

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY 1988

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JAN

Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Second Sunday after Christmas ASB p.457)	(Mr. R.P.Carpenter)
Tue	5	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	6	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Methodist	Wildlife Group Meeting
Sat	9	10.30am	Leaways, Grange Road	Cake Morning
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 1 ASB p.465)	(Mr.D. Aitken)
Mon	11	7.30pm	Pinchmill	PCC Meeting
Wed	13	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies' Keep Fit
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 2 ASB p.469)	(Mr.D. Knowles)
Mon	18	7.30pm	The Old Rectory	Pippa Dee Party
Wed	20	10.30am	Meadowbank, Pavenham Rd	RNIB Coffee Morning
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies' Keep Fit
Sun	24	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 3 ASB p.474)	(Mrs. Carr)
Wed	27	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies' Keep Fit
Sun	31	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Ninth before Easter ASB p.488)	(Mr.M. Banham-Hall)

FEB

Wed	3	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies' Keep Fit
Sat	6	10.30am	St Mary's Cottage	Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Eighth before Easter ASB p.492)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)

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

JANUARY 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Pat and Peter Hartop for leading the Carol Singing around Felmersham on the 21st December and to all of you for your donations when we rattled our tins at your door. We collected £135.67 for our Church Restoration Fund.

The Christingle Service was a great success thanks to the organisation by Mrs. Guest and Mrs. Hartley and all the gifts from the children which has resulted in our treasurer being able to pay £127.95 to the Church of England Children's Society.

The theme of our Lent House Group meetings will be the Ecumenical publication 'Who On Earth Are You?' We will meet five times during Lent, as follows :-

Monday 22nd February.	'Peacehaven', High Road.
Monday 29nd February.	48, Marriotts Close.
Monday 7th March.	'Long Mynd', Pavenham Road.
Tuesday 15th March.	Woodside House, Chellington.
Monday 21st March.	College Farm House, Church End.

Each meeting will start at 8.00pm and will finish by 9.30pm. All are welcome.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend congratulations to Charlotte Templeman, Sarah Carr, Ruth Jones and Angela George, who were all confirmed on Sunday December 6th.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

A huge thank you to everyone involved in decorating the Church for Christmas. It looked really lovely. The Flower Rota for 1988 is now up in the Church porch. If you would like to do the alter flowers please sign up by the appropriate date.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

We had a very enjoyable Christmas meeting with an entertaining talk and demonstration of handbells. Afterwards we had a Christmas buffet.

Celia Hulatt won the shield for the November/December competition. Hazel Sidebottom won a chocolate bell as the best bell ringer.

Mary Freeman is holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the North Bedfordshire branch of the R.N.I.B. on January 20th.

PLAYGROUP

- Trudy Reynolds

We are holding a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 13th February - plenty of time to have a good old sort out! If necessary jumble can be collected - details next month.

A PIPPA DEE SALE will be held at 1 The Old Rectory on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm in aid of Playgroup funds. As well as the usual merchandise there will be many very good sale-price bargains available. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The January cake morning will be held at Mrs. Judith Smith's, Leaways, Grange Road, on 9th January. (Exceptionally, this is the second Saturday in the month)

Mrs. P. Hartop, St Mary's Cottage, has offered to hold the cake morning on February 6th.

R.N.I.B.

- Mary Freeman

Please come and support a coffee morning at Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, on Wednesday January 20th at 10.30am, in aid of the R.N.I.B. Proceeds are to help blind people in North Bedfordshire. Coffee and biscuits 50p Raffle

FRIENDS OF BEDFORD HOSPITAL

- Doris Pipe

We have had a record fund-raising year in 1987, the sale of Christmas arrangements being the highlight, raising a grand £366.84 in the first two hours. I have been asked to thank the people of Felmersham and Radwell who have helped us in so many ways. The 1988 project is to buy equipment for the Intensive Care Unit at Bedford South Wing, so keep up the good work. If there are any ladies who would like to join our merry band of flower arrangers occasionally, please contact me on 781140. Thanks.

RESTORATION FUND

- Don Gough

Work on Phase 1V of our Restoration Programme commenced in April 1987 and the first two stages were completed by December. These covered the installation of rainwater pipes to the North and South aisle roofs and the restoration of the South Transept window, wall and gable, including the replacement of the gable cross. The total cost of this work was £18,142.

Stage Three, which is our next priority, covers the Restoration of the South Transept East and West roofs. In December our own architect and the architect acting for the Historic Buildings Commission inspected the work required and their report indicates that the condition of the two roofs has seriously deteriorated over the last twelve months. They report that wet rot is now present in the timbers and that penetration of water is causing decay to the stonework of the tower buttresses. Water is also causing severe damage to the plasterwork inside the Church.

Clearly work on this stage, which will cost £12000, should be put in hand immediately but payment for stages one and two has completely depleted our funds, to the point where we are not in a position to start.

In 1987 the Restoration Fund received income of £4500, raised through the hard work and generosity of many willing people in Felmersham and Radwell. This figure included a particularly generous donation, and substantial interest on the funds that were in hand at the start of the year. At the moment we forecast an income of about £3500 for 1988, of which approximately £450.00 comes from Covenanted donations and their associated tax rebate.

For our current programme of work we are receiving a 40% grant from the Historic Buildings Commission. This grant is paid after the work has been completed, and when we have our 60% of the cost available. This effectively means that every 60p we collect for the Restoration Fund is worth £1.00.

Our restoration funds are derived from personal donations, fetes, flower festivals, cake mornings etc. Many of our parishioners are making personal donations in the form of Deeds of Covenant. The particular value of this type of donation is that at the current rate of tax, every 73p paid by covenant will allow us to reclaim another 27p from the Inland Revenue.

In other words, every 73 pence donated to the Restoration Fund by Deed of Covenant is worth £1.00 when the tax rebate is claimed, and allows us to spend £1.66 once the 40% grant is also taken into account. This is a very cost-effective way of more than doubling the original donation.

A Deed of Covenant is a simple written promise to give away a fixed amount every year for four years. You make this promise in good faith, with the genuine intention of continuing payments for the full four years. However, if for some reason outside your control, your financial circumstances change, the PCC could agree to release you from your agreement.

We are very grateful to those many parishioners who have already taken out Deeds of Covenant. If you pay income tax, and would like to consider making a covenanted gift, Dick Aitken (781491) would be pleased to explain the details and supply the necessary Covenant Form. Alternatively, if you feel you would like to help in any other way, please contact me on 781738.

TABLE TENNIS

- Doris Pipe

Due to a last-minute rebooking of the Village Hall, our first meeting of the New Year will now be on January 15th, not January 8th as previously announced.

LADIES KEEP FIT

- Lesley Gani

Ladies Keep Fit starts again on 13th January, at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall. The cost is £2.50 for 5 sessions.

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Sat	6	10.30am	St Mary's Cottage, High Road	Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Eighth before Easter ASB p.492)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
Tue	9	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Squash Club AGM
Wed	10	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Ladies' Keep Fit
Fri	12	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Methodist Church	Wildlife Group
Sun	14	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Seventh before Easter ASB p.497)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Wed	17	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	
Thu	18	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT 'When we are Married'
Fri	19	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT 'When we are Married'
Sat	20	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT 'When we are Married'
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 1 ASB p.506)	(Mr.D. Gough)
		3.00pm	THINKING DAY SERVICE	
Mon	22	8.00pm	'Peacehaven', High Road	Lent House Group
Sat	27	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PSA Barn Dance
Sun	28	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Lent 2 ASB p.510)	(Mr.T. Randall)
Mon	29	8.00pm	48, Marriotts Close	Lent House Group
MAR				
Sat	5	10.30am	13 Marriotts Close	Cake Morning
		2.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Playgroup Jumble Sale
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 3 ASB p.515)	(Mr. R.P.Carpenter)
Mon	7	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Methodist Church	Wildlife Group
		8.00pm	'Long Mynd', Pavenham Road	Lent House Group
Tue	8	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council AGM

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

FEBRUARY 1988

OUSE NEWS 1988

- Roland Carpenter

We are happily able to hold the cost of Ouse News to £1.50 for 1988. 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 the distributors for freely giving of their time to distribute the Ouse News each month, in all weathers.

Radwell	Mrs. Sexton / Mrs. Jevens
Grange Road	Mrs. Gough
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 11 issues during 1988.

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

On Ash Wednesday, 17th February, I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion at 10.30am. Our Mothering Sunday service will be at 10.15am on Sunday 13th March.

Our series of five House Group discussion meetings during Lent this year will all be based on themes drawn from the recently published booklet "Who on earth are you ? The dates and venues are : -

Monday 22nd February.	'Peacehaven', High Road.
Monday 29th February.	48, Marriotts Close.
Monday 7th March.	'Long Mynd', Pavenham Road.
Tuesday 15th March.	Woodside House, Chellington.
Monday 21st March.	College Farm House, Church End.

Each meeting will start at 8.00pm, and will finish by 9.30pm. All are welcome.

We are still without a local correspondent for the Bedfordshire Times. It is sad that none of our many village activities get reported. Is there really no one in either village who is prepared to take this job on?

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The cake morning on February 6th will be held at the home of Mrs. P. Hartop, St. Mary's Cottage, High Road. Mrs. B. Guest, 13, Marriotts Close, has kindly agreed to be hostess on 5th March.

PINCHMILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- Andrew Evans

A Barn Dance will be held in Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 27th February, from 8.00pm - 12.00pm, in aid of PSA funds. The group is a trio from 'Bricks and Brussels'. Tickets costing £4.00, which includes supper, can be obtained from Helen Rose, (781448), Alleyne Leach, (781072), or Andrew Evans (782523). A bar will also be available.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Pat Hartop

A NIGHT OUT AT THE THEATRE

Pinchmill Players production this year is the acclaimed comedy 'When We Are Married' by J.B. Priestley, set in Yorkshire at the turn of the century. Tickets are still available from;

Mrs. Ann Airtton, 42 Marriotts Close, Felmersham.
Tel. Bedford 782080

All seats are reservable at £2.00 for Thursday 18th February and £2.50 for Friday 19th and Saturday 20th. Licenced Bar.

REHOMING ANIMAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

- Felise Kingerlee

On behalf of R.A.T.S. (the Rehoming Animal Telephone Service) may I appeal to animal-lovers for jumble and things for white-elephant stalls. Regular sales are held in the area, and are well advertised in 'The Herald'.

All bitches and cats are neutered before they are found new homes, and a number also need veterinary treatment, following abuse and cruelty by previous owners or uncaring members of the community. Needless to say all this, and their feeding, etc. is very costly.

New members are urgently needed if this voluntary service is to continue. The annual subscription is £3.00. Those who may be interested in joining are asked to please 'phone Oakley 2300 or 2877. Thanking you all in anticipation, on behalf of those animals who have been rescued from cruel and uncaring homes and those that have been placed in happier and more caring surroundings.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

The Parish Council AGM is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th March, at the Village Hall. All parishioners are very welcome. An important item on the agenda will be concerned with proposals for future building developments in the village.

BUS TIMES

- Stephen Hill

Another new timetable has just come into force, and copies were delivered in the villages with the January 31st issue of Bedford on Sunday. Most services are unchanged, but :-

a) the 109 service is largely unchanged. The 3.31pm to Bedford will continue to run every Saturday, and on weekdays in the school holidays.

b) the 108 service has been newly extended to Odell, Harrold, and Carlton. The Felmersham stop is at the Sun.

c) the 52 service which leaves Bedford at 07.47 for Sharnbrook school and Sharnbrook Swan (arr 8.14) will now be routed via Radwell (arr. 8.04) and Felmersham (arr. 8.07).

SQUASH CLUB

- Isabel Buckingham

The Squash Club AGM will be held in Pinchmill Hall on 9th February at 8.30pm. All members and future members are welcome.

R.N.I.B.

- Mary Freeman

I would like to thank everyone who supported my Coffee Morning for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The coffee money, donations and contributions for the Bring-and-Buy stall, gifts for the Raffle and the sale of raffle tickets all helped towards raising the sum of £94.50, and a further donation enabled me to send the R.N.I.B. a cheque for £100. Again many thanks.

PLAYGROUP

- Trudy Reynolds

The Playgroup JUMBLE SALE has had to be postponed until Saturday March 5th, so would you all hold on to your jumble for a bit longer please. You will shortly be advised of your local collection point, so please bear with us for a little longer - Thank you.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

This month we had a most interesting talk on life in the Arctic Circle. Our speaker had lived there for nine years looking after a parish of hundreds of miles. To illustrate his talk he showed us some most beautiful and unusual slides.

BEDS. AND HUNTS. WILDLIFE TRUST

- Marilyn Basketter

The Felmersham and Sharnbrook local group present two further talks from their Winter programme in the coming month, both at Sharnbrook Methodist Church, Park Lane, starting at 8.00pm. The talks will be illustrated with slides or film, and will be suitable for all the family. The evening will include coffee and biscuits, and there will be a chance to chat and get to know other members. Titles of the talks are :-

Feb 12th : A wildlife photographer's year : Mr. E.A. James F.R.P.S.

Mar 7th : Wild Orchids : Barry Dickerson

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MAR

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Sat	5	10.30am	13 Marriotts Close	Cake Morning
		2.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Jumble Sale

Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. R.P.Carpenter)
			(Lent 3 ASB p.515)	

Mon	7	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
		8.00pm	Sharnbrook Methodist	Wildlife Group
		8.00pm	Long Mynd, Pavenham Rd	Lent House Group
Tue	8	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council AGM

Sun	13	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mrs. Hensman)
		10.15am	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE	(Mr.D. Aitken)
			(Mothering Sunday, Lent 4 ASB p.520)	

Mon	14	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Tue	15	8.00pm	Woodside House, Chellington	Lent House Group

Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.D. Knowles)
			(Lent 5 ASB p.524)	

Mon	21	11.00am	1, Old Rectory	Village Post Office re-opens
		7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
		8.00pm	College Farm House	Lent House Group
Tue	22	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Flower Club AGM
Sat	26	9.30am	The Bus Shelters	W.I. Litter-Picking Day

Sun	27	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. Carr)
			(Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	

Mon	28	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
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Thu	31	7.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION	
			(Maundy Thursday, ASB p.552)	

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Fri	1	7.30pm	DEVOTIONAL SERVICE	
			(Good Friday, ASB p.559)	
Sat	2		Church	Decoration for Easter

Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
			(Easter Day ASB p.574)	

Mon	4	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
Sat	9	10.30am	21, Marriotts Close	Cake Morning

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CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1988

- Doug Claypole White

Sunday 13th March is Mothering Sunday. I will be celebrating said Holy Communion as usual at 9.15am, but instead of Matins at 10.15am we will be having a special Mothering Sunday Service when I will be assisted by the children in our Sunday School.

On Palm Sunday, 27th March, there will be no 9.15am Holy Communion, and the 10.15am service will be a Sung Parish Communion instead of the usual Matins service.

On Maunday Thursday, 31st March, I will be celebrating said Holy Communion at 7.30pm. On Good Friday, 1st April, we will have our usual devotional service of Hymns and Readings at 7.30pm. On Easter Sunday, 3rd April, there will be a Choral Communion service at 10.15am.

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners, to elect our Churchwardens, will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 25th April at Pinchmill Hall. The Annual Parochial Church meeting will be held directly afterwards. At this meeting we receive the annual accounts of the PCC together with reports from the Church officers, and we elect the members of the PCC for the following year, together with sidesmen and the honorary Auditor. I will write a bit more about both meetings in the next issue of Ouse News.

(I am pleased to report that Douglas is recovering well from his recent minor operation. He is now back home, and Anne tells me that he is very cheerful, and keeping busy. We wish him a speedy and full recovery, and hope he will be back amongst us very soon.
- Editor)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Sadly, February 1988 saw the demise of four members of our village community.

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of
Norman Southwell, whose funeral took place on 9th February;
Frank Greenaway, whose funeral took place on 15th February;
Les Rust, whose funeral took place on 22nd February;
and Rose Turner, whose funeral took place on 29th February.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 2nd April. Please let me know if you would like to help.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Pat Hartop

After the dust has settled upon a very successful production of 'When we are Married' by J.B. Priestley we would like to thank all various village organisations for giving up the use of the hall for the half-term week; it is greatly appreciated. Grateful thanks go also to Debbie and Michael Gavin and Julie McDonald for coming to our rescue and loaning us their chaises-longues for the week of the play. To everyone who supported us by buying tickets we sincerely hope you had an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

The Parish Council AGM is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th March, at the Village Hall. All parishioners are very welcome. An important item on the agenda will be concerned with proposals for future building developments in the village.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

Unfortunately our speaker was unable to come at the last minute, because of illness. Mary Freeman came to the rescue, organising a game of 'Guess the Price', which everyone enjoyed.

On Saturday 26th March 1988 Bedfordshire W.I. are organising a 'Litter-Picking Day'. Members of our Institute are going to 'clean up' Felmersham and Radwell and would welcome extra help from other villagers. We shall meet at the bus shelters in Felmersham and Radwell at 9.30am.

YOGA

- Dorothy Holborow

Yoga classes restart on Monday 7th March for 10 weeks. 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Fee £8. New members especially welcome. Phone 781458 for further details.

DANGER - WASPS

- Stella Swift

Queen wasps are now beginning to appear, and should be destroyed, since for some people wasp stings can very quickly prove fatal. Nests should be destroyed, but do not try to dig them out. Instead, get a carton of Secto wasp killer and follow the instructions. If wasps get into your roof space it is wise to call in the Pest Control experts. I will be glad to offer anyone further advice, on Bedford 781168.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs Mary Ward, 21, Mannetts Close, will be our hostess in April. Due to Easter this will be one week later on April 9th.

THREE-IN-ONE CLUB

- Gill Stevenson

The AGM of the Three-in-One Club was held on March 3rd at 2.30pm at Mannetts Close. New members are most welcome.

THANK YOU

- Tilly Southwell

I would like to express my warmest appreciation and thanks to you all for all the kindness and messages of sympathy which I received following my husband's death.

POST OFFICE

- Sue Evans

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that the village Post Office will re-open on Monday 21st March, from 11.00am to 1.30pm at 1, The Old Rectory, High Road, - entry via the front door. The hours of business will then be as follows :-

Monday, 9.30am - 1.30pm.

Wednesday, 9.30am - 1.30pm.

Thursday, 9.30am - 1.30pm.

Friday, 9.30am - 1.30pm.

FLOWER CLUB

- Janet Cook

The Flower Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 22nd in Pinchmill Hall. There will also be a flower arrangement demonstration by Judith Spencer, entitled 'The Language and Legend of Flowers'.

