

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Target £60,000 : Total Raised or Promised £60,246
Well done and thank you. YOU HAVE MADE IT. But without your help we could not have achieved our £60,000 target. Thank you all for your generous support, and for all your help in organising fund-raising events and activities. Your response has been truly magnificent.

The appeal will remain open for the time being, to receive funds from outside agencies, and proceeds from fund-raising events already organised. This will help to cover the costs of additional work revealed during the cleaning operation.
Last month's receipts included :-

Lasagne Lunch (Gillian Walmsley, Karen Stokley, Hazel Pearce, Sue Ronaldson)	£ 231.50
Cake Morning (Pat Hartop)	£ 56.39
Donations	£ 15.62
Christmas cards	£ 315.35
Cantamus	£ 123.35
Tea Towels	£ 20.00
Interest	£ 557.01

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY 1991

(All copy for FEBRUARY to Roland Carpenter by 25th January.)

JAN

Sun	13	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Epiphany 1 ASB p.463)	
Mon	14	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting
Tue	15	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.

Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Epiphany 2 ASB p.467)	
		11.20am	Peacehaven, The High Rd	Coffee
Tue	22	2.00pm	The Old Farm House	Kneeler Meeting
Sat	26	10.00am	Pinchmill Hall	Blue Peter Bring & Buy

Sun	27	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	
			(celebrant : The Bishop of Bedford)	
			(Ninth before Easter ASB p.486)	
Wed	30	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Illustrated Talk

FEB

Sat	2	10.30am	7, Trinity Close	Cake Morning
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Eighth before Easter ASB p.490)	

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 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

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

My thanks to Gillian Walmsley, Karen Stokley, Sue Ronaldson and Hazel Pearce for the lasagne lunch on 30th November; to Alan Stevens and Cantamus for our Christmas Concert; to Bronwen Guest who organised our Christingle Service on the 9th December; to Roland Carpenter and all who helped to raise £77.21 carol singing around Felmersham on a particularly cold December 18th; to Sue Webster, Jessie Marsh and all who helped to organise our Parish Christmas Tea; and to all who supported these events.
On January 20th, COFFEE will be served at 'Peacehaven' The High Road, after our morning service.
On Sunday January 27th, the Bishop of Bedford will be celebrating Holy Communion at our FAMILY SERVICE. Instead of a sermon, he has agreed to answer questions that you might wish to put to him. Peter Coghlan has circulated slips on which parishioners of all ages are invited to write down their questions. Further slips can be obtained from either Peter or myself. I would then like all the slips to be returned by Sunday 20th January at the latest.

OUSE NEWS 1991

- Roland Carpenter

Happily, we are again able to hold the cost of Ouse News to £1.50 for 1991. 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. My special thanks to Mrs. Jessie Turner and to Mr. Horsford for recently volunteering to take over responsibility for the Radwell distribution.

Radwell, Felmersham Road	Mr. Horsford
Radwell, Moor End	Mrs. Jessie Turner
Grange Road	Mrs. Gough
Pavenham Road	Mrs. Whiting
Marriotts Close	Mrs. Francis
Tithe Barn area	Mrs. Mary Heald
Trinity Close	Mrs. Alleyway
The Row	Mrs. Lovell

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CHURCH DECORATION

- Anne Claypole White

A special thank you this year to everyone who worked so hard to decorate and light the Church so beautifully for Christmas.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our congratulations to Dick Pipe and Marjorie Betts who were married on 12th December, and to David and Sue Earl whose marriage was blessed on 13th December.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of James George Berry, who died on 23rd December and whose funeral took place on January 4th 1991.

ORDINATION OF WOMEN

- Doug Claypole White

In February, the Sharnbrook Deanery Synod will be voting on the question of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood. I told the PCC at our November meeting that there are three critical questions that we need to address.

Firstly, we must consider the role of men and women in our society. In Biblical times it was the men who exercised authority and leadership; women had a more subordinate role. Today, women outside the Church can exercise equal authority and leadership. Is it God's intention that similar equality should now be established within the Church?

Secondly, God chose to come to earth as Jesus Christ in human form, as a male. Our Lord himself chose only Jewish males to be His disciples. Were these choices determined solely by the contemporary culture? Are we right to re-interpret their significance in the light of our present culture?

Thirdly, what effect will these proposals have on the unity of the Church?

This is by no means the first time that the Church has had to come to terms with new situations, as society continues to evolve. We have only to think of the arguments about the admission of Gentiles at the time of the Acts of the Apostles; or the arguments in the sixteenth century about the marriage of Priests; or, in the nineteenth century, the abolition of slavery, which had been so widely accepted in New Testament times. So I do not think we can assume that all details of God's purpose have yet been fully revealed to us.

I am personally in favour of the resolution, but I am troubled that it might cause a split in our Church. Whatever the outcome of the voting, I hope and pray that this proposal will, like similarly contentious ones in previous centuries, result in us all going forward together into the new year as an enriched, stronger and united Church.

RED CROSS NEWS

- Sue Whiting

Margaret Hartley

We would like to say how much we appreciate and enjoy the new Committee room. It has made a lot of difference.

Thank you to all the children who helped to make the Christmas Party such a great success. We made £27 for Children in Need with our Penny Jars. We wish everybody a Happy New Year.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The 200 Club draw was made at the Christmas Dance on December 21st. The single prize of £100 was won by Bob Collier.

BLUE PETER ROMANIA APPEAL - Diane Sutherland and Naomi ...
This Bring and Buy Sale on behalf of Romanian orphans will take place on Saturday, 26th January, 10.00 - 12.00 at Pinchmill Hall. Doors will be open from 8:30 a.m. on the day for contributions. Refreshments will be available and there will be a cake stall and raffle. Anyone willing to bake a cake or provide a raffle prize, please call Phil Sutherland (782307) or Sue Gough (82 6248).

FLOWER & CRAFT FESTIVAL

- Paul Keeble

The Festival will be held over the weekend 22nd and 23rd June 1991 and the money raised will go to restoration work of the Church. The following people are co-ordinating various aspects and would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to participate :-

Flower Arranging Hazel Pearce (782182)

Crafts Janet Cook (781373)

Publicity/Stewarding Paul Keeble (782134)

Open Gardens Ken Shrimpton (781381)

Refreshments Sheina (782537) and Gayle (782534) Burbidge

Although June seems a long way off, much planning is needed to make this effort a success and now is the time to make contact.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton

"Mind Your Own Business!" No, I'm not being rude - that is the title of our next production. So, please make a date for February 14th, 15th, or 16th 1991. We look forward to seeing you then.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Bronwen Guest

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Christingle service. We raised £137.35, an increase on last year. Well done Pinchmill School, Brownies and Red Cross.

CHURCH KNEELERS

- Mary Birks

All are welcome to a meeting of Kneeler-makers at The Old Farm House, Grange Road, on Tuesday January 22nd 1991, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Do drop in for canvas, wool, or to report progress. If you have any problems, please contact me.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

November's meeting featured an illustrated talk on the River Ouse from its source to Bedford. Members and friends celebrated Thanksgiving Day with an American supper, music and decorations. December was party time, beginning with a visit from the carol singers. Following the business of the meeting, members enjoyed sherry and mince pies, played some team games, and sang carols, after which gifts were exchanged. The next meeting on January 15th is a demonstration by Mrs. McMenamin from The Body Shop.

ILLUSTRATED TALK

- Ken Shrimpton

Victorian Restoration in North Bedfordshire

On Wednesday 30th January at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall, an Illustrated Talk will be given by Chris Pickford, the County Archivist, on Victorian Church restoration. Slides of the West Front will also be shown. Admission is £2 (including coffee and biscuits) by ticket, or payment at the door.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Total Raised or Promised £62,370

On Saturday 23rd February a band of ringers from North Bedfordshire will be ringing a sponsored peal at St Mary's. Ringing will commence in the early afternoon and continue, non-stop, for about three hours! Those of you who do not have the stamina for this peculiarly English pastime may like to seek refuge outside the parish that afternoon!

We are extremely grateful to Bedfordshire County Council for their donation (on completion) of £1500. This money will help finance the additional work revealed by the recent cleaning operation. Last month's receipts included :-

Carol Singing	£ 77.00
Cake Morning (May Mills)	£ 55.00
Donations	£ 432.00
Christmas cards etc.	£ 10.00
Sale of mince pies (Margaret Alleway)	£ 50.00
Bedfordshire County Council	£1500.00

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FEB				
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Seventh before Easter ASB p.495)	
Wed	13	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	
			(Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	
		8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
Thu	14	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	"Mind your own business!"
Fri	15	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	"Mind your own business!"
Sat	16	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	"Mind your own business!"
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Lent 1 ASB p.504)	
		11.20am	10, Marriotts Close	Coffee
		12.00pm	The Sun	200 Club Draw
Tue	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
		7.45pm	Methodist Church Hall	Deanery Bible Study
Wed	20	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
Sat	23	pm	St. Mary's Church	Sponsored Peal
Sun	24	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	(Rosemary Brough)
			(Lent 2 ASB p.508)	
Mon	25	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Village Hall Committee
Tue	26	7.45pm	Methodist Church Hall	Deanery Bible Study
Wed	27	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting
MAR				
Sat	2	10.30am	Marchbank, Grange Road	Cake Morning
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
			(Lent 3 ASB p.513)	
Tue	5	7.45pm	St. Peter's Church	Deanery Bible Study
Wed	6	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	House Group Meeting

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

FEBRUARY 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am on ASH WEDNESDAY, 13th February. COFFEE will be served after our morning service on Sunday 17th February at the home of Anthea and Peter Coghlan, 10, Marriotts Close. Our FAMILY SERVICE this month will be led by Rosemary Brough and will be held at 10.15am on Sunday 24th February.

There will be a DEANERY BIBLE STUDY course at 7.45pm on Tuesday 19th February at the Methodist Church Hall, Sharnbrook. It will be led by the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. Michael Bourke. The theme will be the story of Joseph. The course will then continue in Sharnbrook on the following Tuesdays during Lent, all starting at 7.45pm. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 26 February,	Methodist Church Hall, Sharnbrook
Tuesday, 5 March,	St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Tuesday, 12 March,	St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Tuesday, 19 March,	Methodist Church Hall, Sharnbrook

In addition to the Deanery meetings, Clive and Rosalyn Just will continue to hold HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS throughout Lent, at their home, 2, The Old Rectory, The High Road, starting at 8.00pm on the second, third and fourth Wednesday. Again, all are welcome. Please note that MOTHERING SUNDAY falls this year on 10th March, so our Family Service will be held on that Sunday and NOT on the fourth Sunday. I will give full details of the changes to our usual pattern of services next month.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Winifred Godridge, who died on 14th January and whose funeral took place on January 17th.

ALLOTMENTS

- Roland Carpenter

There are a number of allotment plots available for rent in Town Lot Lane. If you are interested, or would like further information, please let me know.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The 1991 rota for altar flowers is now in the Church porch. Please sign up if you would like to help. Remember that we do need flowers throughout the year as well as for special occasions.

3 IN 1 CLUB

- Jessie Marsh

Many thanks to Mr. Moule who organised and paid for lunch for us all at Sharnbrook Mill. It was a delicious meal and was greatly appreciated.

At our December meeting we were all given a gift voucher. Many thanks to Val and Gill for everything they do for us.

PARISH COUNCIL

- David Smith

HARROWDEN PADDOCK: There has been some discussion in the Parish about the decision of the Parish Council to oppose a planning application for development of the paddock, when an open meeting in Pinchmill Hall had, by 35 votes to 31, recommended acceptance. The open meeting was held to guide the council; the numbers present were too small to give the council a mandate, and this was recognised on the night. Following the open meeting, the council met the Borough planners, whose arguments concerning the County Structure Plan, and the precedent which approval of the application would offer in other villages, convinced a majority of the council to oppose the application. This has now been turned down by the planning committee.

