me or a Church Warden, so that we can try to arrange transport. For those who prefer to travel independently, the Festival Service starts at 8.00pm, and the congregation are asked to enter the Abbey by the West Door.

May I thank you in advance for again supporting the House-to-house collections during CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th - 16th May.

Our JUMBLE SALE is on Saturday 9th May at Pinchmill Hall at 2.00pm

On ASCENSION DAY, 28th May, I will be celebrating Holy Communion at 10.00am. Those who find an evening service more convenient are warmly invited to attend the service at Sharnbrook at 8.00 pm.

My thanks to Margaret Hartley and her helpers and to all of you who donated to the collection for the CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. The collection raised £78.62.

Lastly, I would give advance notice that on TRINITY SUNDAY, 14th June we will join the other parishes in our group, Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting, for a joint celebration of Parish Communion at All Saints, Souldrop, at 10.15am, and there will therefore be no service at St. Mary's, Felmersham on that day.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

On May 2nd our hosts will be Gerry and Hazel Sidebottom, 11, Cody Road, Clapham. (Anyone needing a lift please contact me or Roland Carpenter). On 6th June we will meet in the barn at Corn Close, when Mrs. Sheina Burbidge will be our hostess.

W.I.

- Doris Aitken

This month was our AGM. The VCO, Mrs. Salmon, gave a talk on W.I. interests and conducted a quiz on the early days of the W.I. Movement. A new committee was elected, (Mesdames Freeman, Aitken, Mackenzie, Sanson, Gough, Stokley). Many thanks to the retiring members (Mesdames Leach, Waugh, Coghlan, Evans). A secret ballot was held, and Mrs. Freeman was elected Chairman. The accounts were given and approved and reports from the Chairman and Secretary were well received.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Whitehouse

A Jumble Sale in aid of St. Mary's PCC will be held on SATURDAY MAY 9th in the Village Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Cakes, Teas, Nearly New Stall. If anyone is willing to donate a raffle prize or assist on the day please contact me on 781300.

DO US A GOOD TURN PLEASE !

- Harry Moncrieff

Please could drivers try to find an alternative to using our driveway to turn their cars. A great deal of damage was done during the recent floods, both to the surface of the drive and to the wall. We would remind everyone that it is private ground, not roadway maintained by the council.

SUMMER CONCERT

- Janet Welsh

The Summer Concert, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund, will take place on Sunday 28th June at 7.30pm. We have some young professional artists taking part, including David Wyn Lloyd who plays with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and Lars Payne, who plays with the Festival Ballet Orchestra. They will be playing light classical music.

Entry will be by programme, price £3.00 (£1.50 children), to include light refreshments and a glass of wine. Do try to come, as the concert is during the Flower Festival and it should be a very enjoyable evening.

WILDLIFE GROUP

- Diana Bemrose

The local supporters group of the Beds. and Hunts. Wildlife Trust begins its Summer Programme on Saturday May 16th at 3.00pm. To mark the beginning of National Wildflower week there will be a guided walk around Sharnbrook Summit Nature Reserve, led by the Reserve manager, Peter Horn.

To get to the Reserve drive through Souldrop village, keeping the Green on your left. Follow the road out of the village for about half a mile until you reach a track at right-angles to the road. Turn left onto this track and park, then walk along the track for about half a mile to the Reserve entrance. The walking is quite rough, so stout shoes are a must - probably wellies too! All are welcome, especially children.

R.N.M.D.S.F

- Sue Whiting

£61.59 was collected in Felmersham for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Thank you to all who gave and all who helped.

HOMEWATCH

- Barry Welsh

During the last few weeks a number of houses have been broken into in villages close to Felmersham. The Police have asked us all to be careful to ensure that houses and cars are properly secured when left unattended. Particularly with the warmer weather approaching, windows are frequently left open, as are the doors to garages, garden sheds etc.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton

Many thanks to all who supported our last production of 'Take Four!' We entered 'The Rose and Crown' in the Bedfordshire Drama Festival. Although we did not win, we won a total of 77% and received nominations for best direction (Jeff Stokley), best supporting actor (Chris Baldry), and Carole Murton won the cup for Best Supporting Actress. Altogether a very satisfying result for our first attempt. Well done all who acted and the team who provided the back-up.

Dates for your diary -:

May 5th, 8.00pm: PLAY READING EVENING in the committee room. Non-members welcome - come along and join in, I'm sure you will enjoy it.

May 10th, 8.00pm: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the committee room.

October 30th, 8.00 - 1.00am: DINNER DANCE AND COCKNEY CABARET.

BEAUTY EVENING

- Trudy Reynolds

Come along and be pampered. Playgroup are holding a Beauty Evening on Tuesday 12th May at 8.00 pm. Practical demonstrations will be given in Hair-Styling, Make-up and Manicure (including the use of artificial nails). There will also be an opportunity for advice on Perfumery. Tickets priced at £1.50, to include a glass of wine and nibbles, are available from me or Jane Ward or other Playgroup Mums.