HOMEWATCH

- Barry Welsh

OF CONCERN TO PARENTS

During the last few months the police have received numerous reports of young children being approached by a male person in a silver coloured car. The incidents have occurred in Felmersham and Radwell, as well as other surrounding villages. All local schools have been alerted by letter and children must be encouraged to say 'NO' and report any suspicious matter, however small, to their parents, or their teacher, and ultimately the police.

Clearly the police are very concerned and we must all be extra vigilant, both within the villages and elsewhere.

BEDS. & HUNTS. WILDLIFE TRUST

- Marilyn Basketter

The final meeting for the Felmersham and Sharnbrook Local Group in this year's winter programme will be held at The Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook on Monday March 7th at 8.00pm. Barry Dickenson will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'Wild Orchids', which should prove of interest to all the family. Coffee and biscuits will be served. 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 Lyn Sewell on Bedford 781903.

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Sat	9	10.30am	21, Marriotts Close	Cake Morning	
Sun	10	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 1 ASB p.604)	(R.P.Carpenter)	
Mon	11	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga	
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 2 ASB p.610)	(Mr.D. Gough)	
Mon	18	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga	
Tue	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Annual General Meeting	
Sun	24	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 3 ASB p.615)	(Mr. T. Randall)	
Mon	25	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga	
		7.45pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. Annual Meetings	
Tue	26	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Village Hall AGM	
MAY					
Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 4 ASB p.619)	(Mrs. Gough)	
Mon	2	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga	
Tue	3	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting	
Sat	7	10.30am	Meadowbank, Pavenham Road	Cake Morning	
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr.D. Aitken)	
			(Easter 5 ASB p.624)		
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. Meeting	

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APRIL 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks for all the cards and good wishes I received while I was in hospital and in particular for your support in prayer.

One temporary consequence is that I will be unable to take any 9.15am services during April, so the 10.15am services on April 10th and 24th will be Choral Communion instead of our usual Matins. I hope that I will be back to full time by the end of the month, when we shall revert to our usual pattern.

As mentioned last month, our Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on Monday April 25th at 7.45pm in Pinchmill Hall. Everybody who is on the Local Government Electoral Roll is entitled to attend the first meeting, where the Agenda includes the election of new Church Wardens; but only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll may vote or speak at the second meeting, which includes presentation of the Church Accounts (currently on display in the Church Porch), and election of the P.C.C..

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mary Hensman who died suddenly on March 24th. Immediate family and friends were joined by a large village congregation for an uplifting Funeral Service on Maundy Thursday, March 31st, to hear Rev. Gerry Sidebottom eloquently dedicate her lifelong unstinting generosity, loyalty and service to family, friends, Church, and community.

MARY HENSMAN

- Jessie Marsh

True friendship is not easily begot, but this is what I found in Mary. We exchanged confidences, shared anxieties, enjoyed one another's company to the full. Of course we had our differences of opinion, but always agreed to differ and never ended up bad friends. We had our laughs together especially when we strummed the piano, trying to teach ourselves the choir anthems.

She was a dedicated Church woman, never tiring in the part she played. She was a most generous person always. Mary's passing away leaves a vacant chair which will take a long while to fill. Her passing was very sudden and unexpected, but now she is at rest.

Bye Mary.

In the sweet bye and bye,
we will meet on that beautiful shore,

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

Cilla Black is appealing to supporters everywhere to join with friends and bake as many cakes as they can sell as part of the 'GREAT CAKE BAKE' to be held all over the country on Saturday 18th June. There is a publicity pack available with 'handy hints'! If anyone is interested in organising such a sale, please contact me as soon as possible.

W.I.

- Sally Sanson

We had a very enjoyable meal cooked by the committee using recipes demonstrated by the Cooking Cannon! A china dish was presented to Mary Freeman as she is now stepping down as our President. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on April 19th.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs Mary Ward, 21, Marriotts Close, will be our hostess in April. Due to Easter, this will be one week later than normal, on April 9th. Mrs. Mary Freeman, of Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, has offered to hold the May 7th Cake Morning.

MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

- Sue Whiting

I would like to thank all those who helped with the collection in Felmersham for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. The total raised was £60.31.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

- Peter Stephenson

Come along and air your views on the running of your Village Hall. The AGM will be held in the committee room on TUESDAY 26th APRIL at 8.00pm. The Village Hall Committee consists of a Parish Council nominee, a representative from each club / organisation in Radwell and Felmersham, and 6 members elected at the AGM. We have currently only 6 nominations for the 6 elected positions. They are:

Phil Butcher	Landseer, Felmersham Rd, Radwell
Chris DeSilva	10, Tithe Barn, Felmersham
John Nolan	Drumbeg, Moor End, Radwell
Barbara North	14, Marriotts Close, Felmersham
Chris Spoor	Corn Cottage, Church End, Felmersham
Peter Stephenson	4, Tithe Barn, Felmersham

Phil Butcher, Chris Spoor and Peter Stephenson are seeking re-election. Chris DeSilva, John Nolan and Barbara North, whilst seeking election for the first time, have served as co-opted committee members since February, and Chris DeSilva has taken over the duties of Treasurer.

Fresh blood is always welcome. Further nominations can be made as late as the AGM itself, though advance notice to Chris Spoor or myself would be appreciated.

PLAYGROUP

- Trudy Reynolds

Thank you to all who helped to make the Playgroup Jumble Sale such a success. We raised £154.78.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS

- Roland Carpenter

There was a good attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on March 8th, prompted no doubt by mounting uncertainty over the future of Felmersham and Radwell, in the wake of plans for housing development in Memorial Lane, and a growing conviction that a North Bedfordshire Railway Station would soon be on the map.

Inevitably, there were strongly held differences of opinion about the Memorial Lane development proposals, which were candidly and persuasively put to the meeting.

Those favouring an expansion of the village pointed to the commercial, social, and economic advantages of a larger community, not only for local enterprises and industry, but also to swell support and membership of local organisations.

Those opposed to expansion were anxious to preserve the character of the villages, and keen to maintain an appropriate balance between population and resources. Particular anxiety concerned the size of the school, whose pupil role is now close to its maximum, since the amalgamation with Pavenham; and the traffic density within the villages.

Two additional arguments also made quite an impact.

Firstly, the feeling that extensive development schemes should be examined not on an individual basis, but in the context of a general strategy for the evolution of the village, such as is presently provided by the County Structure Plan.

Secondly, our previous experience of large-scale village developments had not been entirely favourable. In both the Tithe Barn and the Marriotts Close developments, it appeared that more dwellings had eventually been squeezed in than were specified in the original schemes, and this raised questions of how to achieve effective monitoring and policing of approved Planning Applications.

The Parish Council has taken an initial stand against the development plans, and was urged by the meeting to take further steps to formulate a general strategy for village development, and to seek further opinion from residents, perhaps by means of a referendum.

In the meantime, why not let us have your views. We will be very happy to publish them, - so long as they are not anonymous or likely to cause offence.

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1988

We will be pleased to include in the Parish Diary details of any meetings events or fixtures taking place within the villages of Felmersham or Radwell. Please send all material for the June issue to Roland Carpenter (781622) by 25th May.

APRIL					
Sat	30	2.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Church Jumble Sale	
MAY					
Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 4 ASB p.619)	(Mrs. Gough)	
Mon	2	7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga	
Tue	3	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council	
Sat	7	10.30am	Cake Morning Cricket v Riseley	Meadowbank, Pavenham Rd.	
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K.Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Easter 5 ASB p.624)	(Mr.D. Aitken)	
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill	PCC Meeting	
Thu	12	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Ascension Day, ASB p.627)		
Sat	14		Rushden Market	Sue Ryder Group Stall	
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Sunday after Ascension Day ASB p.632)	(Mr.D. Knowles)	
Sun	22	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K.Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Pentecost ASB p.635)	(Mrs. Carr)	
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Pinchmill Players AGM	
Sun	29	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION AT ALL SAINTS, SOULDROP (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)		
JUN					
Sat	4	10.30am	Cake Morning Cricket v Westoning	Larbury, Grange Rd.	
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 1 ASB p.645)	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)	

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

MAY 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

The CHURCH URBAN FUND was officially launched on Wednesday 20th April. On the following Sunday I read a letter in Church from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and a copy is reproduced as an insert to this issue of Ouse News. The fund is intended to help those living in deprived Urban Priority Areas. The aims are simple - to give practical support to our fellow Christians in those areas by maintaining the Church's presence and witness. Each parish has been asked to try to contribute a given target amount to the fund. Ours in Felmersham and Radwell is £957. This is meant to come from 'new money' and therefore is to be on top of our normal giving for the missions which we already support and for our own church expenses (including the Restoration Fund). Last year we donated £577 to home and overseas missions in addition to paying out £4,707 on our normal running expenses and a further £10,244 on the Restoration of our Church fabric (net after grants).

The prospect of having to raise another £957 when we are now faced with urgent repairs to our church roof is very depressing but it is a request which is currently being considered by the PCC. In the meantime if any one does feel sufficiently moved by the plight of those in our Urban Priority Areas to do something about it immediately, please do have a word with me or with our treasurer, Stephen Hill, or one of the Church Wardens.

The HOUSE-TO-HOUSE collection in Felmersham in aid of the Children's Society raised £100.35, which includes a donation of £25 from the Homewatch group. My thanks to Margaret Hartley and her collectors, and to all of you for donating.

During the week 16th - 21st May there will be a house-to-house collection for Christian Aid.

