

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN
Target £60,000

- Ken Shrimpton
Total Raised £2,122

Our Heritage, Our Responsibility.

In the last 2 decades this Parish has acknowledged responsibility for our ancient heritage, by generous response to requests for finance; and by working tirelessly towards the restoration of our 13th Century Parish Church. As we enter a new decade, we are confident of your continued support.

Since launching the West Front Appeal in August we have sold 2960 Christmas cards, representing 48% of our fund-raising effort. The following amounts were raised during December :-

Coffee Morning	(Pat Hartop)	£ 59.40
Concert	(Alan Stevens)	£118.00
Sale of Cards and Souvenirs, through leaflets		£485.95
Carol Singing	(PPT & Village Voices)	£116.70
Sale of Cards	(Sheila Juffs)	£ 62.60
Sale of mince pies	(Margaret Alleway)	£ 20.00

Thank you for your support. A happy New Decade!

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY 1990

Please send all material for the February issue to
Roland Carpenter (781622) by 25th January.

JAN				
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 1 ASB p.465)	(Mrs. S. Gough)
Mon	8	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Sun	14	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Epiphany 2 ASB p.469)	(Peter Coghlan)
Tue	16	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 3 ASB p.474)	(Mr. D. Knowles)
		11.20am	Peacehaven, The High Road	Coffee
Sun	28	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 4 ASB p.478)	(Mrs. S. Carr)
FEB				
Sat	3	10.30am	Midwicket, Pavenham Road	Cake Morning
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 5 ASB p.480)	(Mr. D. Aitken)

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

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

JANUARY 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

As a result of our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE we have been able to send £125 to the Children's Society. We have also raised £118 for the West Front Restoration Fund at our Christmas Concert, when we were again superbly entertained by Cantamus; and a further £117 from our Christmas Carol singing around the village.

Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be on Sunday January 14th at the usual time of 10.15am. This is the first in a series of four services in the months up to Easter with the central theme of "SHARING AND CARING". The January service will draw on the story of the Three Wise Men, and focus on the sharing of wealth. Please come if you can.

COFFEE will be served after our morning service on Sunday 21st January, at the home of Dick and Doris Aitken, Peacehaven, The High Road.

My grateful thanks to Mary Watson for her generous GIFT OF PEW CUSHIONS in memory of her late husband, Stan Ward.

I will be starting CONFIRMATION CLASSES at the end of January, for candidates seeking to be confirmed this summer. If anyone is interested, will you please have a word with me as soon as possible.

Anne joins me in sending you all our very best wishes for the New Year.

OUSE NEWS 1990

- Roland Carpenter

Despite further rises in printing costs last year, we are happily able to hold the cost of Ouse News to £1.50 for 1990. 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 again like to take this opportunity to thank all our distributors for freely giving their time, in delivering each month's Ouse News, in all weathers.

Radwell	Mrs. Warburton
Grange Road	Mrs. Gough
Pavenham Road	Mrs. Whiting
Marriotts Close	Mrs. Francis
Tithe Barn area	Mrs. Di Stephenson
Trinity Close	Mrs. Alleway
The Row	Mrs. Lovell

Readers who wish to continue to 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 1990.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Harry Robert Sinfield, who was baptised on 10th December 1989, and Alexandra Jane Melville, who was baptised on 17th December 1989.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who battled against heavy odds (mainly 'flu) to decorate the Church for Christmas. It is much appreciated that you make the time to help when I know how busy you all are. It was a hive of industry in St. Mary's on the 16th. The chill of the morning was alleviated by coffee and Margaret's delicious shortbread, and once again you did an excellent job!

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The next meeting, on January 16th, will be a make-up demonstration. Annual subscriptions are now due.

200 CLUB

- Allayne Leach

There was only one winning number (154) in the December draw, held at the Christmas Dance on December 22nd. The lucky winners of £100 were Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Rose Cottage, Felmersham.

The JANUARY draw is to take place on Sunday 28th at The Plough.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

- Ron Smith

The concert at St. Mary's raised something in excess of £100 for the Save the Children Fund. Despite being depleted by over a quarter of their musicians due to the 'flu epidemic, the youngsters provided a happy evening of traditional Christmas music combined with some more modern compositions. Our thanks on behalf of the Save the Children Fund go to the Headmaster, staff, pupils, and parents of Harrold Priory Middle School, to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Mary's for their co-operation and for use of the Church, and to the audience who came, sang and gave so generously.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The next Cake Morning will be on February 3rd, when our hostess will be Mrs. Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pavenham Road.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton

Feeling those post-Christmas blues? Why not contact Anne Airtton on Bedford 782080 to reserve seats for our OLD TIME MUSIC HALL to be held on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, and Saturday 17th February? Make up a party and reserve a table - our serving wenches will be there to ensure your glasses are replenished, and to serve you a supper on Friday and Saturday nights (the cost of your ticket will include supper). Further details next month.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

- Bronwen Guest

The Christingle service was especially enjoyed this year. To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the first English service, Pinchmill School performed a playlet reading depicting the start of the Christingle Services in Moravia. Village Voices sang a Christingle Carol.

Many thanks to all those who took part in the service and a special thank you to the Brownies and helpers who prepared the Christingles, and to Jim Davis for donating the oranges.

All who came to the service or contributed will be pleased to know that we raised £125.29 for the Children's Society.

WHAT PRICE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM ?

- Editor

I am sure we have all been moved by the events in Eastern Europe over the last three months, and have marvelled at the extent of personal commitment, generosity and sacrifice that has been aroused, both in the countries concerned, and amongst their neighbours and friends throughout the world. There is a growing recognition that all peoples deserve the freedom to choose for themselves how they will be governed, and have the right to influence the society in which they live.

We in Western Europe have enjoyed those privileges for so long that it is perhaps hard to imagine a life of restriction under dictatorial authority. But it is not just dictators who have the power to limit freedom. There are many occasions where our own inadvertent actions can unwittingly restrict the freedoms of others. Recognition of the rights of the individual implies consideration for others, and that means allowing them the same freedoms that you would wish them to extend to you.

As if by way of example, I have in the last month received comments from two parishioners, who have asked to remain anonymous, but wished to draw my attention to situations of inconsiderate behaviour within our own community.

One of these concerned the parking of cars in locations that limit visibility, restrict access, or obstruct gateways. Such behaviour was particularly alarming in this case, because access by Emergency services was impeded, and the safety of children playing in the street was put at risk.

The second comment was prompted by conversations overheard on Public Transport, and concerns the widespread and increasing use of vulgar and offensive language by some of the school children in our community. The offending words generally add nothing to the content of the conversation, and seem to drop so easily from the tongue that it is hard to imagine that they are only used outside the home, or out of parental hearing. Although such behaviour falls short of direct personal abuse, it still causes genuine offence, and should not be condoned. Moreover, if present trends continue unchecked, the richness of our English language heritage will be lost forever.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000

Total Raised £2,161

This month sees the launch of the West Front Appeal. Every household in the parish will receive a brochure and a letter explaining the importance of the appeal and why £60,000 is needed. The West Front Committee is well aware that there are many demands upon your money and that our appeal is one of many to drop through your letter box. However we believe that your parish Church is worthy of your consideration. Available to all who wish to use it, it stands as a witness to the Christian faith and a tribute to the craftsmen who built it 770 years ago. History has charged this parish with a major responsibility, and with your help it will be honoured. Please be generous.

The following amounts were raised during January :-

Coffee Morning	(Judith Smith)	£ 32.00
Sale of Tea Towels		£ 7.50

PARISH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 1990

Please send all material for the March issue to Roland Carpenter (781622) by 25th February.

FEB

Sat 3 10.30am Midwicket, Pavenham Road Cake Morning
2.00pm Pinchmill Hall Playgroup Jumble Sale

Sun 4 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Aitken)
(Epiphany 5 ASB p.480)

Thu 8 2.30pm 36, Marriotts Close 3 in 1 Club

Sun 11 10.15am FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Rosemary Brough)
(Ninth before Easter ASB p.488)

Thu 15 8.00pm Pinchmill Hall Old Tyme Music Hall

Fri 16 8.00pm Pinchmill Hall Old Tyme Music Hall

Sat 17 8.00pm Pinchmill Hall Old Tyme Music Hall

Sun 18 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Gough)
(Eighth before Easter ASB p.492)

11.20am 10, Marriotts Close Coffee

12.30pm The Swan, Radwell 200 Club Draw

Tue 20 7.30pm Pinchmill Hall W.I.

Sun 25 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION (Mr. K. Shrimpton)

10.15am FAMILY MATINS (Mr. S. Hill)

(Seventh before Easter ASB p.497)

Wed 28 10.15am HOLY COMMUNION
(Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)

MAR

Sat 3 10.30am Peacehaven, The High Road Cake Morning

Sun 4 10.15am CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. M. Alleway)
(Lent 1 ASB p.506)

Fri 9 8.00pm 2, The Old Rectory Lent House Group Meeting

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey (864) 661).

Churchwardens: Mr.R.P.Carpenter (781622) and Mr.D.Gough (781738)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

FEBRUARY 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our next FAMILY SERVICE, on Sunday 11th February, at 10.15am, is the second of four with a 'Sharing and Caring' theme, this time focussing on the sharing of Talents.

After our morning service on Sunday 18th February, COFFEE will be provided by Peter and Anthea Coghlan, 10, Marriotts Close.

Please note that from March onwards, the Family Service will move to the FOURTH Sunday in the month. So the March family service will be on March 25th, Mothering Sunday.

Also, from March 11th onwards, the 9.15am said Holy Communion and 10.15 Matins services will move to the SECOND Sunday of the month.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Doris Pipe, who died on December 23rd, and whose funeral was on 11th January.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The 1990 rota for altar flowers is now in the Church porch. Please sign up in good time if you would like to help.

LENT HOUSE GROUPS

- Clive Just

Every Friday in Lent (March 9th - April 6th) we will be hosting a series of informal and lively discussions covering 5 different aspects of Christianity. Everybody is welcome, whether church members or not. Come at 8.00pm to 2, The Old Rectory, Felmersham. or ring 781967 for more details. The meetings will last for about one and a half hours, and then coffee will be served.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The speaker at our January meeting was Mr. Mike Jones. He showed some very interesting slides of the history of Colworth House and the surrounding area from 1720 - 1890. He had some fascinating slides of priceless paintings and treasures from the period. He was thanked by Judith Smith. Members and husbands enjoyed a performance of 'No Sex Please, We're British' at the Civic Theatre. A letter of thanks was received from Fairfield hospital for the Christmas gifts. Greetings were received from former members Sally Sansom, Eileen Roberts, and Winifred Walker. Mike Jones judged the competition for the prettiest ankles, won by Jessie Turner. Judith Smith, Treasurer, is collecting annual subscriptions which are now due. The next meeting on February 20th is a talk on India. A Coffee Evening is planned for March 27th.

CAKE MORNING

- Helen Rose

The next Cake Morning will be on February 3rd, when our hostess will be Mrs. Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pavenham Road. The March venue is Peacehaven, The High Road, courtesy of Mrs. Doris Aitken.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

Firstly a big thank you to Alleyne Leach for his devotion to duty as the 200 Club co-ordinator. Due to other commitments Alleyne is stepping down, and in future I will be taking over responsibility for the monthly draw. If anyone is interested in subscribing to the draw (£1 per month for two numbers) can you let me know on 781160. Winners of the January draw at the Plough were :-

£25	163	Mr. Turner	Moor End, Radwell
£20	219	A. Perkins	The Slip, Felmersham
£15	102	Mr. Grice	Moor End, Radwell
£10	201	Mr. & Mrs. Gavin	Tithe Barn, Felmersham

The FEBRUARY draw is to take place on Sunday 18th at The Swan.

BOOKSTALL

- Judith Smith

ENGLISH COUNTRY CHURCHES by Richard Briers.

This book has recently been published and includes our own Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Felmersham. The cost is £14.99, and royalties go to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, from whom we have received grants towards the restoration of our own Church. There is also a discount on each book ordered, which will be paid into our Restoration Fund. Further details and orders to :- Mrs. Judith Smith, Leaways, Felmersham, telephone 781430.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton

For an informal evening of entertainment and fun, we are proud to present our OLD TYME MUSIC HALL which will take place each evening at 8.00pm on the following dates :-

Thursday	15th February	- tickets £3.50
Friday	16th February	- tickets £5.00
Saturday	17th February	- tickets £5.00

Supper is included on Friday and Saturday evenings. The bar will be open from 7.30pm and our lovely serving wenches will be on hand to replenish your glasses throughout the show. Why not get into the Music Hall mood and come dressed in old time costume?