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Sat	13		Cricket v Roxton	
Sun	14	10.15am	ALL SAINTS SOULDROP PARISH COMMUNION (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)	
Tue	16	7.30pm	W.I. Outing to Hinwick Hall	
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 1 ASB p.644)	(R.P.Carpenter)
Tue	23	7.30pm	Flower & Gardening Club	
Wed	24	6.30pm	Stevington Country Park	Butterfly/Moth Ramble
Fri	26		Pinchmill Hall	Summer Ball
			Church	Flower Festival
Sat	27		Cricket v Little Staughton	
			Church	Flower Festival
Sun	28	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 2 ASB p.648)	(Mr.T. Randall)
			Church	Flower Festival
		11.30am	School Field	PSA Steak Barbecue
		7.30pm	St. Mary's Church	Summer Concert
Mon	29	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting

JULY

Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 3 ASB p.653)	(Mrs. Gough)
Mon	6	8.00pm	Pinchmill	Village Hall Management Committee
Sat	11	12.00pm	Spinner's Ingle	Family Barbecue
		2.30pm	Pinchmill School Field	VILLAGE FETE
			Cricket v Pilgrims 1	
Sun	12	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 4 ASB p.658)	(Mr.D. Aitken)

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

JUNE 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Sue Whitehouse and her helpers for all their hard work organising our Jumble Sale which made a profit in excess of £100 for our Restoration Fund. My thanks also to Marilyn Johnson who organised our house-to-house collection for Christian Aid, her band of helpers, and to all of you who supported the appeal. £104.73 was raised, £25.60 from Radwell, and £79.13 from Felmersham.

Our Flower Festival will be held at St. Mary's Church from Friday 26th June to Sunday 28th June. The Summer Concert will be held on the evening of Sunday 28th June at 7.30pm. Entry will be by programme, price £3 (Children £1.50). Please do support both these events and the Annual Fete on the 11th July.

On Trinity Sunday, 14th June, we will be joining the parishioners of the other three churches in our group, Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting, for a joint service of Parish Communion at All Saints' Souldrop at 10.15am, and as a result there will be no services in Felmersham on that day.

FELMERSHAM FETE

- Ken Shrimpton

The annual Church Fete will be held on July 11th at 2.30pm at Pinchmill. During the afternoon, sports will be held for the children. Raffle tickets are now on sale at 20p each from members of the PCC. First Prize: London Theatre Outing for two, including train fare and contribution towards evening meal (winner to choose show), with a total value up to £70! There are many other prizes. Some village groups and individuals have already offered to help, if you are interested please contact me on 781381. During the current restoration work additional unbudgeted expenditure of £1500 was incurred when faulty lead gutterings were exposed on the north aisle, so this year's Fete is even more important than usual.

FELMERSHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL

- Jessie Marsh

Many thanks to Mrs. Galliver for organising the coffee morning in aid of funds for the Festival. This realised £76.80. A meeting will be held in Church on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm, when we will arrange for the purchasing of flowers, etc. This will be the final meeting. Any questions phone 782247.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs S. Burbidge will be the hostess for the Cake Morning on 6th June, to be held in the Barn at Corn Close.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

This month our speaker was Di Stepheson who gave a most interesting and absorbing talk and demonstration on Sugarcraft. The resolutions for the AGM at the Albert Hall were discussed and our members voted to support all of them. Our next meeting is on June 16th, when we will be visiting Hinwick Hall.

SUMMER SUNDAY SPECTACULAR

- Helen Rose

On Sunday 28th June Pinchmill School Association and Pavenham Playgroup are jointly holding a Steak Barbecue and entertainments on Pinchmill School field.

A steak meal will be provided for adults, with hamburgers for the children. 'Almost Jazzy' will supply music into the afternoon. Pavenham Playgroup will provide amusements for children.

The barbecue starts at 12 noon, with a licensed bar opening at 11.30am.

Tickets priced £3.50 for adults and £1 for children are available from Helen Rose (781448), Alleyne Leach (781072), or Chris Baldry (781720). Tickets are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

MEALS ON WHEELS

- Jean Jeavons

We are presently short of two drivers for our local Meals on Wheels rota. If you have a car available at lunchtime and wish to know how you could help just once every four weeks, please telephone me on 781597. Thank you once again to all the drivers.

RE-TURFED VERGE

- Jean & Colin Jeavons

The verge outside Bridge Cottage has been re-turfed for the second year in succession. The Jeavons would greatly appreciate it if people strolling down to the bridge would refrain from walking on the new grass for the next few months. We would like to win the Best Kept Village Competition!

BADMINTON

- Trudy Reynolds

Attention all players! (including those who keep promising to come and never do). The club has the use of Pinchmill Hall on Monday evenings from 8.00pm onwards. Why not come along for a game or two and see how you get on. Badminton is a very sociable game so you'll have some fun as well as exercise. Regular members are always keen to see new faces and there is plenty of time yet before we close for the summer.

CHURCH CLOCK

- Ken Shrimpton

By one of those unexplained coincidences the church clock stopped on the same day and at the same time as Mrs. Payne died. The minute hand had fallen forward and jammed the clock, and within a month both hands fell off. My attempts to replace them (using three ladders) failed, due to lack of nerve; and an absail bid was called off after the 'Late Late Breakfast Show' fatality. A scaffold tower was thought to be too expensive for just this one job, so the PCC decided to wait until the end of June when work will commence on the restoration of the South Transept, and scaffolding will be in place.

TEEN-AGERS - WE NEED YOU!

- Peter Stephenson

We need help to man the car parking and to sell DUCK RACE tickets at the RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL which we are holding on Saturday 12th September. The major attractions are now booked - parachute drop, hot air balloon, raft races and the duck race (3000 plastic ducks to be launched from the bridge!) It will be a great day, especially if you're part of the action! Contact me on 782556.

SUMMER CONCERT

- Janet Welsh

Once again I am pleased to give details of our Annual Summer Concert in St. Mary's Church Felmersham, which this year will take place on Sunday, 28th June at 7.30 pm.

The concert will be given by :-

Andrew Phillips - violin

David Wyn Lloyd (a member of the BBC Symphony Orchestra) - viola

Lars Payne (a member of the Festival Ballet Orchestra) - cello

Kathryn Bartlett - piano

Graham Welsh - piano

The programme will include works by Mozart, Haydn, and Schubert as well as some lighter classics. The cost, which again includes a glass of wine and light refreshments, will be £3.00 (£1.50 for children). Programmes will be available at the door, or may be bought in advance by contacting me directly.