On Thursday 12th May (Ascension Day) I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion at 10.00am. On Sunday 29th May there will be NO services in Felmersham. Instead we will be joining our fellow Christians in Sharnbrook and Knotting for a joint celebration of Parish Communion at All Saints Souldrop at 10.15am.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend a warm welcome to Ben Horrell who was baptised in St.Mary's Felmersham on 17th April.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Whitehouse

Please come and support our Jumble Sale on Saturday April 30th at 2.00pm in Pinchmill Hall, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

- Doug Claypole White

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners, was held on Monday April 25th at which the outgoing Church Wardens, Roland Carpenter and Don Gough were re-elected. My thanks to them for all that they have done for the Church throughout the year and for the wonderful support they have both always given me in my Ministry in Felmersham. Roland Carpenter and Martin Banham-Hall continue as representatives to the Deanery Synod.

This meeting was then followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, when Messrs. Aitken, Knowles, Shrimpton, Stevens, Hill and Randall, and Mesdames fforde, Carr, Webster and Whitehouse were re-elected and Margaret Alleway and Peter Coghlan were elected. My thanks to all the outgoing members of the PCC including Margaret Hartley, who resigned earlier in the year due to her working hours making attendance at meetings impossible; and to Marilyn Johnson who is moving away from the district. We send our very best wishes to the Johnson family in their new home. I cannot conclude my thanks to the PCC without mentioning Mary Hensman who died suddenly at the end of March. She was the longest serving member of the PCC and will be sadly missed by us all.

Sue Webster, Stephen Hill and Dick Aitken were all re-elected to their respective posts as Secretary, Treasurer, and Stewardship Secretary. My thanks to them for all that they have done and to our organist Pam fforde; the Choir; the servers; the readers; the sidesmen; the street wardens; the bell ringers; the Sunday School teachers, Bronwen Guest and Margaret Hartley; our Verger, George Brown; our auditor; everybody who helps with the flowers and the cleaning of the Church; Helen Rose who organises our cake mornings; our Deanery Representatives; and Roland and Anne Carpenter for producing Ouse News. If I have missed anyone I apologise - my thanks to you also. The list seems endless but it does demonstrate to parishioners that the Church in Felmersham and Radwell is a partnership involving a great many people.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

- Anne Carpenter

A number of villagers attended the Village Hall AGM; to hear the minutes of last year's meeting, and the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports. Six names were proposed for the committee, these were elected without a vote. They are: Chris Spoor (Chairman), Peter Stephenson (Secretary), Chris De Silva (Treasurer), Phil Butcher, John Nolan and Barbara North.

Concern was again expressed at the number of people who park inconsiderately outside the school and Village Hall, either obstructing the doors, or blocking the entry to the (evening) car park at the rear of the school. We have been asked to keep both clear, in case of emergencies.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you again to everyone who helped to make the Church look so lovely for Easter. A particular thankyou to the Hensman Family for giving us all the flowers from Mary's funeral, to Ron Smith for making the Easter garden, the Whiting family for making the Primrose Cross and Doris Aitken for keeping all the flowers well watered!

We all appreciate flowers in Church at our main festivals, but it is important to remember we also need flowers at the altar through the year. There are still a number of gaps in the flower rota, so if you would like to be involved, please sign up!

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The Annual Meeting of Felmersham and Radwell W.I. was held this month. The new president is Mrs. Gwen Warburton, and the committee members are Sheila Mackenzie, Doris Aitken, Stella Gough, Judith Smith, Edna Miller, Celia Hulatt, and Margaret Alleway.

A talk on W.I. Markets was given by Mrs Parker, a Voluntary County Organiser. A draw for the annual Denman Bursary was won by Miss Marjory Rootham, and the raffle for a year's subscription by Mrs. Gwen Warburton. The new programme will be available at the May meeting, when the Art of Making Silk Roses will be demonstrated. Voting will take place on the resolutions for the AGM at the Albert Hall.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs. Mary Freeman, of Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, will be our hostess on May 7th. On June the 4th the Cake morning will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Carter, Larbury, Grange Road.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Pat Hartop

The AGM for the Pinchmill Players Theatre will be held on Sunday 22nd May at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall. We would like to welcome old and new members alike. Please come along and air your views.

CARPET BOWLS

- Ken Booker

We extend an invitation to anyone over the age of 16 to come and try our game of Carpet Bowls. We meet on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The Group are holding a Market Stall at Rushden on Saturday May 14th. This is a new venture for us so we want to make it a success. If you feel you can contribute something we would be very grateful. We would appreciate cakes, bread, biscuits, marmalade, jams, chutneys, pickles, eggs, plants, cuttings, etc. No contribution will be too small. If you find it difficult to deliver please let me know on 781085.

A preliminary date for your diary: -

We are having a Ploughman's Lunch on Thursday 9th June at The Old Stables. Tickets £2.50.

MAY 88

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK
TO BE READ IN ALL CHURCHES ON SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 1988

Greetings in the name of Christ.

We are fellow members of the Church of England and that very name declares our responsibility not just to parts of England but to the whole of it.

So when parts are in need we cannot ignore them. That is the situation now. The report "Faith in the City" diagnosed the urgent and serious needs of our inner cities and Urban Priority Areas.

The Church of England is there in those areas and has been from the beginning. We cannot and will not withdraw from them. Already there are heroic examples to inspire us. It is on this foundation we shall advance in evangelism, pastoral care and community action. A new future is possible.

The Church Urban Fund, launched last Wednesday, is a response of hope, faith and love. It is an initiative which has the support of fellow Christians with whom, in these urban areas, we are working together as closely as anywhere in the country. It is a step which has won all-round political support. It is a move which will enable the local Church to meet the needs which they know best of all.

Together we are to create a Fund sufficiently large to enable many projects to go ahead and workers to be financed for years to come. We owe this to the dedicated clergy and lay people living in areas of physical decay, financial hardship and high unemployment but often sustained by a faith, a resilience and a spirituality that is an example to us all. The Fund will stand with them and support them.

The investment of money in the Fund is an investment for Our Lord and His mission, with the dividend being found in the lives of people and the transformation of communities. We ask all Church members, wherever they are, to share with us in this venture with vision, prayer and generosity.

We believe this Fund to be a cause which will renew our confidence in the unity of our Church as we work with all those who long for a sense of one nation within this land. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ"

May God bless our endeavours and be with you all.

ROBERT CANTOUR

JOHN EBOR

PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE 1988

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JUN

Sat	4	10.30am	Larbury, Grange Rd. Cricket v Westoning	Cake Morning
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 1 ASB p.645)	
Thu	9	12.00	The Old Stables	Sue Ryder Ploughman' Lunch
Sun	12	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 2 ASB p.650)	(Mrs. S. Whitehouse) (Mr. S. Hill)
Sat	18	10.30am	13, Marriotts Close	Coffee / Orange Morning
Sun	19	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 3 ASB p.655)	(Mr.D. Gough)
Tue	21	7.20pm	W.I. trip to the Cecil Higgins Museum	
Sat	25		Cricket v Caldecote 1	
Sun	26	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION at ST. PETER'S SHARNBROOK (Trinity 4 ASB p.661)	
		10.00am	Sunday School Fun Morning	
		12.00am	Pinchmill School	PSA Barbeque
Mon	27	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting

JUL

Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (St.Thomas, ASB p.785)	(Mrs. Gough)
Tue	5	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Sat	9		1, The Moor, Carlton	Buffet Supper & Music
Sun	10	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 6 ASB p.671)	(Mr.K.Shrimpton) (Mr.D. Aitken)

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

JUNE 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Mrs. Sue Whitehouse and all her helpers for organising such a successful Jumble Sale. After expenses, the sale made a much needed £200 for our Restoration Fund.

My thanks also to Mrs. Anthea Coghlan and her collectors who raised £109.99 for Christian Aid in the recent house-to-house collection.

On Sunday 26th June there will be no services in Felmersham. Instead there will be a joint service of Parish Communion at St. Peter's, Sharnbrook at 10.15am, when we will also be joined by the parishioners of Souldrop and Knotting.

Lastly, a date for your diary. Our summer Fete takes place this year on Saturday afternoon 16th July at Pinchmill Hall, with all proceeds going to our Restoration Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

The Sunday School will be holding a Grand Coffee / Orange Morning on Saturday 18th June at 10.30am at 13, Marriotts Close. when coffee, orange, lemon, homemade biscuits and ice cream will be served. The children will also hold a garage sale, and there will be a bring and buy cake stall. The money raised will be donated to the Great Ormond Street Wishing Well fund.

All are welcome, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, and tickets will be sold by the Sunday School beforehand. Do please come and help the Sunday School to help others.

Our last Sunday School meeting before the summer break will be on 26th June when we will have our usual Fun Morning.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

Our Market Stall at Rushden on May 14th raised £201.95. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously. We were blessed with sunshine and trade was brisk.

We invite you to our PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH
on Thursday 9th June (12.00 - 2.30pm)
at The Old Stables, Felmersham.
Ticket £2.50. Wine and Sweet optional extras.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

In the absence of our new president the meeting was taken by the vice-chairman, Stella Gough. The speaker and demonstrator for the evening was Mrs. G. Aubury who showed us the Art of Silk Roses. Mrs. Aitken presented the budget for 1988/89, and a report on the Bedfordshire Annual meeting was given. Arrangements were being made for a trip to a Herb Garden in Newport Pagnell.