To reserve your ticket ring Anne Airtton on Bedford 782080, but hurry; these shows are always popular and tickets are selling quickly.

P.S.A.

- Andrew Evans

Advance Notice! Barn Dance. Bricks and Brussels. Saturday 31st March. Licenced Bar. Supper.

BROOKE HOSPITAL

- Felise Kingerlee

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those ladies who bought Christmas dinner napkins, in aid of the Brooke Hospital for Animals, Cairo. We raised £33.85.

The hospital has provided a free veterinary service for the working animals of the poor for over 50 years, and now has four centres in Egypt and a new one at Petra in Jordan.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

- Peter Stephenson

We have been short-listed by the Beds. Rural Community Council for a grant of 50% towards the £6000 to complete the extension. Though we must not count our chickens yet, things do look optimistic. A big thank you to the clubs / organisations which have helped our bank balance to recover after the £9000 spent on the extension shell. Pinchmill Players and the W.I. have given £150 and £50 respectively. The Carpet Bowls Club has helped us greatly with a loan of £100. We will be asking clubs and all 'Friends of the Village Hall' to help us through an interest-free loan idea - more details next month.

The Christmas dance was a spectacular success - all tickets were sold well before the night. The music was excellent, courtesy of our local talent, the Razz Club band and the Templeman sisters (who entertained us during the interval) - well done both groups! The profit was £600 - a remarkable sum for such an event. Our thanks to the willing bar staff, Justin and Barbara North, John and Heather Nolan; and to the clubs which gave raffle prizes. Our very special thanks to Chris and Maggie Spoor, without whose initial enthusiasm and organisational follow-through (at a time when all others are concerned only with their own domestic panics) there would have been no dance!

3 IN 1 CLUB

- Jessie Marsh

On December 21st we were entertained to afternoon tea at the home of Gill Stevenson (sec.), after which we were each presented with a beautiful table decoration. On January 10th we were taken to lunch at The Falcon at Bletsoe. This was greatly enjoyed by all, thanks being given to all concerned.

Our grateful thanks go to Val, Gill and Kath, who have so ably brought us through another year filled with outings and shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris say a big thank you to members of the 3 in 1 Club for the gorgeous basket of flowers sent them on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Our next meeting is on 8th February at Val Barker's (chairlady). Feel free to join us at 2.30pm.

PLAYGROUP

- Jane Ward

The Playgroup are holding a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 3rd February at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Jumble may be left at Rose Cottage, or with Mrs. Melville at 1, The Old Rectory, or brought to the Hall on the morning of the Sale.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andrew Evans

The following fund-raising social events are planned this year.

Race Nite - Friday 23rd March.

70's Disco - Saturday 19th May. Fish 'n Chip Supper

Greek Evening with entertainment - July

Family Fun Day - Sunday 9th September

Barn Dance - October

Bonfire and Fireworks - 5th November

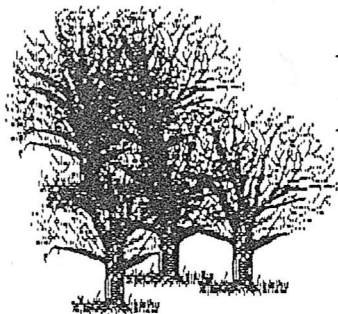
I do hope you will support these functions and so help to complete the new extension. I would be very happy to hear from anyone willing to join the committee - we only have 4 members now.

FEB 92

Pinchmill Players Theatre

present

BABES in the WOOD



**A Pantomime
in Pinchmill Hall
Felmersham**

on Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm
Friday 17th February at 7.30pm
Saturday 18th February at 2.30pm & 8.00pm

All Tickets may be reserved.

Details from: Mrs. Ann Airton,
42, Marriotts Close,
Felmersham.
Tel: Bedford 782080

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

Target £60,000

- Ken Shrimpton

Total Raised £2,874

So far we have recieved donations totalling £575. This is a very encouraging start to the appeal.

The following amounts were raised during January :-

Cake Morning	(Karen Stokley)	£ 82.00
Souvenirs		£ 25.50
Sale of "English Country Churches" (J.Smith)		£ 11.00
Donations		£575.00
Sale of Marmalade (Margaret Alleway)		£ 20.00

Date for your diary - Saturday 21st April - Village Quiz

PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH 1990

(All copy for the April issue to Roland Carpenter by 25th March)

MAR					
Sat	3	10.30am	Peacehaven, The High Road	Cake Morning	
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 1 ASB p.506)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)	
Mon	5	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga	
Wed	7	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council AGM	
Fri	9	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group	
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Lent 2 ASB p.510)	(Mrs. S. Carr)	
Mon	12	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting	
Fri	16	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group	
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 3 ASB p.515)	(Mr. D. Knowles)	
		11.20am	Marchwood, Grange Road	Coffee	
		12.30pm	The Six Ringers	200 Club Draw	
Mon	19		Sedalia, Grange Road	Family Service meeting	
Tue	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.	
Fri	23	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group	
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Race Nite	
Sun	25	10.15am	FAMILY SERVICE		
		11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (Mothering Sunday, Lent 4 ASB p.520)		
Tue	27	8.00pm	Midwicket, Pavenham Road	Coffee Evening	
Fri	30	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group	
Sat	31	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.S.A. Barn Dance	
APR					
Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 5 ASB p.524)	(Mr. D. Aitken)	
Fri	6	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group	
Sat	7	10.30am	1, The Old Rectory	Cake Morning	
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	(Mr. S. Hill)	

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

MARCH 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Starting this month, our FAMILY SERVICE will move to the FOURTH Sunday, and consequently our Matins service and 9.15am said Holy Communion will take place on the SECOND Sunday, 11th March. On Sunday March 25th, I will be conducting our usual Mothering Sunday service, at which the children will be invited to collect a posy to present to their mothers. As in past years, this will not be a communion service, but I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion directly afterwards, for those of you who would like to remain.

COFFEE will be provided at the home of Stella and Don Gough, 'Marchwood', Grange Road, directly after the service on Sunday 18th March.

Our LENT HOUSE GROUP will meet every Friday at 8.00pm at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory, starting on 9th March. All are welcome.

In the January issue of Ouse News, I expressed my thanks to Mary Wastson for her kind GIFT OF PEW CUSHIONS. I would like to add my thanks to Ronald Watson as well as Mary, as this was in fact a joint gift from them both in memory of Stan Ward. My apologies to Ronald for not including him in our earlier issue.

After about eight years of organising the monthly CAKE MORNINGS in aid of our Restoration Fund, Helen Rose is going to take a well earned rest. My thanks to her for so concientiously organising this event each month. Margaret Alleway has kindly agreed to take over.

Every six years we have to prepare a completely new Church ELECTORAL ROLL. If you are over 16 years of age, baptised, and either live in the village or habitually worship here and would like your name to be included please have a word with our PCC secretary, Mrs. Sue Webster, or any member of the PCC. Only those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are permitted to vote at the annual Church Parochial Meeting. It is important that this Roll reflects our true membership, as it is likely that it will be used by the Church authorities in the future as one of the inputs in determining how much money is to be raised from the Parish!

OUSE NEWS DISTRIBUTION

- editor

In addition to those distributors whom I listed in the January issue, I would also like to convey my special thanks to Mrs. Pat Brown, who regularly assists with the Grange Road distribution; and to express my apologies to Pat for the oversight.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

MOTHERING SUNDAY, 25th March. If anyone can spare some small flowers from the garden or would be willing to make some of the posies, I would be delighted to hear from you.

EASTER LILIES. Looking ahead, if any of you would like to donate money for an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please let me know so that I can order the lilies early.

FLOWER ROTA. There are some large gaps to be filled! Please sign up if you would like to help with the altar flowers. They last well in St Mary's, so it would make sense to sign up for at least two consecutive weeks!

HOMEWATCH

- Sue Evans

Please contact Mrs. G. Davis, Hawthornes, Pavenham Road if you would be willing to volunteer to be a Homewatch co-ordinator.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

The next Cake Morning will be on March 3rd, at Peacehaven, The High Road, courtesy of Mrs. Doris Aitken. On April 7th Mrs. Viv Melville and Mrs. Margaret Alleway are hosting a joint effort at 1, The Old Rectory, The High Road; and on May 5th Jennifer Knowles will be the hostess.

YOU MUST BE JOKING !

- Roland Carpenter

Inspired by the youngest member of the Templeman family, ably assisted by several other members of the choir and some Pinchmill School pupils, I have started to assemble a collection of Jokes and humorous stories, which we hope to publish later in the year, with proceeds going to the West Front Restoration Fund.

If the idea is to be successful, we shall need lots more material, to suit all ages, so I am appealing to EVERYONE to please, please let me have any contributions, on paper, at any time over the next six months, but preferably as soon as possible, together with a note of your name - unless you would prefer to remain anonymous !

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andrew Evans

On Friday Mch 23rd we are holding a Race Nite in the Village Hall in aid of extension funds. The first race will be off promptly at 8.00pm. Unfortunately we are not allowed to have a licenced bar, so you will have to bring along your own hampers and cases. Do come and join us for what promises to be a most enjoyable night.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The February Draw took place at The Swan at Radwell. Winners were:-

£25 227 Mr. I. Sutherland Church End, Felmersham,

£20 221 Heather Nolan Moor End, Radwell,

£15 061 G. Burr Grange Road, Felmersham,

£10 112 Mrs. Matthews Moor End, Radwell,

The March draw is to take place on Sunday 18th at The Six Ringers, at 12.30pm. Come along and help pick the winners.

P.S.A. BARN DANCE

- Andrew Evans

A Barn Dance will be held in Pnchmill Hall on Saturday 31st March, starting at 8.00 pm. Come and dance to Bricks and Brussels. Licenced Bar and Supper for only £4.50. Tickets are available in advance from committee members or the school.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Val Sexton welcomed Mrs. Pat Brown back to our Institute. Business included resolution meetings, voting for the Bedfordshire Executive, nominations for our own Institute, and ideas for future outings.

"A trip down Memory Lane" was the title of Mrs. Helena Kent's talk. She took us to India, where she had been born. Her trip was planned around seeing the Taj Mahal by full moon, and included a wonderful cup of tea in Darjeeling, where she had been to school at the age of five, and Calcutta where she was born. She found India a country of contrasts and contradictions, the scenery at times indescribable. She also had an unexpected and memorable meeting with Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

March 20th - a collection of Musical Boxes.

March 27th - a Coffee Evening at the home of

Mrs. Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pavenham Road,
in aid of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

- Sue Evans

The Parish Council AGM is on Wednesday 7th March, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

WANTED! COSTUME JEWELLERY

- Roz fforde (Sacristan)

Wanted, costume jewellery, in any condition.

"From the smallest beads, big ear-rings grow"

This is a venture to raise funds for West Front Restoration. Contributions can be delivered to Church on Sunday mornings, or left at College Farm House, Church End, Felmersham.

THANK YOU

- Nicholas Edwards

I would like to thank all those who supported my Sponsored Swim for the British Heart Foundation. In total I raised £164.45. Overall, the whole swim raised £13,000. £1,950 of the money is going to buy 2 portable Electrocardiograph Recorders. The remainder of the money will be used for research and other life saving equipment. Once again, thank you for sponsoring me.

YOGA

- Karen Stokley

Yoga classes start again on Monday 5th March, 7.30 - 8.30pm. £9 for 10 lessons. New members are always welcome. Please ring 781176 for any more information.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES CORRESPONDENT

- Mary Freeman

May I remind you to let me have details of club events and village activities, before and / or after the event, for inclusion in the Bedfordshire Times. Also details of any personal achievements, particularly by the younger members of our community. Please send all material to me at Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, telephone 781645.

MR 90



St. Mary's Church FELMERSHAM West Front Appeal

A Progress Report - Since we launched our £60,000 appeal within the parish, we have received donations of £930 and covenants worth £2,693 over the next four years. Our thanks to all who have generously contributed.

A Challenge - For those of you who are intending to contribute, but have not yet got around to it! One of our covenantors has promised to increase his covenant by £1 per year for every £10 per year that others covenant between now and 1st July. The more that we can persuade you to covenant before 1st July, the more that this generous offer will help to swell the funds. This is your chance to help the village get something back from the taxman and to take one of your fellow villagers for a ride at the same time!