I do hope you will come and support this popular Summer event which each year raises much-needed money for the Church Restoration Fund. You will also be able to enjoy the Flower Festival which is being held in the Church over the same weekend.

PLAYGROUP

- Trudy Reynolds

A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Beauty Evening, with special thanks to the demonstrators. The event raised £53.20.

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JUL

Sun 5 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION at ST PETER'S SHARNBROOK
(Trinity 3 ASB p.653)
Mon 6 8.00pm Pinchmill Village Hall Management Committee
Sat 11 12.00pm Spinner's Ingle Family Barbecue
2.30pm Pinchmill School Field CHURCH FETE
Cricket v Pilgrims 1

Sun 12 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION (Mrs. Hensman)
10.15am FAMILY MATINS (Mr.D. Aitken)
(Trinity 4 ASB p.658)

Sun 19 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr.D. Knowles)
(Trinity 5 ASB p.664)

3.30pm EVENSONG at ST MARGARET'S KNOTTING
Mon 20 12.10pm The Sun Childrens Holiday Library

* Fri 24 - Sun 26 Skips in the Villages this weekend *

Sat 25 Cricket v Great Barford

Sun 26 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. Carr)
(Trinity 6 ASB p.668)

Mon 27 12.10pm The Sun Childrens Holiday Library

Tue 28 7.30pm Flower & Gardening Club

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Sat 1 Cricket v Blunham

Sun 2 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr.K. Shrimpton)
(Trinity 7 ASB p.674)

Mon 3 12.10pm The Sun Childrens Holiday Library

Sun 9 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION (Mrs. Hensman)
10.15am FAMILY MATINS (R.P.Carpenter)
(Trinity 8 ASB p.679)

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JULY 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Congratulations and grateful thanks to everybody who worked so hard to make the Flower Festival and the Summer Concert so successful.

I would like to draw your attention to three changes to our normal pattern of Church services in July,

Next Sunday, 5th July, we will be joining the parishioners of the other three churches in our group, Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting, for a joint service of Parish Communion at St. Peter's Sharnbrook at 10.15am. The Preacher will be the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. Michael Burke. There will be no services in Felmersham on that day.

On Sunday 19th July we are invited to join with the Parish of St. Margaret's, Knotting, who will be celebrating their Patronal Festival with Evensong at 3.30pm. I will celebrate Parish Communion at St Mary's at 10.15am as normal on that day, but do hope that a number of you will come to the service at Knotting in the afternoon.

On Sunday 26th July I have been asked to celebrate Parish Communion at All Saint's Souldrop at 9.00am. This means that I must alter the arrangements in Felmersham on that day, and will therefore cancel the 9.15 am service, and celebrate Parish Communion at 10.15am in place of our usual service of Matins.

FELMERSHAM FETE

- Ken Shrimpton

This year the Church Fete will be held on July 11th, and will be opened at 2.30pm by Mr. D. Smith, Chairman of the Parish Council. There will be stalls and games for your afternoon entertainment and sports for the children. Teas will be served.

A house to house collection will be made during the week before the Fete when we will also be selling Raffle Tickets and Programmes.

Please support this important event. All proceeds will go towards the current phase of Church Restoration. The next stage of the work is due to commence early in July.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Our congratulations to Philip Taylor and Joanna Webster, who were married in St. Mary's Felmersham on Saturday 20th June.

W.I. - Sally Sanson

This month we visited Hinwick House where we were taken on a most informative and entertaining tour of the house by the owner, Mr. Orlebar. Afterwards we had supper at The Bell at Odell.

BEDS & HUNTS WILDLIFE TRUST - Marion Harris

Barbecue and Kiteflying - Saturday July 11th, 12 noon.
Spinner's Ingle, Kennel Hill, Sharnbrook.

Please join us for hotdogs, hamburgers, salads and icecream at noon, and a kiteflying demonstration afterwards. Adults £2, children under 16 £1. Soft drinks are included - if you would prefer a drink of the harder kind feel free to bring some with you. If you could also bring a chair we'd appreciate it! Tickets from Marilyn Basketter, 2, Norman's Road, Sharnbrook, 781054. If rain forces cancellation money will be refunded.

Advance notice: We will be holding a booksale in October as part of a fund-raising drive. Please help us by digging out your old books and magazines and bring them to the barbecue, or drop them off at either of the above addresses, or at 86, Mill Road, or at 3, Home Close, Sharnbrook.

SEE ROUND Roland Carpenter

There were surprisingly few contributions for this month's magazine, so I have seized this rare opportunity to reproduce on the next page the recent letter from the Bishop of St. Albans which appeared in the June issue of the Diocesan magazine "SEE ROUND". Although written against the specific background of an imminent General Election, it does raise important issues of Christian principle which should continue to guide and influence our thinking and attitudes on political matters.

One aspect that is of particular relevance in the Sharnbrook Deanery is our own response to the "Faith in the City" report. We are in the process of setting up a close link with the West Bromwich Deanery, which is an Urban Priority Area (UPA) on the outskirts of Birmingham. Members of the Sharnbrook deanery visited them just before Christmas, and plans for a return visit on September 12th are now well advanced. If you would like to learn more about this link-up and the visit, please mention it to Douglas Claypole White or a member of the PCC.

SEE ROUND is published monthly, and copies are placed in Church for anyone who is interested to take and read, free of charge.