The resolutions for the 1988 Annual General Meeting were discussed and voted on. Subjects discussed were :-

1. The ozone layer and CFC's
2. Rape sentencing
3. Introduction of random breath testing
4. Reduction in water pollution

Next month's meeting is a trip to the Cecil Higgins Museum. Please be there for 7.20pm.

THANKS

- Jessie Marsh

Thanks to everyone who have sent me 'Get Well' messages and offers of help. They have been greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Anne Claypole White; she has been a tower of strength to me during the last months.

PINCHMILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- Andrew Evans

The annual Barbeque will take place at the school on Sunday 26th June starting at 12 noon. Live Music from the Razz Club. Children's entertainer 'Renaldo'. Licenced Bar. Side games for the family including a Bouncy Castle. Tickets including food £4.00 Adult, £1.50 Children can be obtained from Helen Rose 781448, Margaret Leach 781072, or Sue Evans 782523.

COSMETICS - HOW TO MAKE
OUR CHURCH EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL

- Peter Coghlan

Millions of pounds worth of cosmetics are given away annually to men, women and children as unwanted gifts. They are piled up in your bathrooms and store-cupboards, waiting for the day when they might just be of some use. Now is the time to clear them out and put them to very good use. The Church Fete is to include a cosmetics stall and any unopened item would be welcome :- a bar of soap, after-shave, talc, bath crystals, in fact any item from the vast range that has made the fortune of Boots and many another chemist.

The money raised will contribute to the Church Restoration Fund. Please direct items to Anthea Coghlan, 10, Marriotts Close, and then come and support the stall at the fete. After all, cosmetics make such beautiful presents !!

BUFFET AND WINE SUPPER WITH MUSIC

- Pam fforde

On Saturday July 9th there will be a buffet and wine supper which will also include musical entertainment to be performed by local instrumentalists, including Kathryn, Charlotte, and Judith Templeman. The venue will be 1, The Moor, Carlton. There will be a raffle. Gifts of raffle prizes, and produce or plants for a Bring-and-Buy stall, will be most welcome.

Tickets cost £3.00 for adults, £1.50 for children, and all proceeds are in aid of St.Mary's Felmersham Restoration Fund.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

At the open meeting of the Parish Council on 7th March, it was agreed that the Parish Council should prepare a report on what members of the Parish believe should be the future size and shape of the two villages. A sub-committee has been set up, comprising David Smith, Geoff Hulatt, George Galliver and David Melville. The first meeting was on May 24th, and the most likely outcome will be the circulation of a questionnaire asking for your opinions. Please ensure that you complete and return your questionnaire - it's the only way for you to contribute to our plans for the future.

Concern was expressed at the Parish Council meeting at the number of people who park directly outside the School and Village Hall, so blocking entry, especially in cases of emergency. Would people parking their cars please think carefully before leaving their vehicles.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

On June the 4th the Cake morning will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Carter, Larbury, Grange Road. There will be no cake morning in July, so that all efforts may be focussed on stocking the Cake Stall at the Fete on July 16th.

FREEZER SPACE

- Roland Carpenter

We have received an offer from one parishioner who would like to contribute some home cooking to this year's Fete effort, but finds it difficult to fit everything in during the last few days before the Fete, and has no spare space in her freezer. We have a solution, which others may also like to consider. We have the use of a large chest freezer, and will be happy to store there any items that are to be sold at the Fete. If you would find this arrangement helpful then please simply pass any contributions to Anne Carpenter (781622) at your convenience, suitably labelled to indicate contents, and whether to be sold frozen or thawed.

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JUL

Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (St.Thomas, ASB p.785)	(Mrs. Gough)
Tue	5	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Sat	9		1, The Moor Carlton	Musical Evening
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 6 ASB p.671)	(Mr.D. Aitken)
		6.00pm	MELCHBOURNE PARISH CHURCH	DEANERY EVENSONG
Sat	16	2.30pm	Pinchmill Field	CHURCH FETE
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 7 ASB p.676)	(Mr.D. Knowles)
Tue	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Thu	21	2.00pm	3, Grange Road	3-in-1 Tea Party
Sat	23		Cricket v Bedford Baptists	

* SKIPS IN THE VILLAGES THIS WEEKEND *

Sun	24	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 8 ASB p.681)	(Mrs. Carr)
		3.30pm	KNOTTING PARISH CHURCH	PATRONAL EVENSONG
Sat	30		Cricket v Mowsbury Park 1	
Sun	31	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 9 ASB p.685)	(Mr.M. Banham-Hall)

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Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 10 ASB p.691)	(Mr.P. Coghlan)
Sat	13		Cricket v Elstow	
Sun	14	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 11 ASB p.696)	(Mr. S. Hill)

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

JULY 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Church services of Matins and Holy Communion in Felmersham during July will follow the normal pattern. In addition, there are two special opportunities this month to join with other local parishes in Evensong worship, a form of service now rarely used at Felmersham except at Harvest Festival.

On Sunday 10th July, the 28 parishes in the Sharnbrook Deanery are joining together in a service of Evensong at Melchbourne at 6.00pm, to be led by a combined choir from the Deanery. Our own organist and choir are taking part, and all Parishioners will be very welcome.

In addition, on Sunday 24th July we have been invited to join the Parish of Knotting at Evensong at 3.30pm to celebrate their Patronal Festival. We are also invited to join them for a Parish Tea after the service.

Would those in need of transport or able to offer transport to either of these Evensong services please speak with me or one of the Churchwardens.

Details of our summer Fete on Saturday 16th July appear below. Please do support us. As in previous years the proceeds go to our Restoration Fund.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Thomas Mark Ward who was baptised in St. Mary's on June 5th.

We also extend our congratulations to Amanda Stephens and David Deards who were married on 25th June.

TEA-TOWELS

- Mary Ward

We are pleased to announce the launch of an exclusive line in tea-towels at this year's fete. Michael Galley has very kindly allowed us the free use of one of his black and white line drawings of the Church as the basis of the design, which has been hand-printed on 100% cotton. Competitively priced at £2.50, these large tea towels provide a Felmersham souvenir which is both attractive and useful, and we hope you will consider them the perfect present. All proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

We served approximately eighty people at our Ploughman's Lunch on 9th June and raised £275.06 for St. John's Moggerhanger. Thank you for your continued support.

VILLAGE FETE

- Ken Shrimpton

Our annual Fete will be held on Saturday 16th July 1988, opening at 2.30pm. During the preceeding week there will be a house-to-house collection for bottles, tinned foods, cosmetics, and any other fancy goods or bric-a-brac that you may wish to donate for the Tombola or Raffle or the many stalls. Please be generous.

This year Margaret Alleway will be organising the Cake Stall. She would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would be prepared to help. Please phone her on 781025 after July 9th. We are also holding our usual annual raffle with many star prizes. Tickets are available from members of the PCC at 20p each. The new Felmersham Church Tea-towels will also be on sale for the first time at the Fete.

To keep the children amused there will be sports, ice cream and home-made sweets, as well as many games and sideshows which we hope you will all enjoy. Please support this traditional event, and in so doing help to restore our Parish Church.

THANKS

- Pat Stephens

Pat and Steve Stephens wish to express their appreciation and thanks to all those ladies, who worked with such skill and artistry to decorate the Church so beautifully, especially Hazel, and to all who helped to make Amanda's and David's Wedding Day such a joyous one for us all.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL W.I.

- Mary Freeman

31 members enjoyed a visit to the Cecil Higgins Museum, learning a little about the history, followed by a tour of all the rooms and exhibits. A buffet supper served in the museum was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Jessie Turner won an entrance ticket to the East of England Show.

The next meeting on July 19th is a talk on the Cambridge Diet.

Please remember your contributions to the W.I. Stall at the Village Fete.

BUFFET AND WINE SUPPER WITH MUSIC

- Pam fforde

On Saturday July 9th there will be a buffet and wine supper which will also include musical entertainment to be performed by local instrumentalists, including Kathryn, Charlotte, and Judith Templeman. The venue will be 1, The Moor, Carlton. There will be a raffle. Gifts of raffle prizes, and produce or plants for a Bring-and-Buy stall, will be most welcome.

Tickets cost £3.00 for adults, £1.50 for children, and all proceeds are in aid of St.Mary's Felmersham Restoration Fund.

SUMMER SECURITY

- Roland Carpenter

Summer holidays will soon be upon us again, and it is as well to remind ourselves of one or two simple precautions that should be taken, lest that well-earned dream holiday turns into an unmitigated nightmare.

In your excitement to get away from it all, do not forget to cancel milk, papers, and any other tell-tale services that might advertise your absence. Make sure that not only the house but also any garage or toolshed is secure - the professional burglar will come prepared, but very many domestic thefts still arise through impromptu temptation and opportunity.

Take a neighbour into your confidence, preferably supplying a spare key and also details of dates and places where you could be reached in emergency. Your neighbour may then be able to make occasional checks while you are away; and you will enjoy the break all the more, in the knowledge that everything must be fine back home.

Finally, but most importantly, do not neglect personal security, whether at home or away. Seek reliable advice before taking risks, no matter how tempting the situation. As we have been so sharply reminded by the recent tragedy at Milton Ernest, the River Ouse does not provide safe swimming. Quite apart from the heavy underwater vegetation which can easily entrap even the strongest swimmer, the water itself is dangerously polluted with sewage effluent.

You probably know all of this already - but do your children understand?