Stephen Hill at 46 Marriotts Close (781064) has a stock of covenant forms and is waiting for the rest of the world to beat a pathway to his door. Donations, bright ideas and offers of help will also be gratefully received.

Our Next Step - We will be taking the appeal to wider horizons and will shortly be starting to approach various charitable trusts which may assist us with grants. We believe that the appeal leaflets that we produced will be particularly helpful in these approaches and they have certainly helped to stir interest within the parish. We would like to place on record our thanks to Stonebridges Printers Ltd of Bedford, who made a first class job of producing these for us at a concessionary price. The complete appeal package that came through your door cost just 64p per copy.

<u>Forthcoming Events</u> - Cake Mornings	(7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July)
Quiz Evening	(21 April)
Village Voices Concert	(5 May)
Jumble Sale	(12 May)
Evening of Light Entertainment	(9 June)
Summer Fete	(14 July)

We cannot yet say when work will start, but we will be reviewing the position as fund raising continues. We hope that you will be able to support our events and that the appeal may succeed not only in preserving the architectural treasure that we have in the West Front, but also in helping to draw people together in the village as we work towards our goal.

26 March 1990

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £ 6,176

You will find enclosed with this issue of Ouse News a special report on the progress of our appeal.

During last month the following amounts were raised :-

Cake Morning (Doris and Dick Aitken)	£ 59.00
Donations (received since 25th February)	£ 355.00
Covenants (including tax recoveries)	£2693.00
Interest	£ 150.00
Wedding Donations	£ 45.00

PARISH DIARY FOR APRIL 1990

(All copy for the May issue to Roland Carpenter by 25th April)

APR

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 5 ASB p.524) Start of Children's Society Week	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Fri	6	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
Sat	7	10.30am	1, The Old Rectory	Cake Morning
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Thu	12	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Maundy Thursday, ASB p.552)	
Fri	13	7.30pm	THE CROSS OF CHRIST Hymns, Anthems, Readings (Good Friday, ASB p.559)	
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter Day ASB p.574)	(Mr. D. Gough)
		12.30pm	The Sun	200 Club Draw
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. AGM
Sat	21	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Quiz Evening
Sun	22	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Easter 1 ASB p.604)	
Wed	25	10.30am	The Old Stables	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning
Sun	29	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 2 ASB p.610)	(Mr. M. Banham-Hall)
Mon	30	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC A.G.M.

MAY

Sat	5	10.30am	Long Mynd, Pavenahm Road	Cake Morning
		7.30pm	St. Mary's Church	Village Voices Concert
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 3 ASB p.615)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Sat	12	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Jumble Sale

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey 661).

Churchwardens: Mr.R.P.Carpenter (781622) and Mr.D.Gough (781738)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1990

- Doug Claypole White

Sunday 8th April is PALM SUNDAY. I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am, followed by Matins at 10.15am. I will hand out Palm Crosses at both services.

On MAUNDY THURSDAY, 12th April, I will celebrate a Said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am. On GOOD FRIDAY, 13th April, there will be a devotional service of Hymns, Anthems, and Readings at 7.30pm. On EASTER SUNDAY, 15th April, I will be celebrating Parish Communion at 10.15am. Although this is the third Sunday of the month, we shall not be meeting for coffee after this service.

Our FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15am on Sunday 22nd April.

Our final LENT HOUSE GROUP MEETING will be on Friday 6th April at 8.00pm at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory. If you have not been able to attend any of the earlier meetings, I do recommend that you come to our last one. All are welcome.

The ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS to elect our Church Wardens will be held at Pinchmill Hall on Monday 30th April at 7.30pm. Anyone on the Local Government electoral roll may attend and vote. For those on the Church Electoral Roll there will be a further meeting immediately afterwards, to elect members of the PCC and to receive reports from the Church officers, including the annual accounts.

VILLAGE VOICES will be giving a concert in aid of our West Front Appeal, in St. Mary's at 7.30pm on Saturday 5th May.

Please also make a note in your diaries that we have been asked to host the DEANERY EUCHARIST at 7.30pm on Ascension Day, 24th May. This will be a Choral service, led by a combined choir of Sharnbrook Deanery choristers. The Bishop of Wolverhampton will be celebrating and preaching. Bishop Christopher is a former Archdeacon of Bedford. Coffee will be served in Pinchmill Hall after the service and this will give the Bishop a chance to chat informally, renewing acquaintance with any of you who may have met him when he was our Archdeacon.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend congratulations to Graham Hodgson and Jennifer Smith who were married in St. Mary's Felmersham on March 10th 1990.

We welcome Sam Horrell, who was baptised on 11th March 1990.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

April 1st - 7th is Children's Society Week. There will be a house to house collection during that time. Please "help us to go on helping them".

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

On April 7th Mrs. Viv Melville and Mrs. Margaret Alleway are hosting a joint effort at 1, The Old Rectory, The High Road; and on May 5th Jennifer Knowles will be the hostess at Long Mynd, Pavenham Road.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The March Draw took place at The Six Ringers. Winners were :-

£25	095	Mr. Hulston	Pavenham Rd, Felmersham.
£20	088	Mr. D. Melville	The Old Rectory, Felmersham.
£15	149	Mrs. Barnell	Moor End, Radwell.
£10	069	Mr. & Mrs. Tingey	Marriotts Close, Felmersham.

The April draw will be on Sunday 15th (Easter Sunday) at The Sun.

FISHERMEN'S MISSION

- Sue Whiting

Thanks to all the contributors, and to all the ladies who helped us to raise £58.25 in the Felmersham collection for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Val Sexton was in the chair for the March meeting. Matters dealt with were the monthly letter, nominations for the new committee and the group meeting at Bletsoe. Members enjoyed seeing and hearing a large collection of musical toys and boxes collected by Mrs. Betty Hampson. A competition for a musical box was won by Truce Boyce, with Hazel Sidebottom 2nd.

The Annual Meeting takes place on April 17th. Our VCD for the evening is Mrs. Ann Salmon and there will be a talk on "Women in Brazil".

Members and friends enjoyed a coffee evening at the home of Karen Stokley. £50.55 was raised, half of which will go to help research into Arthritis and Rheumatism, and the other half for research into Parkinsons Disease.

YOUR KEY ?

- Pat Brown

After the W.I. meeting I found I had acquired a set of keys, (two car, one house). If anyone has mislaid them, please phone 781519.

LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

- Lorraine Shrimpton

A date for your diary - Saturday 9th June - for an evening of light entertainment followed by supper. More details in May.

PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL FIELD

- The Children of
Pinchmill School

Some people are exercising their dogs and horses on our school playing field. Please will you not do this because when we play football, the mess your pets leave behind gets on our ball, or if we step in it, it gets carried into school on our shoes. Then the Dinner Ladies have the unpleasant task of cleaning us up. Please help us to keep our school and grounds clean and tidy.

SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The Felmersham and Radwell Sue Ryder Support Group are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25th April from 10.30 to 12.00 noon at The Old Stables, Grange Road.

Bring and Buy Stall - Raffle - Admission 50 pence.

QUIZ EVENING

- David Smith

A Quiz Evening in aid of the West Front Appeal has been arranged for Saturday, 21st April at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall. Tickets, costing £2 per head including the first glass of wine, are available from Chris Spoor (tel 782031) and David Smith (tel 781780). A similar evening held last year was a great success, so get your tickets early!

ART SHOW

- Margaret Alleway

Members of the Sharnbrook and District Art Society are holding an Exhibition of their paintings in The Barn at Corn Close during the weekend 19th - 20th May, 12.00 noon - 6.00pm. Refreshments will be on sale, with proceeds to be donated to the West Front Appeal.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Whitehouse

A Jumble Sale in aid of St. Mary's Church will be held on Saturday May 12th at 2.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Please deliver your jumble to the hall on the morning of the sale, or if you need to be rid of it sooner contact Sue Whitehouse (781300) or Rosemary Brough (782104). Any offers of help would also be gratefully received!

THREE IN ONE CLUB

- Jessie Marsh

We recently held our A.G.M. at the home of Mrs. G. Stevenson. A small gift was presented to Mrs. K. Booker, upon her resignation as Treasurer, in recognition of the work she has done for us. Thanks were given by the members for everything done during the outgoing year. The officers were re-elected for the coming year.

Chairperson - Mrs. V. Barker

Sec / Treas - Mrs. G. Stevenson

Committee - Mrs. K. Lovell Mrs. J. Marsh

We then discussed and planned a programme of enjoyable entertainments for the coming year.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £13,620

Keen readers of this column will note that our running total of monies promised has more than doubled. This is mainly due to a very generous grant from the Francis Coales Charitable foundation. Mr. John Coale, a trustee of the Foundation congratulated us on our appeal leaflet. We urgently need an organiser for a sponsored bicycle ride to take place at the end of June. It is hoped that the ride will attract parents and young people. During last month the following amounts were raised :-

Cake Morning (Margaret and Vivienne)	£ 77.00
Donations	£ 75.00
Covenants	£ 960.00
Hanbury Turvey Foundation	£ 100.00
Anonymous Charitable Donations	£1000.00
Francis Coales Charitable Foundation	£5000.00

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1990

(All copy for the June issue to Roland Carpenter by 25th May)

MAY				
Sat	5	10.30am 7.30pm	Long Mynd, Pavenham Rd St. Mary's Church	Cake Morning Village Voices Concert
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 3 ASB p.615)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Sat	12	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Jumble Sale
Sun	13	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS (Easter 4 ASB p.619)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton) (Mrs. S. Carr)
	14 - 19 May		Christian Aid Week	
Mon	14	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Wed	16	8.00pm	'Owl's Nest', Radwell	Family Service Meeting
Sat	19	12.00pm 8.00pm	Corn Close Pinchmill Hall	Art Exhibition 70's Disco
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 5 ASB p.624) 7, Tithe Barn	(Mr. D. Knowles) Coffee
Wed	23	8.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Village Hall AGM
Thu	24	7.30pm	DEANERY COMMUNION (Ascension Day, ASB p.627)	
Sun	27	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Sunday after Ascension Day ASB p.632)	(T.B.A.)
JUN				
Sat	2	10.30pm	Corn Close	Cake Morning
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Pentecost ASB p.635)	(Mr. D. Aitken)

Vicar: The Revd. D.E. Claypole White (Turvey (864) 661).
Churchwardens: Mr. R. P. Carpenter (781422) and Mr. D. Gough (781738)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

The DEANERY EUCHARIST will be held in St. Mary's at 7.30pm on ASCENSION DAY, 24th May. The President and preacher will be the Bishop of Wolverhampton, The Rt. Rev. Christopher Mayfield. Bishop Christopher was Archdeacon of Bedford from 1980 to 1985. Light refreshments will be provided after the service in Pinchmill Hall when there will be a chance to meet the Bishop. 14th - 19th May is CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. As part of our support for the Church overseas, there will be a house to house collection in both villages during the week.

COFFEE will be served at the home of Alan Stevens, 7, Tithe Barn, after our morning service on the third Sunday, 20th May.

Our FAMILY SERVICE this month will be led by the Brownies and will be at 10.15am on Sunday 27th May.

There will be a Deanery HEALING SERVICE held at Ravensden at 8.00pm on Tuesday 29th May.

On Saturday 5th May at 7.30pm The Village Voices will be entertaining us in St. Mary's. The CONCERT is in aid of the West Front appeal. Those of you who came to their last concert will know what an enjoyable evening is in store for us. Then on the following Saturday, 12th May there will be a JUMBLE SALE in Pinchmill Hall, also in aid of the West Front appeal.

The ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS to elect our Church Wardens was held at Pinchmill Hall on Monday 30th April, followed by the election of the PCC, and reports from the Church officers. Those elected were Don Gough and Roland Carpenter (Churchwardens), Sue Whitehouse (Deanery Synod rep), David Knowles (Vice Chairman), Sue Webster (Secretary), Stephen Hill (Treasurer), Messrs. Ken Shrimpton, Clive Just, Alan Stevens, Paul Keeble, Dick Aitken, Martin Banham-Hall, and Peter Coghlan, and Mesdames Rosemary Brough, Sally Carr, Pam fforde, and Margaret Alleway. Thanks were expressed to all those who have done so much for the parish in the last year, especially to the Auditor, Derek Walmsley; to Anne Claypole White for the flowers; Martin Juffs for the Christmas Cards; Helen Rose for the Cake mornings, Clive and Ros Just for House Group Meetings and to the Churchwardens, officers of the PCC and members of committees.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Ernie Taylor, who died suddenly in Hong Kong on Easter Sunday, and whose funeral was in Felmersham on 27th April.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

On May 5th Jennifer Knowles will be the hostess at Long Mynd, Pavenham Road. The 2nd June Cake Morning will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. K. Burbridge, Corn Close.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped make posies for Mothering Sunday. to everyone who gave money for the lilies at Easter and to everyone who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for Easter. A special mention too for the younger generation - Mary Whiting for the primrose crosses and Helen Brough and Anoushka Hartop for the Easter garden.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Our Annual Meeting was held in April. Val Sexton was re-elected President; and the committee for 1990/91 is Truce Boyce, Paula Capps, Celia Hulatt, Pat Keeble, Jennifer Knowles, Sheila MacKenzie, Judith Smith and Gwen Warburton. The committee's annual report was presented by Sheila MacKenzie. In her President's report Val Sexton thanked the committee, their husbands, and members for their help and support in all the jobs they do. The treasurer's report was given by Judith Smith. She thanked Derek Walmsley for auditing the accounts, especially as it is a very busy time of the year for him. The 1990/91 programme was presented by Paula Capps and is interesting and varied. Our VCD for the evening was Mrs. Ann Salmon who brought us county news. Mrs. Perks, helped by her husband, showed us slides of Brazil and told us about the W.I.'s latest project to help the women in Brazil. They aim to raise £300,000 in 3 years. The Annual Competition Cup was won by Doris Aitken; 2nd Hazel Sidebottom. The Denman Bursary draw was won by Elayne Sharman. For the May meeting members are asked to bring a recipe to taste, plus a copy of the recipe. The resolutions for the AGM will be discussed. Gwen Warburton will be our delegate.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Whitehouse

A Jumble Sale in aid of St. Mary's Church will be held on Saturday May 12th at 2.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Please deliver your jumble to the hall on the morning of the sale, or if you need to be rid of it sooner contact Sue Whitehouse (781300) or Rosemary Brough (782104). Any offers of help would also be gratefully received!

WEST FRONT SHOW

- Lorraine Shrimpton

An evening of light entertainment followed by a candle-lit supper on Saturday 9th June 8.00pm in Pinchmill hall. This will be a mixture of songs from your favourite past and present West End shows, "poetry" readings from one of the country's finest (yes, but finest what?!), and the youngsters to entertain you with song and dance. Something for everyone including those who feel the need for liquid refreshment made from the grape or the barley! Why not make up a party and reserve a table? Tickets are available from Anne Airtton on Bedford 782080, at £5.00 each (this includes supper). All proceeds to the West Front Appeal.

SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

We were blessed with warm sunshine on 25th April when we raised £224 for St. John's. Our thanks to all who came and spent generously, to those who baked for our stall (it made £114) and to friends who gave donations. An additional pleasure was having Mary Kemsley with us. Thank you all once more for your continued support, it is sincerely appreciated.

QUIZ EVENING

- David Smith

The Smiths and Spoor's would like to thank all who supported the Quiz Evening on Saturday April 21st. Hopefully all those who attended enjoyed the evening which made a total of £232.25 for the West Front Appeal.

ART SHOW

- Margaret Alleway

Members of the Sharnbrook and District Art Society are holding an Exhibition of their paintings in The Barn at Corn Close during the weekend 19th - 20th May, 12.00 noon - 6.00pm. Refreshments will be on sale, with proceeds to be donated to the West Front Appeal.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

The house to house collection in April raised £127.31, a wonderful effort. Thank you to all who contributed and to the collectors, Pat Keeble, Judith Smith, Sue Whiting, Rosalyn Just, Jane Ward, Sue Evans and Helen Rose.

VILLAGE VOICES

- Janet Welsh

We are having a concert in the Church on Saturday 5th May at 7.30pm. There will be instrumental solo items by members of the choir and the programme will include Jonah Man Jazz by Michael Hurd. Entry is only 50p with a retiring collection, so please come and support the younger members of the village. All proceeds to the West Front Appeal.

FRIDAY EVENING SUPPER

- Dorothy Galliver

Why not start the weekend in relaxed fashion on June 22nd with supper at The Old Stables? More details will be available soon in Ouse News, and from Sue Webster, Constance Carter, George and Dorothy Galliver. All proceeds for the West Front Appeal.

FISHERMEN'S MISSION

- Val Sexton

I would like to thank the people of Radwell for raising £29.80 in the recent house to house collection for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

VILLAGE HALL

- Peter Stephenson

The AGM will be on Wednesday, May 23rd at 8.30pm in the Committee Room. Five of the six elected committee members are standing for re-election, our Treasurer, Chris de Silva, is resigning due to pressure of work. Our thanks go to him for all his hard work on our behalf. We would welcome nominations to the committee (with proposer and seconder) to Barbara North, 14, Marriotts Close, before the meeting, or from the floor. The agenda will include Minutes and Matters Arising, Chairman's and Treasurer's reports and the election of the committee.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andrew Evans

Many thanks to all those who supported the Race Nite. Over £210 was raised. Grateful thanks to Jane and Mark Ward and "Digger" Timothy. The next function is a 70's Disco on Saturday 19th May at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall. Dancing to Starvision Roadshow. Licenced Bar and Fish 'n Chip supper all for £4.50. Tickets from Sheila Gideon, Helen Tingey and Christine Cardliffe.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £15,384

Can you help? We are looking for a painting or photograph suitable to reproduce for our 1990 Christmas card. It must be a winter scene of Felmersham or Radwell. If you have such a picture and are prepared for us to use it, please may we have it by 10th June? The artist / photographer of the selected picture will be acknowledged in the card. Last month's receipts included :-

Cake Morning (David & Jennifer Knowles)	£ 80.00
Donations	£ 354.00
Covenants	£ 405.00
Major Simon Whitbread Charitable Trust	£ 500.00
Village Voices (Janet Welsh)	£ 43.00
Jumble Sale (Sue, Rosemary, Paul et al)	£ 196.00
Wedding Collection	£ 61.00
Art Exhibition (Margaret, Ken & Sheina)	£ 125.00
Quiz (Anne & David, Chris & Maggie)	£ 232.00*

*This figure already included in last month's total

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JUN

Sat	2	10.30pm	Corn Close, Church End	Cake Morning
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Pentecost ASB p.635)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sat	9	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	West Front Show
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Wed	13	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Upper School	RAE Thurleigh Meeting
Thu	14		3 in 1 Visit to Cockayne Hatley	
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 1 ASB p.645)	(Mr. D. Gough)
		1.45pm	The Swan, Radwell	200 Club Draw
Tue	19	7.00pm	The Bus Stops	W.I. Outing
Fri	22		The Old Stables	Sue Ryder Supper
Sat	23	10.30am	Greenfields Pavenham Rd	Coffee Morning
		8.00pm	Corn Close	Wine Tasting Evening
Sun	24	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Trinity 2 ASB p.650)	
			Sponsored Cycle Ride	

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Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 3 ASB p.655)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Sat	7		1, The Moor, Carlton	Musical Evening

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey (864) 661).

Churchwardens: Mr.R.P.Carpenter (781622) and Mr.D.Gough (781738)

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JUNE 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

The street collection for CHRISTIAN AID raised £124.78. My thanks to Roland Carpenter and his collectors and to all of you who contributed.

The profit on the JUMBLE SALE is reported under the West Front Column, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Sue Whitehouse and Rosemary Brough, together with everybody who assisted on the day. Also my thanks to Janet Welsh and Village Voices for their lovely CONCERT; to David and Anne Smith and Chris and Maggie Spoor for the QUIZ EVENING; and to Margaret Alleway and Ken and Sheina Burbidge for the ART EXHIBITION.

COFFEE will be served at the home of Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton, 1, Trinity Close after our morning service on Sunday, 17th June. Our FAMILY SERVICE will be held on the following Sunday, 24th June at 10.15am, when we will be joined by a visiting preacher, the Rev. Rachel Stowe.

Please make a note in your diary. Our SUMMER FETE will be held on Saturday 14th July. There will be more details next month.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Bill Hartop, whose funeral was on 8th May.

We congratulate Bridget Batty-Pierson and Paul Davis whose wedding was blessed on 18th May.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

The 2nd June Cake Morning will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. K. Burbidge at Corn Close, Church End. There will be no cake morning in July, so that we can devote all our efforts to a highly successful Cake Stall at the Fete on July 14th.

WEST FRONT SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

- Keith Rose

June 24th will be the date of this event. The 12 mile route through Oakley, Stevington and Carlton is along minor roads so it should be suitable for everyone, young and old. One sponsor form is included with this issue of Ouse News, and additional ones are available from 27 Marriotts Close (Tel. 781448). Please will all riders register before the event. So, get your sponsors, fetch that bicycle out of the garage, check the tyres, pack your sandwiches and make it a family midsummer outing on June 24th. A few non-cycling volunteers will also be required to help run the event. Names to Keith Rose, please.

MUSICAL EVENING

- Pam fforde

There will be a musical evening and buffet at 1, The Moor, Bridge End, Carlton, on Saturday July 7th, in aid of the West Front Fund. Everyone is most welcome.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Valerie Sexton was in the chair for the May meeting and welcomed guests Jane Wells, Jane Ward, Vivienne Melville, Anne Manning and Liz Waugh. A report was given by Paula Capps on the Spring Federation Meeting in Dunstable, at which one of the speakers was David Batty, one of the experts from the Antique Roadshow. Members enjoyed tasting an interesting and varied selection of home-made food, the most popular being a cheese roll made by Leslie Gani. Recipes will be available next month. The resolutions for the AGM at the Albert Hall were discussed and voted on. A gift was presented to Elayne Sharman on the occasion of her recent wedding. The next meeting on June 19th is an outing to a tomato farm. Please meet at the bus stops in Felmersham and Radwell at 7.00pm.

PINCHMILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- Andrew Evans

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Burbidge, we are holding a Wine-tasting Evening in Corn Close on Saturday 23rd June starting at 8.00pm. Tickets, at £4, are available from Margaret Leach (781072), Sue Gough (Oakley 6248) or Sue Anderson (782220). Come and enjoy the personal selection of Joe Gamper, from "Gamper's" of Bedford, together with entertainment and a finger buffet.

COFFEE MORNING - RED CROSS

- Mr. & Mrs. Whiting

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting are holding a coffee morning, including cake stall, raffle and side shows, on Saturday, 23rd June at 10.30am at Greenfields, Pavenham Road, in aid of The Red Cross. Everybody is welcome.

WEST FRONT SHOW

- Lorraine Shrimpton

Have you got your ticket yet? If not, contact Anne Airtton on Bedford 782080 - there may be a few left. Don't forget, 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 9th June. Supper will be served after the show.

HOMEWATCH

- editor

There was a BURGLARY in Felmersham on 11th May, 1990. If you think you may have seen anything odd or suspicious, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, please ring the Police direct line into the Crime Prevention Unit, on Bedford 275273. This unfortunate experience for one family in the community should serve as a timely reminder to us all to be continually vigilant and careful about security. We also need a volunteer who is willing to act as Homewatch Co-ordinator for Felmersham and Radwell, to be the focus of contact and liaison with the local police. Please contact David Smith, Chairman of the Parish Council, if you are interested, or would like further details.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andrew Evans

There is to be a Greek Evening on Saturday 21st July at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall, including Greek food, music and entertainment.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The APRIL Draw for the 200 Club was made at the Sun on Easter Sunday. The winners were:

£25	072	P. Courtney S. Brpom	Moor End, Radwell.
£20	199	L. Cannon	Moor End, Radwell.
£15	096	Mr. & Mrs. Barr-Hall	Trinity Close, Felmersham.
£10	223	Mrs. Ward	Church End, Felmersham.

The MAY winners were:

£25	289	Mrs. D. Horsford	Felmersham Rd, Radwell.
£20	085	Mr. Everest	Baileys Villas, Felmersham.
£15	184	The Swan	Radwell.
£10	069	Jill Chesher	Marriotts Close, Felmersham.

The June draw : The Swan, Radwell, Sunday 17th June, 1.45 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Sue Evans

The villages of Felmersham and Radwell have been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition. Judging for this competition will begin in June and span the months of June and July. Last year the judges commented that 'there is evidence of great care everywhere and the villages are a pleasure to visit'. The Parish Council hopes that in view of these comments parishioners will be motivated to maintain and improve on last year's standard. An action group has been formed in response to proposed developments at Thurleigh Airfield RAE. A public meeting will be held at Sharnbrook Upper School on 13th June at 8.00pm to discuss the proposals.