LOW COST HOUSING: The provision of low cost housing in the parish has been seen as an issue separate from that of the development of Harrowden Paddock, and the Parish Council is actively pursuing this in conjunction with the NAC Rural Trust. A preferred site has been identified in the parish, and all those who have expressed an interest in the scheme will shortly be approached to confirm that they would buy such a house if it became available. The houses could be available early next year, at about 60% of the normal cost. Anyone else wishing to be considered for the scheme should contact a member of the Parish Council.

PARISH CLERK: Following the resignation of Sue Evans, the Parish Council appointed Ros Just, 2 The Old Rectory, as Parish Clerk.

HOMEWATCH: The Parish now has two new Homewatch Coordinators, Noel Horrell, Fairview, Moor End (782140) now looks after Radwell; and Frank Sochacki, 11, Marriotts Close (781665) is representing Felmersham. If anyone else would care to support these gentlemen in the Homewatch scheme, please contact them.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The January draw took place at the Toddler Group on Friday 25th. The winners were:

£25	107	Mr. & Mrs. Francis	Marriotts Close
£20	283	Mr. Longstaff	Moor End
£15	028	Mrs. Maisk	Grange Road
£10	118	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony	Moor End

The February draw will take place at The Sun on Sunday 17th. To add variety to the choice of draw venues, would any of the village clubs interested in holding the draw please let me know.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Ros Just

ROADWORKS: Anglian Water will be renewing the water mains between Harrold and Little Odell; and between Odell and the Felmersham Turn. Work should begin at the end of January and last for approximately three months.

BUS TIMES: The bus timetable has been substantially revised with effect from 14th January.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS DANCE

- Peter Stephenson

A complete sell-out and a roaring success! For those that can think back to before Christmas and to the Village Hall dance, perhaps you will recall the enthusiasm of our young entertainers - The Razz Club; the transformation of the hall by the marquee 'silks' (well done Maggie Spoor); and the splendid catering of 'Heather & Frances' of Radwell. With tickets priced at £11.00 there was a final profit of £278. See you all next year? Perhaps a New Year's Eve Dance should be tried. Any comments please, to your club / association representative. A full committee meeting is scheduled at the Village Hall on Monday February 25th at 8.00pm. Reps please note this date.

BLUE PETER ROMANIA APPEAL

- editor

We hear that the Bring-and-Buy Sale which took place on Saturday, 26th January, raised £281 on behalf of Romanian orphans. Congratulations to the organisers, and thanks to all supporters.

OPEN GARDENS

- Ken Shrimpton

As part of the Flower and Craft Festival it is proposed to hold an Open Garden Weekend. We would like approximately 12 people to open their gardens to the public between, say, 1.30pm and 6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th June. We need volunteers who have large gardens, small gardens, country gardens, formal gardens etc. If you are interested then give me a call on 781381 (we already have 4 volunteers).

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Lorraine Shrimpton

We are proud to present a comedy "Mind Your Own Business!" by James Patterson to take place at Pinchmill Hall on :-

Thursday 14th February at 8.00pm	£2.50
(children aged 8+ are welcome at the Thursday Performance)	
Friday 15th February at 8.00pm	£3.00
Saturday 16th February at 8.00pm	£3.00

This is just what we all need - a village evening, a good laugh to cheer us up, followed by a drink amongst friends in the 'new look' bar. Tickets are available now from Anne Airton, 42, Marriotts Close, (tel. 782080). So book early, you know the tickets sell like hot cakes! We look forward to seeing you there.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Valerie Sexton was in the chair for the January meeting, and welcomed Mrs. Sue Collins, a newcomer to the village. A thankyou letter was received from Fairfield Hospital for the Christmas gifts we sent. Representatives from The Body Shop told us about their products; and how Anita Ruddick began in a small way in Brighton, and now has shops in America, Australia and Japan. As well as working daily in the shop, staff have opportunities to attend courses and work on conservation projects or help with handicapped people. We were joined for a make-up demonstration by five local teenagers.

The next meeting is on 19th February, when a gardener from Barnwell will be our guest. The competition is a bowl of bulbs.

THE GULF WAR

- Doug Claypole White

The day before the war began, the Archbishop of York said that "a response by force to Iraqi aggression would be justified". War is terrible, but if we say that it can never be justified, then people like Saddam Hussein become unstoppable. Whatever our faith, I am sure that none of us really wanted war in the Gulf, but now that it has started, we all want to see peace and justice restored there.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking on Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day' on the morning the Gulf war started, said "Sometimes I'm asked about the words 'Good Friday'. It wouldn't be good if the suffering on the cross were the whole story. But the tragedy of the cross was followed by the triumph of Easter. Death gave way to a new life. This good morning we pray that war will give way to peace - and quickly. We all want peace, and there have been many efforts to obtain peace without conflict in recent months. But peace must never be separated from justice."

It is my personal belief that our cause is just. If our leaders concluded that force was needed in order to restore Kuwait, then sadly I think they were justified in using it. We talk about a just war, but it is also important that we should secure a just peace.

Dr. Runcie, continuing his message on 'Thought for the Day' said "The bible does warn us against an easy peace. Jeremiah complained about those who ignored the demands of justice saying: 'They dress my people's wound but skin deep only, with their saying 'Peace Peace' when there is no peace.' Often we say we're leaving someone in peace when we really mean we are simply ignoring them. We cannot ignore the people of Kuwait. The longer we leave them suffering at the mercy of a barbaric aggressor, the more difficult it will be to create a just order and a lasting peace there, or elsewhere in the world."

I pray for a lasting peace between all the people of the Middle East. Not only between Iraq and the Arab States that are part of the Coalition, but also between Arab and Jew. It is right that our first thoughts will be for the Coalition armed forces serving in the Gulf, particularly our own countrymen and women, but I do hope that we will not forget to include in our prayers the people of Saudi Arabia, Israel, Kuwait and Iraq. It is also important that we do all we can to prevent the Gulf war from becoming an obstacle to good relationships between Christians and Muslims. Not all Muslims support Saddam Hussein or his occupation of Kuwait, and it is important to resist any popular identification of Muslims as 'the enemy'.

I hope and pray that this war will lead to a just solution of the Middle East problems; a solution which will bring peace and understanding to all nations and religions, Christians, Muslims, and Jews alike.

PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH 1991

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

MAR

Sat	2	10.30am	Marchbank, Grange Rd	Cake Morning
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 3 ASB p.513)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Tue	5	7.45pm	St. Peter's Church	Deanery Bible Study
Wed	6	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group Meeting
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY SERVICE (Mothering Sunday, Lent 4 ASB p.518)	(Mrs. Jane Templeman)
Mon	11	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga course begins
Tue	12	7.45pm	St. Peter's Church	Deanery Bible Study
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 5 ASB p.522)	(Mr. D. Knowles)
		11.20am	1, Trinity Close	Coffee after Church
		12.00pm	The Swan, Radwell	200 Club Draw
Mon	18	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
Tue	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Members' Evening
		7.45pm	Methodist Church Hall	Deanery Bible Study
Sun	24	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
Mon	25	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
Thu	28	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Maundy Thursday, ASB p.552)	
Fri	29	7.30pm	"CROSS OF CHRIST" DEVOTIONAL SERVICE (Good Friday, ASB p.559)	
Sun	31	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter Day ASB p.574)	(Mr. M. Banham-Hall)

APR

Mon	1	2.15pm	Verulam Park, St. Albans	Youth Pilgrimage
Sat	6	10.30am	Vivienne Melville 11, Tithe Barn	Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 1 ASB p.602)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Mon	8	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga

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

MARCH 1991

AN EASTER MESSAGE

- Doug Claypole White

Have you ever noticed how frequently the word 'Alleluia' appears in our hymns over Easter? It is much more frequent than at any other season. The word simply means 'Praise the Lord' and at Easter it really comes into its own. We sing praises to the Lord all the year round, but it is at Easter that we celebrate Christ's glorious triumph over death, and worship him as our risen Lord. Alleluia.

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our March family service will be held not on the fourth but on the second Sunday, March 10th, which is MOTHERING SUNDAY, and will not be a Communion service. The service will be led by Jane Templeman, and the children will also play a major part, and will collect posies for their Mothers. Before this service, I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am.

COFFEE will be served after our morning service on Sunday 17th March at the home of Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton, 1, Trinity Close. 24th March is PALM SUNDAY when I will be celebrating a Choral Eucharist at 10.15am.

On MAUNDY THURSDAY, 28th March I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am. On GOOD FRIDAY, 29th March we will have our traditional "Cross of Christ" devotional service of Hymns, Anthems, and Readings. Then on EASTER SUNDAY, 31st March I will be celebrating a Choral Eucharist at 10.15am.

The DEANERY BIBLE STUDY course will continue throughout Lent at 7.45pm each Tuesday at the locations listed below. They are being led by the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. Michael Bourke, and focus on the story of Joseph. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 5 March,	St. Peter's Church,	Sharnbrook
Tuesday, 12 March,	St. Peter's Church,	Sharnbrook
Tuesday, 19 March,	Methodist Church Hall,	Sharnbrook

The DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE procession leaves Verulam Park, St. Albans at 2.15pm on Easter Monday, 1st April, and is followed by a service at the St. Albans Abbey at 3.00pm.

Please make a note in your diary that our ANNUAL MEETINGS to elect Church Wardens and the PCC will be held on Monday 15th April. I will include full details in next month's issue of Ouse News.

OPEN GARDENS

- Ken Shrimpton

We still need a few more volunteers to open their gardens over the weekend 22-23 June. If you are interested then please give me a call on 781381.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

I would be delighted to hear from anyone who can spare some small flowers from the garden, or who would be willing to make some posies for Mothering Sunday, 10th March. Also if any of you would like to donate money for an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please let me know as soon as possible, so that I can order them.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The February draw took place at the Sun. The winners were :-

£25 354 Mr. & Mrs. Carter Felmersham Road

£20 070 Mr. Clear Radwell

£15 094 Mrs. Ward Church End

£10 148 Mrs. Darnell Moor End, Radwell

The March draw will take place at The Swan, Radwell on Sunday 17th.

BLUE PETER ROMANIAN APPEAL

- Diane Sutherland

- Naomi Miasek

The Bring-and-Buy Sale for Romanian orphans on 26th January was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who supported us.

We are very grateful to the Red Cross and Brownies for helping in the organisation, and running stalls and games, and to Playgroup for doing the refreshments. We would also like to thank the adults who helped on the day and those who provided goods, cakes, and prizes for the raffle. We are grateful to Mrs. Miasek for running the Raffle so successfully.

Although we called it Felmersham Bring and Buy, we had help from Radwell and Pavenham too. We are grateful to Mrs. Gough and Caroline for organising the Pavenham end. Our thanks also go to the Village Hall Committee who donated the use of the Hall.

In particular, we would like to thank all the children who gave lots of time and enthusiasm to the event.

Together we managed to raise £301.15.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

At our February meeting Mr. Warnker, a gardener from Barnwell, gave hints and tips on gardening, and judged a competition for a bowl of bulbs.

A collection is taking place to send items to soldiers in the Gulf. Anyone who wishes to contribute can leave items with Dorothy Galliver in Felmersham or Isabel Buckingham in Radwell. The March meeting, on the 19th, is a members' evening, with a talk on Health and Fitness.

Nominations are required for the 1991/92 committee. Arrangements are in hand to celebrate our 70th anniversary in June.

YOGA

- Karen Stokley

A course of 10 Yoga sessions begins on Monday 11th March, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, cost £9. New members are always welcome. Please phone 781176 for more information.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

- Nicholas Edwards

Thank you very much to all those who sponsored me for my swim. It was the sixth year in succession, and this time I raised £160. In all £10,000 was raised. Some of this money was put towards a page writer which prints out hospital patients' files. Once again thank you very much.