3-IN-1 CLUB

- Kath Booker

There will be a tea party on the lawn at 3, Grange Road on Thursday 21st July at 2.00pm. Donations of cakes, produce or small items for re-sale or as raffle prizes, would be gratefully received at the above address. Everyone is welcome to join us.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andy Evans

The Village Hall Social Committee is back in action

SEPTEMBER 11TH IS FELMERSHAM FUN DAY

so put the date in your diary now. A fun time of sponsored games for all the family from 2.00 - 4.00pm at the Plough, Felmersham, including a sumptuous barbecue, tickets £2.50 adults, £1 children.

Play the field to get the highest score of the afternoon. Winners will be announced and the prizes presented at 6.00pm. Look out for the lucky sponsored games cards, price £1 for over 16s, 50p for children, free to the under 5's.

FELMERSHAM FUN DAY - SEPTEMBER 11TH - BE THERE !!

PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST 1988

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AUG				
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 10 ASB p.691)	(Mr.P. Coghlan)
Sat	13		Cricket v Elstow	
Sun	14	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 11 ASB p.696)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Tue	16		Jasmin Cottage, Radwell	W.I. Coffee & Deserts
Sat	20		Cricket v Blunham 1	
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 12 ASB p.700)	(Mr.D. Gough)
Sun	28	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr.K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 13 ASB p.706)	(Mr.T. Randall)
SEP				
Sat	3	10.30am	Corn Close Barn Cricket v Little Staughton	Cake Morning
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 14 ASB p.711)	(Mrs. Gough)
Tue	6	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Wed	7	1.30pm	Sheers factory	W.I. Outing
Sat	10		Cricket v Rushden	
Sun	11	10.00am	Pinchmill Hall	Sunday School reopens
		10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION St. Mary's Felmersham Patronal Festival (The Blessed Virgin Mary, ASB p.797)	(Mr.D. Aitken)
		2.00pm	The Plough Gardens	Felmersham Fun Day
Mon	12	7.30pm	Pinchmill	PCC Meeting
Wed	14	12.30pm	'Old Barns', Old Road	Conservative Luncheon

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

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

AUGUST 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Ken Shrimpton and everybody who helped to make our SUMMER FETE such a success. In spite of the weather we raised a record £1,080 which, after paying our expenses, leaves a profit well in excess of £900 for the Restoration Fund.

My thanks also to Tony and Pam fforde for the MUSICAL EVENING they organised in their home, which raised another £125 for the Restoration Fund.

I will be starting CONFIRMATION CLASSES in September. Please have a word with me if you are interested in joining these classes or would like further information.

Our PATRONAL FESTIVAL this year falls on Sunday September 11th. As in the past two years, we will be joined by our friends from the Parishes of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting for Parish Communion at 10.15am. The preacher will be the Reverend Patience Purchas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will re-open in Pinchmill Hall at 10.00am on the same day, Sunday 11th September. All children from the age of 4 are most welcome.

Please also make a note in your diary that this year our HARVEST SUPPER will be on Saturday 8th October in Pinchmill Hall. I will give more details about this event in the next issue of Ouse News.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The cake morning in September will be held in the Barn at Corn Close on September 3rd, by kind permission of Mrs. Sheina Burbidge.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our congratulations to Barbara Claypole White and Lawrence Grossberg, who were married on 29th July; and to Katherine Walker and Jamie White, who were married on 30th July.

THANK YOU

- Doug Claypole White

Anne and I would like to say a special thankyou to everybody who contributed to making the wedding of our daughter Barbara such a memorable occasion; to the ladies who cleaned and decorated the church, the choir, the bell-ringers, and of course our verger George.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

- Kath Moncrieff

Felmersham and Radwell Conservative Association are holding a Buffet Luncheon on Wednesday 14th September at 'Old Barns', Old Road, Felmersham, at 12.30pm. The Guest Speaker is Mary Simcock M.F., S.H., whose subjects include Osteopathy, Reflexology, and Aromatherapy. She will talk on the benefits of Yoga and Crystals. Tickets cost £5.00, which includes a glass of wine, and are available from members of the committee.

THE FUTURE SHAPE OF OUR VILLAGES

- David Smith

By the time you read this, the Parish Council will have visited every house in the Parish to collect your questionnaire. If, because of holidays or other reason, you still have a questionnaire and would like its contents to be considered, please send it to David Smith at 15, Marriotts Close, (781780) as soon as possible.

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

- Jennifer Knowles

During the recent collection for Arthritis & Rheumatism we collected £112.20. Thankyou to all who contributed or collected.

TAP-DANCING CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

- Pat Hartop

A qualified teacher is providing Tap-Dancing lessons for beginners, costing £1.00 per lesson, every Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.30pm at Sharnbrook Village Hall. (Pinchmill Hall was considered unsuitable because of possible damage to the floor). We would very much like to increase our numbers. If you feel you would like to give it a try, please come and join us. It's great fun and a good way to keep your figure in trim. For more information please contact me (782165), or Phil Sutherland (782307).

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

CARE AND REPAIR

A Care and Repair Scheme has been set up by the Aldwyck Company in Bedford to provide advice and assistance to local elderly home-owners who are experiencing difficulty with maintaining their property.

Their free advice covers not only repairs to property, (from initially assessing the problem right through to the completion of the work), but also Home Improvement Grants, Building Society loans, help with claiming benefit from Income Support and the Social Fund, and advice on availability of other types of housing, should the client wish to move.

For further information, please contact Sue Evans (782523).

R.N.I.B.

- Maria Rutgers

The house-to-house collection for the Royal National Institute for the Blind raised £51.54. Many thanks to all who contributed.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Our President, Mrs. Gwen Warburton was in the chair for the July meeting. She welcomed Mrs. Winifred Walker who was on a return visit from South Africa. After dealing with the business of the evening, she introduced Mrs. Liz Martin who gave us a very helpful talk into ways of dieting and of healthy living, introducing us to the Cambridge diet and to Aromatherapy Treatments. She was thanked by Mrs. Karen Stokley.

Our Market stall at the Fete raised £62.30.

Tickets were sold for our Coffee and Desert Evening, to be held on August 16th at Jasmin Cottage, Radwell. Further tickets are available from committee members.

An outing to Sheers factory in Bedford has been arranged for September 7th, at 1.30pm.

THREE-IN-ONE CLUB

- Val Barker

Thanks to Kath Booker for the loan of her lawn and for borrowing people's garden furniture for the club's Garden Party; also to the people who bought raffle tickets, and donated cakes etc. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Raffle winners were :-

Mrs. Summerlin	Box of fruit	Mrs. Hartley	Wine
Mrs. Barker	Flower Arr.	Mrs. Hawken	Wine
Mrs. Harris	Cake	Mrs. Betts	Vase
Mrs. Welsh	Wine	Mrs. Course	Chocolates

However, it was disappointing for the club members that only six non-members turned out to give their support to help the longest running club in the Parish. Perhaps more thought should be given to our senior citizens.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andy Evans

The first function to be arranged by the newly-formed committee will be the FELMERSHAM FUN DAY on Sunday September 11th in the Plough Gardens, starting at 2.00pm. There will be 10 games, and the idea is to score as many points as possible; the person in each age group gaining the most points wins a prize. The games are designed for the WHOLE family to join in. After the fun, a barbecue will start at about 5.00pm.

Ticket score cards, which also include a Fun Day sponsor form, are obtainable from Chris Baldry, Sheila Gideon, and Pat Bustin, price £1 for adults, 50p for under 16's, free for under 5's. Barbecue tickets at £2.50 for adults, £1 for children, can also be obtained from the same people.

The 200 Club is coming! We hope to start this again in September Watch your letterbox for more details.

We will be pleased to include in the Parish Diary details of any meetings events or fixtures taking place within the villages of Felmersham or Radwell. Please send all material for the November issue to Roland Carpenter (781622) by 25th October.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

OCTOBER 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our HARVEST FESTIVAL services will be on Sunday October 2nd. We will start with a Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service at 10.15am followed by a said service of Holy Communion at 11am. Then at 6.00pm there will be our traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong.

Our HARVEST SUPPER will be held in Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm. (Please note that this is half an hour earlier than advertised last month.)

Tickets, costing £2.50 for an adult and £1.00 for a child, can be obtained from myself or any member of the PCC. As in previous years there will be a Tombola. After the supper we will be entertained by the Pinchmill Players. The profit on the evening will be donated to the Church Urban Fund.

HARVEST CONCERT

- Pam fforde

At 7.30pm on Saturday, October 1st there will be a concert in Church, which will include performances by Milton Consort and The Riverside Singers. Programmes will be available at the door, price £2.00 for adults, £1.00 for children. Proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The cake morning in October will be held at Long Mynd, Pavenham Road, on October 1st, by kind permission of Mrs. Jennifer Knowles.

CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

- Pan fforde

Is there anyone in your household who is blessed with a gift for singing? Felmersham has been more fortunate than some local churches in being able to retain a village choir, but our membership has fallen recently, so I would like to extend an invitation to anyone over the age of seven who might like to sing in our church Choir. This would hopefully involve regular attendance at the 10.15am service each Sunday, which is often followed by a short choir practice usually lasting no more than 20 minutes. There may be the occasional mid-week practice in preparation for special events. Now would be a good moment to join us, as we are about to start rehearsing music for the Christmas Carol Service. If you would like further information, please have a word with me or Douglas Claypole White.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend congratulations to Robert Sinfield and Deirdre Hargreaves, who were married on 9th September; and to Mark Betterton and Sally Thurston, who were married on 10th September.