3 IN 1.

- Jessie Marsh

We were very pleased to welcome Rev. Claypole-White to our April meeting. This month we paid a visit to Podington Garden Centre, where we spent a very happy afternoon, finishing with that ever welcome "cuppa." The next meeting, on June 14th, is a visit to Cockayne Hatley.

CHRISTIAN AID 1990

- Roland Carpenter

Thank you to all the generous contributions received in the recent House-to-house collection for Christian Aid, which raised £124.78, and a particular thankyou to Ken Shrimpton and Anne Carpenter who assisted me with the collection. My apologies to those residents of Radwell who did not receive an envelope, but unfortunately we did not this year receive sufficient to cover every household in the two villages. However, I will be happy to forward any further donations, on request.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY : TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

The Raj in Bedford at the turn of the century.

An illustrated talk given by my Miss Pat Bell, one time archivist in Bedford, about the British Army families who were attracted to the town of Bedford on returning from service in India. Miss Bell is an inveterate story-teller and has agreed to come to Felmersham and give this talk in aid of the West Front Restoration Appeal. More details of this in the July issue of this magazine.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £17,158
Are you a Felmersham high flyer? No! Well you could be. Next month we are arranging helicopter flights over the two villages. Also next month, a summer Barbecue at Corn Close on Sunday 19th August. Watch this space for details.

Last month's receipts included :-

Donations in memory of Alwyne Betts	£ 288.00
Cake Morning (Ken & Sheina Burbidge)	£ 70.00
West Front Show (Lorraine Shrimpton)	£ 428.00
Covenants (including Tax recovered)	£ 800.00
Curry Supper (Brough & Coghlan families)	£ 109.00
Donations Bedfordia	£ 100.00
Unilever	£ 100.00
Charles Wells	£ 50.00
Others	£ 187.00

PARISH DIARY FOR JULY 1990

(All copy for the August issue to Roland Carpenter by 25th July)

JUL

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 3 ASB p.655)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Mon	2	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
Sat	7	8.00pm	1, The Moor, Carlton	Musical Evening
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Trinity 4 ASB p.661)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 4 ASB p.661)	(Mrs. S. Carr)
Wed	11		Odell Lodge	3 in 1 Club Tea
Fri	13	7.30pm	Red Lion, Stevington	ROOKS Nature Walk
Sat	14	2.00pm	Pinchmill Field	Church Fete
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 5 ASB p.666)	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			St. Mary's Cottage	Coffee
Mon	16	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Sat	21	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Greek Evening

Sun	22	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 6 ASB p.671)	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
Sun	29	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 7 ASB p.676)	(Mrs. S. Webster)

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Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 8 ASB p.681)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
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Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey 661).

Churchwardens: Mr.R.P.Carpenter (781622) and Mr.D.Gough (781738)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

JULY 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Lorraine Shrimpton and to everybody who contributed to the West Front Show on June 9th, whether on the stage, behind the scenes, or with the catering and bookings. My thanks also to all of you who supported the event, which raised £428.37 for our West Front appeal. My thanks also to George and Dorothy Galliver, Sue Webster and Constance Carter for the supper party on the 22nd June, and to Keith Rose for organising the Sponsored Cycle Ride. COFFEE will be served after our morning service on Sunday, 15th July at the home of Pat and Peter Hartop, St. Mary's Cottage. Because of the holiday season, there will be no family services in July and August. We will restart in September. Please do support our SUMMER FETE on Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm. HOUSE GROUPS are now meeting regularly at the home of Clive and Ros Just, 2, The Old Rectory, The High Road. During July they will be held on Monday 2nd and Monday 16th, both starting at 8.00.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Congratulations to Emma Gee, Anoushka Hartop and Helen Brough, who were confirmed on Tuesday 5th June. We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Alwyne Betts who died on June 4th, and whose funeral was on 11th June.

MUSICAL EVENING

- Pam fforde

There will be a Musical Evening and Buffet at 1, The Moor, Bridge End, Carlton, on Saturday July 7th, in aid of the West Front Fund. Everyone is most welcome.

CHURCH FETE - JULY 14th

- David Melville

This year's Summer Fete will take place on Saturday July 14th, and will include all the regular stalls and side shows, Pony Rides, and several new attractions, all in aid of the West Front Appeal.

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM

- Jennifer Knowles

£112.21 was collected in the recent house-to-house collection. Thank you to all who contributed, and also the collectors, Sue Webster, Mary Freeman, Lesley Gani, Diane Locke and Pat Stephens.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Our June meeting was an outing to a Tomato Farm followed by supper at the White House at Eaton Socon. The next meeting on 17th July is a Wine Tasting. There will be a Toiletries Tombola. Please give items for our Fete stall to Mary Freeman or Pat Keeble.

RED CROSS

- Mr. & Mrs. Whiting

Thanks to all who helped us to raise £212 at our coffee morning on 23rd June. We also collected £78 from Felmersham and £32 from Radwell in the house-to-house collection. Thank you once again.

BUS TIMES

- Stephen Hill

Some changes have been made to ROUTE 108 affecting afternoon buses from Felmersham to Bedford. There is an additional service at 3.25pm (Saturday and daily during school holidays), the former 5.10 (Fridays and Saturdays) now runs at 5.05pm, and the former 6.30pm is now 6.20pm. ROUTE 124 is not changed, except that the 6.05pm from Bedford now runs via the Railway Station.

WEST FRONT SHOW

- Lorraine Shrimpton

My grateful thanks to all who took part in the Show, to all those who worked hard preparing and serving the food and to those of you who came along and supported us. Grateful thanks also to Pinchmill Players Theatre for the use of their equipment and expertise. The results of everyone's hard work amounted to £388.07 profit, plus a total of £40 donations towards the expenses of the Show (£428.37 in total).

200 CLUB

- Peter Stephenson

This month our organiser, Dale Gideon, was taking a well-earned holiday. So instead of a 'pub' venue for the draw, it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawken, suitably witnessed by much of the Tithe Barn neighbourhood. Despite this opportunity, we were unable to swing the winning numbers away from the usual Radwell direction! The winners were:

£25	Mrs. J. Wadner	'Cat Mint', Moor End, Radwell
£20	Mrs. W. Butcher	Landseer, Felmersham Rd,
£15	Mr. R. Bowers	8, Marriotts Close, Felmersham
£10	Mr. K. Manning	Carnethy, Moor End, Radwell

P.S. Our special thanks go to Pat Bustin. She collects from 55 Radwell homes which I calculate is just about every one! Well done, Pat!

PARISH COUNCIL

- David Smith

Harrold Bridge will be closed for repair from July 2nd, for approximately two months.

3 IN 1 CLUB

- Jessie Marsh

Our visit to Cockayne Hatley was enjoyed by all. What a fascinating little church this is, holding lots of age old history, particularly the most intriguing wooden organ pipes, but no organ. Our visit ended with a most delicious tea at the home of Mrs. Crossly, (Restoration Sec). Next Meeting - WEDNESDAY July 11th, for tea with Mrs. Ditmas, Odell Lodge.

DEEDS OF COVENANT

- Stephen Hill

Deeds of covenant are particularly valuable to the Church's fund raising as we are able to recover basic rate tax direct from the Inland Revenue, making a £100 covenant worth £133.33. Tax relief is also given at the 40% higher rate, but the excess over basic rate is recovered by the taxpayer and not by the charity. I have no idea who among our many covenantors might be higher rate taxpayers, but if there are any who would like to pass their extra tax relief back to the Church (an extra £20 on a £100 covenant) I would be pleased to hear from them.

VILLAGE HALL

- Peter Stephenson

Good News! At long last the grant for the extension is a reality. We have received (13/06/90) a written promise from the County and the Borough Councils to reimburse 50% of our finishing costs up to a total of £3000 during the period to end March 91. Your management committee is working hard to get the extension usable by the end of the school summer holiday break. We have £2000. We need to raise another £1000 to match the grant. We are relying entirely on your continued generous support of our social events. The next 'do', organised by the social committee, will be the GREEK EVENING - food, music and fun - on Saturday 21st July. We plan a major fund raiser, AN AUCTION OF PROMISES for October.

AGM NEWS: Five of the existing committee stood for re-election. Chris de Silva stood down after a 2 year duty - thank you Chris for your special contribution as treasurer. Peter Castle joined the committee via the traditional method of coercion! Peter, of skate board track fame, will be using his talents to push the extension project to a speedy, and value-for-money, conclusion.

Your Village Hall management committee is now:

Chairman	Peter Stephenson	4, Tithe Barn, Felmersham
Vice Chair	John Nolan	Drumbeg, Moor End, Radwell
Secretary	Barbara North	14, Marriotts Close, Felmersham
Treasurer	Stephen Lott	9, Tithe Barn, Felmersham
P.C.Rep	David Barker	36, Marriotts Close, Felmersham
member	Peter Castle	Beaconsfield Cottage, High Rd
member	Philip Butcher	Landseer, Felmersham Rd
Social Com	Andrew Evans	30, Marriotts Close, Felmersham

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andrew Evans

There is to be a Greek Evening on Saturday 21st July at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall, including Greek food, music and entertainment.

ROOKS

- Pam Raven

Rooks is the name of the local (North Bedfordshire) Wild Life Group of the Beds. and Hunts. Trust, whose Headquarters are at Priory Country Park. The aims of the local group are to promote knowledge and enjoy wildlife. We are based at Sharnbrook, with our local Reserve at Felmersham. We would like to include people from other North Bedfordshire villages, and expand our activities over the area. Why not come to one of our meetings, bring your friends and tell us about the wild life in your area.

The forthcoming programme :-

Friday 13th July - discovery walk at Stevington.

Meet at the Red Lion, Stevington, at 7.30pm

Future dates and events (more details later) :-

No meeting in August.

Fri 21st Sep - talk by Mr. Tom Thomas entitled 'Spiders'

Sat 6th Oct - second hand book sale. Proceeds to Trust Funds.

Fri 19th Oct - illustrated talk, 'The Burren', Eire.

Members - non-members - adults - children - All welcome

For further information phone 782001

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £20,314

12 months ago we launched our West Front Appeal. Today the total stands at £20,314, and 60% of this total has been raised within the Parish. For a community of just 550 adults this is a fantastic achievement. Well done everybody. Fund raising however has not been limited to adults; children have also played their part. Worthy of special mentions are the members of Village Voices, and Hannah and Anoushka Hartop and Helen Brough, who raised £40 at the fete from their handmade jewellery.

Last month's receipts included :-

Further donations in memory of Alwyne Betts	£ 40.00
Supper at the Stables (George and Dorothy Galliver, Constance Carter, Hugo and Sue Webster)ver)	£ 340.00
Covenants (including Tax recovered)	£ 613.00
Sponsored Cycle Ride (Keith Rose)	£ 230.00
Musical Evening (Pam fforde)	* £ 120.00
Fete (David Melville & many others)	£ 996.00
Donations : R.N.McKean & Co	£ 100.00
Radwell Motors	£ 10.00
Ecclesiastical Insurance	£ 75.00
Others	£ 272.00

* plus an additional £120 raised for Carlton Church.

PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST 1990

(All copy for SEPTEMBER issue to Roland Carpenter by 23rd August
N.B. - NOTE SLIGHTLY EARLIER DATE)

AUG					
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 8 ASB p.681)	(Mr. D. Aitken)	
Thu	9	2.15pm	Meet at The Sun	3 in 1 Tea at Turvey	
Sun	12	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 9 ASB p.685)	(Mr. S. Hill)	
Sun	19	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 10 ASB p.691)	(Mr. D. Gough)	
		7.00pm	Corn Close	Summer Evening Barbecue	
Sun	26	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 11 ASB p.696)	(Mr. George Brown)	
		12.30pm	The Sun	200 Club Draw	
SEP					
Sat	1	10.30am	The Plantation, Ravensden	Cake Morning	
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 12 ASB p.700)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)	
Sat	8	12.00	The Plough Gardens	Felmersham Fun Day	
Sun	9	10.15am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL COMMUNION (The Blessed Virgin Mary, ASB p.797)	(Mrs. S. Carr)	
Mon	10	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting	
Tue	11	3.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Anniversary Tea	

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

AUGUST 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to David Melville for organising yet another successful fete and to everybody for helping on the day. The event is likely to have raised over £900 for the West Front Appeal. My thanks also to Pam fforde for her musical evening which raised a further £120 for the Appeal.