CROSS POWER

As a General Election approaches, Christians will be asking what difference their faith will make to the way they vote. The Church is not involved in *party* politics, but at Election time it has things to say about the moral and spiritual health of our nation. When faced with the choice of different policies we must ask, not "what do I get out of them?" but, "what is God's purpose for us?" The Sunday Trading issue showed how the power of interest groups and politicians can be checked. What other moral and political issues need to be influenced by the power of the cross?

Faith in the City

The authors of the *Faith in the City* Report were deeply disturbed by what they learnt in their visits to different parts of our nation. They found "a grave and fundamental injustice" in the Urban Priority Areas, where people are trapped by a combination of disadvantages in relation to education, health care and race, but especially housing and unemployment. These are longstanding, and are not the fault of any one party or government. There are few parts of our diocese that have the problems of the UPAs, but many members of our congregations commute daily through such areas of deprivation, and make decisions in government or business which vitally affect them. So "who is my neighbour?" Ask the election candidates whether they agree that there is here "a grave and fundamental injustice". If so, what are their proposals for tackling these problems, and what priority do they give to them.

Other issues

Christian will also want to consider other policies in the light of our faith in God's redeeming purpose. The plight of the world's poorest people,

and our response as a nation to them, can never be far from our minds. In our own diocese I am particularly aware of the closure of the large hospitals, and the need to offer an adequate level of care to the mentally handicapped and the mentally ill. The AIDS crisis is raising difficult questions for us all about the care of sufferers, sexual ethics and sex education. What do our election candidates have to say on these issues?

Christian responsibility

Christians know that there are no easy answers to these questions in a complex world where resources are limited. But Jesus has shown us God's concern for justice and his compassion for the hungry, the outcasts and those in need. Nothing can be done without cost. We Christians must recognise our own responsibility not only to question politicians, but also to contribute to a better climate of public opinion. Only then will it be possible for politicians to appeal to the generosity of the voters rather than to their greed. The power of the cross on the ballot paper is only as effective as the power of the cross of Jesus in the life of the nation.

John St Albans

PARISH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

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AUG			
Sun	30	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr.M. Banham-Hall) (Trinity 11 ASB p.694)
SEP			
Sat	5		Cricket v North Crawley
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. Gough) ST. MARY'S FELMERSHAM PATRONAL FESTIVAL (The Blessed Virgin Mary, ASB p.797)
		11.30am	College Farm House Ploughman's Lunch
Mon	7	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall YOGA classes start
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Village Hall Full Committee
Thu	10	2.00pm	"Lilliput", Pavenham Road 3-in-1 Nearly New Sale
Sat	12		River Carnival Visit of Group from West Bromwich Deanery
Sun	13	10.00am	Pinchmill Hall Sunday School resumes
		10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. R. Aitken) celebrated by the Bishop of Bedford (Trinity 13 ASB p.703)
Mon	14	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall PCC Meeting
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr.D. Knowles) (Trinity 14 ASB p.709)
Tue	22	7.30pm	Flower & Gardening Club
Wed	23	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Village Hall Wildllife Trust
Fri	25	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Table Tennis Club resumes
Sun	27	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Mrs. Carr) (Trinity 15 ASB p.713)
OCT			
Sat	3	7.30pm	Church Organ Recital and Concert
Sun	4	10.15am	FAMILY HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Mr.K. Shrimpton) (Trinity 16 ASB p.717)
		11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
		6.00pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG
Mon	5	8.00pm	Pinchmill Village Hall Management Committee
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (R.P.Carpenter) (Trinity 17 ASB p.722)

The Parish Priest: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey 661).
Churchwardens: R.P.Carpenter (781622) and Mr.D.Gough (781738)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My grateful thanks to Ken Shrimpton, his Fete Committee and everyone who helped to make our Summer Fete such a success. Our Treasurer tells me that he hopes we will have made a profit of just over £830 for our Restoration Fund. Thank you also to everybody who supported the Fete.

Sunday 6th September is our Patronal Festival and as in previous years we will be joined on that day at our 10.15am Parish Communion by parishioners from the other three churches in our group, Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. The PCC invites all who attend that service to join them in a Ploughman's Lunch immediately afterwards, at College Farm House, Church End, in a marquee kindly made available by Roland and Anne Carpenter, following the wedding of their daughter Lucy on the previous day.

The Bishop of Bedford will be celebrating Parish Communion on the following Sunday, 13th September, at 10.15am. I do hope that you will all come and support me on that occasion, when the Bishop will be licencing me as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish.

There will again be a Deanery Confirmation Service in December. Please would anyone who would like to be prepared for Confirmation get in touch with me. Classes will start in September.

Our Harvest Festival services will be on Sunday 4th October. As in past years we will have our traditional Harvest thanksgiving Evensong at 6.00pm, but this year we will also have a Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service in the morning at 10.15am, followed by Holy Communion at 11.00am.

CAKE MORNINGS

- Helen Roase

A Cake Morning will be held at The Old Vicarage, Marriotts Close, at 10.30am on Saturday September 5th.
The October Cake Morning will be held in the church on October 3rd at 10.30am, while the Church is being decorated for Harvest.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

At the July meeting we had a most interesting talk on herbs and their uses by Mr. K. Hollinshead.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Simon Robert Haigh, who was baptised at St. Mary's on Sunday 19th July.

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Bertie Alloway who was buried in Felmersham on 5th August; and of Ivy Hulatt who was buried on August 7th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

Sunday School will start again in Pinchmill Hall at 10.00am on Sunday September 13th, when Mrs. Hartley and I will be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to join us. To remind parents, Sunday School starts in Pinchmill Hall at 10.00am each Sunday and finishes at 11.15. We usually go on to Church on the first and third Sundays, and then wait with the children outside the Church until they are collected. Any child from 4 onwards is most welcome.