OCT				
Sat	1	10.30am 7.30pm	Long Mynd, Pavenham Rd St Mary's Church	Cake Morning Concert
Sun	2	10.15am 11.00am	FAMILY SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. P. Coghlan)
		6.00pm	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	(Mr. R.P. Carpenter)
Sat	8	10.00am 7.30pm	Leaways Pinchmill Hall	Save the Children Coffee Morning Harvest Supper
Sun	9	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. K. Shrimpton) (Mr. S. Hill)
			(Trinity 19 ASB p.736)	
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr.D. Gough)
			(Trinity 20 ASB p.740)	
			(Last after Pentecost ASB p.748)	
Sun	23	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS	(Mr.K. Shrimpton) (Mr.T. Randall)
			(Ninth before Christmas ASB p.398)	
			The Sun	200 Club Draw
Sun	30	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs.S. Webster)
			(Eighth before Christmas ASB p.403)	
NOV				
Tue	1	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. Gough)
			(Seventh before Christmas ASB p.408)	
Fri	11		W.I. Shepherd's Pie and Champagne Supper	
Sat	12	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Bazaar
Sun	13	9.30am 10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS	(Mr.K. Shrimpton) (Mr.D. Aitken)
			(Remembrance Sunday ASB p.413)	
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath-Laying
Mon	14	7.30pm	Pinchmill	PCC Meeting

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS

- Sue Whitehouse

Until earlier this year, the flowers in the memorial niche in the Lady Chapel were maintained by Mary Hensman. I shall try to continue to decorate that corner, but I hope that anyone who wishes to place flowers in memoriam, or just for pleasure, will still feel free to do so. To avoid any duplication, it would be helpful if those wishing to put flowers in that memorial corner could first contact me (781300) or Anne Claypole White (864661).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- Fred Turner

There will be a short wreath-laying service conducted by the Rev. Douglas Claypole White at approximately 11.45am on Sunday November 13th at the War Memorial, immediately following Morning Service. Will anyone wishing to contribute towards the cost of the wreath please contact me on 781864, or leave your donation at 'Five Elms', Moor End Road, Radwell.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The meeting this month was an interesting talk with slides by Mrs. Evelyn Baker from Bedfordshire County Council. Her subject was the excavation work on St. Paul's Square and the Goldington Bury Farm site.

Next month is a return visit from Mr. Hollinshead, telling us some ghost stories.

Tickets will be on sale for a 'Shepherd's Pie and Champagne' supper on November 11th.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

At harvest time we welcome contributions of fruit and vegetables to decorate the Church. If you would like to contribute, please bring your gifts to the Church on Friday afternoon, 30th September, or Saturday morning, 1st October. I would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help with decorating the Church.

Following the Harvest Thanksgiving, all perishable produce will be donated to Christian Family Care, for use in their house in Bedford; whilst the non-perishable produce will form the basis for a Tombola at our Harvest Supper, with all proceeds going to the Church Urban Fund.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

- Ron Smith

Why not join us at Leaways, Grange Road, for coffee between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on Saturday 8th October, and avoid the last minute rush by buying your cards and small presents in a relaxed atmosphere? What better way could there be of helping those whose desperate plight we see all too often on our screens; your joy will help their need. If the Saturday morning proves difficult, come and make your selection on the afternoon of Sunday the 9th.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

- Keith Rose

St Mary's will be holding this year's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 12th November in Pinchmill Hall. We will have the traditional range of stalls selling seasonal items, jams, cakes, handicrafts etc., Christmas cards, and the new Felmersham tea towels, together with a few side shows. Come along and make a start on your Christmas shopping. Doors open at 2.30pm, and all proceeds go to the Church Restoration Fund. Contributions can be left with me at The Old Vicarage, Marriotts Close, or brought to the hall on the morning of the 12th.

(If you are considering produce for the Bazaar, you may like to know that we still have plenty of freezer space, and an abundance of windfall apples, should you care to make use of them - Editor.)

FELMERSHAM CHURCH TEA TOWELS

- Mary Ward

The new Felmersham Tea Towels are selling well, and have already proved to be very popular, attractive and useful. They could well be the answer to several of your Christmas gift problems, and represent very good value at £2.50 each. All proceeds go to the Church Restoration Fund.

The tea towels will remain on sale while stocks last, hopefully until the Christmas Bazaar in mid-November. But to avoid delay or disappointment, it might be wise to make your purchases soon, or at least to place an early order.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andy Evans

The Fireworks and Bonfire will take place on Saturday 5th November in the Plough Gardens. Tickets will be available soon.

The first draw of the new 200 Club took place on Sunday 25th September at The Six Ringers. Winners were -

£25	189	Mrs. Thomas	Willow Lodge, Grange Road
£20	025	Mrs. Miller	Moor Rise, Radwell
£15	284	Mrs. Felce	Hall Farm, Radwell
£5	195	Mr. & Mrs. Whipp	Mistletoe Cottage, Grange Road

Most of the houses in the villages have now been canvassed but should anyone still wish to join the 200 Club could you have a word with me please. The next draw will be on Sunday 23rd October at The Sun.

TRESTLE TABLES AND FOLDING CHAIRS

- Roland Carpenter

The Church owns 7 Trestle Tables, some half-dozen card tables (in varying condition), and about 50 folding chairs, which are at present stored at College Farm House. They are available for use by individuals and groups within the villages, but in view of the large Restoration expenses facing the church at the moment, we do find it necessary to make a small hire charge. We have not laid down any fixed scale of charges, preferring to rely on the discretion and generosity of the hirer. However, as a rough guide, we have in the past received payments between £1 and £10, depending on the amount of equipment involved. Lesser amounts are appropriate in cases where the equipment is being hired to service fund-raising for external charities.

PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1988

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NOV

Tue	1	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Sat	5	6.30pm	Plough Gardens	Bonfire & Fireworks
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. Gough)
			(Seventh before Christmas ASB p.408)	
Fri	11		Peacehaven	W.I. Supper
Sat	12	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Bazaar
Sun	13	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.30am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Remembrance Sunday ASB p.413)	
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath-Laying
Mon	14	7.30pm	Pinchmill	P.C.C. Meeting
Tue	15	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Meeting
Wed	16	6.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Junior Red Cross
Sat	19	11.00am	Church	Christmas Flowers Meeting
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Fifth before Christmas ASB p.418)	
		12.00pm	The Plough	200 Club Draw
Sat	26	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Night at the Races
Sun	27	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mrs. Carr)
			(Advent Sunday ASB p.422)	

DEC

Sat	3	10.30am	St. Mary's Cottage	Cake Morning
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.427)	
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Advent 3 ASB p.432)	
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	

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

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

NOVEMBER 1988

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to everybody who supported our HARVEST FESTIVITIES. To Pam Forde for organising the concert; to those who decorated both the Church and Pinchmill Hall so beautifully; to those who donated produce and gifts, particularly Pinchmill School; to those who organised our Harvest Supper; and to members of Pinchmill Players for entertaining us on that evening.

We donated the perishable produce to the Refuge House in Bedford run by Christian Family Care. Non-perishable items formed the basis of a Tombola at the Harvest Supper, and raised £50. This, together with the profit from the evening of £80, and collections from the Harvest Services of £35 was topped up to £200 by the PCC as our initial contribution to the CHURCH URBAN FUND.

Sunday 13th November is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Both Church Services will start 15 minutes later on that day, so that we can observe the two minute silence in Church at 11.00am. (Holy Communion will therefore be at 9.30am and Matins at 10.30am.) After the service there will be a further wreath-laying at the War Memorial, at about 11.45 am.

Our CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in aid of Church Restoration is on Saturday 12th November at Pinchmill Hall. Further details appear overleaf. Our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday 11th December.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the Church for Harvest Festival or contributed to the displays. Yet again, the results were superb. I think it might be helpful to have a meeting to plan our Christmas flowers. I suggest 11.00 am on Saturday 19th November in the Church. Please try and come if you are interested. I promise to keep the meeting short!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bronwen Guest

There will be a Christingle Service in the Church on December 11th at 3.00 pm, and everyone is most welcome to take part, or join the children in this lovely service.

HARVEST SUPPER

- Anne Claypole White

I would like to say a special thank you to those of you who worked so hard preparing and serving the meal and washing up afterwards.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

There will be no Cake Morning in November as there will be a Cake and Produce stall at the Christmas Bazaar on the 12th, for which we would welcome any contributions.

Mrs. Pat Hartop, St. Mary's Cottage, has kindly offered to hold the December 3rd Cake Morning.

N.S.P.C.C.

- Sheina Burbidge

The collection in Felmersham and Radwell raised a total of £106.02. Very many thanks to the collectors and all contributors.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL W.I.

- Mary Freeman

In a candle-lit atmosphere, members listened to many intriguing stories of ghosts by our speaker, Mr. Hollinshead. Many tales had interesting local connections.

Members are attending a group meeting at Wymington, and the Federation Meeting at the Corn Exchange, when the speaker is to be Mr. Jeff Banks of the Clothes Show.

A book on Bedfordshire Villages which is being launched at the Federation Meeting contains a chapter written by members in both Felmersham and Radwell. The book will soon be on sale in local book shops.

A "Shepherd's Pie and Champagne" supper is to be held at Peacehaven on November 11th. Tickets at £2.50 each are on sale from committee members.