Because of the holiday period, there will be no coffee served after the morning service on the 3rd Sunday this month, and no Family Service on the 4th Sunday. Instead of the latter we will hold our usual service of Choral Communion.

Please make a note in your diaries that Sunday 9th September is our Patronal Festival, when we will be joined by the parishioners from Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. The preacher will be Gerry Sidebottom. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Gerry for looking after the Parish while I was on holiday.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Katie Victoria Castle who was baptised on 15th July.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

The next Cake Morning will be held at the home of Mrs. Mary Watson, "The Plantation", Ravensden on Saturday September 1st at 10.30am. Would anyone who requires transport or directions please telephone me on Bedford 781025.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

This year St John's Moggerhanger celebrates its tenth anniversary, so we invite you to join us for a special ANNIVERSARY SUPPER at Pinchmill Hall on SEPTEMBER 22nd at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Musical Entertainment will be provided by Andrew Stewart and his talented group of musicians. Tickets at £8.50 will be available at the end of August. We always have happy events so why not join us at the start of the Autumn Season!

RNIB

- Maria Rutgers

The Felmersham house-to-house collection for the Royal National Institute for the blind raised £72.54 (including three french francs, five portuguese escudos, two dollar cents and six half pennies!). Thank you to all contributors, and to the collectors; Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Coppen, Mrs. Hartop, Mrs. Northwood and Mrs. Walmsley.

SUMMER BARBECUE

- Ken Shrimpton

Corn Close provides the beautiful setting for a Summer Evening Barbecue on Sunday 19th August, a West Front Event. Dancing (not disco) in marquee. Tickets are £7.50 each (inclusive of 1 glass wine), from Gayle Burbidge or Ken Shrimpton.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Valerie Sexton was in the chair for the July meeting of the W.I. She welcomed Mrs. Christine Linley. A report of the AGM at the Albert Hall was given by Mrs. Gwen Warburton.

Members enjoyed sampling some of the regional wines of France brought along by Mr. Andrew Walker from Havelock Wines.

September 11th is National W.I. Day. To celebrate the 75th birthday of the W.I., along with other Institutes country-wide, Felmersham and Radwell W.I. are holding a tea party at 3.00pm at Pinchmill. The tea will cost 50p and the proceeds will go to four children's charities. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Another date for your diaries is November 23rd when the W.I. is holding a Thanksgiving Supper. More details later.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The 200 club would not be the success it is in generating funds for the Village Hall extension were it not for the sterling efforts of the local collectors. One of their number, Sue Evans, is taking a well deserved rest from those duties. Thanks to Sue for her efforts over the years and thanks to Chris Spoor who has agreed to take over Sue's area.

The winners for July were:

£25	097	Mrs. J. Cattell	Pavenham Road
£20	060	Mr. & Mrs. Gani	The Tithe
£15	217	Mrs. S Webster	Radwell
£10	014	Mr. A. Stewart	Marriotts Close

The next draw will take place at the Sun on Sunday 26th August.

WANTED! OUSE NEWS DISTRIBUTOR

- Editor

May I take this opportunity to thank Di Stephenson for all her past efforts in distributing Ouse News in the vicinity of The Tithe and Church End. Di would now like to hand this responsibility over to somebody new; so I am appealing for any volunteers, please.

3 IN 1 CLUB

- Jessie Marsh

The weather was kind to us, the garden beautiful, the tea delicious, when we visited Odell Lodge. We also met up with old friends.

Our next meeting is on August 9th at 2.15pm from The Sun, for a trip to Turvey for tea with Doug and Anne Claypole White. Don't forget your swimsuits, weather permitting.

HISTORICAL TALK

- Ron Smith

Imperial Bedford at the turn of the Century

At the turn of the century the growth and development of Bedford was significantly influenced by families returning from Imperial India. Many were attracted by the educational facilities that had long been established in the town, and within the span of a very few years, these families had become a powerful influence on local life.

Patricia Bell, the former County Archivist, has researched this fascinating period of Bedford's history and has entertained audiences both in this country and abroad, with her unique presentation of Bedford at this time.

Patricia Bell has kindly agreed to come to Felmersham on Tuesday, 24th September to support the West Front Appeal by giving this talk.

Tickets, which include supper after the talk, are £4 each and are available from Jennifer and David Knowles, Judith and Ron Smith.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Andrew Evans

The Greek Evening unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of support. However, a most entertaining barbecue was arranged for those who had bought tickets, courtesy of Di and Pete Stephenson. The next function will be our annual Fun Day on Saturday September 8th in the Plough Gardens. All the usual games for the whole family, together with the Pet Show (- can William Whiting retain his trophy ?), Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, AND a chance to win up to £2000 in prizes for just 50p !! The Fun starts at about midday. Admission :- Adults £1.00, children 50p, under fives free.

Other forthcoming functions :-

Barn Dance with Bricks and Brussels on Saturday 6th October
Bonfire and Fireworks on the Village Playing Field
on Monday November 5th

REG AND PAT BROWN

- Don Gough

After more than 19 happy and active years in Felmersham, Reg and Pat Brown have just moved to a flat in Bedford. Pat was a distributor of Ouse News in Grange Road, a regular contributor on the Church Flowers rota, and was also PCC secretary for many years. We take this opportunity to say thank you for these and countless other services, gifts and kindnesses, and wish you both every happiness in your new home.

BROWNIES

- Margery Evers

If you are a girl between 7 and 10 years of age, come and join our Brownie Pack. We meet at Pinchmill Hall on Thursdays between 6.00 and 7.15pm.

If you would like to come please contact :-

Mrs. Margery Evers,
44 Marriotts Close,
Felmersham

or
Mrs. Pat Keeble,
Owls Rest,
Moor End Road,
Radwell

Telephone Bedford 781018

Telephone Bedford 782134

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £52,930
 Hurray for English Heritage. They have approved our grant application and have awarded us a 50% grant. In cash terms this is worth up to £30,000. In the past English Heritage has given grant preference to structural restoration work. We can therefore consider ourselves very fortunate because the West Front restoration is essentially decorative work. We are also very grateful to the Lord Luke Trust for their generous donation of £2,000. Last month's receipts included :-

English Heritage	£30,000.00
Lord Luke Trust	£ 2,000.00
Donations in memory of Eric Evers	£ 105.00
Covenants (including Tax recovered)	£ 400.00
Donations : (Stanmac £25.00; Others £86.00)	£ 111.00

PARISH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1990

(All copy for OCTOBER to Roland Carpenter by 25th September.)

SEP				
Wed	5	8.00pm	Pinchmill	Adult Badminton
Sat	8	12.00	Plough Gardens	Pet Show / Fun Day
Sun	9	10.15am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(The Blessed Virgin Mary, ASB p.797)	
Mon	10	6.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Junior Badminton
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga restarts
Tue	11	3.00pm	Pinchmill	W.I. Birthday Tea
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Trinity 14 ASB p.711)	
		11.20am	46, Marriotts Close	Coffee after Church
		12.30pm	The Plough	200 Club draw
Mon	17	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
Tue	18	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Meeting
Sat	22	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Sue Ryder Supper
Sun	23	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	(Pat Hartop)
			(Trinity 15 ASB p.715)	
Tue	25	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Patricia Bell Talk
Thu	27	2.30pm	Meet at The Sun	3-in-1 to Podington
Sun	30	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. M. Banham-Hall)
			(Trinity 16 ASB p.719)	
OCT				
Mon	1	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
Sat	6	10.00am	Church	Decoration for Harvest
		10.30am	Maybank, Pavenham Road	Cake Morning
			Pinchmill Hall	Barn Dance
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Trinity 17 ASB p.724)	
		6.00pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG	(Churchwardens)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Michael and Gayle Burbidge for organising a Barbecue at Corn Close in aid of our West Front Appeal. As you will read elsewhere, we have now been offered a grant of 50% from English Heritage for the West Front Restoration. This is wonderful news, but still leaves a balance to be raised ourselves, so please don't let up on your various ingenious fund raising efforts. We celebrate our PATRONAL FESTIVAL on Sunday 9th September with Parish Communion at 10.15a.m. Gerry Sidebottom has kindly agreed to preach at this service, when as in past years we will be joined by friends from the parishes of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. COFFEE will be served after our Parish Communion Service on Sunday 16th September at 46 Marriotts Close, the home of our PCC treasurer, Stephen Hill. FAMILY SERVICES resume this month, on the fourth Sunday, 23rd September, at 10.15a.m. The service will be led by Pat Hartop. The preacher will be Rev. Andrew Mottram, Vicar of Milton Ernest and Thurleigh. HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS, at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, also restart in September. Our traditional HARVEST THANKSGIVING Evensong will be at 6pm on 7th October and our HARVEST SUPPER will be at Pinchmill Hall on the following Saturday, 13th October. I will publish fuller details in the next issue of Ouse News.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Eric Evers who died on August 8th, and whose funeral took place at St. Mary's on August 16th 1990.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

- Anne Claypole White

It hardly seems possible that another Harvest Festival is almost here! The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning 6th October. As always we would be very grateful for contributions of produce, flowers or autumn foliage etc. It will be difficult this year, after our hot dry summer, but please see what you can find in gardens and hedges! If you can help with the decorations, please contact me in good time. I shall also be looking for volunteers to help with the Harvest Supper on 13th October. More details next month.

ERIC EVERS

- Margery Evers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and neighbours in Radwell and Felmersham for their help, cards and messages of sympathy received at my sad loss of Eric. Also for the donations in his memory for the West Front Appeal.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

The next Cake Morning will be held at the home of Mrs. Sue Ronaldson, on October 6th at 10.30am.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

In aid of the West Front Appeal, we are hoping to have a Flower Festival early next summer, so we need to start planning soon, especially since we would like to hold it in conjunction with other events, such as Open Gardens. If you are interested we need lots of ideas, so put your thinking caps on and look out for an announcement of a meeting to discuss plans.

3 IN 1 CLUB

Grateful thanks from us all to Douglas and Anne for a most enjoyable afternoon spent with them at "Homelands". Our next meeting on September 27th is a visit to Podington Garden Centre. Meet at The Sun at 2.30.

CHURCH KNEELERS

With the approach of darker evenings, thoughts turn once again to the Church Kneeler Project. The task does not appear so daunting as a year ago - thanks to the stalwart efforts of so many busy needlewomen. We have over 40 kneelers completed and in service. Mrs. Sue Whitehouse has drawn us some lovely designs, and Mrs. Jessie Marsh has broken all records, including her own, by completing canvasses throughout the summer at the rate of one a fortnight! As soon as these arrive they are transformed into the finished articles with great efficiency by Mrs. T. Boyce and Mrs. S. Burbidge. Suggestions for kneeler designs are always welcome. To start the new season, there will be a get-together in the Barn at Corn Close, Church End, by kind permission of the Burbidge family, on Wednesday October 17th at 11.45am. All present and potential kneeler-makers welcome.

SUE RYDER GROUP

A reminder about our Tenth Anniversary Supper at Pinchmill Hall on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND - 7.30 for 8pm. It will be an appetising supper with a glass of wine, and Andrew Stewart will provide the musical entertainment. Tickets at £8.50 are available now from Sue Webster and Valerie Sexton at Radwell; Mary Freeman, Hazel Pearce, Gill Burr, Gillian Walmsley, Bronwen Guest, Constance Carter, Jean Pritchard and myself. So start the Autumn in a happy mood and help us to help St. John's.

RNIB

The Radwell house-to-house collection for the Royal National Institute for the Blind raised £26.40. Thank you to all contributors.

W.I.

A few husbands joined W.I. members and friends at a Coffee and Gateaux Evening held at the home of Celia Hulatt. A reminder to come along to our Tea Party to celebrate the 75th birthday of the W.I., to be held at Pinchmill Hall on September 11th at 3.00pm. The tea will cost 50p and the proceeds nationwide are to go to four Children's Charities. Our next meeting on September 18th is an American Tour, and the competition "A cookie".

- Anne Claypole White

- Jessie Marsh

- Mary Birks

- Dorothy Galliver

- Joyce Wadwer

- Mary Freeman

200 CLUB

The 200 Club draw took place on Sunday 26th August at the Sun. The winners were:

£25	087	Dr. & Mrs. Jones	Marriotts Close
£20	048	Mr. & Mrs. Mills	Hunts Lane
£15	107	Mr. & Mrs. Francis	Marriotts Close
£10	147	Mrs. Juffs	The Plough

The next draw will take place on 16th September at The Plough.