We shall also be going on to Church on September 13th because of the visit of the Bishop of Bedford.

On October 4th we will be having a special Harvest Service when the children will do something of their very own.

ORGAN RECITAL AND CONCERT

- Pam fforde

On Saturday October 3rd, (the eve of our Harvest Festival) there will be a concert in Church starting at 7.30pm. The programme will include an Organ Recital by Paul Edwards, together with performances by several Felmersham musicians.

YOGA

- Dorothy Holborow

Classes start on Monday September 7th, 7.00 - 8.00pm, for ten weeks. The fee is £8. Simple exercises to make you more supple and healthy. Beginners are welcome. Phone 781458 for more details.

3-IN-1 CLUB

- Mrs. Course

A Nearly-New Sale, with cakes and produce, refreshments and raffle, in aid of the Three-in-One ('senior citizens') club, will be held on September 10th at 2.00pm at 'Lilliput', Pavenham Road, Felmersham.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

- Jessie Marsh

My grateful thanks to everyone who helped in making the Festival such a success. Names are too numerous to mention, but however humble your contribution, the Festival would never have materialised without you all. I was especially pleased that Debbie Gavin was able to join us. It was really heartwarming to see such a spirit of unity prevailing all through our work. I have been absolutely overwhelmed with all the very kind remarks. THANK YOU.

So many people have asked me the name of the rose used in the Font that I am publishing it ! It is a climber called Swan Lake.

RSPCA

- Sue Whiting

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting wish to thank everyone for supporting William and Mary at their RSPCA Garden Party, which raised £ 246.20 .

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM

- Jennifer Knowles

£ 86.21 was raised in the recent house-to-house collection in Felmersham and Radwell. Thank you to all who contributed and to the collectors.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

- Blanche Smith

For the past eight years in Felmersham and Radwell, we have had the opportunity of supporting SAVE THE CHILDREN through the Christmas shopping catalogue, coffee mornings, and, last year as an experiment, a 'shop' open for two days, displaying cards, gifts, etc. which proved to be most popular. However, I am unable to continue organising this event and wonder if there is anyone who would be prepared to take over this responsibility. If so please call me on 781443.

THANKS

- Margaret Alloway

I am deeply grateful for all the kind letters and expressions of sympathy which I have received from so many people in Felmersham following Bertie's sudden death - they were so heartwarming and have given me much strength and comfort.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

- Doris Pipe

Our 1987 / 1988 season commences on Friday 25th September at 7.30pm. We welcome back present members and also any new people who would like to come along to an evening of friendly table tennis at all standards - ladies and gentlemen - 14 years and over.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND - Joyce Wadner

The recent collection in Radwell in aid of the Royal National Institute for the Blind raised £24.60. Many thanks to contributors and to Mrs. Ward who did the collecting.

- Maria Rutgers

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards raising the sum of £59.23 in Felmersham in July. I will need one or two new volunteers for next year's collection. If you are interested please contact me on 781730.

NEW 109 BUS TIMES - effective from 26 July 1987

Bedford	Radwell	Felmersham	Radwell	Bedford
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
7.23am	7.40am	7.43am	-	8.10am
8.40am	9.04am	9.07am	-	9.37am
12.15pm	12.41pm	12.44pm	-	1.11pm
3.05pm	3.28pm	3.31pm	-	(3.58pm - not school days)
4.35pm	-	5.02pm	5.05pm	
6.05pm	-	6.32pm	6.35pm	

WILDLIFE GROUP

- Diana Bemrose

Tips on how to take photographs of wildlife will be given at the next meeting of the Sharnbrook and Felmersham local branch of the Beds. and Hunts. Wildlife Trust, on Wednesday September 23rd at 8.00 pm in Sharnbrook Village Hall. Derek Larkin, a member of the Wellingborough District Camera Club, will be explaining how to take photographs of birds, mammals, and plants. Our competition for the best local wildlife photograph closes on SEPTEMBER 1st. Entries will be exhibited and judged at the September 23rd meeting.

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NOV				
Wed	4	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Thu	5	6.30pm	The Plough	Bonfire and Fireworks
Sat	7	10.00am	Leaways, Grange Road	Coffee Morning
Sun	8	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	(Mr.D. Aitken)
			(Seventh before Christmas ASB p.410)	
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath-laying
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Tue	10	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Methodist Church	Wildlife group
Wed	11	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Fri	13	7.30pm	Peacehaven, High Road	W.I. Fete & Wine
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Squash Club Race Night
Sat	14	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Bazaar
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.D. Knowles)
			(Sixth Before Christmas ASB p.415)	
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Wed	18	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Sat	21	10.30am	CHURCH	Church Flowers Meeting
Sun	22	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mrs. Carr)
			(Fifth before Christmas ASB p.420)	
Tue	24	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Wed	25	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Flower Club Open Meeting
Sun	29	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs.S. Webster)
			(Advent Sunday ASB p.424)	
DEC				
Wed	2	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Fri	4	7.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
Sat	5	10.30am	Sennen, Grange Road	Cake Morning
		6.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
		8.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.430)	
		6.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
		8.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
Mon	7	8.00pm	Pinchmill	Village Hall Full Committee

Vicar : The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey 661).
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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

NOVEMBER 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to everyone who helped with the Harvest Supper and to all of you for supporting the evening. The collections at our Thanksgiving Services, together with the profit from the supper, and from the tombola, has been donated in equal shares to the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal and the USPG Missionary Project which we already support. The perishable produce donated at the Harvest Festival was again given to Christian Family Care.