Our Good Old Days

(Author unknown, kindly submitted by Edna Ashpole)

We met, we married a long time ago
We worked for long hours, and wages were low.
No telly, no radio, no bath, times were hard
Just a cold water tap, and a walk up the yard.

No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors
We had coal on the fire - we never locked doors.
Our children arrived - no Pill in those days
And we brought them up without any State Aid.

No valium, no drugs, no LSD
We cured our pains with a good cup of tea.
If you were sick you were treated at once
Not "Fill in a form and come back next month".

No vandals, no muggings, there was nowt to rob
In fact you were rich with a couple of bob.
People were happier in those far off days
Kinder and caring in so many ways.

Milkmen and paper-boys would whistle and sing
And a night out at the flicks was a wonderful thing.
Oh, we had our share of troubles and strife
But we had to face it, that was life.

But now I'm alone and look back through the years
I don't think of bad times the trouble and tears.
I remember the blessings, our home and love
We shared them together, and thank God.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Total Raised or Promised £62,497

Progress Report

The restoration of the left window arch and the stringcourse above the three arches is now completed. Work is proceeding with the restoration of the other two arches and the four supporting cluster columns. A start has also been made on the arcading.

Last month's receipts included :-

Chris Pickford Talk	£ 56.00
Cake Morning (Morgan & Morgan)	£ 50.00
Donations	£ 21.00

MRS BARR-HALL

PARISH DIARY FOR APRIL 1991

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APR			
Sat	6	10.30am	Vivienne Melville 11, Tithe Barn Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Aitken) (Easter 1 ASB p.602) ***** * Children's Society House-to-house Collection This Week * *****
Mon	8	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Yoga
Thu	11	8.00am	Pinchmill Hall Parish Council Election
Sun	14	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Mr. K. Shrimpton) FAMILY MATINS (Mr. S. Hill) (Easter 2 ASB p.608)
Mon	15	7.30pm 7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Pinchmill Hall PCC Annual Meetings Yoga
Tue	16	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall W.I. AGM
Thu	18	8.00pm	Ody House Coffee & Desert Evening
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Gough) (Easter 3 ASB p.613)
		12.00pm	The Plough 200 Club Draw
Mon	22	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Yoga
Thu	25	10.30am	St. Mary's Cottage Sue Ryder : Coffee
Fri	26	7.30pm	St. Mary's Church New Bedford Singers
Sun	28	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Paul Keeble) (Easter 4 ASB p.618)
Mon	29	7.30pm 8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall Pinchmill hall Yoga Village Hall AGM

MAY			
Sat	4	10.30am	Paul and Pat Keeble Owl's Rest, Radwell Cake Morning
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. M. Alleway) (Easter 5 ASB p.622)
Sat	11	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Jumble Sale

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our next FAMILY SERVICE, on Sunday 28th April at 10.15am, will be led by Paul and Pat Keeble and will involve the Brownies. The PCC have decided for the time being to discontinue serving coffee after Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our ANNUAL MEETINGS will be held at Pinchmill Hall on Monday 15th April. The first meeting is to elect our Church Wardens and is open to all parishioners on the Local Government Electoral Roll. This will be immediately followed by a meeting to elect the PCC, and to receive the annual accounts, and reports from the officers. At this second meeting only those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Fenella Elizabeth Early, who was baptised on 17th March

EASTER CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Lilies and other flowers; to everyone who decorated the church so beautifully (Anne Airton, Mary Birks, Pat Bustin, Janet Cook, Bronwen Guest, Jessie Marsh, Emma Robinson, Sue Ronaldson, Judith Smith, Maggie Spoor, Edna Turner, Sue Whiting and Sue Whitehouse); to Mary Whitehouse for the primrose cross and to Helen Brough and Anoushka Hartop for the Easter Garden; and a special thank you to Sue Webster for keeping our Altar linen laundered throughout the year.

COFFEE & DESERT EVENING

- Hazel Pearce

Everyone is welcome to a Coffee and Desert Evening at Ody House, Pavenham Road, on April 18th at 8.00pm, to raise money for the Flower Festival. For details and f1 tickets, phone Bedford 782182.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Webster

A Jumble Sale in aid of St. Mary's Church will be held on Saturday 11th May, from 2.30pm. Any offers of help will be welcome, especially in the afternoon. Please deliver jumble to the Village Hall in the morning, or phone Sue Whitehouse (781300) or Rosemary Brough (782104) if you would like it collected.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Margaret Hartley

During the week beginning 7th April, there will be a house-to-house collection in Felmersham and Radwell, in aid of the Children's Society. Please give generously.

OUSE VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL

- Alan Stevens

Felmersham Church is featured in the forthcoming Ouse Valley Arts Festival, with a New Bedford Singers performance of works by Vivaldi, J.S.Bach and Britten, on Friday 26th April at 7.30pm. Tickets (f2), from me or from Sharnbrook Community College.

VILLAGE HALL

- Peter Stephenson

AGM: MONDAY 29TH APRIL, 8.00PM. This will be your opportunity to hear a report of the Village Hall Committee's activities and a statement of its financial accounts. Democracy will then assert itself in the traditional manner with the election of a new committee for the next 12 months. The good news is that current members are willing to serve another term; - the bad news would be if you did not want them to! On a more serious note, the committee always needs fresh faces with fresh ideas. New nominations will be most welcome. Will proposers please advise our Hon. Sec. Barbara North, 14 Marriotts Close, of the name and address of the person proposed (first making sure that he/she is willing to serve). It is helpful to receive nominations before the AGM, but they may also be proposed from the floor at the meeting. THANKYOU, PINCHMILL PLAYERS! The new extension to the committee room has been beautifully curtained; AND the loos and entrance hall have been re-decorated by volunteers from the Players; AND this splendid community effort will be added to in the autumn, when the Players put on an event to raise funds for the Bar/Servery, so hastening the completion of interior improvements.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
WILL ALL HALL USERS LEAVE THE ROOMS AND TOILETS
AS THEY WOULD WISH TO FIND THEM

During the building of the extension, the place was very hard to keep clean and tidy. Consequently our previous good habits of sweeping the hard floor areas, vacuuming the carpet and, if necessary, re-flushing/brushing the toilet bowls seem to have lapsed. It has been particularly distressing for clubs such as the Playgroup and Toddler Group, which use the hall nearly every day, to have to set to and clean before the children arrive. Also, as the School Governors and Headmistress take fuller responsibility for their expenditure, issues of joint responsibility such as the cleaning of the hall will come to the fore. The school's new caretaker, Mrs. Jo Green, has been directed to clean the hall at the end of the school day, leaving it ready for school use next morning. This puts the onus upon us, after using the main hall, to restore it to its clean condition. This won't take much effort but it will require the thought! If we disappoint the School in this matter then inevitably the Village Hall Committee will be asked to arrange for regular, professional cleaning. We all know what that will mean ... money!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND CO-OPERATION

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Valerie Sexton took the chair while the business of the evening was dealt with. She then handed over to Jane Ward and Helen Tingey, as it was a Members' Evening. Jane introduced Mrs. Mabel Blades, a district dietician for the Bedford Health Authority, and a 'Look After Yourself' tutor. Her talk was entitled "Health for the Over 30's", included discussion of diets, and ended with some simple exercising. Arrangements were made for a Group Meeting at Podington, and an evening visit to the John Dibble factory in Bedford. The next meeting is the A.G.M. on April 16th, when the visiting VCD for the evening is Mrs. Joan Otley.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The March draw took place at The Swan, Radwell. Winners were :-
£25 217 Mrs. Webster Radwell
£20 181 Mr. & Mrs. Barker Marriotts Close
£15 055 Mr. R. Bowers Marriotts Close
£10 077 Mr. D. Stephenson Tithe Barn
The next draw will be held at The Plough on Sunday 21st April.

ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

Valerie Sexton thanks the residents of Radwell who raised £35.87, and Sue Whiting thanks all those in Felmersham who helped to raise £74.05, in the recent house-to-house collections.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Rosalyn Just

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Following the resignation of Mr. Alan MacKenzie from the Parish Council, an Election is to be held on Thursday 11th April. The candidates for election are Dr. George Galliver and Mr. Stephen Miasek. The Village Hall will be open as a Polling Station on that day between the hours of 8.00am and 9.00pm.

BUS PASSES FOR THE ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED

If you are renewing or applying for a bus pass, from 1st May you will be required to have a photocard as well. These can be obtained in advance, or at the time, but you must supply a passport-sized photograph of yourself. For further details please contact Bedford Bus Station or the Council Offices.

SUE RYDER

- Dorothy Galliver

The Felmersham and Radwell Sue Ryder Group are holding a coffee morning on Thursday 25th April 10.30-12.00 at St. Mary's Cottage (near the river bridge), by kind invitation of Pat Hartop. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle, Coffee and biscuits 50 pence. Like most caring institutions, St. John's really needs extra financial support this year, so please help us if you can.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Total Raised or Promised £63,495

The Chancellor's recent announcement that VAT will be increased from 15% to 17.5% caught everyone by surprise, not least the West Front Committee. "At a stroke" he has increased our West Front expenditure by at least £1000! Much has been said, and written, about the need to conserve our inheritance. Yet surely there must be something wrong with a tax system that penalises those who restore old buildings, by imposing a 17.5% VAT charge on their efforts; whilst those who pull them down and replace with new are VAT exempt. There is a further paradox. We will receive a Government grant (via English Heritage) of £30,000, only to have 35% of it taken back in VAT charges. As a famous ex-Prime Minister recently said, "It's a funny old world". Three cheers for Trinity College Cambridge, who, when reminded of their historical connection with St. Mary's, generously responded with a donation of £200. Last month's receipts also included :-
Cake Morning (Stella Gough) £ 98.00
Other Donations £ 10.00
Interest £ 690.00

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1991

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MAY

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Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 5 ASB p.622)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Mon	6	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
Thu	9	8.00pm	ALL SAINTS, TURVEY (Ascension Day, ASB p.627)	Deanery Eucharist
Sat	11	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Jumble Sale
Sun	12	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Sunday after Ascension Day ASB p.630)	
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		* Christian Aid Week Collection : May 12 - May 18	*	
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Mon	13	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
Wed	15	7.30pm	Corn Close	Flower Festival Committee
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.S.A. Craft Festival
Sun	19	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Pentecost ASB p.635)	
		12.00md	Six Ringers	200 Club draw
Mon	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Pinchmill Players Theatre AGM
Tue	21	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Sun	26	10.15am	ALL SAINTS, SOULDROP (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)	Patronal Festival
			No services in Felmersham	
JUN				
Sat	1			
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 1 ASB p.644)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	9	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Trinity 2 ASB p.648)	

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

MAY 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White
ASCENSION DAY is on Thursday 9th May. There will be a Deanery Eucharist at 8.00pm at All Saints, Turvey. The preacher will be Canon Eric James, whom a number of older parishioners will remember as the Diocesan Canon Missioner from 1973 to 1983. During the week of 12th to 18th May, Roland Carpenter is organising a house-to-house collection for CHRISTIAN AID. Please do give generously.

We are all invited to share in the PATRONAL FESTIVAL Parish Communion at All Saints, SOULDROP, on Sunday 26th May at 10.15 am. There will be no services on that day in St. Mary's, Felmersham. Since we shall be going to Souldrop on that 4th Sunday, our FAMILY SERVICE will be brought forward one week to May 19th, at 10.15am.

There will be a JUMBLE SALE to raise funds for Church Restoration on Saturday 11th May from 2.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Jumble should be taken directly to the Hall in the morning, or can be collected if you telephone Sue Whitehouse (781300) or Rosemary Brough (782104). We still need some more helpers, especially in the afternoon, so if you are able to lend a hand please have a word with Sue or Rosemary, or just turn up on the day.

COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

- Hazel Pearce
The Coffee and Desert Evening raised £150. I would like to thank everyone for supporting us so generously.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Margaret Hartley
The house-to-house collection in Felmersham and Radwell raised £123.20. Many thanks to all who donated and to the collectors :- Ros Just, Sue Whiting, Pat Keeble, Helen Rose, Jane Ward and Judith Smith. (Thanks also to Margaret for organising this. - Ed.)

FLOWER FESTIVAL MEETING

- Sheina Burbidge
A reminder that a meeting of the Flower Festival committee will be held in the Barn at Corn Close, Church End, on May 15th at 7.30pm.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

- Roland Carpenter
In Felmersham and Radwell during the week of 12th to 18th May, there will be house-to-house collections on behalf of Christian Aid. In the African continent alone, up to 20 million lives are estimated to be at immediate risk from a devastating famine which the world press has largely ignored, in the wake of The Gulf Crisis and developments in Eastern Europe. Please do give especially generously. I would also greatly appreciate offers of help, so please telephone me on 781622 if you feel able to act as a Collector.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS : APRIL 15th - Doug Claypole White

At the Annual Church Meetings, Don Gough and Roland Carpenter were re-elected Church Wardens and Ken Shrimpton was elected Deputy Church Warden. Messrs. Paul Keeble, Stephen Hill, Alan Stevens, David Knowles, Peter Coghlan, Clive Just, and Mesdames Sally Carr, Pat Keeble, Pam fforde, Margaret Alleway, Rosemary Brough, Vivienne Melville, and Sue Whitehouse, were elected to the PCC. At a short meeting of the new PCC, Stephen Hill was re-appointed as our treasurer, and Paul Keeble was appointed Secretary.

My thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year. In particular to our Church Wardens, Don Gough and Roland Carpenter; our outgoing PCC secretary Sue Webster and our treasurer Stephen Hill; our Honorary Auditor, Derek Walmsley; the outgoing PCC; our organist, Pam fforde and the choir; the bell ringers, the sidesmen, the readers, the servers, the Sacristans; Sue Webster for laundering our Altar Linen; our Verger, George Brown; Roland and Anne Carpenter for editing and producing Ouse News; the Street Wardens who act as my 'eyes and ears' in the parish; Sally Carr and all who clean the Church; Anne and the ladies who decorate the Church so beautifully; Margaret Alleway and all who host coffee mornings, both on a Saturday and after our services; Mary Birks and her team for the magnificent transformation to our Church kneelers; Peter Coghlan and the Family Service sub-committee; and all of you who have helped with our Harvest Supper, annual Fete and many other fund-raising events.

And a very special thank you to Ken Shrimpton and the West Front committee for all they have done to make our Appeal such a success. If there is anyone I have missed, I apologise and thank you also!

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Valerie Sexton was re-elected President at the Annual General Meeting. Reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer and President. The Annual Cup was presented to Judith Smith, and the draw for the Denman Bursary was won by Rene Whitbread. A video of the 25 years of the W.I. is being shown at the homes of Jennifer Knowles on May 7th, and Truce Boyce on May 8th. The next meeting, on May 21st, is a talk on the Change in Tax Laws for Women.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

A draw took place on 21st April at The Plough. The winners were :-
 £25 185 Mr. & Mrs. Edwards Church End
 £20 246 Mrs. Matthews Moor End, Radwell
 £15 153 Mrs. Powell Hunts Lane
 £10 078 Mrs. Coghlan Marriott's Close
 The May draw will take place at The Six Ringers on Sunday 19th.

PINCMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Louise Lang

The Pinchmill Players Theatre Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday May 20th at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall Committee Room.

THE FLOWER CLUB

- Hazel Pearce

Because of the high cost of speakers, the Felmersham and Radwell Flower and Gardening Club proved totally uneconomic to run, and has therefore been discontinued. The remaining funds were used to purchase two pedestals, which have been loaned to the Church.

JUST A FROM THE ORGANIST

- Pam fforde

I would like to thank members of the choir for their continuing loyalty and support. Their singing on Good Friday and Easter Sunday was well polished. Now that we have rejoined the Royal School of Church Music, it is essential that our choir members are continually encouraged, so that we can maintain variety and a high standard of sung worship at St. Mary's. We welcome new recruits to our choir, so if you would like to join an interesting and dynamic team of singers, please see me or Douglas after morning service.

PINCHMILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

- Caroline Hudson

- Alleyne Leach

The P.S.A. warmly invite you to a CRAFT FAYRE - 'An exclusive collection of gifts and curios' - pottery, jewellery, plants and cakes - on May 15th from 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Tickets from Margaret Leach (781072), Barbara North (781624), Clive Just (782967), Caroline Hudson (720587), or Sue Lockwood (82 3826), at a cost of £2 to include nibbles and a glass of wine.

FAURE'S REQUIEM : BRING AND SING

- Janet Welsh

There will be a 'Bring and Sing' at St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook, on Saturday 22nd June. Following an afternoon rehearsal at 3.00pm in the Church, the evening performance will begin at 7.30pm. All proceeds will go to CHERISH, the Church charity at Sharnbrook. For further details, telephone 781010.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Total Raised or Promised £64,833

An incredible £1220 was raised by the sponsored peal held on Saturday 23rd February. The "London Surprise Major" peal involved 5088 changes, and took 3 hours 10 minutes. The ringers were :-

Treble	Patrick J.S. Albon	St Peter's, Sharnbrook
2	Anthony H. Smith	St Andrew's, Biggleswade
3	Stephanie J. Kenton	St Paul's, Bedford
4	John S. Warboys	St Paul's, Bedford
5	Martyn J. Marriott	St Paul's, Bedford
6	Andrew M. Keech	All Saint's, Kempston
7	Christopher J. Pickford	St Paul's, Bedford
Tenor	Mark Regan	All Saint's Leighton Buzzard

Conducted by Mark Regan

Our grateful thanks to the team of ringers and to Chris Pickford for organising the event. Our thanks also to those who contributed to the sponsorship.

Next month we will publish details of the revised cost estimates for restoring the West Front. Last month's receipts included :-

Cake Morning (Viv Melville, Margaret Alleway)	£ 86.00
Donations	£ 32.00

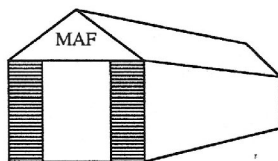
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■ MAF, PO Box 491, Dodoma, TANZANIA ■

Pullinger's Progress No. 14

May 1991

This letter is long overdue and we must apologise for that. I am sure those of you who have not heard from us since before Christmas will be wondering why we have been silent for so long! The only reason is that we are busy; however, we are reminded of you often, especially when we receive letters and hear of gifts to our support fund with MAF. We know there are many prayers on our behalf as well, so a big Thank You to all of you for your involvement with our work.



Hangar opened 15th April

We will not bore you with the details of all that we have done over the last few months, however, the month of April had a number of highlights for MAF as follows:

5th-8th Conference at Moshi. This was a time for the whole MAF team in Tanzania to meet together for teaching (led by a Canadian Pentecostal minister who works in Dodoma), worship, sharing and fun! It was especially good to hear about the work in some of the other sub-bases.

15th (UK) Max Gove took over as Chief Executive from Charles Wilson (who will continue to serve MAF after a period of leave) and David Marfleet was appointed Director of Overseas Operations. Please pray for these leaders of our Mission that they would be continually led by the Lord in their work and also for people to fill the vacancies that now exist at our Folkestone HQ.

15th (TZ) Our new hangar in Dodoma was officially opened by the Prime Minister of Tanzania and dedicated in a service that involved a Lutheran bishop, a Pentecostal pastor and an Anglican choir (reflecting MAF's interdenominational role). It was a special time, especially as the Prime Minister had some kind words to say about MAF. We also had the opportunity to say something of our work to some senior Government officials.

29th Not exactly a highlight but this was the day Tom de Waal, our Programme Manager, left for 4 months furlough in Holland. Pray that this would be a time of spiritual, physical and mental refreshment for Tom and his family, and also that the additional responsibilities for Ian and the others will not be too great a burden as a result of Tom's absence.

Looking into the future, there are going to be further staff changes in Tanzania during the coming year as several families move to new locations, or away from the mission field, for a time. We will be

short of qualified engineers and especially an avionics (aircraft radio and electronics) engineer. Please pray that the Lord will call up workers for these positions and that those already called will quickly raise the support they need to be able to join us in Tanzania.

Have you ever been involved in Spiritual Warfare? Probably, if you have tried sharing the Gospel, the answer will be "Yes". We have felt very much under attack in recent months as we have tried sharing the Good News through the film "Jesus".

The first occasion, we were all set up to show the film and then discovered the projector bulb had broken. To make matters worse, the three spare bulbs that came from the supplier turned out to be the wrong size. The following weekend we were scheduled to show the film on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fortunately, there was a flight from Nairobi on the Friday that would be able to bring a spare bulb. When the plane arrived there was no bulb due to a "misunderstanding". Our prayers were answered that day, at very short notice we were able to borrow a projector and show the film as planned. On the Saturday evening a crowd of over 1,000 people saw the film, while on Sunday a village church was full to overflowing as people came to the "cinema".

After several more attempts we eventually received bulbs from the UK and the USA in the same week! Please pray for

After several more attempts we eventually received bulbs from the UK and the USA in the same week! Please pray for this ministry that we, and others, involved in it would be protected and that the film will be an effective witness to those who see it.

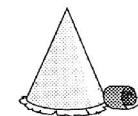
STOP PRESS When a friend was showing the film last weekend there was a problem with the sound, a further example of spiritual attack. Fortunately, the projector has been repaired and is ready for more showings later this month.

RUTH'S REFLECTIONS

A lot has happened since I last wrote. The first thing was having my Grandma and Grandad here over Christmas - that was great, I had someone to play with me all day! While they were here we went to

Mwanza to visit our friend, Mike McNamara, which was fun.

I started walking at the beginning of February and soon got the hang of it. I can do so much more now - Mummy can't keep track of me all the time! I have ten teeth now including some big ones at the back - no, 6 molars I'm told! I can eat most things now and enjoy eating the same as Mummy and Daddy.



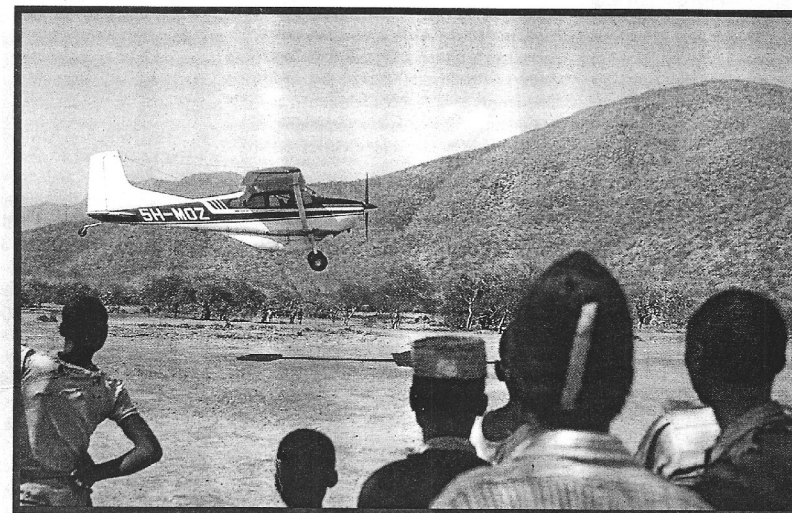
On March 5th I had my first birthday party. Three of my friends came round and we had a lunchtime party, so Daddy could be there too. We spent most of the time eating and opening presents. It was quite tiring being the centre of attention!

I enjoy playing with the older children on our compound and love being outside to wander and explore as it is so warm and sunny here.

Finally, this time we wanted to share some news for praise and thanksgiving. In the last few weeks MAF has had three medical emergency flights to Nairobi; one for a baby not much older than Ruth, another for a retired missionary who had returned with her husband to help the church in Tanzania for a short time, and the third for a missionary Mum with four children. All made recoveries in Nairobi for which we give thanks to God.