WEST FRONT APPEAL

Don't forget that Patricia Bell, former County Archivist, is coming to Felmersham. Her subject is the significant growth and development of Bedford at the turn of the century, which was influenced by the families returning from Imperial India. Tickets, which include supper after the talk, are £4 each and are available from: -

Jennifer and David Knowles, Long Mynd, Pavenham Road.

Judith and Ronald Smith, Leaways, Grange Road.

Note the date again - Tuesday 25th September.

YOGA

Yoga starts again on Monday September 10th at 7.30 - 8.30pm. This course is for ten sessions costing £9. Old and new members are all very welcome. For more information phone 781176.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Don't forget the ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY on Saturday 8th September at the Plough Gardens. All the usual games, tombolas and sideshows together with the opportunity to win £2000 worth of electrical goods for less than the price of a drink!! Pet show starts at 12 noon (50p per pet - small mammals, birds and fish classes), with the Fun Day starting at 1pm. £1 for adults, 50p for children, under 5's free. Something for everyone!! Other forthcoming functions :-

BARN DANCE with Bricks and Brussels on Saturday 6th October
BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS on the Village Playing Field
on Monday November 5th

BADMINTON CLUB

Please note that the Badminton Club has started up again.

Juniors : Mondays 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Adults : Wednesdays from 8.00 pm

All are welcome, new members and old, so come down to the Village Hall and join us.

HOUSE GROUPS

We extend a warm welcome to anyone, Church-goer or not, who would like to share in informal discussions on Christian issues, in a relaxed, homely atmosphere. Starting on September 17th, we plan to meet on the first and third Mondays each month, at 2, The Old Rectory, from 8.00 to around 9.30pm, when we shall provide light refreshments. You are welcome to join us whenever you can.

- Dale Gideon

- Ron Smith

- Karen Stockley

- Andrew Evans

- Louise Lang

- Clive Just

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £54,592

At a recent meeting of the PCC it was agreed to make an immediate start on restoring the West Front. Two quotations were considered and the contract was awarded to Hibbitt and Sons of Cambridge. Following the erection of scaffolding in early October the stonework will be closely inspected and photographic records taken. This will be followed by a period of fine spray cleaning to remove all incrustations. After accurate measurement of the perished stonework, the masons will spend the winter months making replacements, ready for fitting in the early spring. By starting the work immediately, it is hoped to avoid the effects of inflation. However it does commit us to raising the final £5,400 over the next 9 months. This will not be an easy task because we have almost exhausted all our sources of income outside the parish. We therefore still need your support.

Last month's receipts included :-

Banham Hall Solicitors	£ 50.00
Other Donations	£659.00
Further donations in memory of Eric Evers	£ 10.00
Barbecue (Gayle, Michael, Sheina Burbidge, Mary Birks)	£381.00
Cake morning (Mary & Ron Watson)	£ 72.00
Wedding (Mr. & Mrs. Payns)	£ 44.00
Sponsored Cycle Ride (additional monies)	£ 12.00
"Bruno the Bear" Raffle (Constance Carter)	£ 45.00
Interest	£389.00

PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1990

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OCT				
Mon	8	8.00pm	Long Mynd, Pavenham Road.	Family Service Cttee
Sat	13	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Harvest Supper
Sun	14	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Trinity 18 ASB p.731)	
Mon	15	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group
Tue	16	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Craft Evening
Wed	17	11.45am	The Barn, Corn Close	Kneeler Project
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Last after Pentecost ASB p.748)	
		11.20am	Leaways, Grange Road	Coffee
		12.00pm	The Swan	200 Club Draw
Sat	27	10.00am	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children
Sun	28	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	(David Knowles)
			(Ninth before Christmas ASB p.398)	
		10.00am	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children
Wed	31	10.00am	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children
NOV				
Fri	2	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Auction of Promises

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

OCTOBER 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Jennifer and David Knowles and Judith and Ronald Smith for organising such an enjoyable evening on September 25th; to David Earl for the Helicopter rides over the parish; and to all of you who both helped and supported these events in aid of our West Front Appeal.

Our HARVEST THANKSGIVING services will be held on Sunday, 7th October. Choral Communion will be at the usual time of 10.15am, and our traditional HARVEST EVENSONG (1662) will be at 6.00pm. The perishable harvest produce will be donated to Christian Family Care, and the non-perishable produce will go into the Harvest Supper Tombola. The HARVEST SUPPER will be held in Pinchmill Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, October 13th, when we will be entertained by Village Voices. Tickets costing £3.50 for an adult and £1.50 for a child can be obtained from me, my wife, or any member of the PCC. If you are able to help in any way, by making an apple pie, or with preparations on the day (between 4.00pm and 5.00pm), Anne would be very pleased to hear from you. The profits from the evening will be donated equally to our overseas Missionary link and the Bishop of St. Alban's "Harvest for the Hungry" Appeal - itself split between Christian Aid (50%), The Romanian Orphanage Trust (25%), and the World Development Movement (25%).

COFFEE will be served after our Parish Communion Service on Sunday 21st October at Leaways, Grange Road, the home of Ronald and Judith Smith. Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be on Sunday, 28th October, at 10.15a.m. Our HOUSE GROUP will continue to meet at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory, The High Road. If there are any of you who would like to be considered for CONFIRMATION at the Deanery Confirmation Service in December, I will commence confirmation classes in October. Please have a word with me if you are interested.

Finally a note for your November diaries. The Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. Michael Bourke, will be preaching at our REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE on Sunday 11th November. To enable us to observe the two-minute silence at 11.00am, both of our services that day will start 15 minutes later than usual. After the second service there will be a further short wreath-laying ceremony, with prayers, at the war memorial.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our congratulations to Russell Payne and Wendy Vincent, who were married on 1st September.

We welcome Natasha Chidester, who was baptised on September 2nd.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Anne Claypole White
It's box-opening time again. I would be grateful if all box holders could return their boxes to me before the end of October. If anyone would like to become a new box holder I would be delighted to supply a box!

CAKE MORNING - Margaret Alleway
The next Cake Morning will be held at the home of Mrs. Sue Ronaldson, on October 6th at 10.30am. In November, it will be at the Christmas "Bring and Buy" on the 17th.

CHRISTMAS BRING & BUY - Ken Shrimpton
We will be holding a "Bring and Buy" on Saturday 17th November. Details next month.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Ken Shrimpton
Once again we will be selling quality, full colour Christmas cards. This year we have chosen a painting of the West Front by John Higgins, circa 1840. Cards will be on sale at the "Bring and Buy" and afterwards. Full details next month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Peter Stephenson
The Village Hall Social Committee is organising four events in the lead up to Christmas:

Saturday 6th October:	Barn Dance
Friday 2nd November:	Auction of Promises
Monday 5th November:	Bonfire Night
Friday 21st December:	Christmas Dance

Please reserve these dates now on your family calendar! You will receive a leaflet explaining the Auction of Promises. Please fill out the 'promise' section. A committee member will be calling for your replies shortly. With your kind support we can expect to raise over £500!

W.I. - Mary Freeman
Mrs. Valerie Sexton welcomed Margery Evers and Sue Campbell to our September meeting. Ideas were discussed for celebrating our 70th birthday in June 1991. Arrangements were made for attending a fashion show by Arthur Days; and for four members to act as stewards at the next Federation meeting. We then enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Carol Fraser. Sponsored by Kempston Rotary Club, Carol had joined the Rotary Study Exchange Group and had travelled to Nebraska where she had spent six weeks living with American families and learning about their way of life. Her talk was illustrated with slides.

October 16th is a craft evening when many members will display and demonstrate their favourite crafts. An American-style Thanksgiving Evening is to be held on November 23rd in Pinchmill Hall.

CHURCH KNEELERS - Mary Birks
Remember, all are welcome at the Barn, Corn Close, on October 17th at 11.45am, for a get-together for all interested in the kneeler project.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Fred Turner
There will be a short wreath-laying service, conducted by the Rev. Douglas Claypole White at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45am on Sunday 11th November, 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.

200 CLUB - Dale Gideon
The 200 Club draw took place on Sunday 16th September at The Plough. The winners were:

£25 294	Mr. Everest	Baileys Villas
£20 181	Mr. & Mrs. Barker	Marriotts Close
£15 051	Mrs. Cottee	Felmersham Road
£10 063	Mr. Walbeck	Radwell

The next draw will take place on 21st October at The Swan.

SAVE THE CHILDREN - Ronald & Judith Smith
Sale of Christmas cards and gifts
Come and have coffee at Leaways, Grange Road on the mornings of Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th or Wednesday 31st October, between 10.00am and 1.00pm, and buy your Christmas cards / gifts at your leisure.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES - Mary Freeman
A reminder to everyone to send me details of your events, for reporting in the Beds Times. It can be a chance for free publicity.

MOBILE LIBRARY - Sue Evans
The times for the mobile library have changed. It will now be on the Green at Radwell from 10.30 - 10.55, and in Felmersham from 11.25 - 12.45 on Tuesdays, fortnightly.

RED CROSS - Sue Whiting
Margaret Hartley
We are holding a Coffee Evening on Friday 9th November at 8.00pm at Greenfields, Pavenham Road. We shall be selling Christmas cards and gifts. Everyone welcome.

WEST FRONT APPEAL - Constance Carter
I wish to thank all who took part in my raffle for 'Bruno the Bear' in aid of the West Front. It was won by a family on holiday from Sweden! £45.00 was raised.

OUSE NEWS DISTRIBUTOS - Editor
I am extremely grateful to Mrs. Mary Heald who has very kindly volunteered to distribute Ouse News in Church End, Tithe Barn and Memorial Lane. I take this opportunity also to thank Mrs. Gwen Warburton for looking after the Radwell distribution for the last year or so. I am now seeking volunteer(s) to take over this task. If you can help in some way, or would like further information, please telephone me on Bedford 781622.

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NOVEMBER 1990

PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1990

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NOV				
Fri	2	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Auction of Promises
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
			(Eighth before Christmas ASB p.403)	
Mon	5	6.30pm	Village Playing Field	Bonfire & Fireworks
Fri	9	8.00pm	Greenfields, Pavenham Rd	Coffee Evening
Sun	11	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.30am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
			(Seventh before Christmas ASB p.408)	
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath Laying
Mon	12	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Sat	17	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Bring & Buy
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Sixth Before Christmas ASB p.413)	
		11.20am	Sedalia, Grange Road	Coffee
		12.30pm	The Six Ringers	200 Club Draw
Tue	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Fri	23		Pinchmill Hall	Thanksgiving Supper
Sat	24	10.30am	Church	1991 Festival Meeting
Sun	25	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	
			(Fifth before Christmas ASB p.418)	
Fri	30	12.00pm	Sennan, Grange Road	Lasagne Lunch
DEC				
Sat	1	10.30am	St. Mary's Cottage	Cake Morning
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Advent Sunday ASB p.422)	
Sun	9	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.427)	
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	

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

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

With the proceeds of the Harvest Supper, including the tombola, and the cash collections from our two Harvest Thanksgiving services, we have raised approximately £200. This is to be divided equally between our overseas Missionary link and the Bishop of St. Alban's "Harvest for the Hungry" Appeal. My thanks to everybody who contributed to the evening; those of you who prepared the meal, decorated the tables, helped to get the room ready before and to clear up afterwards, Janet Welsh and The Village Voices for their delightful entertainment and David and Jennifer Knowles for organising the tombola and for the entertainment it provided!

As I reported last month, the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. Michael Bourke, will be preaching at our REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE on Sunday 11th November. To enable us to observe the two-minute silence at 11.00am, both of our services that day will start 15 minutes later than usual. After the second service, at about 11.45am, there will be a further short wreath-laying ceremony, with prayers, at the war memorial.

COFFEE will be served after our Parish Communion Service on Sunday 18th November at Sedalia, Grange Road, the home of Peter and Rosemary Brough. Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be on Sunday, 25th November, at 10.15am, when a talk will be given by Mrs. Olive Albon who is the Diocesan Voluntary Children's Work Adviser.

Finally, a date for your December diary. Our CHRISTINGLE service, which will be led by Mrs. Bronwen Guest, will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 9th December.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

My thanks to all of you who worked so hard to decorate the Church for the Harvest Festival. Once again the arrangements of flowers, foliage and produce looked stunning. The constant stream of people of all ages bringing contributions or just coming to look, makes preparing the Church for Harvest a very special time.