The next meeting on November 15th is a Health talk. The competition is for a decorated gift for Fairfield Hospital.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

- Keith Rose

Pinchmill Hall will be the venue for St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar at 2.30 pm on Saturday 12th November. Once again there will be a wide variety of stalls and sideshows to tempt you - Christmas decorations and seasonal items, jams, cakes, country produce, handicrafts, Bottle Tombola, plants, toys, bric-a-brac, Christmas cards, the new Felmersham tea towels, and many others. We will be holding another competition for the children; this time the task is to make an Advent Calendar. Entries are to be handed in at 27, Marriotts Close by Friday 11th November at the latest. Contributions are eagerly sought for the stalls.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andy Evans

The FIREWORKS and BONFIRE will take place on Saturday 5th November in the Plough Gardens at 6.30 pm. Tickets priced £3 per family, or £1 per adult and 75p per child are available from Sheila Gideon, Pat Bustin, and Chris Baldry. If anyone has any suitable bonfire material, could they please give me a ring on 782523.

Winners of the October 200 CLUB draw were :-

£25	225	Mr. & Mrs. Taylor	Town Lot Lane
£20	245	Mrs. Northwood	Wills Farm, Town Lot Lane
£15	027	The Abbot Family	Moor End, Radwell
£5	315	Mr. & Dr. Cambridge	West Tithe Barn

The next draw will be on Sunday 20th November at The Plough.

R.S.P.C.A.

- Lucy West

The sum recently collected for the R.S.P.C.A. was £71.13 and I am deeply grateful to all who supported this cause so generously.

THANKS

- Fred Best

May I say a very sincere Thank You to all my friends in Felmersham for their condolences following the sudden and sad loss of Trudie. After over 48 years of happy marriage, this was utterly devastating, but I am greatly comforted by the consolation of the Church both in Oakley and Felmersham, and the wonderful support from all my family and friends.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

- Margaret Hartley and Sue Whiting

We are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 16th November in the Village Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, in connection with Project Nicaragua. Coffee and biscuits will be served. All are welcome.

BADMINTON

- Trudy Reynolds

A newly formed Junior Section for young people (age 12+) will meet in Pinchmill Hall from 6.30 to 7.30 pm on Mondays. Anyone interested should contact Phil Butcher on 781994. The junior session must end promptly, as the Hall has to be cleared for Yoga by 7.30 pm. The adult session (16 and over) now begins at 8.30 pm (not 8.00 pm) on Mondays, and we welcome any new members.

WISHING WELL APPEAL

- Sue Ronaldson

Following our very successful lunch, I am delighted to report a grand total of £250.50 raised, and would like to thank everyone who so generously supported this very worthwhile Appeal. It will be very much appreciated. My special thanks to Pat Prior, Anne Airton, Hazel Pearce, Karen Stokley and Gillian Walmsley for most generous donations of food, and for support on the day.

PARISH COUNCIL

- David Smith

At the Parish Meeting on 10th October the results from the questionnaire were reported as follows. Over three-quarters of respondents want the County Structure Plan to be retained. Nearly two-thirds would be prepared for a defence against a major development to be funded from the Parish rate. Areas to be particularly protected from development include the Cricket Field and the river frontage. If development other than infilling were to take place, there was no significant preference for a site, though the Memorial Lane area obtained most points. Only starter homes and family dwellings should be considered. The discussion at the meeting was lively, and broadly accepted the results from the survey. One particular issue which was highlighted is the problem of providing affordable homes for people with family connections in the villages. Our thanks to all who contributed: the results will be used by the Parish Council to guide our responses to future planning applications in Radwell and Felmersham.

SQUASH CLUB

- Isabel Buckingham

Felmersham and Radwell Squash Club invite members and guests to a Night at the Races, in Pinchmill Hall at 8.00 pm on Saturday 26th November. Race cards are available from committee members at 50p. Come and win the Felmersham Gold Cup! Further details on 781832.

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

PARISH DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1988

We will be pleased to include in the Parish Diary details of any meetings events or fixtures taking place within the villages of Felmersham or Radwell. Please send all material for the January issue to Roland Carpenter (781622) by 25th December.

DEC	3	10.30am	St Mary's Cottage	Cake Morning
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Advent 2 ASB p.427)	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
Sat	10	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	(Christmas Bookstall) Christmas Dinner Dance
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Advent 3 ASB p.432)	(Mr. S. Hill)
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	
		8.00pm	Church	Cantamus Concert
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Advent 4 ASB p.437)	(Mr.D. Gough)
		5.00pm	CAROL SERVICE	
		6.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Tea
Thu	22	7.00pm	Church	Carol Singing
Sat	24	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST (Christmas Eve, ASB p.441)	
Sun	25	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Christmas Day, ASB p.444)	(R.P.Carpenter)
JAN 1989				
Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (First after Christmas, ASB p.451)	
Sat	7	10.30am	Harrowdene Paddock	Cake Morning

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

The Christmas Bazaar raised over £600 for our Church Restoration fund. My thanks to Keith and Helen Rose for the organisation, to everybody who helped and to all of you for supporting the event.

Our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE will be held at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 11th December. Later that same evening, at 8.00 p.m., Cantamus will present a CONCERT of Christmas songs and readings. Admission is by programme price £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children, which includes a glass of wine and mince pies after the Concert.

We will be CAROL-SINGING around the village on Thursday 22nd December. Proceeds will go towards the Church Restoration Fund. Anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome. We will start from the Church at 7.00pm.

CHURCH SERVICES over the Christmas period are as follows :-
Our traditional service of NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS takes place at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th, and will be followed by Christmas Tea in Pinchmill Hall, at approximately 6.00 p.m. Everybody is most welcome.

I will celebrate a Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve starting at 11.30 p.m. On Christmas day there will be Parish Communion at 10.15 a.m. The service on the following Sunday, January 1st, will also be a sung Parish Communion.

Starting in the New Year, on the third Sunday in each month, we plan to meet socially after our Morning Service, in a house near the Church. I will include more details about this, and our plans for next year's Lent House Group Meetings, in the next issue of Ouse News.

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

CHRISTMAS BOOKS

- Judith Smith

There will be a book stall in Church on Sunday 27th November and Sunday 4th December, when a sample of books from the Pilgrim Christian Bookshop in St. Loyes Street will be on display. The Bookshop allows a discount on books purchased through the Church, which provides another small contribution towards the Restoration Fund. You may select your books either from the Church stall or from the shop, and I will arrange the purchase so we can take advantage of this offer.

 * We extend our congratulations to *
 * Ronald Watson and Mary Ward *
 * who were married on 18th October 1988. *

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

Mrs. Pat Hartop, St. Mary's Cottage, has kindly offered to hold the December 3rd Cake Morning.

On January 7th, Janet Cook will be our hostess at Harrowdene Paddock.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL W.I.

- Mary Freeman

At the November meeting our Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Kenmore, a local Health Visitor. She gave us an informative talk on Women's Health. She was thanked by Mrs. Sexton.

The competition for a decorated parcel resulted in a collection of presents to be sent to patients at Fairfield Hospital. The winners were:

- 1st - C. Hulatt,
- 2nd - R. Whitbread
- 3rd - M. Alleway.

Members attended a group meeting at Wymington, and saw a cookery demonstration by a Home Economist from Tesco. Members also attended the Federation Meeting, where the speaker was Jeff Banks of the Clothes Show.

The December meeting is a Christmas Party when a gift exchange takes place.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andy Evans

Details of the November winners of the 200 CLUB draw were not available as we went to press, so will be published in the New Year.

The next draw will be on 10th December at The Christmas Dance.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

- Chris Spoor

The Christmas Dinner Dance will be held in Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 10th December from 8.00pm - 12.00pm. Dancing is to The Razz Club. Tickets, including supper, are £7.50 each, and are very limited, so be sure to get yours early!

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

The Box collections for the year ending in October amounted to £66.57. Thank you to everyone who contributed. At present there are 9 people holding Children's Society boxes. If anyone else would like to have a box please contact me. It is a relatively painless way of raising money for this society, which does such marvellous work for children and teenagers in need.

RED CROSS

- Margaret Hartley and Sue Whiting

We would like to thank all those who supported or took part in the sponsored walk, which raised the grand total of £155.

POPPY APPEAL 1988

- Fred Turner

The Poppy collection for Felmersham and Radwell raised £269.85. I would like to thank all who donated to the appeal, and especially to the collectors, Mrs. C. Hulatt, Mrs. M. Leach, Mrs. G. Stevenson, Mrs. S. Evans, Mr. D. Hulston, and to the four pubs, The Swan, The Plough, The Sun and The Six Ringers. The Church collection raised £14.45, and donations towards the Memorial wreath were £15.50.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Pat Hartop

HELP !! Does anyone have a large barn where they would be willing to store scenery, etc.? We have to move them from our present store by the end of January so we desperately need new premises. If anyone can help, please ring 782165 - we would be very grateful.

Rehearsals are well under way for our Pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' on February 16th, 17th and 18th (including a Saturday Matinee). Details of tickets will be announced later, but information for party bookings (Brownies, Guides, etc.) can be obtained from Mrs. Airton on 782080.

We are always looking for new members. If you feel you could tread the boards, move scenery, make costumes (or even the coffee) a warm welcome awaits you. For full details please ring Laurie Mills (Chairman), 781788, or Pat Hartop (Secretary), 782165.

THANK YOU

- Martin and Trudy Reynolds

A big thank you to everyone in Felmersham and Radwell for making our time here so enjoyable - six years has never gone by so fast! We will miss you all.

VILLAGE POST OFFICE

- Trudy Reynolds

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Vivienne Melville is to continue to run the Post Office from The Old Rectory in the High Road. I am sure she will find the job as enjoyable as I have.