On Sunday 8th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - services will start a quarter of an hour later, at 9.30am (Holy Communion) and 10.30am (Matins). This is so that we can observe the two minute silence at 11am. Afterwards, at approximately 11.45am, there will be a further short service and wreath-laying at the War Memorial.

Our CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is on Saturday 14th November at 2.30pm. Please do support it. All the profits go to the Restoration Fund.

Miss Elkington, who is in charge of the Swimming Department at the Bedford College of Higher Education, has kindly agreed to organise a CHRISTMAS AQUA SPECTACULAR at the Robinson Pool in aid of the NSPCC, the Church of England Children's Society, and the Restoration Appeal funds of both St. Paul's Bedford and St. Mary's Felmersham. There will be five shows. Friday 4th December at 7.15pm, and Saturday 5th, and Sunday 6th at 6.15pm and 8.15pm. Tickets can be obtained nearer the time from myself or members of the PCC. More details will be displayed on posters on the Church notice board.

THE CHRISTINGLE service for all the youngsters in the Parish is on Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm. All money collected at that service will go to the Church of England Children's Society.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

It is with some trepidation that I have agreed to take over the organisation of the Church Flowers. I think you will all agree that Mrs. Marsh's is a very 'hard act to follow'!! It would be useful if we could have a short meeting to discuss future plans. If everyone who already helps with the flowers plus anyone else who is interested could come to the Church on Saturday 21st November at 10.30am, I would be very grateful.

NSPCC - 1987

- Sheina Burbidge

The Collection in Felmersham and Radwell for the NSPCC made £79.55 this year. Many thanks to those who collected and to all those who contributed.

FELMERSHAM CHRISTMAS CARDS

- Roland Carpenter

We are again indebted to Martin Juffs at the Plough for supplying a new design of Christmas Card featuring Felmersham Church. These cards will be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar on November 14th. They will also be available from the Plough, or by telephoning me on Bedford 781622. Felmersham Church Christmas cards from previous years are also available.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

- Keith Rose

There will be a wide variety of Christmas goods on sale in Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 14th November at 2.30pm. Stalls will be selling Christmas cards, decorations, gifts, toys, stocking fillers, cakes, handicrafts, country produce, etc. The children's Christmas Card Competition will be run again this year. Entries should be submitted to me by Friday 13th November. Donations of home made jams, chutneys, cakes etc., handicrafts, bottles for the tombola and good-as-new toys are requested, and may be delivered to the Hall on the day, or in advance to Keith and Helen Rose, 27 Marriotts Close (781448), who can also arrange collection.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

There will be no Cake Morning in November, since there will be a Cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar on November 14th. Extra contributions for this stall will be very much appreciated. Mrs. G. Walmsley of Sennen, Grange Road, has kindly agreed to hold the December 5th Cake Morning.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

This month we had a talk entitled "A year in the life of an Antique Dealer's Wife" by Mrs. Anderson. She told us how, when her husband was unemployed, he turned an interest into a full-time job and is now a successful antique dealer.

Our Pate and Wine Evening is on November 13th. Tickets are £2.50 from committee members.

A competition will be run in November and December for our Shield. November: - Gifts for patients at Fairfield Hospital will be judged for their decorative wrapping.

December: - A Christmas table arrangement.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

We have had notification of the appointment of Elizabeth Knight as Housing Advisor for the Elderly. Her job is to work initially with the owner-occupier to advise on all aspects of housing, grants, finance, modifications, domiciliary care, and in particular to help with long-term planning to try to avoid crisis situations. She can be contacted on Bedford 67422, extension 192.

FLOWER CLUB

- Janet Cook

The Flower Club is holding an open meeting on Wednesday 25th November, at 7.30pm. John Chennell will be giving a demonstration of Christmas Flower arrangements, and wine and nibbles will be served. Admission is £1.00 to non-members, payable at the door.

R.S.P.C.A.

- Lucy West

The Felmersham collection for the R.S.P.C.A. raised £76.70. Many thanks indeed to all who gave so generously.

WILDLIFE TRUST

- Diana Bemrose

Naturalist and photographer Michael Chandler will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Some British Bird Islands'. Among the islands included are Bardsey, Wales; the Farnes including Lindisfarne; Bass Rock and Orkney.

The talk, at Sharnbrook Methodist Church, on Tuesday, November 10th, is being organised by the local group of the Beds. and Hunts. Wildlife Trust. Everyone is invited to attend. The talk starts at 8.00pm. Coffee and biscuits will be served and there will be a chance to get to know members.

First prize in our recent Photographic Competition went to D.R.Cole of Home Close, Sharnbrook. Second prize was won by Mr. F.T.Andrews of Colworth House, and the third prize went to Diana Bemrose of Felmersham Road, Radwell. Paul Tolman of Norman's Road Sharnbrook, was highly commended.

If you are interested in joining the local committee or in being part of a working party, cleaning out ponds, planting trees, etc. please contact Marilyn Basketter (781054), or Lyn Sewell (781903).

LADIES KEEP FIT

- Lesley Gani

The new session started on Wednesday November 4th at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall. Why not join us and feel fit for Christmas! £2.50 for 5 weeks.

Please note the dates: WEDNESDAY November 4th, 11th, 18th,
TUESDAY November 24th, WEDNESDAY December 2nd.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

As a result of the Auction held recently we have sent £1776.53 to St John's Moggerhanger. We would like to thank everyone who generously contributed articles for sale, those who so willingly helped us with catalogue production, those who gave donations and the great band of people, particularly the men, who helped us on the day. It was acclaimed as a very enjoyable evening and this was due in no small measure to the expertise and good humour of Keith Lazenby who gave us so much professional assistance.