With much love and thanks for your prayers, letters and support.

Ian, Miriam and Ruth



PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE 1991

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JUN

Sun	9	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Trinity 2 ASB p.648)	
Sat	15	10.30am	Greenfields, Pavenham Road	Coffee Morning
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Trinity 3 ASB p.653)	
Tue	18	7.30pm	Milton Ernest	W.I.
Sat	22		FLOWER & CRAFT FESTIVAL	
		2.00pm	The Plough	Mini Fayre
		7.30pm	St. Peter's Sharnbrook	Faure Requiem
Sun	23	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	
			(Trinity 4 ASB p.658)	
		12.00pm	The Sun	200 Club Draw
			FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL	
Tue	25	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	30	10.15am	ST. PETER'S SHARNBROOK	
			PATRONAL FESTIVAL CHORAL COMMUNION	
			(Trinity 5 ASB p.664)	
			(NO SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S, FELMERSHAM)	

JUL

Sat	6	10.30am	Pat Stevens	
			The Cottage, Pavenham Road	Cake Morning
		8.00pm	Pinchmill	American Independence Day Dance
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
			(Trinity 6 ASB p.668)	
Sat	13		Corn Close, Church End	Cheese & Wine Evening
Sun	14	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Trinity 7 ASB p.674)	

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

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1991

- Doug Claypole White

The JUMBLE SALE raised £150.95 for the West Front Appeal. My thanks to Sue Whitehouse and Rosemary Brough; to everybody who helped on the day; and to you all for supporting the event. Our house-to-house collection for CHRISTIAN AID raised £263.39, a wonderful result. My thanks to Roland Carpenter and his collectors, and to all of you who gave so generously. Below you will see details of our MINI FAYRE on Saturday afternoon, 22nd June and our FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL to be held that weekend. Our FAMILY SERVICE at 10.15am on the 23rd will feature some of the hymns which form the theme of the Flower Festival.

We are all invited to share in the PATRONAL FESTIVAL Parish Communion at St. Peter's, SHARNBROOK, at 10.15am on Sunday 30th June. There will be NO SERVICES on that day in St. Mary's, Felmersham.

FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL 22-23 JUNE - Paul Keeble STEWADING IN CHURCH, AND AT CORN CLOSE

We need assistance, please on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Two stewards are required in the Church for each 1 hour slot from 2.00pm to 7.00pm each day; 20 volunteers in all. A ROTA SHEET has been posted in the Porch and it would be appreciated if this could be completed as soon as possible by people who can give their time. Guidelines will be given to all stewards about the issuing of programmes etc. Anyone wanting further information about STEWARDING is asked to contact PAUL or PAT KEEBLE (782134). Anyone who would care to assist stewarding the CRAFTS at CORN CLOSE is asked to contact JANET COOK (781373).

DONATIONS OF FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

HAZEL PEARCE would be pleased to hear from anyone who can donate flowers or foliage from their gardens, especially trailing varieties of honeysuckle or ivy, alchemilla mollis, or any variegated foliage, and small flowers for the children's displays. Please make contact by 19th June as the flowers must be in Church on Thursday 20th. Hazel can be contacted on 782182.

CAKES

Donations of cakes for use on either day of the Festival will be gratefully received by Sheina Burbidge at Corn Close.

MINI FAYRE

- Ken Shrimpton

This year, instead of a Fete, we are holding a Mini Fayre on Saturday 22nd June at The Plough, commencing at 2.00pm. The Fayre will be part of our Flower and Craft Festival Weekend. We will be making our usual house-to-house collection before the event and your generous support is always appreciated.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

- Roland Carpenter

The house-to-house collection for Christian Aid raised £58.09 in Radwell and £205.30 in Felmersham, a grand total of £263.39. Very many thanks to all who contributed to such a marvellous total, and my special thanks to the collectors, Ken and Rene Whitbread, Clive Just, Peter Coghlan, Ken Shrimpton, and David Knowles.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Rosalyn Just

Best Kept Village Competition

Felmersham and Radwell have again been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition this year. Judging starts at the beginning of June, with the final judging in July. The special feature this year is "Village in Bloom".

Local Policeman

PC 704 Young is the officer responsible for Felmersham and Radwell, and would like to hear from you if you see anything suspicious. He can be contacted by ringing Greyfriars Police Station, or via the Homewatch representatives, Mr. Sochacki (781665), or Mr. Horrell (782140).

VILLAGE HALL

- Andrew Evans

On Saturday 6th July at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall we are holding an 'American Independence Day Dance'. Live music by 'Big Band Sound'. Licenced Bar, Steak Barbecue, Entertainment. Tickets £5.50 from Helen Tingey, 4, Marriotts Close, or Andrew Evans, 30, Marriotts Close.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The May draw took place at The Six Ringers. The winners were :-

£25	177	Mrs. Stephenson	Tithe Barn
£20	121	Mr. & Mrs. Thurston	Pavenham Road
£15	257	Mr. & Mrs. Guest	Marriotts Close
£10	146	Mr. Stevens	Marriotts Close

The June draw will take place at The Sun on Sunday 23rd.

RED CROSS

- Margaret Hartley and Sue Whiting

We are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th June at 10.30, in the garden at Greenfields, Pavenham Road (or inside if wet). There will be a cake stall, plant stall, raffle, etc., to raise money for the hungry in Africa, and funds for our youth group. Everyone is very welcome.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

- Ken Shrimpton

Gerry and Hazel Sidebottom, well known in the parish for their Cheese and Wine Evenings, cordially invite you to join them at Corn Close on Saturday 13th July. Tickets go on sale in mid June.

FAURE'S REQUIEM : BRING AND SING

- Janet Welsh

A further reminder of the 'Bring and Sing' at St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook, on Saturday 22nd June. Following an afternoon rehearsal at 3.00pm in the Church, the evening performance will begin at 7.30pm. All proceeds will go to CHERISH, the Church charity at Sharnbrook. For further details, telephone 781010.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Valerie Sexton was in the chair for the May meeting. Judith Smith was appointed Secretary and Sheila Mackenzie Treasurer. There is an opportunity for members to attend a Skid Pan at Tempsford in July. Video evenings held at the homes of Jennifer Knowles and Truce Boyce raised £10 for Parkinson's Disease. Thanks were given to all the volunteers who helped with the clearing of rubbish in the two villages during Spring-Clean Week, 19-28 April. One of our own members, Isabel Buckingham, gave an interesting talk on "Tax Changes and How They Affect Women". Suggestions were given on how to make the most of our money, and how to minimise tax on our savings. At the next meeting on 18th June we shall be celebrating our 70th Birthday Party with a dinner to be held at Milton Ernest.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN WATCH

- Editor

On the Felmersham Notice Board, I have posted a Press Release about two projects being organised by the Beds. and Northants. Branch of the British Butterfly Conservation Society. The first, a fun activity, involves observation of butterflies in your own garden during any weekend in July or August. A follow-up information pack on butterflies and their food plants will be supplied free of charge to all participants who send in their results to Butterfly Conservation c/o 29, Sandy Road, Potton, Beds, SG19 2QA. The second is a 3-year project to map the distribution of butterflies in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. The local contact is Mrs. B. Matthews, home telephone 0767 260644.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

Revised Target	£78,185	Total Raised or Promised	£77,227
Previous restorers of the West Front used considerably more concrete, instead of stone, than was at first realised. This, together with the discovery of additional perished stonework has led to an increase in the estimated costs. Revised costs are as follows, with original figures in brackets.			
Restoration of West Front	£52,310	(£45,583)	
West-facing Aisle Windows	£ 6,267	(not included)	
VAT @ 15% (invoiced before 5th April)	£ 2,991	(£ 6,837)	
VAT @ 17.5%	£ 6,742		
Fees	£ 9,226	(£ 7,180)	
Expenses (not grant-aided)	£ 649	(£ 400)	
Total estimated Costs	£78,185	(£60,000)	

The good news is that English Heritage has increased its grant. English Heritage Grant £42,115 (£30,000) Parish contribution so far £35,112 We are therefore just £958 short of our revised target, which, co-incidentally, is equal to the 2.5% increase in VAT! Last month's receipts included :-

Cake Morning (Paul & Pat Keeble)	£ 73.59
Donation (Duse Valley Arts Festival)	£ 50.00
Other Donations	£ 5.00
Jumble Sale (Sue Whitehouse & Rosemary Brough)	£ 150.95

PARISH DIARY FOR JULY 1991

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JUL

Sat	6	10.30am	The Cottage, Pavenham Rd,	Cake Morning
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	American Independence Dance
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
			(Trinity 6 ASB p.668)	
		2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Children's Wizard of Oz meeting
Mon	8	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Sat	13	7.30pm	Corn Close, Church End	Cheese & Wine Evening
Sun	14	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Trinity 7 ASB p.674)	
Tue	16	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I.
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Trinity 8 ASB p.679)	
		12.00pm	The Plough	200 Club Draw
Fri	26	*****		
		*	Skips in the village this weekend	*

Sun	28	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
			(Trinity 9 ASB p.684)	

AUG

Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Trinity 10 ASB p.689)	
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Trinity 11 ASB p.694)	

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

JULY 1991

- Doug Claypole White

Our weekend Festival raised about £1350. My thanks to Paul Keeble for co-ordinating the Festival, to Hazel Pearce (Church decorations), Janet Cook (Crafts), Ken Shrimpton (Open Gardens), Chris Spoor (Mini Fayre), Sheina Burbidge (Refreshments); also to Sheila Juffs for allowing us the use of her forecourt for the Mini Fayre, the Burbidge family for the shelter of their barn, all of you who kindly opened your gardens and all who contributed such beautiful decorations for the Church, to the Stewards and to our Treasurer, Stephen Hill, for everything he did over the weekend. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Coghlan for organising the Family Service on the Sunday of our Festival and to the Sharnbrook singers and all of you who contributed to make it such a lovely and moving service of thanksgiving and Songs of Praise.

As we are now into the holiday season, there will be no family services in July or August. Instead, I will be celebrating Parish Communion at 10.15am on the fourth Sunday in each month.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our congratulations to Jon Taylor and Rachael Kostin who were married on 22nd June.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

- Ken Shrimpton

On Saturday 13th July, Gerry and Hazel Sidebottom are holding a Cheese and Wine Evening at Corn Close, commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets, £2.50, (including a glass of wine), from Anne Airton 40, Marriotts Close, (782080). A chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. Come and share in the social life of a village renowned for it's friendliness.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

- Barbara North

All those unwanted petrol vouchers and stamps now have a good home! Andy Evans, 30, Marriotts Close, would be delighted to receive your donations. They will be used to purchase raffle prizes for a Grand Draw later in the year. This could be a major fund raiser to enable us to complete the servery in the Committee Room. Please support us in this venture. Thank you.

BRITISH SAILORS' SOCIETY

- Pat Jones

A recent collection in Marriotts Close, for the British Sailors' Society, raised £18.93. My thanks to all who supported this charity.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

We celebrated our 70th anniversary this month with a special evening at Ros Tucker's restaurant at Milton Ernest. A founder member, Mrs Edna Wilkinson was a special guest and gave us some of her memories of early meetings. Barbara Albury, Dorothy Holborrow, Jennifer Knowles, and Lynn Edwards all recalled events that have taken place over the years. After a lovely meal, Edna cut the cake (made by Mary Heald and decorated by Di Stephenson). Shirley Nash, County Chairman, proposed a toast and asked us to remember those who started the Institute back in 1921. We are delighted that our youngest and one of our newest members, Jane Wells, is related by marriage to our founder members Mrs. Jessie Maltby and Lady Wells.

A rose was presented to Marjorie Rootham on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and a floral table arrangement to Barbara Albury, our longest serving member. Lucky numbers were drawn and some members received a gift. Dorothy Holborrow thanked Valerie Sexton and her committee for giving us such a lovely evening. I am sure we will all long remember our 70th anniversary celebrations.