CHRISTMAS BRING & BUY

- Ken Shrimpton

There will be a Christmas Bring and Buy on Saturday 17th November at 2.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Items on sale will include Felmersham Christmas cards, home made cakes and pies, bric-a-brac, dried flowers, coffee and of course "you bring it and we will sell it". The Hall will be open to receive gifts from 11.00am.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Our October meeting was a craft evening and many skills were demonstrated by our own members. A wide variety of work of an extremely high standard was on display, including beadwork, patchwork, embroidery, paintings, knitting, canework, rushwork, pewterwork, smocking, lacemaking and tapestry. Wedding dresses were beautifully made by our President and Treasurer for their daughters. Valerie Sexton's daughter came and modelled her dress during the evening. Members were able to try their hand at lacemaking. A quiz was set by the demonstrators, each asking a question about their craft.

Members attending a group meeting at Bletsoe heard a talk by Peter Worthy on the Life of Madame Tussaud, and gained an interesting insight into the development of the company which now controls Madame Tussauds, as well as many other enterprises including Chessington Zoo, Alton Towers, Warwick Castle, and the Planetarium.

Tickets are on sale for a Thanksgiving Evening to be held on November 23rd. The next meeting on November 20th is a talk on the River Ouse. Please remember your gifts for Fairfield Hospital.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The 200 Club draw took place on Sunday 21st October at The Swan. The winners were:

£25 324	Mrs. Bellamy	Tithe Barn
£20 007	Mrs. Powell	Moor End
£15 037	R. Honeywood	Felmersham Road
£10 082	Mr. & Mrs. Barker	Marriotts Close

The next draw will take place on 18th November at The Six Ringers.

RED CROSS

- Sue Whiting
Margaret Hartley

We are holding a Coffee Evening on Friday 9th November at 8.00pm at Greenfields, Pavenham Road. We shall be selling Christmas cards and gifts. Everyone is welcome.

LEISURELY LASAGNE LUNCH

- Karen Stokley

Before the Christmas rush, come and enjoy lunch at Sennan, Grange Road, served between 12 noon and 2.00pm on Friday 30th November in aid of the West Front Appeal. Raffle and Bring & Buy. Tickets £4 - including a glass of wine and coffee - from Gillian Walmsley 781253.

RAFFLE PRIZES

- Paul Keeble

We would be very grateful for donations of raffle prizes for the Christmas "Bring & Buy". Prizes, related to Christmas (i.e. festive fare, decorations, bottles), should reach me by 11th November please.

PARISH COUNCIL

- David Smith

There is a vacancy for a Parish Clerk, following the resignation of Sue Evans for personal reasons. Would anyone who would like to be considered for this salaried post please contact David Smith on 781780.

R.S.P.C.A.

- Lucy West

Very many thanks indeed for a most generous collection which raised the sum of £110.75. Enormous thanks to Mrs. Wilson who has collected for the R.S.P.C.A. for many years.

1991 FLOWER & CRAFT FESTIVAL

- Paul Keeble
- Anne Claypole White

A planning meeting will be held in Church at 10.30am on Saturday 24th November to discuss this Festival, which will take place in late May / early June next year. Anyone interested in flower arranging, craft making, assisting with publicity, stewarding, making tea etc. will be very welcome. Profits will go to the West Front Appeal.

GIFT AID

- Stephen Hill

From 1st October 1990, charities have been able to recover tax on gifts of between £600 and £5 million!. With tax at 25%, this makes a £600 gift worth £800 to the charity. Higher rate taxpayers would obtain relief at the higher rate, reducing the net cost to them to £480. General Church funds and the West Front Appeal are both eligible under this scheme, and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who might wish to make a donation that is sufficiently large to qualify.

OUSE NEWS DISTRIBUTOS

- Editor

We are still looking for volunteer(s) to deliver in Radwell please!

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £55,663
What an experience! One minute hovering a few feet above Corn Close; the next, 1300 feet above Felmersham enjoying breathtaking views. As far as the eye can see, neatly cultivated fields and villages diminished into unrecognisable clusters. Dominating the Ouse Valley is the Nature Reserve, unexpectedly showing row after row of semi-submerged soil; and the sewerage station, larger than expected, spreading back from the Odell Road. The landing approach presented a wonderful view of the Church and the river. All too soon my flight was over. Our oldest passenger was an incredible 93 years, and the youngest was Oliver, aged 7, who won his flight in Pinchmill School's painting competition. We are most grateful to David Earl, our pilot, and to his company TV2 Communications who loaned the helicopter and donated the fuel. Thanks also to the Burbidge family and all the helpers who made the event such a success.

Last month's receipts included :-

Anglo-Indian Bedford talk (David & Jennifer Knowles Ron & Judith Smith)	£223.00
Other Donations	£ 12.00
Cake morning (Sue Ronaldson)	£ 68.00
Helicopter - Flights	£680.00
- Competition & Catering	£ 58.00

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Alan Stevens
WEST FRONT APPEAL - DECEMBER 16TH

CANTAMUS will be giving their third successive Christmas concert in the church on Sunday 16th December at 8.00pm. Their programme will consist of music and readings (not all serious) appropriate to Christmas. Afterwards, there will be a glass of wine or soft drink and other refreshments. There are no tickets, but generous donations to the West Front Appeal will be welcomed.

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DEC				
Sat	1	10.30am	St. Mary's Cottage	Cake Morning
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Advent Sunday ASB p.422)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	9	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Advent 2 ASB p.427)	(Mr. S. Hill)
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Advent 3 ASB p.432)	(Mr. D. Gough)
		8.00pm	Church	Cantamus Christmas Concert
Tue	18	6.30pm	Meet outside Church	Carol Singing
Fri	21		Church	Christmas decoration
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Dance and 200 club draw
Sat	22		Church	Christmas decoration
Sun	23	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Advent 4 ASB p.437)	(R. P. Carpenter)
		5.00pm	CAROL SERVICE	
		6.15pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Christmas Tea
Mon	24	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION (Christmas Eve, ASB p.441)	(Church Wardens)
Tue	25	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Christmas Day, ASB p.444)	(Church Wardens)
Sun	30	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (no music) (First Sunday after Christmas ASB p.451)	(Mrs. S. Webster)
JAN 1991				
Sat	5	10.30am	Storrington, Hunts Lane	Cake Morning
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany, ASB p. 460)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

DECEMBER 1990

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

The Christmas "BRING AND BUY" was a great success, making a profit of £823 for the West Front Appeal. Thank you to everyone who turned out on such a wet afternoon, and my special thanks to all who helped run the stalls, serve tea, get the hall ready beforehand and clear up afterwards.

Our CHRISTINGLE service will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday 9th December, and will take the place of our monthly family service. All cash donated will go to the Children's Society.

There will be no coffee after the service on Sunday 16th December. On 23rd December there will be a normal Choral Communion service at 10.15am. Then at 5.00pm, we have our traditional candle-lit CAROL SERVICE, followed by Parish Tea in Pinchmill Hall, to which everyone is invited.

CANTAMUS have very kindly offered to entertain us on Sunday 16th December, at 8.00pm in the Church. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the West Front Appeal.

CAROL SINGING around the village will take place on Tuesday 18th December. All volunteers, whether singers or collectors, are most welcome! Please meet outside the Church at 6.30pm.

The MIDNIGHT COMMUNION service starts at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. On CHRISTMAS DAY there will be Choral Communion at 10.15am.

On Sunday, 30th December, when our organist and choir have a well-earned Sunday off duty, I will celebrate Holy Communion at a said service at 10.15am.

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Matthew Adam Wildman, who was baptised on 18th November

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December. Please let me know if you would like to help. We shall be very grateful for any evergreens, especially holly and ivy, including the variegated types.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

- Bronwen Guest

The service will be held in St. Mary's Church on December 9th at 3.00pm. Once again this service will be run jointly by the Pinchmill School, Brownies, and the Red Cross. Everyone in the community is most welcome, whatever your age.

If you would like to take part in this service and receive a Christingle orange, please call at 13, Marriotts Close for a Children's Society donation envelope.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Anne Claypole White
My thanks to all the box holders. This year's total was £80.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Ken Shrimpton
This year's card is a full colour quality reproduction of a water-colour of the West Front by John Higgins, painted in 1840. Size 8" x 5.75", £4 per dozen, or 40p each; available from Ken Shrimpton, 781381; Stephen Hill, 781064; or Paul Keeble (Radwell), 782134. We are very grateful to Martin Juffs for donating the printing costs to the West Front Appeal. Thank you Martin.

RED CROSS NEWS - Sue Whiting
Margaret Hartley
A big thank you to all those who supported our Coffee Evening on Friday 9th November. We are sorry space was so tight, but it was a great success, and made a profit of £80 to go towards a new wheelchair for Medical Loans at Sharnbrook. The first prize in the raffle was won by Mrs. Edie Brown of Pavenham Road.

CHRISTMAS DANCE - Maggie Spoor
The Christmas dance will be on Friday 21st December from 8.00pm - 1.00am. Tickets are now on sale price £11 from Chris and Maggie Spoor, Corn Cottage, Church End. Tel 782031. Attractions include dancing to the fabulous 'Razz Club', catering by H & F Catering, plus a Cabaret to put you in the festive mood!

BLUE PETER ROMANIAN APPEAL - Diane Sutherland
Naomi Miasek
There will be a Bring and Buy Sale for the Romanian orphans on Saturday, 26th January, 10.00 - 12.00 at Pinchmill Hall. Refreshments will be available and there will be a cake stall and, hopefully, a raffle.
The younger children of the village will be involved, with the Brownies, Red Cross and Playgroup all taking part. Perhaps some of the Middle and Upper school children would like to help by arranging their own stalls and organising games, so that the young people of Felmersham and Radwell can all work together to help the young people of Romania.
If you would like to help, please call Phil Sutherland (782307) or Sue Gough (82 6248).

200 CLUB - Dale Gideon
The 200 Club draw was made on Sunday 25th November at The Six Ringers. My apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Page as I was unable to make the 18th November, as advertised. The winners were:
£25 285 Mr. J. Longstaff Moor End, Radwell
£20 022 Mr. & Mrs. Janes Tithe Barn
£15 249 Mrs. Galliver Grange Road
£10 086 Mr. B. Collier c/o The Plough
The December draw will take place at the Christmas Dance, where the prize will be a 'one off' £100.

SCAFFOLD WARNING - Ken Shrimpton
Parents are urged to warn their teenage children against climbing the scaffold on the West Front at any time. Curiosity and the spirit of adventure may well result in a serious accident, particularly after dark. Please ensure that your children are fully aware of the danger.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND - Ronald & Judith Smith
Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our coffee mornings, enabling us to sell cards and goods worth over £300.

POPPY APPEAL 1990 - Fred Turner
The Poppy collection for Felmersham and Radwell raised £225.18. Donations towards the memorial wreath were £25, and the collection in Church was £14.60. As organiser, I would like to thank all who donated to the appeal, with a special thank you to all the collectors, Mrs. C. Hullatt, Mrs. G. Stevenson, Mrs. M. Leach, Mrs. S. Evans, Mr. D. Hulston, and not forgetting the four pubs, The Swan, The Plough, The Sun and The Six Ringers.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN - Ken Shrimpton
Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £58,927
Conservation and Restoration
The act of restoration often destroys the very thing which one is seeking to preserve. No matter how well executed, a modern replacement of perished stonework will always be a 20th century copy of the original. Also, over the centuries, some stonework on the West Front has already been replaced, so that what we see today is a historical patchwork of Early English architecture.

I am therefore particularly pleased to report that both architects involved in the West Front restoration are approaching the work with sensitivity. The emphasis will be on conservation rather than restoration. Much of the original stonework will be retained, and only as a last resort will perished stonework be replaced. For instance, despite its very poor state, the dog-toothed decoration inside the arcading will not be replaced; instead it will be preserved with 40 coats of lime wash.

We are grateful to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust for a grant of £1000.

Last month's receipts included :-
Historic Churches Preservation Trust £1000.00
Donations £ 71.00
Bring and Buy (including £386 Christmas cards) £ 823.00
Gift Aid (see November Quise News) £1333.00
Christmas Card Sales £ 67.00

RAFFLE PRIZES - Pat and Paul Keeble
Many thanks to all who so generously donated raffle prizes for the Christmas "Bring & Buy".