We now declare together our readiness to commit ourselves to each other under God. Our earnest desire is to become more fully, in His own time, the one Church of Christ, united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission. Such unity is the gift of God. With gratitude we have truly experienced this gift, growing amongst us in these days. We affirm our openness to this growing unity in obedience to the Word of God, so that we may fully share, hold in common and offer to the world those gifts which we have received and still hold in separation. In the unity we seek we recognise that there will not be uniformity but legitimate diversity.

It is our conviction that, as a matter of policy at all levels and in all places, our churches must now move from co-operation to clear commitment to each other, in search of the unity for which Christ prayed and in common evangelism and service of the world.

We urge church leaders and representatives to take all necessary steps to present, as soon as possible, to our church authorities, assemblies and congregations, the Report of this Conference together with developed proposals for ecumenical instruments to help the churches of these Islands to move ahead together.

Continuing to trust in the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, we look forward with confidence to sharing with our own churches the joys of this historic Conference. We thank God for all those who, from Lent '86 and before, have been part of this pilgrimage. We feel their presence with us. We urge our churches to confirm by decision and action the hopes and vision on which we have laid hold, and which we shall not let go.

This is a new beginning. We set out on our further pilgrimage ready to take risks and determined not to be put off by 'dismal stories'. We resolve that no discouragement will make us once relent our avowed intent to be pilgrims together. Leaving behind painful memories and reaching out for what lies ahead, we press on towards the full reconciliation in Christ of all things in heaven and on earth, that God has promised in his kingdom.

Lord God, we thank you
For calling us into the company
of those who trust in Christ
And seek to obey his will.
May your Spirit guide and strengthen us
In mission and service to your world;
For we are strangers no longer
But pilgrims together on the way
to your Kingdom. AMEN.

As many of you will remember, our Lent House Group in 1986, along with many others up and down the country, used this book as the theme for a course of five meetings to consider aspects of the Ecumenical Project "Not strangers, but pilgrims".

Everyone using the course was invited to complete a questionnaire as part of a national survey, the results of which were recently debated at an Ecumenical Conference at Swanwick. As a result of this conference, the following Joint Declaration was published, and at the request of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, was read out in Felmersham Church on Sunday morning, 11th October.

A new discussion paper is to be issued shortly, entitled 'Who on earth are You?' It is based on 5 stories from St. Luke's gospel, and will be used as the theme for our Lent House Group meetings in 1988.

SWANWICK DECLARATION

THE FOLLOWING 'SWANWICK DECLARATION' WAS ADOPTED BY ACCLAIM AND PERSONALLY SIGNED BY THOSE PRESENT AT THE HAYES CONFERENCE CENTRE ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH 1987. THE CONFERENCE REQUESTED THAT THE DECLARATION BE READ IN EVERY CHURCH IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES ON ONE OF THE SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER.

No Longer Strangers - Pilgrims

Appointed by our churches and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we declare that this, the broadest assembly of British and Irish churches ever to meet in these Islands, has reached a common mind. We are aware that not all Christians are represented amongst us but we look forward to the time when they will share fully with us.

We came with different experiences and traditions, some with long ecumenical service, some for whom this is a new adventure. We are one band of pilgrims. We are old and young, women and men, black and white, lay and ordained, and we travelled from the four corners of these Islands to meet at Swanwick in Derbyshire. There we met, we listened, we talked, we worshipped, we prayed, we sat in silence deeper than words. Against the background of so much suffering and sinfulness in our society we were reminded of our call to witness that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. We affirmed that this world with all its sin and splendour belongs to God. Young people called on us to be ready to sort out our priorities so that we could travel light and concentrate on our goal. Driven on by a Gospel imperative to seek unity that the world may believe, we rejoiced that we are pilgrims together and strangers no longer.

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DEC

Wed	2	8.00pm	Pinchmill Village Hall Full Committee	
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies Keep Fit
Fri	4	10.30am	Pinchmill	Children's Book Sale
		7.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
			Sharnbrook Methodist Church	Wildlife Group
Sat	5	6.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
		8.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.430)	
		6.15 & 8.15pm	Robinson Pool	Christmas Aqua Spectacular
Fri	11	8.00pm	The Old Stables	Sue Ryder Carols & Readings
Sun	13	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(R.P.Carpenter)
			(Advent 3 ASB p.434)	
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	
Tue	15	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Thu	17	10.00am	Pinchmill Hall	Playgroup Coffee Morning
Fri	18	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Dinner Dance
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.D. Gough)
			(Advent 4 ASB p.439)	
		5.00pm	CAROL SERVICE	
			Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Tea
Mon	21	7.00pm	Church	Carol Singing around the Village
Tue	22	7.30pm	Flower & Gardening Club	
Thu	24	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST	
			(Christmas Eve, ASB p.441)	(Mr. R.Aitken)
Fri	25	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Christmas Day, ASB p.444)	
Sun	27	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. T. Randall)
			(First Sunday after Christmas ASB p.452)	
			No Sunday School	

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Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(R.P.Carpenter)
			(Second after Christmas ASB p. 457)	
Sat	9	10.30am	Leaways, Grange Road	Cake Morning

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey 661).
Churchwardens: R.P.Carpenter (781622) and Mr.D.Gough (781738)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

DECEMBER 1987

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

The Christmas Bazaar was a terrific success, raising over £700 for our Restoration Fund. My thanks to Keith Rose for organising the event and to everyone who supported it, whether by donating articles, helping on the day or spending at the Bazaar. My thanks also to Martin Juffs for so generously providing the Christmas Cards which for the second year were a runaway success.

On Sunday 13th December the Rev. Stephen Pullan from the Children's Society in Bedfordshire will be preaching at 10.15am.