A small exhibition included photo albums, a scrap book made up specially with information taken from all the minute books, and a Church kneeler made by Jennifer Knowles depicting our 70 years. Our next meeting is on 16th July.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The draw took place at The Sun on June 23rd. The winners were :-

£25 070	Mr. Clear	The Green, Radwell
£20 003	Dr. & Mrs. Rhodes	Hunts Lane
£15 066	N. Horrell	Moor End, Radwell
£10 114	Mr. Fensome	Moor End, Radwell

The next draw will take place at The Plough on Sunday July 21st.

RED CROSS

- Margaret Hartley and Sue Whiting

A big 'thank you' to all who supported our Coffee Morning. We were delighted to make £266.12. We are sending £100 to the Ethiopian appeal, £80 to Zimbabwe, and £86 for our funds. The house-to-house collection in May raised £93, so another big 'thank you'.

At our presentation eve on May 1st, Samantha Bance and Robert Ward were each presented with a cup for Best Effort throughout the year.

WIZARD OF OZ

- George Airton

Pinchmill Players Theatre are inviting all children of the villages who might be interested in taking part in their production of The Wizard of Oz (February 1992), to attend a meeting on Sunday July 7th at 2.30 pm in Pinchmill Hall. Adult auditions will be announced later.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The Sue Ryder Sunday Lunch held at The Old Stables on June 2nd raised £300 for St. John's, Moggerhanger. Our sincere thanks to all who supported us so generously.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

- Ken Shrimpton

We are looking for a sponsor for our 1991 Christmas Cards please.

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

- Jennifer Knowles

£122.65 was collected recently in the house-to-house collection. Grateful thanks to all who contributed and to the collectors, Sue Webster, Lesley Gani, Pat Hartop, Karen Stokley, and Diane Lock.

FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

- Paul Keeble

The success of this event was due to the hard work of so many people in our villages. My thanks go to everyone who assisted with flower arranging, donating flowers and foliage, opening their gardens, providing crafts for display, making cakes and serving teas, staffing the Mini Fayre, donating prizes for the raffle, selling tickets, stewarding and contributing to publicity. The winner of the raffle prize, a "Patchwork Wall Quilt featuring the West Front", was won by Mr. Arch Bolton of Amersham. There were 11 other prizewinners, all of whom have been notified.

ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION

- editor

If the person who submitted an article expressing concern at the state of the bus shelter, and the activities that go on in and around that area, is prepared to be identified, we can consider publishing the article, but I regret that it is not our policy to publish anonymously.

THE WEST FRONT COLUMN

- Ken Shrimpton

We will be raising approximately £600 from the sale of a limited number of commemorative plates which, together with part of the proceeds from the very successful Flower and Craft Festival, means that we have reached our revised target. It is anticipated that restoration work on the West Front will be completed by the end of July. This is less than two years since we committed ourselves to this major project. This could not have been achieved without the generous help and support of the Parish. Our grateful thanks to you all.

I would also like to express my thanks to the West Front committee (Don Gough, Stephen Hill, Sue Webster, Sue Whitehouse, Paul Keeble, and David Knowles) for their dedicated support.

The West Front Column is now closing down.

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AUG

Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 10 ASB p.689)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	11	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS (Trinity 11 ASB p.694)	(Mr. S. Hill)
		3.00pm	The Six Ringers	Parish Walk
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 12 ASB p.699)	(Mr. D. Gough)
Mon	19	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club Meeting
Sun	25	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 13 ASB p.703)	(R. P. Carpenter)

SEP

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 14 ASB p.709)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Tue	3	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	8	10.15am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL (Trinity 15 ASB p.713)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
Sat	14	10.30am	Margaret Leach, 5, The Tythe	Cake Morning

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

AUGUST 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

As I explained last month, we are now into the holiday season, so there will be NO FAMILY SERVICE this month. Instead, I will be celebrating Parish Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 25th August.

Please make a note in your diaries that Sunday 8th September is our PATRONAL FESTIVAL when we will be joined for Parish Communion at 10.15am by parishioners from Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. The preacher will be Captain Bert Fullard who is honorary Associate Diocesan Missioner.

Now that we have been able to raise the revised target for our WEST FRONT, the appeal committee has been disbanded. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chairman, Ken Shrimpton and the members of the committee for all their hard work. My thanks also to all of you for supporting the appeal. It is wonderful that this very ambitious target has been achieved in less than two years.

YOUTH CLUB

- Chris Spoor

An informal meeting will be held in the Committee Room on Monday August 19th at 8.00pm, to discuss the re-formation of the Youth Club. Julia Williams, Ouse Valley Youth Worker, will be present to offer help and advice. If you think you would like to join the rota of helpers, do come along on the 19th. If you would like to help but can't attend the meeting, please ring me on 782031.

PARISH WALK

- Glenda Davis

There will be a Parish Walk (walking footpath no 7 to Felmersham Hardwick, and footpath no 6 to Odell), on Sunday August 11th. We will return again via Bridleway no 8 to Carlton Road. Those inclined to do further walking can tackle footpath no A9 (on the Parish boundary with Carlton), then no 8 on the Pavenham Ridge, and back down Pavenham Road.

We will be meeting outside the Six Ringers at 3.00pm. Everyone who is interested in keeping our footpaths and bridleways open, and gaining access to our delightful countryside is welcome to join in.

R.N.I.B.

- Joyce Wadner

The collection from Radwell for the Royal National Institute for the Blind amounted to £32.44. Thank you to all who contributed.

SAVE CLAPHAM HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Editor

I propose to display on the Felmersham village Notice Board an Appeal letter which I have just received from Barry Watson, chairman of the campaign to save Clapham Hospital from the closure intended to take effect by October 1st 1991.

He points out the special role of the hospital in providing long-stay beds for elderly patients in the North of the county, and highlights the imminent and longer-term problems, disruptions and distress, for patients and relatives alike, if the proposed closure goes ahead.

He urges sympathisers to sign a petition; to write letters to local MPs, to the Secretary of State, to the Local and Regional Health Authority, and to the local press; and to make a financial contribution to the campaign. Anyone requiring further information should contact him directly at 2, Talbot Road, Bedford, MK40 3EE.

R.N.I.B.

- Maria Rutgers

The Felmersham house-to-house collection for the Royal National Institute for the Blind raised £80.49. Thank you to all contributors, and to the collectors: Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hartop, Mrs. Northwood, Mrs. Pipe and Mrs. Walmsley.

BUS SHELTER

- Editor

Congratulations and thanks to Geoff Hulatt and his band of helpers for their recent efforts to once again restore the bus shelter to something of its former respectability.

However, some of the recent problems do still remain unresolved. For example, we shall need to restore the glass in the Church Notice Board, almost certainly damaged by an air-pistol pellet. I would like to give the person(s) responsible an opportunity to make appropriate amends, by admitting responsibility and / or by making reparation. Confidences will be respected, and I will take no further action.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The results of the draw that took place at The Plough on July 21st will be published next month.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Rosalyn Just

THE VILLAGER COMMUNITY BUS

Would you like to serve your local community?

Would you like to drive the VILLAGER Community Bus?

If you hold a full car driving licence, are aged between 25 and 65 and can spare one or two mornings per month, then you are one of the people we are looking for. Full training will be given.

Would you like to help on the Management team of the VILLAGER Community Bus? We are looking for a Secretary, a Treasurer, and someone to handle Publicity and Marketing. If you can help with any of these and can spare a few hours a month we would like to hear from you.

The VILLAGER Community Bus is available for hire either with driver, or on a self-drive basis.

Hiring rates are competitive, and there is a reduction for organised Youth Groups and other organisations.

Hire it for outings, dinner parties, weddings, sports events, etc.

For further information about either hiring or driving, please contact Mr. J. Williams on Bedford 781920.

THREE IN ONE CLUB

- Jessie Marsh

Our meetings have been varied these past months. We visited the Cecil Higgins Museum, where a piece of lace made by the late Mrs. Surridge of Radwell was on display; Poddington Garden Centre (ending with that ever welcome cup of tea); and tea at Higham Ferrers with Connie Clark. This month we had tea in Mrs. Ditmas' beautiful garden at Odell Lodge, and next month we will spend the afternoon with Anne and Douglas Claypole White in Turvey.

These visits have been greatly appreciated by us all. Our grateful thanks to Val and Gill, who do the transporting and organising.

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SEP

Sun	8	10.15am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL (Trinity 15 ASB p.713)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Meeting
Sat	14	10.30am	Margaret Leach, 5, The Tythe	Cake Morning
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 16 ASB p.717)	(Mr. D. Knowles)
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Sun	22	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Trinity 17 ASB p.722)	
Sun	29	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 18 ASB p.729)	(Mr. M. Banham-Hall)

OCT

Fri	4		Church	Harvest Decoration
Sat	5		Church	Harvest Decoration
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 19 ASB p.734)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
		6.00pm	HARVEST EVENSONG	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
Sat	12	10.30am	Mr. and Mrs. K. Burbidge Corn Close, Church End Pinchmill Hall	Cake Morning Harvest Supper
Sun	13	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Trinity 20 ASB p.739)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Wed	16	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	MAF Slide-show

* "FAITH IN THE FUTURE" FESTIVAL *				
* from 17th to 26th October *				

Sat	19	10.00am	Leaways, Grange Road	Save The Children Sale
		11.00am	Riseley Village Hall	Craft Workshop Taster
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Last after Pentecost ASB p.745)	
		2.00pm	Leaways, Grange Road	Save The Children Sale

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

The next FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15am on Sunday 22nd September, when the preacher will be Mrs. Olive Albon, who is the Diocesan voluntary Children's Work Adviser. We will celebrate our HARVEST FESTIVAL on Sunday 6th October, when as well as our usual 10.15am service of Parish Communion, there will be Harvest Evensong at 6.00pm. Our HARVEST SUPPER will be on Saturday evening, 12th October. I will publish full details in next month's issue of Ouse News. There will be a Deanery CONFIRMATION SERVICE at 3.00pm on Sunday 1st December. I will be starting CONFIRMATION CLASSES at the end of September, so would anybody who is interested in being confirmed please have a word with me.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

- Anne Claypole White

No sooner is one Festival over than another one looms ahead! We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Friday and Saturday 4th and 5th October. If you would like to help please let me know. Yet again, we would appreciate contributions of produce, flowers or foliage from gardens and hedge-rows. On the following Saturday evening, October 12th, we hold our annual Harvest Supper at Pinchmill hall. If you can make an apple pie or are willing to help with preparations, please contact me.

OVERSEAS MISSION

- Clive Just

For many years, St. Mary's has been actively supporting Overseas missionary work. Following the retirement of the Bartletts, the previous link missionaries, the PCC has decided to start supporting Ian and Miriam Pullinger, whose Spring Newsletter is being distributed with this issue of Ouse News.

Ian and Miriam, a young couple with a 16-month old daughter named Ruth, are working in Tanzania with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). They come from Bedford, and Ian's father, Stanley, had close links with Pinchmill School before his retirement. Mission Aviation Fellowship is an international Christian charity that provides an invaluable service flying people and supplies to remote villages in many different parts of the World. If you would like to know more about the Pullingers or the work of MAF, then please contact me (781967). Alternatively, come to 2, The Old Rectory, on Wednesday 16th October at 8.00pm, when Stanley Pullinger will give a slide show. Everyone is welcome.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES

- Mary Freeman

As your clubs and events start up again after the summer break, a request and reminder to please pass on information and reports for inclusion in the Bedfordshire Times.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

- Ronald & Judith Smith

With summer hardly over it seems inappropriate to be thinking of Christmas, but the prudent know that early provision makes life easier before the Advent activities are upon us. The Save The Children cards and gifts will be on sale at Leaways on the morning of Saturday 19th October from 10.00am to noon, and on the afternoon of Sunday 20th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Why not come and join us for coffee or tea and choose your cards at leisure?