Our CHRISTINGLE service will be at 3.00pm on the same day. All cash gifts collected at that service will go to the Church of England Children's Society. All children in the Parish are invited. I hope they will bring their parents and grandparents too !!

Our Christmas CAROL SERVICE will be at 5.00pm on Sunday 20th December, followed by Christmas Tea in Pinchmill Hall to which everyone is cordially invited.

Christmas services include MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST at 11.30pm on 24th December, and family CHORAL COMMUNION on Christmas Day at 10.15am. On the Sunday after Christmas, the choir will have a well-earned rest and I will celebrate said Holy Communion at 10.15am.

On Monday evening, 21st December, the choir will be leading the traditional singing of carols around the village, in aid of our Church Restoration Fund. Everyone who would like to join us will be most welcome. We will be starting from the Church at 7.00pm.

Anne and I send you all our warmest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

* Church Restoration Christmas Cards are displayed on the *
* Felmersham Notice Board and are available from College Farm *
* House. The 1986 black and white design costs 15 pence.*
* This year's colour photograph costs 25 pence, and is *
* also available from the Plough and Betts shop. *

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Christopher Bustin and Ruth Jones who were baptised on 22nd November.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Phyllis Richardson, who was buried on 12th November.

POPPY APPEAL

- Fred Turner

The poppy collection for Felmersham and Radwell raised £244.23, and donations towards the wreath totalled £9.00. As Poppy Organiser I would like to thank all who donated to the appeal, especially the collectors :- Mesdames G. Burr, B. Guest, M. Leach, C. Hulatt, S. Evans and Miss F. Kingerlee.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

We are having an evening of Carols and Christmas Readings on Friday December 11th at 8.00pm at The Old Stables, Felmersham. Janet Welsh and a group of singers will provide the music and Marion Setchell of Pavenham the readings and poems. Wine and mince pies will be served to add to the yule-tide spirit. Tickets are £1.50. If you would like to come phone 781085.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

Our speaker was Mrs. N. Read who owns the Poddington Garden Centre. She gave a very interesting talk on her life there. Our wine and pate evening was very successful, raising £70. Our next meeting is on December 15th when we will exchange gifts valued at under £1. The December competition is a Christmas Table Decoration. The points will be added to those from the November competition, and the Shield awarded to the winner.

PLAYGROUP

- Trudy Reynolds

Usborne Children's Books are highly recommended, and will be on sale from 10.00am on Friday 4th December in the Committee Room. We look forward to seeing you. On Thursday 17th December at 10.00am, also in the Committee Room, we are holding a Christmas 'Get Together'. Coffee and Mince Pies will be available. All are welcome. A plea for toys for Playgroup and Toddlers. Do you have any Lego, Duplo, complete jigsaws, or ride-ons that your children have outgrown? If so, please contact me on 782507.

VILLAGE HALL

- Kath Moncrieff

Felmersham and Radwell Village Hall Committee's Christmas Dinner Dance is to be held on Friday 18th December from 8.00pm to 1.00am. Music is by the Beau Brummel Band. Tickets are £8.50 and are available in Felmersham from Chris Spoor (782031) or Peter Stephenson (782556) and in Radwell from Kath Moncrieff (781230). Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment !!

COCKNEY CABARET SUPPER & DANCE

- Blanche Smith

Our thanks to the 'lads and lassies' of the Pinchmill Players who entertained us with a pleasurable and polished performance of songs and sketches of Cockney London Town. The tasty supper and danceable band contributed to a very entertaining evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs. G. Walmsley of Sennen, Grange Road, has kindly agreed to hold the December 5th Cake Morning, and on January 9th we are invited to Mrs. Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Road.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Pat Hartop

May I on behalf of the committee thank all the clubs and associations who give up their evening and daytime bookings for the Village Hall at half-term to enable us to put on our shows, it is greatly appreciated.

HELP... We need a chaise longue for our next production. If anyone has one which they would be willing to lend to us from 14th - 21st February we would be most grateful. Please contact me on 782165. Thank you.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

- Ron Smith

The proceeds from the sale of the Save the Children Christmas cards and gifts at 'Leaways' amounted to £300. Our thanks to all those who made the effort to join us. Your purchases will give help to children whose plight we have difficulty in comprehending. We would remind our customers of our offer to deliver free of charge, cards purchased on that occasion, to addresses in Felmersham only. All you need to do is address them clearly, pop them into our letter box and we will deliver them on or about the 19th December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

We had our Gift Service on the 15th November and are now busy making a Nativity Tableau for the Porch. We hope to see everyone at the Christingle service at 3.00pm on the 13th December. There will be no Sunday School on 27th December, but we do of course love to see the children in Church, even if there is no Sunday School. Please make use of the children's Communion Books, which are there for all who would like to use them, whether Sunday School members or not.

RED CROSS

- Sue Whiting

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting would like to thank all those who supported the Red Cross Sponsored Walk. We raised the splendid sum of £152.65 which will go towards providing a £900 motor bike for Sierra Leone.

CHRISTMAS AQUA SPECTACULAR

- Doug Claypole White

Miss Elkington and the Bedford College of Higher Education are staging 'Brumus the Polar Bear's First Christmas' at the Robinson Pool, partly in aid of our Restoration Fund. This is a programme of swimming, diving, canoeing, dancing and gymnastics, and features Great Britain's former synchronised swimmer, Carolyn Wilson. There are five shows, Friday 4th December at 7.15pm, and Saturday 5th, and Sunday 6th at 6.15pm and 8.15pm. Tickets costing £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children and O.A.P.'s are obtainable from Alan Sturges Travel Ltd, 6, The Arcade, Bedford.