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

- Editor

ACT TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

(from FIF publicity material supplied by Sue Vickerstaff)

Faith in the Future provides an umbrella under which a number of ostensibly quite diverse organisations can demonstrate the different aspects of their common objective of working towards a better world. Through the vehicle of the annual FIF festival, local people can see what good work is already being done in their midst, and can learn how they might also participate. The 6th Annual Bedford and District Festival of Faith in the Future runs from 17th to 26th October. Details of the programme of events are displayed on the Felmersham village notice-board. It is hoped that these festivals will help to show people:

What needs to be done.....

What is being done.....

What each one of us can do.....

.....to build a better world.

OUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE IS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.

This is a world where people can live in peace, and in harmony with the environment; where we care for the future of our children; and where life has meaning. The move towards a better world begins with each individual, and within each community. Local efforts to build a better world are already being made, and the purpose of the "Faith in the Future" Festival is to bring together all who are working towards this goal, whether for international understanding; for the hungry and oppressed; for racial harmony; for the removal of the causes of war; for the natural world; for peace of mind; or for a better Bedford.

Previous festivals have included the following organisations:- Greenpeace, Quakers, Save the Children, Traidcraft, Rural Community Council, CND, Buddhists, Amnesty International, and Conservation Volunteers, etc.

W. I.

- Mary Freeman

Thanks to the continuing fine summer evenings, members and friends were able to enjoy their Annual Coffee and Gateaux Evening in Isabel Buckingham's garden in Radwell. A raffle was held and raised £58.

The next meeting, on 17th September, includes a talk on Crime Prevention by a member of the Bedfordshire Police.

RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- Alison Holden

We are looking for 8 teams to represent Bedfordshire in this year's BBC RADIO BEDFORDSHIRE VILLAGE QUIZ. Teams consist of three members, at least one man and one woman per team. Would your village like to enter? The first 8 villages to send in team details will go into the quiz. For further details please contact me on 838771.

CRAFT WORKSHOP TASTER DAY

- Editor

RURAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT is giving village hall committees a chance to provide craft workshops in their own village halls at subsidised fees. There will be a 'Taster Day' at Riseley Village Hall on October 19th from 11.00am - 4.00pm.

200 CLUB

- Dale Gideon

The winners in the July draw were:-

£25	323	Mr. Bellamy	Tithe Barn
£20	244	Julie Wildman	Bailey's Villas
£15	315	Dr. & Mrs. Cambridge	Church End
£10	039	G.P. Elliott	Moor End, Radwell

and in August, when the draw took place at The Plough:-

£25	111	John Porter	Moor End, Radwell
£20	191	Mr. Bellamy	Tithe Barn
£15	053	Ken Cochrane	c/o The Plough
£10	256	Mr. Everest	Bailey's Villas

There will not be a draw in September, whilst details of an imminent relaunch of the 200 Club are considered by the committee.

FELMERSHAM NOTE BOOK

- Ken Shrimpton

The first in a series of notes on Felmersham Life.

A few weeks ago Paul and Glenda Davis organised a village walk over Felmersham's bridleways and footpaths. Both Paul and Glenda believe that it is important to keep these rights of way open, and they walk them regularly. With materials provided by Beds CC (and permission from the farmer) they have constructed a stile and erected way-markers. Their handiwork can be seen on footpath 7, which starts opposite The Ringers and heads SW to Felmersham Hardwick, where it joins the lane.

For a scenic view of North Bedfordshire, take bridlway 9. Leave the Felmersham / Pavenham road at its highest point and head W along the ridge for 3/4 mile, following the CR (circular route) signs. Through the second hedge, head N with the hedge on your right. At the SW of the spinney, pass through the hedge and keep spinney and hedge on your right until the cart track. Follow the cart track to Carlton Road. A map showing these and other walks in the Parish is available from the Davis family.

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OCT

Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 19 ASB p.734)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
		6.00pm	HARVEST EVENSONG	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
Sat	12	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Harvest Supper
Sun	13	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS (Trinity 20 ASB p.739)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Tue	15	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Meeting
Wed	16	2.30pm	Corn Close Barn	Kneeler Meeting
		8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	MAF Slide-show
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* "FAITH IN THE FUTURE" FESTIVAL *				
* from 17th to 26th October *				
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Sat	19	10.00am	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children Sale
		11.00am	Riseley Village Hall	Craft Workshop Taster
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Sue Ryder Concert
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Last after Pentecost ASB p.745)	(Mr. D. Gough)
		11.30am	Bromham Mill	National Apple Day
		2.00pm	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children Sale
Sat	26		Leaways, Grange Road	W.I. Coffee Morning
Sun	27	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Ninth before Christmas ASB p.400)	

NOV

Fri	1	8.00pm	Greenfields, Pavenham Road	Red Cross Coffee
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Eighth before Christmas ASB p.405)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Sun	10	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (Seventh before Christmas ASB p.410)	(Mrs. S. Carr)
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath-Laying
Tue	12	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council 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

OCTOBER 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our HARVEST SUPPER will be held at Pinchmill Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th October. Tickets costing £3.50 for an adult and £1.50 for a child can be obtained from either myself, one of the Churchwardens or any member of the PCC.

The perishable harvest produce is being donated to Christian Family Care, whilst non-perishable produce will go into a Tombola, to be held directly after our harvest supper. The combined proceeds of the Supper and Tombola, together with the cash collections from both Harvest services on 6th October, will be divided equally between The Bishop of St. Alban's "Harvest for the Hungry" Appeal, and the Mission Aviation Fellowship, the missionary project we support in Tanzania. There will be a talk about their work at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory, Felmersham, on the evening of Wednesday 16th October.

Our FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15am on Sunday 27th October.

Lastly a note for next month. Sunday 10th November is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. I will start both our services a quarter of an hour later than usual, i.e. at 9.30am for Holy Communion and at 10.30am for Matins. As in the past, after the Matins service there will be a further wreath-laying at the village War Memorial. I will include full details in next month's Ouse News.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Rupert William Earl, who was baptised on 1st September. We extend congratulations to Paul Farrar and Kate Addams, who were married on 14th September; and to Richard Baldock and Deborah Pearce who were married on 21st September.

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 10th November, immediately following morning service. Would 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.

CARIBBEAN EVENING

- Mary Freeman

Extend the summer of 1991 by booking your tickets for a Caribbean evening on November 22nd in Pinchmill Hall at 8.00pm. Enjoy music played by a lively steel band and partake of Caribbean food and drink. Tickets, at £7, are available from :
Lynn Edwards - 782587 Valerie Sexton - 782206

"APPEAL" FOR RINGERS

- Colin Payne

Have you ever thought of learning one of England's oldest traditional arts, that of Campanology, or Bell-ringing? If so, then why not pop up to the belfry (the door is beside the organ), any time between 8:00pm and 9:00pm on a Wednesday evening, or before Sunday service. You will be most welcome, and training is entirely FREE OF CHARGE!

W. I.

- Mary Freeman

Valerie Sexton was in the chair for the September meeting and welcomed Mary Watson as a new member. The talk by the Crime Prevention Officer gave us several ideas on how to keep our homes safe. The next meeting, on October 15th, is on Winter Gardening. A coffee morning is to be held on 26th October at Leaways, Grange Road, Felmersham, when the proceeds will go towards repairs to the Bedford W.I. House.

CARPET BOWLS

- Ken Booker

We re-opened after the summer break on September 26th at 8.00pm and will meet every Thursday evening. We welcome new members, so why not come down to the Village Hall and enjoy an evening of bowling? No special skill is required, and it is a nice evening out. You can contact Ken Booker (781800) or Charlie Curry (781073).

FELMERSHAM NOTE BOOK

- Ken Shrimpton

One of the oddities of the Parish is the name of one of its pubs - The Six Ringers. Prior to 1955, St. Mary's Church had a ring of five bells. After that date, mainly due to the generosity of Sir Richard Wells, the bells were rehung and augmented to a ring of eight. So why the SIX ringers? Reports in the local press during the 1880's indicate that the tenor bell was hung 'heavy' and consequently needed two people to ring it. Hence the need for a sixth ringer. Sir Richard was no doubt aware of this when he commissioned the Ringers copper sign in the late thirties. The sign clearly shows two ringers on the tenor. Incidentally the tenor was cast in 1766 and weighs just over a ton. The two oldest bells were cast in 1617. Anyone interested in having a go at ringing should contact the tower captain, Colin Payne, on Bedford 357312.

The appeal against the decision by NBBC not to grant planning permission to build dwellings on HARROWDENE PADDOCK has been withdrawn.

NATIONAL APPLE DAY

- Beds County Council

Bedfordshire County Council Leisure Services Department is planning to celebrate NATIONAL APPLE DAY at BROMHAM MILL on SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th. A copy of their information leaflet giving details of the planned events and a contact for further enquiries, is displayed on the Felmersham village Notice Board. National Apple Day is part of the "Save Our Orchards" campaign to preserve traditional orchards and local fruit varieties.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

- Ronald & Judith Smith

Christmas card / gift catalogues are now available at Leaways, Grange Road, Felmersham. Why not join us for coffee between 10.00am and 12md on Saturday 19th October or 2.00 to 4.00pm on Sunday 20th, when a selection of cards and gifts will be on sale?

RED CROSS

- Sue Whiting

We are holding a Christmas Coffee Evening at 8:00 pm on Friday November 1st at "Greenfields", Pavenham Road, in aid of children in Albania. Everyone is very welcome.

OPEN MEETING

- Mary Freeman

8.00pm Tuesday 19th November 1991 at Pinchmill Hall
A one hour talk with slides, entitled "Yankee Doodle Came to Thurleigh" - memories of war years and mystery surrounding the death of Glen Miller who set off from Twinwoods in 1944. Admission is 50p, to include coffee and biscuits.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The Felmersham and Radwell Sue Ryder Support Group invite you to an attractive concert of light music given by Kempston Musical Society, conductor Janet Welsh, on SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets, costing £4, to include refreshments and a glass of wine, are available from members of the group.

CHURCH KNEELERS

- Mary Birks

With the darker evenings, our thoughts turn again to needlework and kneelers. A successful and enjoyable Bridge Drive was very kindly held in June by Mrs. S. Burbidge, in aid of the kneeler fund. The players were mainly from Sharnbrook and Bedford, and £70 was raised - very many thanks. Thank you also to Mrs. S. Whitehouse for the lovely designs, unique to Felmersham, which she has done with such skill. The Choir series in particular has been much admired. We now have 88 new kneelers already in use, and 14 more in work - Mrs. Jessie Marsh has cheerfully accomplished over 30 single-handed!

We are now doing some designs for the Memorial Chapel, and I would be grateful for any suggestions. At the moment, apart from Flanders Poppies and the British Legion, already in place, we hope to do three for the Wells family sons - Beds. and Herts. Regt., Royal Navy, and Royal Air Force, - plus a Gurkha one for the late Col. Shaw, and a W.R.V.S. one. Any further suggestions for the Memorial Chapel, wedding designs or any others? There will be a get-together and cup of tea in the Barn, Corn Close, on Wednesday October 16th at 2.30pm. All welcome.

FAREWELL THANKS

- Sheila Juffs

As many people have heard, I am leaving The Plough shortly, and would like to sincerely thank every-one for their custom given to me over the past twenty years. During that time I have made many friends in and around Felmersham which has been a great pleasure for me. Thank you once again.

PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1991

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NOV

Sat	9	10.00am	Ampthill Social Centre	Care in the Community
Sun	10	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Seventh before Christmas ASB p.410)	
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath-Laying
Mon	11	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting
Tue	12	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	16	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Autumn Bazaar
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Sixth Before Christmas ASB p.415)	
Tue	19	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Open Meeting
Fri	22	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Caribbean Evening
Sun	24	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	(David Knowles)
			(Fifth before Christmas ASB p.420)	
Sat	30	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.S.A. Quiz Evening

DEC

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Advent Sunday ASB p.424)	
		3.00pm	DEANERY CONFIRMATION	
Sat	7	10.30am	"Sennen" Grange Road,	Cake Morning
Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.430)	
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	
		8.00pm	St. Mary's Church	Cantamus Concert

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

NOVEMBER 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

On Sunday 10th November I will commence both our services a quarter of an hour later than usual. This is so that we can observe the two minute silence for REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY at 11am. I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.30am, followed at 10.30am by Matins, with a wreath-laying and two minute silence.

Afterwards there will be a further wreath-laying and prayers at the War Memorial at about 11.45am.

Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15am on Sunday 24th November.

My thanks to everyone who supported the HARVEST SUPPER, and in particular to everyone who helped in the afternoon to get the room ready and helped both during the evening and afterwards. My thanks also to Ken Shrimpton for organising the Tombola and to all of you who donated those delicious apple pies. We made a profit of £113.67 on the supper and a further £64.20 on the tombola. With the cash collections at our two Harvest services coming to £44.26 we will be able to donate £222.13 equally between The Bishop of St. Alban's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal, and the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Will you please make a note for your diary that our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday 8th December. That same evening there will also be a concert by CANTAMUS in the Church at 8.00pm. The proceeds from the concert will be in aid of our restoration fund.

Our CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held at 2.30pm in Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 16th November. Please do support it. It is also in aid of our restoration fund. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

We need YOU to join our small but enthusiastic church choir. we are just starting to practice for Christmas so NOW is the time! And you will also be able to join the choir outing to see the BFG at the Aldwych Theatre on 11th January.

Children of all ages please contact Mrs. fforde (720398), the vicar (864661), or any member of the choir and we will welcome you. If you can, bring a friend as well. Don't think about it - Do it!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Michael John Anthony Leigh, who was baptised at St. Mary's on 20th October 1991.

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 10th November, immediately following morning service. Would 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.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

A country church always comes into its own at Harvest Festival and I think you would all agree that St. Mary's looked stunning. There are too many of you to name individually, but whether you helped decorate or gave produce, flowers and foliage, or cleaned the church, a huge thank you to you all!

Thank you also to the Flower Guild for the loan of three pedestals which are proving invaluable.

HARVEST SUPPER

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard towards another successful Harvest Supper. Whether it was making apple pies, baking potatoes, setting tables, washing salads, washing up or arranging flowers for the tables, all your help was much appreciated.

AUTUMN BAZAAR

- Keith Rose

On Saturday 16th November at 2.30pm the Parochial Church Council are holding an Autumn Bazaar in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. This will take place in Pinchmill Hall.

During the previous week you will be asked if you would please donate some goods for the event. We will have a bottle tombola and stalls selling cakes, jams, country produce, toys, books, etc., and some sideshows; and including a visit from Father Christmas.

R.S.P.C.A.

- Lucy West

Very many thanks indeed to all who gave so generously to the recent collection for the R.S.P.C.A. which totalled £109.90.

W. I.

- Mary Freeman

Our speaker for October, Chris Dakin, showed us plants and slides and encouraged us to improve and enjoy our gardens in winter by planting the more interesting and more colourful shrubs and trees. She was thanked by Isabel Buckingham.

Everyone is welcome to our next meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday 19th November at Pinchmill Hall to a talk with slides, entitled "Yankee Doodle Came to Thurleigh" - memories of war years and mystery surrounding the death of Glen Miller.

Members should bring gifts for Fairfield Hospital to this meeting.

Tickets for the Caribbean evening are on sale from Lynn Edwards, 782587.

P.S.A.

- Alleyne Leach

Pinchmill School Association is holding a 'Quiz Evening' in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th November at 8.00pm. The light-hearted team competition will start at 8.30pm. There will be a bar with wine, beer and soft drinks, and light refreshments are provided. Tickets, at £2.50 each, are available from Barbara North (781624), Ros Just (781967) and Margaret Leach (781072).

CARE IN THE COMMUNITY - DEVELOPING SKILLS

Bedfordshire Rural Community Council are holding this, their second annual conference for Voluntary Organisations and Carers, in the Ampthill Social Centre on Saturday 9th November, from 10.00am to 3.30pm. It is aimed at identifying training needs and sources of help for developing a training strategy for voluntary carers, in the light of the far-reaching implications of the National Health Service and Voluntary Care Act 1990.

For further details contact June Hall on (0234) 838771.

THANKS

- Sheila Juffs

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated to the beautiful gifts I received, the painting of The Plough and the crystal bowl, which I will treasure always, and which will remind me of Felmersham and the many happy years I spent in the village, and the many friends I made there. It was impossible to thank everyone personally when I left, so thank you all once again. Best Wishes.

RED CROSS

- Sue Whiting

Very many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Evening for Albania on November 1st. We raised the splendid total of £150.

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		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.430)	
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	
		8.00pm	St.Mary's Church	Cantamus Concert
Thu	12	7.00pm	Pinchmill School	Christmas Concert and presentation to Janet Eyre
Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Advent 3 ASB p.434)	
Tue	17	6.30pm	Meet at Church gate	Carol Singing
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Fri	20		Church	Decoration for Christmas
Sat	21		Church	Decoration for Christmas
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Christmas Dance
Sun	22	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
			(Advent 4 ASB p.439)	
		5.00pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	(Church Wardens)
			followed by Mince Pies and Sherry	
Tue	24	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST	(Church Wardens)
			(Christmas Eve, ASB p.441)	
Wed	25	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
			(Christmas Day, ASB p.444)	
Sun	29	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (no music)	(Mrs. S. Webster)
			(First Sunday after Christmas ASB p.452)	

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Sat	4	10.30am	Judith and Ronald Smith	Cake &
			Leaways, Grange Road	Coffee Morning
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
			(Second Sunday after Christmas ASB p.457)	
Mon	6	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

DECEMBER 1991

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE is at 3.00pm on Sunday 8th December. The money collected at the service will be donated to the Children's Society. Although the service is intended for young children, all ages are welcome! In the evening, CANTAMUS are giving us a concert in the Church at 8.00pm. Tickets costing £3 for an adult and 50p for a child can be purchased at the door. The profit will be donated to our organ fund.

There will be NO FAMILY SERVICE this month; the morning service on Sunday 22 December will be a Parish Communion service.

Our traditional CAROL SERVICE of nine readings and carols will start at 5.00pm on Sunday 22nd December. This year, instead of a Parish Tea in Pinchmill Hall, we shall serve sherry and mince pies in the church after the service.

I will celebrate the CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT COMMUNION, starting at 11.30pm on 24th December, and Parish Communion at 10.15 on Christmas Day. There will be no music at our morning service on 29th December, when our Organist and Choir will have a well-earned Sunday off duty. I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am on that day.

We will be SINGING CAROLS around the village on the evening of 17th December. We will meet at the Church gate at 6.30pm. Please come if you would like to sing or collect. This year the money raised will be donated to the North Bedfordshire Day Care Hospice for the terminally ill.

My thanks to Keith Rose for organising yet another successful BAZAAR, and to everyone who helped; we raised £560 for our restoration fund.

The collection at the funeral service for Ken Burbidge, who sadly died last month, came to £330.50 and I have since received further donations in his memory amounting to £65. The money has all been generously donated to church funds.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Ken Burbidge whose funeral took place on 14th October 1991.

Congratulations and welcome to Emma Robinson, Anna Phipps, Simon Phipps and Judith Templeman who were confirmed at St. Mary's by the Bishop of St. Albans on Advent Sunday, 1st December 1991.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

Our contribution from boxes this year totals £132.22, a really great effort. My thanks to all box holders, and a special mention for Mrs. Hawken who raised £49.29. New box holders would be very welcome! Please contact me if you would like to help.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st December. Once again we would appreciate any holly, ivy (especially variegated), and other seasonal greenery and berries that you can spare! If you are able to help with the decorations, please let me know in good time.

W. I.

Mrs. Valerie Sexton was in the chair for our November meeting. We received a report of the Bedfordshire Federation meeting, where the speaker had been Mrs. Diana Lamplugh.

As it was an open meeting, we were joined by a few husbands who had come to hear Mr. and Mrs. K. Paull, relate the story on tape, with slides, of how "Yankee Doodle Came to Thurleigh" - an extremely interesting account of the lives of American servicemen when they were stationed at Thurleigh during the last war.

Later in the week, husbands and friends joined members for a Caribbean evening, held in the Village Hall. The John Bunyan School Steel Band set the mood, playing many lively tunes on a variety of drums. Colourful decorations, exotic drinks and a Caribbean Supper menu transported us all to the Caribbean Islands for a few short hours. The W.I. committee and a special committee set up to plan the evening had worked extremely hard to see we all had a good time. Some of the profits will go to a national "Women in Brazil" project.

The next meeting, on December 17th, is a Victorian Christmas Party. There will be a gift exchange.

CAKE MORNING

The first Coffee / Cake morning of 1992 will be held at the home of Judith and Ronald Smith, Leaways, Grange Road, at 10.30am on January 4th.

BELL-RINGING

Many thanks to the following people who, like many others around the country, rang at St. Mary's at short notice on 19th November to celebrate the joyous release of Terry Waite after 1763 days in captivity: Hazel Sidebottom, Martin Hulatt, Nick Edwards, John Stringer, Brian Payne, Geoff Hulatt, and Colin Payne.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The sale of Christmas cards and gifts at Leaways, Felmersham, produced a sum in excess of £350. Our thanks to all those who were able to support the Fund in this way. If any readers would like to take an active role in the work of the SCF, by giving a half day a week in the Bedford shop, or by organising fund-raising activities, please contact us at Leaways or ring 781430.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to thank all the children who came to the Hallowe'en Party we organised in aid of Children in Need. We raised £20.

POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Collection for Felmersham and Radwell raised £275.46; donations towards the memorial wreath were £16; and the Church collection amounted to £30.60.

I would like to thank all who donated towards the appeal, with a special thank-you to all the collectors:- Mrs. G. Stevenson, Mrs. C. Hulatt, Mrs. M. Leach, Mrs. S. Evans, & Mr. D. Hulston.

PINCHMILL LOWER SCHOOL

After teaching at Pinchmill School for 16 years, Janet Eyre is taking early retirement, because of ill health. Although she has already left the school, she is visiting regularly to help with the hand-over and the Christmas concert. Those of you whose children have attended Pinchmill might like to contribute to her leaving present. Please take donations to the school (cheques payable to Pinchmill Lower School) by 12th December. The gift will be presented at the children's Christmas concert.

SUE RYDER GROUP

The successful concert given by The Kempston Musical Society, conducted by Janet Welsh, made a profit of £324. This has been gratefully received by St. John's. We thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Felmersham and Radwell Annual Christmas Dance takes place on Saturday 21st December in Pinchmill Hall from 7.30pm. Dancing will be to the Razz Club, and catering by Cuisine. Tickets, price £12.50, are available from me (telephone 781561).

CAROL SINGING IN AID OF NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE HOSPICE

Carol singers will be out in the parish on the night of Tuesday 17th December. The P.C.C. has agreed that all money raised this year by the Carol singers should be donated to the North Bedfordshire Day Care Hospice. This is a new project, founded in 1990, for the sole purpose of establishing and running a Day Care Centre for the terminally ill. The Directors are all local people who give their services free of any charge, and all money raised will be used directly for the benefit of the patients.

There will be no charges made to patients. Meals and transport will be provided free of charge.

The appeal is seeking to raise a sum of £500,000. The Day Care Centre will be established in Linden Road, Bedford, and will provide an opportunity for patients to spend some time away from home in a loving and caring environment. When fully operational, the Centre hopes to provide essential patient care for between 50 and 60 patients.

The P.C.C. invites you to give generous support to this worthwhile venture.